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As an educator, I will facilitate student learning and inspire them to accomplish their own goals, gifts, and talents. I will encourage students to critically think about their own interests. This connects the classroom to real life applications through scaffolding and differentiation. By developing lesson plans which push students to develop creativity, I intend to cultivate their passion in by giving choices in the classroom allowing students to take ownership over their own education. By creating a safe environment, students will be able to openly make mistakes and learn collaboratively. By understanding culture and their peer's cultural backgrounds, students will critically think to explicitly build cultural affinity by intentionally understanding themselves and others.

Students productivity, community and problem solving in teams prepares them to collaborate in the workforce. This is best reflected by leading by example primarily in effective communication to my own students in expectations, standards, and scaffolding steps to complete tasks successfully. Likewise, pairing students with different strengths helps to reinforce skill development and teach students to relay on one another promoting a trusting atmosphere. Finally, by treating all students with respect, dignity, and understanding, I will reinforce teaching the whole student to better them academically, socially, mentally and in their own self-reflection.