



# Alumni Spotlight



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Marion County Schools - Second Grade School Teacher

Associates of Arts (HGTC)

Bachelors of Science in Early Childhood Education (CCU)

In Progress: Masters in Educational Leadership (CCU)

**Proudest Professional Moment So Far:** Visiting the Ron Clark Academy and being able to return to my school and bring the same ideas to life within my own classroom.



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

... I am an active alumna of Sigma Kappa, and I volunteer every year to help my former chapter with recruitment. I am also currently attending Coastal Carolina University for my Masters in Educational Leadership. I serve on my school's improvement council, onboarding team, and pbis team. Last year I was nominated to be Marion County's Emerging Teacher of the Year.

## My favorite Early College memory...

...I love our recycle fashion shows. They were during spring time which is always the best weather. Going outside on the big lawn in front of campus to do our fashion shows was always a blast!

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

...Your teachers just want what is best for you!

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

...Have patience and don't forget to care about every student you come across! Everyone has their own story, and it's always worth getting to know someone else's story. Be kind, be strong, and be fearless! Take that study abroad opportunity, go to the football games, and by all means necessary always be your best self. Then once you get into the classroom help your students live the rich academic life that you gave yourself! Use your wisdom to benefit your students.

## How ECHS prepared me for my college and career...

...It honestly prepared me for basically everything I do. My interview skills helped me with my sorority, they helped me land my job, and they even help me when it comes to having critical conversations with the parents of my students. I was thankful to go to college already having an understanding of professional dress and etiquette. It automatically set me aside from the rest.