

# Valerie N. Nafso

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<b>Education</b>	<b>University of Michigan</b> Bachelor of Arts in English Provisional Secondary Certificate in English and Psychology <b>West Bloomfield High School</b>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b> <b>April, 2012</b> <b>West Bloomfield, MI</b> <b>June, 2008</b>
<b>Relevant Experience/Leadership Positions</b>	<b>Troy High School: Troy, MI</b> <i>English Teacher/Sophomore Class Council Advisor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teaching 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature and Composition</li></ul> <b>North Farmington High School: Farmington Hills, MI</b> <i>English Teacher/Student Senate Advisor/Student Teacher (2011)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Taught Senior Essay Writing, Senior Novels, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade English, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors/Regular English, and ELL Transitional English</li><li>Developed and executed assessments involving Common Core</li><li>Trained in MEAP and ACT PLAN testing/Proctored for the ACT PLAN</li><li>Implemented and improved Oakland County Schools' MAISA Units to curriculum</li><li>Attended and volunteered at many school events</li><li>Participated in professional development as well as professional learning team meetings</li></ul> <b>Red Cedar Writing Project: East Lansing, MI</b> <i>Teacher Consultant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developed lessons in writing</li><li>Read a variety of texts on writing with subjects such as digital literacy, activist learning, teaching of conventions, and argument writing</li><li>Focused on becoming effective writers, teachers of writing, and teacher leaders</li></ul> <b>North Farmington High School: Farmington Hills, MI</b> <i>Guest Teacher</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developed and maintained positive relationships with students and staff</li><li>Earned enough trust from faculty to guest teach in their classrooms for weeks at a time, where I was able to create and implement my own curriculum-based lessons</li></ul> <b>University of Michigan Summer Bridge Program</b> <i>Course Assistant for Writing 100</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assisted incoming U of M freshmen in transitioning from high school to university-level writing</li><li>Improved students' writing through conferences as well as collaborative group workshops</li><li>Co-taught lessons alongside a University of Michigan professor</li></ul> <b>College Volunteer Facilitator Corps</b> <i>Facilitator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Attended monthly leadership facilitation training</li><li>Facilitated and debriefed activities with high school students</li><li>Planned and participated in community service</li></ul> <b>Sweetland Center for Writing: University of Michigan</b> <i>Peer Tutor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assisted U of M undergraduate student writers in various steps of the writing process</li><li>Peer reviewed papers in many subject areas</li><li>Engaged in one-on-one conferences with student writers about their writing</li></ul> <b>Challenge Program: West Bloomfield, MI</b> <i>Youth Group Leader/Director</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Facilitated group activities with over 100 middle school girls and led debriefs on those activities</li><li>Developed lesson plans, session, talks, retreats, and skits for 100+ middle school girls</li></ul> <b>Orchard Lake Middle School: West Bloomfield, MI</b> <i>Eighth Grade English Pre-Student Teacher and AVID Tutor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Observed different aspects of the classroom and the larger school community</li></ul>	<b>August, 2015 – Present</b> <b>August, 2011 – July, 2015</b> <b>Summer, 2015</b> <b>May, 2012 – June, 2012</b> <b>Summer, 2011 &amp; Summer, 2012</b> <b>September, 2011 – May, 2012</b> <b>September, 2010 – April, 2012</b> <b>September, 2010 – May, 2015</b> <b>September, 2010 – December, 2010</b>

- Provided feedback on student papers and conducted peer conferences
- Coached AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) tutorial sessions

**Michigan Association of Student Councils Leadership Camp**

**June, 2008 – Present**

*Junior Counselor/Senior Counselor/Curriculum Director*

- Developed curriculum for Level 1 and assisted in curriculum development for Level 2
- Created a fun and positive classroom atmosphere
- Co-planned lessons and activities with high school faculty and administrators
- Facilitated and debriefed activities that help 500+ high school students develop leadership skills

**Professional Development**

- Presented and attended workshops at the National Writing Conference in Chicago – November, 2012
- College Volunteer Facilitator Corps (Monthly PD Workshops) – *September, 2011 – May, 2012*
- Professional Learning Team Meetings and Professional Development Days at North Farmington High School – *September, 2011 – Present*
- CONNECTIONS Conference (Central Michigan University) – *November, 2011*
- LAC-O Student Leadership Conference – *April 2013 and April 2014*
- Diversity Conference – *February 2013 and February 2014*
- Project-Based Learning Conference – *June 2014*

**References**

- Available Upon Request