I believe that education is a very important part of our society, and it should be taken very seriously. I believe that education begins with good educators. Without them there would be no possibility for students to learn what they need to be successful in life. It often isn’t enough for teachers to teach effectively, they must also be good role models and mediate in times of trouble.

I guess you could say that teaching is in my blood, so teaching has always been part of my life. My family is filled with teachers, not only with teaching licenses, but also with a natural ability and desire to pass knowledge to others. At an early age I loved my grandparents’ farm. I would spend half my summers with my Granddad in the fields and with the animals learning many practical and useful things, and the other half of the summer was spent with my Grandma learning to cook, garden, and do arts and crafts. My Grandma taught school for 37 years, so it was very easy to learn things from her. My mom helped develop my creative side. She doesn’t have a teaching license, but I think she is more qualified to teach than many of the teachers I’ve had throughout the years. I also have an aunt and uncle that teach in inner-city Indianapolis. They have brought many ideas of diversity to an otherwise close-minded family from the country. Through those family members and their simple, natural act of teaching, my life has been molded into what it is now.

The desire to teach came to me only a few short years ago. Since then, my appetite to teach has grown in leaps and bounds. In high school I got involved in athletics and it was there I really noticed my ability to get others to understand what they were trying to learn. My senior year I had the opportunity to help a second grade teacher at my old elementary school, and it was then and there that I knew for sure that teaching was the career I wanted to pursue. I think the students’ eyes are the reason that I decided teaching was the best profession for me. Kids at that
age have a twinkle that just beckons me to teach them something. They were almost always hungry to learn something, not always what they were supposed to be learning, but something. Because of these experiences I have decided to educate others to the best of my ability.

I also believe that a teacher must sincerely care for his or her students and do whatever is in the students’ best interests. I believe that a student learns best when pushed by a teacher to excel. The best teachers I had throughout school often made me mad because I had to work so hard in their classes. At the time I felt they were horrible teachers that wanted to make their kids suffer, but after moving on to the next level I came to love them and their demanding teaching styles. In contrast, there were also teachers that did practically nothing to force me to do something more than what I thought was enough. I want to be a teacher who pushes my students to learn more than they think they should have to do.

The classroom is the first impression that a child gets from his or her teacher. I believe that a classroom doesn’t have to be something feared or hated by the students. The atmosphere in a classroom is often plain and boring with rules and expectations written everywhere, but I think that a classroom should be fun and something that students look forward to entering. When given a chance, a child can often take on more responsibility than most adults think they can handle. I think it is best to treat students as if they are responsible and grown up until they demonstrate otherwise.

Put simply, I think teaching is an awesome and fulfilling experience. It is often hard to explain to others why I love it so much, but I believe that deep down I have the ambition to make a great teacher. That is why teaching others is what I want to do for the rest of my life.