Adam Zele

Core Competencies

Teaching

* Named Pinellas County Teacher of the Year 2023.
* Named Azalea Middle School Teacher of the Year 2022.
* Completed Florida Teachers Lead Network Training 2024
* Leadership Florida, Education Cohort, Class 9
* Taught honors Algebra 1 and honors Geometry 1 at Azalea Middle School for past 7 years. Also taught Pre-AP Geography and World History.
* Teach in the Transitions to Teaching Program for Pinellas County Schools new hires seeking teaching certification.
* Served on the District Math Curriculum Adoption Committee and District Re-accreditation Committee.
* Part of Pinellas County's Collective Efficiency Group working to reorganize new teacher mentoring programs and retention programs.
* Azalea Middle School Math Department Chairperson, 2021-24.
* Certified to teach Math 5-9, Math 6-12, Science 5-9 and Social Studies 6-12.
* Was one of six teachers rated effective or highly effective at Azalea for the 2018-19 through 2023-24 school years.

Education

University of Pennsylvania – The Wharton School
Bachelor of Science in Economics with a concentration in Marketing / Finance (1989)
Activities: Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity –President 1987-88

Duke University – Divinity School
Master of Divinity (1999)
Graduated Magna Cum Laude

Duke University – Graduate Program in Religion
Doctor of Philosophy in History and Religion (2008)
- Named one of four national Dempster Scholars (2000)

Work Experience

Teacher
Madeira Beach Fundamental Middle School 2024-present
Teach 7th and 8th Grade Math
Azalea Middle School 2017-2024
Lead Mentor 2022-24
Math Department Chairperson 2021-24
Taught honors Algebra 2018-24
Taught honors Geometry 2019-23

Taught Pre-AP Geography and World History 2023-24
Taught small groups of math interventions and remediation 2017-18
Faculty Advisor, National Junior Honor Society 2020-2024
Pinellas County School Board
Substitute Teacher Fall of 2017

Ministry 1996 – 2017
Youth Pastor 1996 – 2003
United Methodist Senior Pastor, 2003-2017
I led four different churches where my duties included:
Chair, Gulf Coast Board of Ordained Ministry, 2014-2016
Individual and Group Counselling

Student, 1996-2003
Journal of Church History, Book Review Editor (Fall 2001-Spring 2004)
Duke University, Instructor (Fall 1999-2002)
Taught three graduate courses (2001-2003)
Taught freshman writing course (Undergraduate Writing Course 11) (1999-2000)
Served as a Graduate School writing instructor / mentor (2000-2002)
Teaching Assistant (Fall 1999-Spring 2003)
Served as a teaching assistant to a senior professor in nine different courses
Research Assistant (Fall 1999- Spring 2000)

Personal

I enjoy travel and have visited over sixty countries on five continents. This has helped me develop an appreciation and respect for different cultures and people. I am extremely good relating to a wide variety of individuals.