Educational Philosophy

My philosophy for teaching has evolved over the past three years I have studied in the field of education. The various experiences I have had in classrooms, as well as the reading and research I have conducted in my education classes at Moravian College, have helped shape my educational philosophy. Being respectful of diversity of any kind is one element of education that I have become increasingly passionate about. The social climate surrounding diversity in the United States has fueled my passion to ensure each student and their family are authentically included in the classroom. My experiences have also led me to believe that respect should also be the basis for management of a classroom.

To ensure effective classroom management, I have found the PBIS system as well as Conscious Discipline to be the most effective methods of classroom management. Confidence and self-esteem are two major factors that impact the ability of students to learn in academic settings. One statistic from clinical Psychologist Robin F. Goodman states that a girls’ self-esteem peaks when they are 9 years old, then takes a nosedive. The aforementioned statistic supports that a positive classroom environment is equally as important as the academics taught in a classroom.

Through my experiences working for Moravian Academy as one of their lead Summerbridge teachers, I have realized the importance and power of professional collaboration. As a lead teacher I was responsible for the oversight of three other teachers, in addition to managing my own classroom. In addition to this collaboration, I was able to co-teach electives and co-run an extracurricular club. Each of these instances of professional collaboration not only supported my growth as an educator, but also supported the academic, social, and emotional growth of the students.

I view education as a way to empower students to reach the opportunities they otherwise may not believe they could. Teaching is not about “saving” students from their circumstances but empowering them to set goals and go through life with a growth mindset.