

Kerri A. Cottle



EDUCATION

New Mexico Highlands University – *Masters of Arts, Special Education PK–12, 2013*

Santa Fe Community College – *Teachers Alternative Licensure Program Certification of Completion, 2002*

College of Santa Fe – *Bachelor of Arts, Psychology & Studio Art (Art Therapy Concentration), 1998, Graduated with Honors*

Mount San Antonio College – *General Education, Cross Country & Track Team, 1994–1996*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Representative, Family Leadership Council of New Mexico – Santa Fe County

Part-time 10 hours a month | 2025–2026

- Serve as Santa Fe County representative in statewide council of family leaders
- Advocate for policies and initiatives supporting children, families, and community well-being
- Collaborate with family leaders to elevate community voices and strengthen family engagement

Santa Fe International Half Marathon – Community Outreach Coordinator

Ongoing | 2020–Present

- Coordinate community engagement, volunteer recruitment, and partnerships to promote inclusive participation
- Manage outreach to schools, businesses, and cultural organizations for race weekend and wellness programs
- Plan and execute public-facing events, including expos, wellness activities, and cultural programming

- Track engagement metrics and provide reports to enhance community impact

Learning Support Coordinator, Rio Grande School, Santa Fe, NM

2002 – Present

- Provide individualized academic support for PK–6 students, including remediation and enrichment
- Develop and implement classroom accommodations in collaboration with teachers and outside specialists
- Coordinate student assessments, referral packets, and standardized testing (MAPS)
- Serve on Admission Committee and Student Wellness Team

Art and Leadership Program Coordinator, Georgia O’Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe, NM

May 2019 – Sept 2019 (Contract)

- Managed 6th–9th grade summer art programs, including field trips and guest artist visits
- Supervised program staff and site coordinators, ensuring program accessibility and quality
- Maintained program budgets and demographic reporting for grants

New Mexico State Geographic Bee Coordinator, National Geographic

Nov 2018 – May 2020 (Contract)

- Coordinated statewide student competition for grades 4–8, managing logistics, volunteers, and awards ceremonies
- Communicated with state qualifiers and their families, organized event setup, and prepared expense reports

After School Activities Program (ASAP) Director & Educator, Rio Grande School, Santa Fe, NM

2000–2007, 2013–2018

- Directed after-school programs and supervised educators in visual/performing arts, athletics, chess, yoga, and academic enrichment

- Established school clubs, including Geography and Running Clubs

Summer Program Director & Educator, Rio Grande School, Santa Fe, NM

1999–2006

- Oversaw spring and summer programs, hiring staff and managing day-to-day operations
- Taught art and camp-themed activities, supervised junior counselors, and managed budgets

Freelance Photographer, Indian Country Today Media and other outlets

2016 – Present

- Documented Native student and community events, including Apache Puberty Rite of Passage ceremonies and experimental music programs
- Work featured in publications such as *The Atlantic*

Extended Care Director / Librarian Sub / Kindergarten & 1st Grade Assistant Teacher, Rio Grande School, Santa Fe, NM

1998–2002

Elderhostel Resident Advisor, The College of Santa Fe

May 1997 – Aug 1998

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, GRANTS & SERVICE

- **Alumni Board Member, New Mexico Highlands University – 2024–Present**
 - Volunteer on alumni board to support engagement, development, and strategic initiatives
 - Collaborate with board members and university leadership to advance alumni programs and community connections
- **Santa Fe Sister Cities Committee – Liaison – May 2023–Present**
 - Volunteer liaison facilitating cultural exchange programs, international partnerships, and local initiatives promoting cross-cultural understanding

- Serve as primary point of contact between committee members, city leadership in our Sister Cities, and partner organizations
 - National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) People of Color Conference Presenter – “Visual Vignettes: Discovering Ourselves through Collage” & Native-American Initiative Co-Presenter
 - Coordinated Santa Fe Community Foundation grant for Pojoaque Tewa Language private school program
 - Santa Fe International Half Marathon – Volunteer Coordinator & Community Engagement Lead
 - Hosted visiting Kenyan delegation at Rio Grande School; organized community shoe drive, 2019
 - Former Board Member – Southwest Dyslexia Association; Rising Stars Youth Leadership Program
 - Award Winner – Corona High School Kwanis Club Athlete of the Year (Track), 1992; Turkish Cultural Foundation Grant Recipient (Turkey Study Tour), 2013
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CONTINUING EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Indigenous Wisdom Curriculum – Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- Neuropsychology & the Brain – University of Santa Barbara, 2017
- Schools Attuned, Minds-Up, Orton-Gillingham Level 1, Handwriting Without Tears
- Milton Academy Summer Diversity Institute – PreK–12
- Trauma-Informed Yoga (20 hours), 2021; USTA Track & Field Level 1, 2019
- Writing Revolution – Advancing Thinking Through Writing, Grades 3–12, 2024
- Dibels Onboarding & Professional Development, Fall 2024