

## **Richard White**

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### **Summary**

I am a laboratory technologist who left a successful hospital career to teach and inspire young people in the public school classroom. Over the past 25 years, I have developed a skill set that has allowed me to teach high level project-based science classes resulting in high student engagement and increased standardized test scores. I am also considered a master teacher and am called upon each school year to mentor younger teachers and teach professional development sessions. Students selected me as teacher of the month and voted for me to give the commencement speech at their graduation in 2016. Recently I was selected as the Hollister R-V teacher of the month for December 2019 and the Hollister R-V Teacher of the Year for 2021.

### **Education**

- **Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology-** College of the Ozarks- Point Lookout, MO
  - Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*, May 1994
  - Major-Medical Technology
  - Emphasis- Biology and Chemistry
- **Board Certified Medical Technologist MT(ASCP) -** Cox School of Medical Technology- Springfield, MO
  - Passed the Medical Technology Board of Registry exam 1994
  - Passed the Specialist in Clinical Chemistry exam 1999
- **Missouri Teaching Certifications -** College of the Ozarks - Point Lookout, MO
  - Certification in Biology 9-12. Passed the Praxis exam with honors 2008
  - Certification in Chemistry 9-12 Passed the Praxis exam 2008
- **Master of Natural and Applied Science-** Missouri State University- Springfield, MO
  - Emphasis in inquiry-based science instruction, 4.0 GPA, 2009
  - Researched the effect of biology inquiry-based instruction on the standardized test scores of students eligible for free or reduced lunches.

### **Professional Experience**

- **Hollister High School Biology and Chemistry teacher,** August 2014 - Present
  - AP Chemistry teacher, OTC dual credit Biology teacher and ACT coach.
  - Principal, Terry Jamieson (417) 559-3215 [tjamieson@hollisterschools.com](mailto:tjamieson@hollisterschools.com)
- **Cox Medical Center Branson Laboratory Director,** June 2012-Jan 2014
  - Laboratory Director responsible for all laboratory operations, accreditation, budget, and supervised 40 laboratory employees.
  - CEO, William Mahoney [William.Mahoney@coxhealth.com](mailto:William.Mahoney@coxhealth.com) (417) 335-700

- **Reeds Spring High School Biology and Anatomy teacher**, August 2006-June 2012
  - AP Biology instructor, MSU Bio 102 and BMS 110 instructor. National Honor Society Sponsor, and ACT science coach.
  - Superintendent, Mike Mason (retired).
- **College of the Ozarks Adjunct Instructor**, August 1994- present
  - Adjunct Instructor of Science. Courses taught include: Introductory Biology, Cell Biology, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Introduction to Chemistry, and General Chemistry.
  - Supervisor; Ken Garrison PhD [garrison@cofo.edu](mailto:garrison@cofo.edu) (417) 334-6411
- **Skaggs Community Health Center Laboratory Technologist**, December 1992-August 2006
  - Chemistry Department Section Leader Responsible for performing testing in chemistry, hematology, blood bank, coagulation studies, serology and urinalysis.
  - Supervisor; Jackie Rozell (retired).

### **Leadership Activities**

- Science Department Lead Teacher- maintain a budget, order supplies, oversee shared lab.
- Mentor Teacher- serve as a mentor to new teachers, help with their onboarding and professional development.
- ACT PLC Coordinator- select teachers from core disciplines for advanced ACT coach training, help select professional development opportunities for ACT coaches.
- Professional Development Team Member- help organize and facilitate professional development sessions, personal expertise in project-based learning.
- Advanced Placement Lead Teacher- help the district AP Coordinator recruit students and faculty for AP courses, teach 2 of the 3 AP courses offered at HHS.
- OTC Dual Credit Course Contact- serve as the liaison between HHS and OTC.

### **Awards and Recognitions**

- October 2016 Teacher of the Month- student selected
- Class of 2016 graduation commencement speaker- student selected
- December 2019 Hollister School District Teacher of the Month
- December 2019 Hollister Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Month
- December 2021 Hollister School District Teacher of the Year
- Boston Marathon qualifier and participant 2009-2021

### **Hobbies and Interests**

I am a habitual runner with a personal best marathon time of 2:59:56. I have been fortunate to run in the Boston Marathon for the past 12 years and am currently training for number 13. I share my running journey with my students and try to inspire them to dream big and work hard!

### **Professional Organizations**

National Education Association (NEA)  
American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP)