‘My Dream as a Teacher of English Learners’

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 I would like to start with several things about what I hope and gain from this California State University at Long Beach Times Media TESOL Certificate program at Times Media Kangnam TESOL Center Certificate Program Weekday Class 145. I want this class be an activity class. I like to get some energy from this class and I love learning through experience as well and I also don’t know about what a teacher is and don’t have any experience about that job so I hope that if we have several opportunity to do and I also want to know that the basic things of teacher it can be knowledges or personalities. In our class there are many types of persons and all of us have different experiences as well so when we become friends maybe the classmates will be the persons who can simulate our students and observe there action and so far. And I think this course is not really long but has so many things to do and some of them are very strict like time so when I finish this course I want to have self-respect pride of TESOL Certification.

 In my opinion, it is really important especially a person who want to be a teacher. I also think that everyone in everywhere should have self-respect pride of their self. I know that the one think can change their life and the other person’s life as well and that can be a book or one sentences and so far so if the teacher has some confident in her teaching maybe students 100% know about that and they can be a best friend and make a trust as well. I think this kinds of emotion is really important between a relationship event is not a teacher and student. And I also want to study about many kinds of lesson planning and result. Only two weeks that I studied about TESOL/Teaching so I cannot imagine or can define what a teacher is. But I can imagine when I was a student and I saw so many teachers and have some memory of them that can be positive things or negative things. But what I really want to say in this paper is that when I was young and really unfamiliar with the teachers but I can feel that this is a real teacher or not. Because when I took a class, I can feel that some of teachers want to finish earlier, give so many assignments and don’t do anything just waiting for the finish school bell. But some of teachers are different.

They always prepare their class and want to teach more, always happy to questions and want to talk. I have a friend. Her name is Yu-Shin. She was my teacher when I was in high school. First year and second year she was my class teacher as well and her major is Korean literature. I didn’t go to a Korean middle school.

 I was in the Philippines but I felt so lonely and wanted to have some same memories with my Korean friends so I came back to Korea and tested qualification examination and enter a Korean high school which was near from my Korean home. I was really excited about buying some uniforms and books. But when I entered the school, it was really strict and harsh it made me crazy. I didn’t think about my school life in that way. So I wanted to quit my high school. So I told her that I wanted to quit. Next day, my class teacher Yu-shin asked me to talk and we went to a café and we talked a lot. In my class there were 35 students, I was just a student that she really doesn’t know and wanted to say 'I quit'. But she cared about me and wanted to listen to what was the reason that I wanted to quit. I was really happy that I met her because I have a teacher that I can say everything in my mind to. She always understood me and wanted to explain and teach even if that is not the Korean Literature which is her major. Finally I got a high school diploma and perfect attendance award as well. Since then, we kept in touch and have become friends. I want to be a teacher like Yu-shin. She is my role model. I cannot be exactly like her but I do know what kinds of teacher can make the students happy. I would say everyone has their value and that is really precious.

 10 years later in the future, I want to be an easily accessible teacher. Through the class in KNT145, I know that communication is really important between teacher and student. So I would like to give them some great impact through talking and understanding each other even if it is not about lesson. So that we can understand each other deeply and I also can assume about their characteristics as well so when I prepare a lesson plan or activities I can think about it more in detail. Through the communication, between students and teachers they can make a trust so if the students feel that the teacher takes care about me or that the teacher is understanding me, they like to communicate with teachers and want to prepare more for the next class and also when teachers feel that students like me or believe me, it can also bring some positive things to the teacher as well. Maybe the teacher really enjoys about teaching and meeting their students and also has some confidence in his/her teaching as well. I really don’t know about this is the right think or not but in my personal point of view about teacher and my dream is that teacher shouldn’t be afraid of the students and should be easily accessible through my experience when I was young. To me a strict and scary teacher’s lecture was really not interesting in my memory. Relationship between students and teachers are very important just the same as a parents and sons or daughters. Teacher also can inculcate their dreams and confidence in their students just like their parents and the children. So it is important to respect all the students and understanding that all the students are different. If the teacher accepted that, it will be more helpful for teaching students and I hope that I will be the kind of teacher for the future.