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Philosophy of Education

My goal for my classes I will teach is to challenge each student to their personal limits and see their development as a human. I want to see the progress each student has made and help them make better decisions in their lives. For this to succeed, I want to have personal relationships with each of the students whether I enjoy having them in a class or not. With this personal interaction, I will be able to see how they learn and what I can do to better as an educator.

For myself, my younger brother has a slight form of autism which makes it difficult to have social interactions with others which was the main reason I wanted to pursue the Special Education major. I also was very lucky to have great teachers who influenced me in high school and whom I continue to have a relationship with to this day. I also enjoy helping others in any way I can, in particular, learning. After creating so many relationships with those younger than myself through tutoring, I decided I want to help them in education as well as in life.

I want to make students use their minds, to make better decisions not only in school, but in the real world. Therefore, regular debates, class discussions, and other class interaction will occur in my class because one does not learn from their teacher only, but from their peers and themselves. This means asking the hard questions and getting to know their students to help guide their views towards the truth.

In my classroom, the most important thing I can do to help my students learn is to be a good teacher. Some of the best teachers I had developed a personal connection with myself and

motivated me to be the best student I could be. Through their motivation, I could do incredibly well and succeed in anything I did if I put my mind to it. This is the type of teacher and person I want to become. I truly hope to help motivate them to doing their best to accomplish the things they want to achieve in life.

Teaching is not the typical field a male wants to pursue because of the pay, the dynamics, and the stationary position. However, this intrigues me and makes me want to change the status quo. I want to influence young minds in finding what the truth about human existence is. I also want to be there to form a great human being.