Morgan Gillespie, M.Ed.

**Bio**

Morgan Gillespie is an educator and leader with a background in both academic and practical teaching experiences. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Loyola Marymount University in 2022 and earned a Master of Education in Policy and Administration in 2023. Throughout her academic career, she completed 600 hours of student teaching, gaining hands-on experience in various educational environments.

Her professional journey began at the Neighborhood House Association in San Diego, where she served as a Teaching Assistant Trainee at the Barrio Logan Early Head Start Program. There, she worked with children ages 3-5, assisting with lesson plans and providing administrative support while engaging with families from diverse cultural backgrounds. This experience fostered her interest in education and equity. She further developed her skills at the Loyola Marymount University Children’s Center, providing developmental childcare for university staff children ranging from 6 weeks to 5 years old.

As a student teacher, she took on full-time teaching roles at Farragut Elementary School and Coeur d’Alene Avenue Elementary in Los Angeles, teaching 3rd-grade and kindergarten classes. She developed and delivered lesson plans, supervised recess, and supported students' individual needs. At Coeur d’Alene Avenue Elementary, she focused on English Language Learners, implementing culturally responsive teaching practices and facilitating mindfulness and gardening workshops.

From 2022 to 2023, she worked as a Substitute K-12 Teacher with The Education Team, gaining experience in both urban and suburban school settings. At St. Turibius Elementary STEM School, she taught STEM and Social Studies to students in grades 3-5, integrating inquiry-based learning approaches and technology tools to foster collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity.

Additionally, she brings organizational and communication skills to the healthcare field as a Clinical Education Coordinator at PIH Good Samaritan in Los Angeles. She coordinated clinical rotations for medical students, organized workshops, and ensured the smooth integration of students into clinical environments.

Outside of her professional roles, she has been involved in community service and leadership development. She has received accolades, including the President Barack Obama’s Volunteer Service Award and the Jack and Jill Community Leadership and Volunteerism Award. As a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., she contributes to her community, fostering growth and leadership among peers.