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Student Profile:

I grew up in the state of South Carolina witnessing my mother's impact on students' lives. As a teacher, she advocates for her students and always encouraged me to become a teacher. Teaching is not a highly revered profession in America, and therefore, I was not excited to pursue it as my career. However, after teaching my first lesson I knew that I am meant to be a teacher. I fell in love with teaching and helping others. Since, I have immersed myself in the education field by working in the writing room on campus and tutoring high-needs students in English 101 and 102. It the most humbling and rewarding experience I have ever had. There is nothing else in the world I would rather do. I would never change my career choice no matter the increase in pay or benefits. I know that if I am not doing what I love, I will not be happy. I know that I can make a difference as a teacher. My ultimate goal is to share my passion of people with young generations, to yield more knowledgeable, loving, understanding, and productive members of society. I cannot do this without the help of the TEACH grant. I have used this grant each semester to help me pay for my education as I am paying for it on my own. I want to give back to my community and teach in high needs areas, specifically in high schools in South Carolina. I will not be able to do this if the TEACH grant is defunded. We need good teachers. We need education. We need the TEACH grant.