**Autobiographical Paper: The History of me**

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Growing up I have always been the energetic, outgoing kid and that has stuck with me throughout my whole 18 years of life. My life is filled with an immense amount of support from my family, friends and community members. I have always lived a busy life, on the road for hockey, volleyball, gymnastics, softball, music, school groups etc. and throughout all those my family has been by my side. Since I was a young girl, I was taught the importance of family, throughout the majority of my childhood while living in Nova Scotia I was fortunate enough to have my immediate and extended family close. Then when I was 8 years old there was a big change, for the better. My parents decided after tossing and turning to move our family to Saskatchewan. Moving was not easy no matter how young I was. Leaving my grandparents, my closest friends and all my family was so hard. My brother, sister and I have always been close since a young age so when going through the move it made it easier that we were together knowing no matter where we were we’d always have each other, our best friends by our side. Now we love to visit Nova Scotia as frequently as we can, it is a beautiful place to call home and it is still a huge part of who I am.

My family’s move to a new province was very impactful and I had to overcome many hardships and challenges as I adapted to as new community and lifestyle as a young child. The number one factor that made it all worth while was the school and my teachers. I will never forget my first day at Wawota parkland school, its such a small little school but it was the most welcoming. Starting at WPS in grade 3 and staying until graduation with the same class of ten I started with. I built unforgettable relationships with those classmates and the staff at WPS. My teachers had a positive impact on my life in my school years and still today which guided to me to my future career as a teacher. Although I love being a student, I am so excited to be on the other end, teaching.

There are many people who got me to where I am today, as previously mentioned I have always had support from all who are close to me. Living across the country I still was able to have very close relationships with my grandparents and kept my friends close as well. I was also able to meet my best friends here in Saskatchewan through all the activities I was involved in. During school I had a specific teacher who made everyday better, Mrs. Friesen. Mrs. Friesen isn’t your typical teacher; she is beyond that. Walking into her classroom it was instant joy even on exam days, somehow, she made it all feel okay no matter what. She has overcome more in her life than anyone I know, losing her daughter and her husband. She has taught us pure strength and that sometimes its okay not to be okay. When I am finished my four-year education degree, I want to an educator the way Mrs. Friesen is an educator. The teacher that lets you stay after class just for a much-needed chat. The teacher that children come to when they need a friend in a time of need.

This summer I had an amazing job working with kids ages 5-12, it was very rewarding and a feel-good job. I loved helping the kids feel proud in all their small successes and big ones. After that I realized I could do this everyday as a teacher. Everyday I get to make a child’s day better. Help them feel good on their bad days and help prepare the future of children for what’s to come. I once read a quote “it takes a big heart to help shape little minds” and I believe this is so true. As a teacher you need to be able to open your heart to all the children and see the good in them. To me a teacher is the best job you could ever have! The educational philosopher: Paulo Freire said, “I could never think of education without love and that is why I think I am an educator because I feel love”. That’s how I feel. When I tell anyone that I’m going to be a teacher I get the excited feeling in my stomach, this is what I am meant to do, and I am on my way.

Even though I started this school year in a different program, it may have taken me a bit longer to realize that this is the correct career path for me. But now that I am here, I’m beyond excited and so ready to teach our future, as it is a perfect fit for the outgoing, helpful, enthusiastic, approachable, big-hearted person I am.