

# Gayle Bell

## Community Engagement

[August 2017–Present] **Girl Scouts of Colorado** Southwest Denver  
*Troop Co-leader and Cookie Manager*

- Cofounded local Girl Scout troop, serving girls Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade

[Spring 2018–Fall 2019] **Harvey Park Community Organization** Southwest Denver  
*Volunteer Coordinator & Board Secretary*

- Served as Summer Festival Coordinator for Summer 2018 & 2019
- Supported with recruitment and organization of sponsor business for Summer Festival
- Served as HPCO Board Member and Secretary

[August 2014–August 2017] **Love146** Denver  
*Local Task Force Volunteer*

- Volunteer on task force working toward the abolition of child trafficking and exploitation
- Coordinated education campaigns to local hotels and citizens who work with at-risk populations
- Coordinated and participated in fundraising efforts of a team of runners raising funds through the JusticeRun and Colfax Marathon relay
- Planned and executed Denver's first Red Gala fundraising event at the Denver Art Museum

## Education & Trainings

[June 2018–May 2019] **RELAY/GSE** Nationwide  
*Special Education Leadership Academy*

- GPA 4.0

[Jan. 2018–July 2018] **Emerge Colorado** Denver, CO  
*Signature Candidate Training Program*

- Completed 100 hours of training in public speaking, fundraising, networking, campaigning, etc.

[Aug. 2006–June 2008] **University of Denver** Denver, CO  
*Master of Arts, Curriculum and Instruction*

- GPA 4.0
- Major, Secondary English, Urban Education

[Sept. 2002–March 2006] **University of Denver** Denver, CO  
*Bachelor of Arts, English*

- Minor, Math
- Graduated *cum laude*, GPA 3.83

## Work Experience

[May 2015–Present] **DSST Public Schools** Denver, CO  
*Director of Curriculum & Instruction: Intervention - College View High School (July 2018-Present)*

- Develop teachers through weekly observations, feedback, 1-1 meetings and action steps aligned to DSST instructional best practices, including data-based planning and response
- Coach and collaborate with teacher leader department chair in order to guide and develop school-wide ELA department practices and vertically aligned curriculum
- Coach and collaborate with SpEd Coordinator to design student and staff schedules and caseloads in order to maximize inclusive SpEd programming that appropriately serves students' IEP goals, leverages strengths of staff, and includes students in general education classrooms to the greatest extent possible
- Set goals and vision in order to guide programming for exceptional learners throughout the school, include 504, IEP, Gifted and Talented, and Social-emotional programming
- Build and maintain an MTSS process that partners with attendance team, social-emotional team, grade level teams, and leadership team in order to develop and reinforce staff skill in an iterative data-based response and monitoring process to support all students to success
- Coach and collaborate with teacher leader of DEI work in order to set school-wide goals and integrate DEI learning and practices into the core of all we do as a school (instruction, discipline, culture, etc.)

*Manager of Special Services - Home Office (May 2015-July 2018)*

- Collaborated with Central Office staff to set goals and vision for programming for students in Special Education as well as social-emotional needs across a network of 13 schools serving 5,000 students
- Designed and implemented annual and long-term strategies to achieve those goals and vision
- Designed and delivered professional development of teachers and school leaders in order to build their skills and capacity to better serve students with disabilities
- Coached and developed teacher leaders to design adult learning sessions for their content area teams
- Partnered with school-based leaders to design school-specific strategies to achieve their goals for students with disabilities, monitor data toward goals and adjust strategy as needed
- Collaborated with data, assessment, and curriculum and instruction teams to develop inclusive academic systems and practices, responsive to the needs of all students, including those with unique needs

[Aug. 2008–May 2015]

**Denver Academy**

Denver, CO

*Director of the College Achievement Program (June 2011-May 2015)*

- Built and developed a post-secondary support program from inception
- Oversaw and facilitated further growth and development of CAP programs, including summer programs, curriculum development, vision casting, operational plans and budget management
- Coordinated marketing of the program through online and print materials and networking
- Collaborated with the Director of Grants and Stewardship to seek sources of revenue
- Provided 1-on-1 mentoring support to college students aimed at developing academic and life skills in students to promote success in post-secondary pursuits
- Worked closely with the Director of College and Transition to plan several transition-focused events for students, parents and transition professionals
- Built positive and frequent parent communication

*ACT/SAT Accommodations Liaison (Aug. 2013-May 2015)*

- Gather data and submit student requests for accommodations on ACT & SAT tests
- Supervise administration of school-based special testing

*Homeroom/Literature/Algebra I/II Teacher (Aug. 2008-June 2011)*

- Taught Homeroom classes covering literature, writing and values, and college transition curriculum
- Taught senior literature, 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Algebra and 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Algebra II, maintaining load of 4-5 classes
- Volunteered on several task force committees to work towards the continual improvement of the school (Symposium committee, Retention Task Force, Technology Discussion)
- Developed records and differentiated instruction for diverse learner student profiles

*High School Literature Chair/Student Senate Co-sponsor/ College/Transition Advisor*

- Worked with lower school chairs to develop consistent school-wide curriculum
- Reviewed and approved book purchases
- Lead and included teachers in the curriculum development process
- Guided student senators in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade leadership roles on campus
- Oversaw the student planning of several school-wide events
- Guided students and parents in the post-high school transition process through facilitating transition meetings and providing instruction in life skills

[Aug. 2007–June 2008]

**Overland High School**

Aurora, CO

*English Teacher*

- Created and implemented lesson plans according to district and state standards for 3 courses
- Developed a new curriculum for Overland's Contemporary Literature course
- Fostered a positive classroom environment, parent communication and collaboration with teachers, parents and administrators.

[Oct. 2006–May 2007]

**John F. Kennedy High School**

Denver, CO

*Student Teacher*

- Taught 9<sup>th</sup> grade English: 2 low-level block classes and 1 accelerated class
- Created and implemented lesson and unit plans
- Built strong rapport among students
- Collaborated with other teachers, parents and administrators

- Participated in preparation for the implementation of MYP

[Aug. 2006–Oct.2006]                      **Place Middle School**                      Denver, CO

*Field Experience*

- Observed 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts classes on a block schedule
- Aided in instruction

[Oct. 2005–March 2006]                      **South High School**                      Denver, CO

*Newcomer Center Volunteer*

- Supported 1:1 and classroom instruction of newly immigrated students of all high school grade levels
- Focused on conversation and literacy skills as well as Math and Geography

[Sept. 2003–May 2004]                      **Rishel Beacon Center**                      Denver, CO

*Volunteer*

- Developed a 1:1 mentoring relationship with 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, tutored in Math and Language Arts skills
- Attended community and school events with the student and her family

**Public Presentations**

Courage to Risk Conference 2010, 2011, 2014

CLAS Regional Conference Spring 2010, Fall 2010

CCHS/CR Annual Conference 2012, 2013

Denver Academy Symposium 2011, 2013

ACT State Organization Conference 2013

ASCD Annual Conference 2014

CSCA Conference 2014