

As a sophomore in college I have many goals that I plan to achieve. In regard to academics my goal has always been to do my absolute best work and to maintain good grades. Throughout my life I have always strived to put all of my effort into my education and I plan to continue to do this in the future. I want to graduate knowing that I have worked to the best of my ability and that I am deserving of what I have achieved. My career goal is to become a middle school social studies teacher.

My goal as a social studies teacher is to help my students learn. This may seem like a simple objective, but it is actually very complex. Every student learns best in a different way, therefore it is my goal to provide an array of methods so that each student I teach has the opportunity to understand the material. Another part of this goal is to make learning fun and interesting. I believe that people learn best when the subject at hand is something intriguing to them. In my classroom I will do my best to make the lessons as interesting and enjoyable as possible. A third facet of my goal is to provide a safe learning environment where students can learn without fear. I will promote tolerance and teamwork to help each student feel comfortable in the classroom. Finally, I hope to become a mentor to my students. I want my students to feel more than comfortable coming to me for help, asking me questions, and participating in class. All of these measures will allow me to help

my students learn.

I have already begun taking steps toward achieving my goals. I have worked very hard since starting college to attain good grades and I have made the President's List every semester so far. I am also enrolled in the Social Studies Teacher Certification program at my university. The classes that I have taken and plan to take will all contribute to fulfilling the requirements of my degree. I have also completed observation hours in two local elementary schools which helped to solidify my desire to become a social studies teacher. Right now I am in the process of studying for the PRAXIS I, which is a test that is required for teacher certification. In the upcoming weeks I also plan to be volunteering at a local community center working with children to gain more experience. All of these steps have been important and will ultimately help me achieve my academic and career goals.

I truly believe that I will be successful in reaching the goals that I have outlined. My achievements in school thus far give me confidence that I will be able to continue to do well academically. The classes that I have taken in the Teacher Certification program and the observation hours I have completed have solidified my desire to teach social studies and have motivated me to continue toward a teaching career. The volunteer work that I plan on doing will help me gain more experience with children, which will be beneficial to me in my future profession. I

am determined to reach my goals and am confident in my ability to do so.