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**Student Profile:**

My ultimate career goal is to become a certified and extraordinary teacher. I want to make a difference in the lives of my students. Becoming an educator is very important to me for the simple fact that without teachers, no other job would be possible. The TEACH grant helps me reduce my student loan debt, which allows me to focus less on the financial aspect of my schooling, and more on the purpose to serve our future generations. Without the tremendous contribution of the TEACH grant towards my college tuition, I would not have gotten this far. I do greatly appreciate it. I have truly been blessed and I am grateful for having received the TEACH grant. I love having the time to work on perfecting my craft of becoming an elementary educator. My educational goals are to complete my four years of undergraduate courses and go forth in graduate school to earn a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. The TEACH grant has and will continue to allow me to continue my education at Xavier University of Louisiana and fully commit to my aspirations in life.