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1. What attracted you to Middle Georgia State College/University?

Since Middle Georgia College was located in my hometown, I was able to still live at home and receive a quality, affordable education. I was also a student worker at the Wellness Center; this allowed me to work and go to school. Like all my friends, I intended to attend Middle Georgia for two years then transfer to another school. Thankfully for me, Middle Georgia College became Middle Georgia State University and began offering bachelor programs; therefore, I was able to pursue my full education at MGA. This was an amazing opportunity for me because I graduated debt-free and received a degree in a field I love!

2. Why did you choose to study education?

As a freshman at MGA, my friends and I visited the on-campus career counselor once a week. I knew I wanted to pursue a career in the science field, yet I was not sure what exactly I wanted to do with a Biology degree. In one of the counseling sessions, the career counselor asked me what career I would choose if money was not an option, I immediately responded with teaching and started doing my research about my options in education. At the time, I was also working in an after-school tutoring program at a middle school. I realized I loved working with older children and wanted to share my passion of science with the next generation of learners.

3. What teacher impacted you the most?

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6. What advice would you give someone who would like to pursue a career in your field?

As an education major, I would always hear horror stories about how teachers do not make any money, how terrible all the state testing is, and how education has changed so much in the past few years. I would advise other people not to listen to this negativity. The field of education is a place where you can help some amazing students and discuss the subject area you love. If anyone is thinking about going into education, they should first observe some classrooms and talk with passionate teachers.

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I have been extremely blessed with an education from MGA where I could work to pay for my tuition and have numerous scholarship opportunities. I also was hired in the same high school I graduated from and
