Pamela Saxton

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Objective

Creative and dedicated high school art teacher with 23 years of experience fostering artistic expression and critical thinking in students. Specializing in painting, texture, and multimedia. Currently pursuing my Masters in Fine Art, I am eager to continue developing my skills as both an artist and educator. Seeking opportunities to further my artistic practice while continuing to contribute to the local art educational community.

Education

Bachelor of Education with a Minor in Special Education Louisiana State University Shreveport Campus, Shreveport, LA | Graduated: 2003

- **Dean's List** multiple semesters for academic excellence
- Louisiana Teach Grant recipient
- Relevant coursework: Art Education, Special Needs Education, Studio Painting, Multimedia and Mixed Media Art, Classroom Management

Studio Arts Scholarship

University of Michigan Flint Campus, Flint, MI | Awarded: 1985

- Awarded a studio arts scholarship for advanced artistic achievement in high school
- Focused on developing technical and conceptual art skills, with a special interest in painting and mixed media.

High School Diploma

Luke M. Powers High School, Flint, MI | Graduated: 1985

 Completed four years of advanced art coursework, developing strong foundational skills in various artistic media.

Professional Experience

High School Art Teacher

Word of God Academy, Shreveport, LA | August 2022 – Present

- Develop and implement a dynamic visual arts curriculum for high school students, focusing on art history, elements of art, principals of design, and implementing various techniques.
- Introduce innovative projects that integrate various art forms, encouraging students to explore new mediums and enhance their creative expression.
- Organize school-wide art exhibitions to display students' work, building confidence and promoting artistic achievement within the community.
- Provide individualized feedback and mentoring, helping students develop both technical skills and critical thinking in their artistic processes.
- Foster a positive, inclusive classroom environment that encouraged students to explore their creativity and engage with different artistic traditions.

Elementary Teacher (Grades 1st, 3rd, & 4th)

Word of God Academy, Shreveport, LA | 2015 – 2022

- Taught Science and History to 1st, 3rd, and 4th-grade students, focusing on foundational knowledge and interactive learning.
- Developed and implemented engaging lesson plans that encouraged hands-on exploration of scientific concepts and historical events.
- Fostered a positive learning environment where students developed curiosity, critical thinking, and a love for learning.
- Worked closely with other educators to support the development of each child's academic and social skills.

Elementary Teacher (Grades 1st & 2nd)

Robert E. Lee Elementary School, Marshall, TX | 2003 – 2015

- Taught Science and History to 1st and 2nd-grade students, encouraging hands-on learning and exploration of these subjects.
- Developed lesson plans that fostered student engagement while meeting state educational standards.
- Built strong relationships with students and parents to ensure academic success and emotional well-being.
- Integrated arts and creative projects into subjects to make learning more interactive and enjoyable for young learners.

Prominent Exhibitions

- "Flying Colors" *Orange Burst*, ArtPort juried exhibition, Shreveport Regional Airport, Shreveport, LA | Juried Art Exhibition, 2015**
- "Southern Dimension" *Mobile Bay,* ArtPort juried exhibition, Shreveport Regional Airport, Shreveport, LA | Juried Art Exhibition, 2025**
- "Critical Mass" *Monoceros,* acrylic/texture paste on canvas, Artspace Gallery Shreveport, LA | 2025
- "ArtistsUp Pay It Forward" Shreveport Commons exhibition, Opening reception January 22, 2026

Skills

- Artistic Skills: Water Color, Acrylic Painting, Mixed Media, Texture Creation, Drawing
- Teaching Skills: Curriculum Development, Classroom Management, Individualized Instruction, Student Assessment
- Other: Excellent Communication, Time Management, Collaborative Teamwork, Creative Problem-Solving
- **Technology:** Microsoft 365; Adobe Photoshop, Acrobat, Firefly; Google Products

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Additional Information

- Active Member of Shreveport Regional Arts Council
- Volunteer work: -Taught a water color class at Hub Urban Ministries, Shreveport, LA;
 -Served on the placement and installation committees for ArtPort 2015 and 2025
- Yearly returning Artist at Caddo Parish ArtBreak, 2022-present, The Shreveport Regional Arts Council's Annual ArtBreak Festival is the largest showcase of Student Art programs in the South featuring more than 100 Caddo Parish and private schools

Portfolio/Links

- https://culturalyst.com/pamsaxton
- pamsaxton.com