

Vision to Lead

After completing my bachelor's degree at Michigan State University, pursuing a master's degree and furthering my education had always been an important goal to accomplish.

However, after my first year of teaching, I was not as confident in my future as an educator and questioned whether or not I would pursue a master's degree in the field of education.

I pursued my dream of teaching in Chicago Public Schools, and I was reassured that teaching and education was and always will be my passion. Teaching in Chicago has presented me with many educational technology opportunities including presenting professional development for teachers at Googlepalooza, attending training sessions at Google, and becoming a certified Pear Deck coach within the Chicago area. My experiences led me to the Master of Arts in Educational Technology program (MAET) at Michigan State University, which has allowed me to grow and evolve as both a student and educator. While many of my original goals have remained the same, I have also developed new goals throughout my journey within the Master of Arts in Educational Technology program.



Continuing my education through MAET has allowed me to establish goals as both a student and educator. The following goals were established upon entering the program:

1. Collaborating with peers and instructors will allow me to grow by learning through others' experience and intelligence
2. Learning new tools to utilize technology to transform learning and teaching in the classroom
3. Becoming innovative by integrating technology to support students in the learning process

My original goals have remained prevalent throughout my studies within the program. After completing each course, I reflect on how each course relates to accomplishing my goals. While these goals play a crucial role in growing and evolving in my career, I have also developed an additional goal as a result of MAET. Throughout my teaching experience, I have been presented with many leadership opportunities and I want to continue in this role within my school community. After completing a technology and leadership course, I developed an additional goal involving technology and leadership opportunities. My new goal is stated below:

1. Utilize the relationship between technology and leadership for opportunities to lead and create visions for our school community

I created an additional goal because I learned the importance of the role leadership plays in the success of learning organizations and how I can improve within my current leadership roles. MAET has allowed me to reach my goals involving collaboration, learning new tools to utilize and transform my teaching, and becoming innovative to support student learning as well as creating a new goal involving leadership. MAET has provided me with the skills and knowledge to create a vision to lead and transform learning and teaching in the classroom.

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