**TARA PAYNE**

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**Summary**

A dedicated Educator adept at challenging students to reach their full potential. Looking to ensure that every  
student is progressing and is held to high expectations by using a lively and energetic attitude while fostering  
learning and development.

**Education**

**Bachelor of Science**, **Middle School Education** May 2016  
Geneva College - Beaver Falls, PA

**Experience**

**Middle School English Student Teacher** Jan 2016 to Apr 2016  
**New Brighton Middle School** - New Brighton, PA

Used the positive reinforcement method to redirect poor behavior  
Developed interactive lessons to meet students' mental, social, and academic needs  
Used technology to engage students and bring them along to learning  
Developed lessons and unit plans to align with common core state standards  
Demonstrated commitment to continued learning through active participation in professional development  
opportunities, staff and departmental meetings  
Utilized ongoing informal and formal assessment to measure effectiveness of teaching and optimize  
student learning, adapting instruction when needed  
Differentiated instruction to meet all the needs of students

**4th Grade Student Teacher** Oct 2015 to Nov 2015  
**New Brighton Elementary** - New Brighton, PA

Prepared and taught interactive, enthusiastic, and positive lessons  
Demonstrated flexibility in assisting my cooperating teacher

**Student Ambassador** Sep 2013 to Dec 2015  
**Geneva College Admissions** - Beaver Falls , PA

Conducted tours and interacted with students and their families  
Hosted students overnight and developed positive relationships with them

**After School Tutor and Camp Counselor** Jan 2012 to Current  
**Tiger Pause Youth Ministry** - Beaver Falls, PA

Facilitated group discussions, lessons, and activities that resulted in students gaining learning strategies and  
self-knowledge to assist in life success  
Built rapport with campers through mutual respect, compassion, and care  
Took part in a mentoring program where positive communication and dedication were shown  
Interacted with campers and students parents, developing a positive relationships and communication

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

**Geneva College Women's Soccer**

Voted team captain  
Student leader for the Student Athletic Club  
Student leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

**Community**

**Children's Church Teacher**    
**Vacation Bible School Leader**    
**Mission Work:** India, Dominican Republic, Miami, New Orleans