

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to start by introducing myself; my name is Cayla Davenport and I am striving to be an effective teacher. I am twenty-two years old and, until recently, have always lived in Wabash County. I currently reside in Warsaw, Indiana and commute to Manchester College for classes. I am a senior and am looking forward to student teaching at South Whitley Elementary in the spring and graduation after that.

Since first grade, I have wanted to be a teacher. I recently narrowed my career goals to becoming an early/middle elementary education generalist. I have taken part in hundreds of observation hours within the classroom during my time at Manchester College and even before during my cadet teaching experience at Northfield High School. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to achieve my dream of teaching and inspiring our future's young minds. I believe teaching to be one of the most important and influential occupations a person can have, and I am very much looking forward to becoming part of that experience.

I see student teaching as a large part of my contribution to society. Although I have participated in things such as Church, Key Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Tri-Sigma, the Speech Team, Disc Jockeying, Drama, and Peers Educating Peers in the past; those are just a part of the excellent teacher I wish to become. I have always used my experiences as learning tools in becoming a better person and influencing others through my actions. During student teaching I know I will be responsible for encouraging the imaginations of my students by tapping into my own and that is probably what I am most excited about.

I have been waiting twenty-two years to start teaching, and now that I am on the cusp of student teaching I feel like a shopaholic on Black Friday. I simply cannot wait to delve into the world of teaching and see what the future holds for me. I want to be the teacher who comes home with chalk on her clothes and a smile from something her students said to her. I crave for the light bulb look every child should experience, and will do everything within my power until they do. I hope my students look back years after being in my class and speak fondly of "their favorite teacher". To conclude, I am Miss Davenport, looking to change the world one little quizzical mind at a time.

Sincerely,

Miss Cayla Davenport