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Education Philosophy

Teaching to Change Lives

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops”, is a quote by Henry Adams that sums up what kind of teacher I hope to be. When I reflect on those people who have had a very profound influence on my life, many of them are my former teachers that inspire me and influence me every day. I believe that the teacher’s job is to inspire the students to find rigor and wonder in all aspects of study, so as to push the students to learn more and to become inspired to inspire others to learn on a deep and intimate level.

To achieve my goal of my philosophy, I wish to instill wonder in my students by bringing things from the world around them into the classroom and discussing them in a logical and controlled manner. I will bring into the classroom hard issue topics that will cause my students to think outside of the usual box of the classroom. This will set up an environment in my classroom of open conversation that will aid in leading my students to developing a true open mind. I also hope this will lead my students to dig deeper into a certain area that interests them, so as to bring that into class discussion and to guide their fellow peers. One of the best classes I have ever taken was a philosophy and theology class in high school that was set up in this very format, and it has been my favorite class I have ever taken thus far. It allowed me to think logically and form thoughts with an open mind that I couldn’t form in the traditional classroom setting. I hope to have this same effect on my students some day as well.

Another way I will aid to foster my philosophy is by teaching the students to have a deep appreciation for history. I want my students too look back on all the people who came before us that have set the path for essentially al of civilization. I want my students to know why things are the way they are today, by looking back and tying it in to the way of the world today.

The third way I will put my philosophy into practice is by inspiring myself and continuing to learn more and more, so as to better serve and guide my students. I don't want to be an average teacher; I want to be a great teacher. But, more importantly, I don't want to be an average man; I want to be a great man. I firmly believe that if I choose to become the greatest man I can possibly be, the way I teach and everything else in my life will turn out great as well. The teachers who influenced me the most weren't just the most well versed in their respective areas, they were great men and women who strove for virtue and proper order. So, by becoming the best version of myself, I believe that I can and will have a profound impact in the classroom.

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops", rings true in me today. My former teachers still inspire me to this day, and if I am half the teacher they are someday, I will be content. I believe that the teacher's job is to inspire the students to find rigor and wonder in all aspects of study, so as to push the students to learn more and to become inspired to inspire others to learn on a deep and intimate level.