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‘My Dream as a Teacher of English Learners’

Learning is the best present and teaching is the source of the present. I don’t remember how many times I tried to find a TESOL Program to improve my English skill and learn how to deal with speaking in English well. As you see, I really expect to study TESOL Program because I hope to gain numerous knowledge that I highly want to use for my students. TESOL is not only studying English teaching skills but also basic grounding of teacher. That is the reason I am attracted to TESOL.

There are many precious things that I definitely want to gain from this class. First of all, I hope to gain organized teaching skills. Although the teacher is perfectly out-standing and has a lot of knowledge, what a poor teacher is if the teacher does not know how to teach students.

Second, I want to gain confidence. I have studied English since elementary school however I am accustomed to keep on thinking that I am not a good English teacher. Why? It is because I am not native speaker but I realized that I could be a good teacher as well and TESOL would help me to be confident in it.

Lastly, I wish to gain basic teacher’s grounding. I do not want to be an emotional person to students. I hope to respect every single student and I also want to hear that this teacher is respectful to us from students. I want to naturally learn how to enjoy the class instead of yelling at students or any other possible bad actions that can happen in the class.

On the first day of TESOL class I was given “A Teacher’s Story” and I read it carefully in class. After reading it I was so touched and motivated to do better. I imagine that who I am going to be 10 years later in the future as teacher of English learners. Like what Mrs. Thompson did, I hope that I am most memorable teacher to students as well.

Remembering someone is not that easy and keeping in touch with someone who is even not a family member is harder than the former. So I really want to be a teacher who has great impact on any student. Then I expect some of students to contact with me until I die through my past teaching. I would be a teacher like mother and friend. More interest in students will bring out more positive result.

Teachers surely have huge impacts on students and they can change their students to be better and nice. Especially student’s age is the most unpredictable period. Everything can happen whatever it is good or bad. Some students can choose nice and proper ways for the future but others cannot go straight to it. I once again dream that I would like to lead my students to live happy lives and change for the better from me.

Maybe after 10 years from now, one of my future students would say and I hear that “Thank you for your encouragement that I was given by you and finally my dream came true because of your love. I don't think I've ever met a more dedicated teacher.”I feel like I already got this kind of letter and tears are gathering in my eyes. Even this every moment I would teach students who need my help. In my opinion, there is no such thing as that the teacher must have to do or learn. It is all about their passion and efforts.

Through this reflection paper I try to image that how my future class will be. Maybe I stand in the center of class with more than 20 students and give passionate lecture through my voice. Most students are looking at me and smiling at me. I get more energy from each of my students and everyone in class is pleased. We share about not only class discussion but also private things and personal emotions like family, school or any problems. No one hides behind and talks a lot of concerns that they are facing on. I comfort them and encourage them to overcome it. Students are comfortable with me and even several years later they keeping in touch with me to share their life story. Maybe every time before I enter the class I always remind myself that best efforts brings out the best results to students. One thing I repeat myself is that one step closer to student will open up the gate of their heart.

I have learned the most important thing that the teacher must know since TESOL class begins. This is being a listener and eyes of students and it is my only desire to be at the moment of my 10 years career. Nowadays there is a lot of information on the internet and online classes which can be easily approached. It means that students can learn anytime that they want to. However, I would love to be a teacher whoever can confidently approach to me at any time. Another important matter for English learners is having confidence. I am also scared of speaking English at first but I overcame the fears later on. So I want my student to be confident in any time that they learn English. No one starts from the sentence. Everyone starts English word by word. Being confidence in front of students will impact on them who are very shy to learn English.

Finally, I want to say thank you Frank because I have been learning a lot from you since the first day of my class and also thank to my future students that I imagined on you guys as a teacher of English learners. I hope that I want to learn more great impacts which can be adapted to students. I will do my best and also choose the best way of teaching like what Frank does always. I enjoyed all the moments that could learn more about teaching techniques and once again I look forward to be best teacher together with each of students who has different personality.