

MiT Volunteering Prompt

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My time working in the community and in schools has proven to me I love working with people. I look forward to what I do on a daily basis, a nice change from dreading to go to work every day. I think that is important if something is going to become by career.

The community-based organization I chose is Boys and Girls Club. I work a paid position as “program lead”. My responsibilities include setting up activities for the kids, ensuring safety and facilitating fun! While my goal is to become a high school biology teacher, the kids I serve at boys and girls club are younger. Fourth and fifth grade. It is a blast introducing them to my favorite science topics through fun activities! Just the other day we extracted enough DNA from strawberries to be able to grab it with toothpicks. It felt good to see children that thought almost nothing of biology before beginning to show some interest.

My time volunteering in public school was also very informative! I was able to connect with an old teacher and go help out in his classroom during a shop workday. I assisted students with reading technical drawings and interpreting directions that accompanied the drawings. It was interesting to be on the other side of a class I had taken before. Seeing the behavioral change from 5th graders to high schoolers proved to me that I would rather work with older students. It is fun for me to be able to go more in depth on technical topics.

All in all, I think I will enjoy a career in teaching deeply. My time in the community and in the classroom has only reinforced that feeling. Where humans and scientific knowledge meet is where I want to be. That lands me square in the classroom!