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Personal Teaching Statement

One person that played a significant role in the development of the quality of higher education in the state of Oklahoma was Lloyd Noble. Noble once said that "the most exalted position in the world is not general or President but a great teacher." I agree with this belief, and the reasons that make it genuine are also the same reasons that convinced me to pursue a career in this field. The huge intrinsic and extrinsic rewards of teaching were some of the many reasons that convinced me to become an education major. I want to teach because it is the only profession that creates all other occupations. Also, I find the fact of becoming a mentor incredibly rewarding. I have had the privilege of being mentored by many great men and women. The most significant of these were teachers. It would be the highest honor to help future students as my previous teachers have helped me. I want to unsettle my students' minds, expand their horizons, and ignite their intellects. I desire to teach at the secondary level more than any other because students at that level are capable of more in-depth conversation and higher levels of critical thinking.

I have the gift of being able to find what motivates my students and use that source of inspiration to accomplish a more substantial overall goal. Two of my greatest strengths is my creativity and the use of technology within my lessons. I can take a concept and create several unique ways of explaining it. My YouTube lecture videos are a perfect example of these two abilities. These videos are meant to be entertaining and include clips from movies, television shows, and even some song parodies. All of which relate to the main subject of the lesson. Also, these videos can be used to promote your school to the millions of people visiting that platform every single day.

One of my brothers was born with Cerebral Palsy. He struggled academically and needed countless hours of tutoring every single day to earn his high school diploma. My brother's educational experience influenced the way that I teach and organize my lessons. More importantly, it taught me that every student could learn. However, teachers have to use a variety of modalities for them to be successful in the classroom.

James Comer, one of the world's leading child psychiatrists, believed that no significant learning could occur without having a meaningful relationship. If hired, I will dedicate myself to the school and its student body.

In conclusion, I want to teach because the responsibilities of this profession do not end with the school day. My experience has shown that this profession can be challenging at times, but the rewards outweigh the negatives, and I look toward to being able to contribute to this profession.