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**Student Profile:**

I have always been inspired by seeing young people explore the world around them through science . Since deciding to become a biology teacher, my goal is to help students find their voices through science, and build compassion towards one another through collaboration. To help me develop the best practices needed to reach this goal as a teacher, I take classes in education, work with a mentor teacher, and meet with a supervisor for advice. All of these things are necessary elements in developing my profession. The TEACH grant helps offset the costs of my professional training, reducing the financial burden so I can focus my energy on developing into a professional science educator. The TEACH grant is important to me because it has allowed for more flexibility and time to learn as I teach.