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I am very lucky that my parents were able to put away money for me to receive an education, but with the price of education so high, it still falls on me to pay for a large portion. I am in my 3rd year of school, a time where being able to observe teachers and students is extremely important. Before the TEACH grant I was working 30-35 hours a week along with all my classes, struggling to make sure I stayed on top of everything. This made it nearly impossible to complete my service hours but more importantly, I wasn't able to have the experience and practice that one needs going into the teaching field. I've always wanted to be a teacher and make a difference in student's lives, but it can be so hard to make an impact when you have not been set up for success. After receiving my TEACH grant, I have been able to reduce my work hours, have more time for school, and I have had the opportunity to volunteer in all different types of classrooms over the last year. I do not have to worry about if I will be able to afford my books or classes. I have learned so much over the last semester and it would not have been possible without the assistance I receive from the TEACH grant. I feel as though next year when I start my internships and do not have any time to work, it would be impossible for me to attend school without the financial assistance I receive from the TEACH grant.
Respectfully,
Bailey Barcome