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By Jacie Piercy

As stated by Christa McAuliffe, “I touch the future; I teach” (“10 Reasons to Teach”). The career path that I have chosen is teaching. Teaching is a great career path to choose for many different reasons. Many people choose to become a teacher to make an impact, get kids on the right track, and give back.

A teacher makes an impact in every child’s life. Educators help students realize their true potential. One teacher that made a huge impact in my life is Mrs. Sheila Hunter. She inspired me to become a teacher. Mrs. Hunter doesn’t judge anyone by his or her background. To me, Mrs. Hunter is not only a teacher, but someone that I can come to for anything. Teachers become mentors and friends to their students.

Not only do teachers make an impact in the lives of their students, they help get students on the right track by giving students the tools that they need to be knowledgeable citizens. Teachers show students how they can use the things that they learn in school to help them throughout their adult life. My FCCLA teacher, Ms. Hickey, taught me how to keep money books, be a leader, and make lasting relationships. She taught me skills that I will be able to use for the rest of my life. Teachers feel good when they do this because they are securing their future.

While making an impact and getting kids on the right track are some of the main reasons that people become teachers, giving back to society is the reason that I want to become a teacher. Many teachers have impacted my life, and I want to do the same for other students. I believe that teaching is one of the most rewarding careers that a person could choose. It might not get a lot of pay but giving back to society is worth more than money.

These are the things that helped me to decide that I want to become a teacher. I believe that some students need to be inspired by someone, to know that they can be great. Students also need to have all the right tools to be prosperous in society, and teachers give that opportunity to them. Teachers give back to society by not leaving any student behind. Teachers are the backbone of society. Christa McAuliffe was a teacher who was brave enough to reach for the stars aboard the doomed **Space Shuttle Challenger**. Although she never got to realize her dream of teaching from space, she inspired so many by being adventurous enough to explore education.

