



Alumni Spotlight



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Proudest Professional Moment So Far: Would be being chosen as the Employee of the Month in my first month of teaching. Teaching is an extremely rewarding profession and it's nice to be recognized for doing what I love!

Jobs, internships, and experiences I am proud of...

During my time at the College of Charleston, I was heavily involved both on campus and in the Charleston community. In terms of the jobs I had that contribute most to my career, I would have to say were being a Resident Assistant, Orientation Leader, Peer Academic Coach and a Teaching Assistant at our campus preschool! The internship that I had and still currently hold is as a Research Assistant on an adolescent brain study at the Medical University of South Carolina. I was very strategic in picking jobs and internships that I knew would help me in my career field.

How did Early College prepare you for your current career...

...The skills and knowledge I learned at Early College have all formed how I carry myself today. The organizational tools, relationships built and even the pedagogy of the teachers and administrators, all prepared me to be successful in college and now in my career as a teacher. It's extremely hard to believe that just 4 years ago, I had just left Early College and now I am responsible for the education of 95 sixth grade students. But, learning from the faculty and staff at ECHS as well at CofC, have all given me a gamut of skills and knowledge to do this without a problem. To our teachers: although you may not think I was paying as close attention to you as I was, I promise each and every one of you have molded me into the teacher I am and will become!

My advice for those who want to enter my career field...

Exposure! Take every advantage you can to observe both rookie and veteran teachers, teach a lesson in a classroom, and work in any education related field (camp counselor, teaching assistant, etc.). All of these experiences will only make you a better educator and a more qualified candidate when you enter the job market.

My favorite Early College memory is...

...the time I spent serving as the Student Council President. During that time, I learned so much about myself and so many skills were formed that make me a more effective leader today!

The most important thing I learned while at Early College was...

...both networking and organization. The power of networking will get you extremely far in life. The more connections you have and the more people you know, the more likely you are to know where or who to go to whenever you have a need or concern. Organization skills that are learned through AVID and every other ECHS class will help you a lot in your college and career life!