

Becoming a Bilingual/ Bicultural Teacher

Ever since I was younger, I wanted to become a teacher. Years ago, my kindergarten teacher encouraged students to become whatever we wanted to be. That was when I decided to become a teacher in the future.

The skills that I want to share with young students in the future are sewing and beading. I would love to share my skills by teaching them in my hometown, but first, I will need to go to college. I will go to University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) in Fall of 2008. If I become a teacher, I would like to become a Bilingual/ Bicultural teacher because passing on knowledge of traditions is important to everyone in the world. If there weren't anyone to pass on traditions, then the traditions may die out and very few people will know it.

I want to become a Bilingual/ Bicultural teacher because I think beading and sewing is fun. In most of my spare time, I sew or bead. If there were a rip in any clothes that I own, I'd sew it up. At school I sewed a pair of beaver fur mittens and a hacky sack, and I am planning to do more. I have beaded necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. I gave most of my hand-made beaded jewelry away to my relatives for any special occasion.

I have had many teachers, and they have taught me that I can become anything I wanted to be in the future. I love working with kids, and if I become a teacher, they may use my skills in the future. When I taught a kid how to tie a shoe, they would smile every time they attempted to tie it. When I see that smile, the smile motivates me to teach other children and helps warm my heart with greatness.

The things that may help me to reach my goal are going to college and graduating from the college, and applying to a teaching spot near/ at Teller. Signing up for scholarships will really help me too, and planning ahead may help me be organized. For myself to graduate from college, I will need to stay on task and stay focused. If that doesn't happen, then relatives, friends, and/or teachers may help me.

Show respect for others- each person has a special gift. Share what you have- giving makes you richer. Know what you are- you are a reflection on your family. Accept what life brings- you cannot control many things. Have patience- some things cannot be rushed. Live carefully- things you do will come back to you. Take care of others- you cannot live without them. Honor your elders- they show you the way in life. Pray for guidance- many things are not known. See connections- all things are related.

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An elder once told me that if any traditions aren't passed on, our culture might die out little by little. To prevent that from happening, I will need to pass the traditions on by teaching young kids about the arts and crafts in our heritage, and I am willing to pass any traditions on.