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Prompt B

During the beginning of the pandemic, I started to think about all the teachers I had and how if it wasn't for the ones who supported me, that I wouldn't be the person that I've become. From a young age my life had become difficult and the one consistent thing I could control was the art I created and I loved going to my art classes. My determination to create art during and after school helped me grow into my teenage years. I struggled academically and emotionally and was placed into specialized classes. This new change had me surrounded by teachers and peers who constantly wanted us to succeed. The new set of teachers focused on our wellbeing and made sure that we were all academically caught up before moving forward onto another level. Being around this environment made me a better student and allowed for me to grow.

In college, I had the opportunity to work at SPSCC as a studio art assistant where I helped maintain the ceramic studio. One of my favorite memories was constantly being asked by other students for help because I loved to hear the process of what they were doing and I loved being able to help them process so that they were able to come up with the best solution for what they were creating. My experience has helped me because it helped me realize I'm passionate about helping, and I enjoy seeing how others solve problems. Because of this, I decided to go back to Evergreen and finish my degree. After I graduated I got a job as a Para educator where I got to help assist a teacher in a 4th grade class and this just confirmed that I want to start a new chapter and become an art teacher.