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Hey Ms. Candela!

I came to the University of South Florida thinking I was going to major in psychology. Half way through last term, I realized that was not for me. I knew I wanted to do something where I could interact with kids (I started off wanting to work with Special Needs, but now I could go either way) and now I realize how much I would love to be a teacher. It’s funny because I looked back at the career portfolio I made freshmen year and I said that I wanted to be an elementary teacher... I guess I knew myself better than I thought lol.

I’m writing you for a few reasons. First off, you were such an amazing teacher and your enthusiasm for what you taught showed me that I have to have passion in what I do. If I’m miserable at my job, then it will lead to an awfully sad life. So thank you for allowing me to be as creative as possible and still teach me what I needed to know. Secondly, I just wanted to give you an update and say hi! How’s being a mom? Isabella and Vincenzo are adorable (yes, I look at all the pictures you post of them (so cute!!)). Finally, I wanted to let you know that I’m applying to be a camp counselor with the Special Needs Playground Program in St. Clair Shores. I’m currently in a program at USF called Best Buddies. We hang out with people with IDD (intellectual and developmental disorder) and I love it, so I really hope they accept my application. I was also wondering if you mind if I put you down as a reference.

I miss you! I hope everything is going great (even though you’re missing one of your favorites (cough cough me lol). Sorry for the lengthy email 😊

Jordan Kolodziejski