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Throughout my life, I have always enjoyed working with children. I love teaching, playing, and getting to know each one of them and their unique personalities. All of my jobs thus far have been working with kids. I have been a babysitter and lifeguard for a local swim school which allowed me to form relationships with children of all different ages and backgrounds, while also ensuring their safety. My favorite opportunity was choreographing the Discovery Canyon Campus Elementary School musical in the Spring of 2019 for 45 kids ranging from 3rd-5th grade. Through this experience I was able to create bonds with the students, learn how to teach children of all different backgrounds, and develop skills such as patience. The biggest realization I had from choreographing this musical was discovering my passion of working with kids and that I want to pursue teaching as a lifelong career.

I am going to school to study Inclusive Elementary Education at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. This program will allow me to earn my license in Elementary Education with endorsements in Special Education and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Learners. By earning these endorsements, I will be better able to meet the needs of ALL my students. This is an important aspect of teaching to me because no two students are alike and they all have different strengths and needs. I hope that I will be able to make learning enjoyable and more manageable for my students because of the education and endorsements I will earn in college.

My number one goal as a future teacher is to make my classroom an inclusive and fun learning environment where my students will not be afraid to be themselves. These are qualities that many of my teachers throughout my schooling have instilled within their own classrooms. I will be there for my students as my teachers have been there for me- whether it be by talking or making them laugh when needed. I have high expectations for myself as a future teacher to not only teach curriculum well but also be there for my students. Aristotle once said, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." I will not only be a great teacher, but a great mentor to my students.

What drives me is my passion of working with kids. I want to be a teacher that changes the lives of their students by creating a positive learning environment that is open and judgement free. I hope to instill good core values such as honesty and respect within my future elementary schoolers that they can carry with them throughout the rest of their schooling, as well as the rest of their lives. I will do everything I can to be an amazing teacher and teach my students well because it is my true passion!