



about helping each student succeed, which varies but includes improving reading skills, memorizing lines, or learning more about the specific subject through drama.

**4. Prior Teaching Experiences** (apart from residencies).

In addition to my answers in the first question, I have taught playwriting workshops for Perseverance (Mt. Edgecombe, Petersburg).

I have served as the JDHS cross country coach for the last 8 years and am one of the Team Alaska Snowshoeing coaches (athletes aged 13-19).

I created a summer camp, supported by the Racquet Club, for girls aged 10-13 called “Exploring your world through running and writing.”

I have served as a parent volunteer for PE Teacher Dirk Miller at Gastineau, helping with skiing and running.

**5. Why do you want to teach the arts in Juneau schools?**

As my son grows (he’s nearly 9) I am more involved in the schools and want to merge my theatre interests with classroom work. I want to help students learn more about themselves, their subjects and theatre, and I want to share with them this artistic perspective (the dramatic lens). I want to introduce students to theatre, to their home professional theatre (Perseverance) and to invite them further into this magical world, created in part by their work and thoughts. Mostly, after working with students from 8-19 over the last 15 years I want to help build self-esteem, and like sports, theatre is a perfect avenue to help students succeed in various ways.

- **Past Experience with Artist in the Schools residencies:** None to Date:   X
- Have you been part of the **Juneau Teaching Artist workshop series?**  
       Yes, whole series             Yes, some of the workshops        X   No, not yet

• **3 REFERENCES**

1. Shona Strauser, Education Director, PT, [Shona@perseverancetheatre.org](mailto:Shona@perseverancetheatre.org), 364-2421, ex 1
2. Paula Savikko, [savikkop@jsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:savikkop@jsd.k12.ak.us) 463-1999 (once school starts)
3. Anni Stokes [stokesa@jsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:stokesa@jsd.k12.ak.us) 586-2852, 463-1999

- **Other Comments** that help illuminate your work or life as an artist???

I want to invest time with youth to explore and just be curious. I love the way young people understand themselves and their world. I love their insights and their ideas.

I am committed to working for a healthier and more equitable community, be that through art or sports. In 2003 I was honored as an AWARE Woman of Distinction for my contributions to women and children in Juneau. That award is priceless to me because it was instigated by a group of teenage girls.

