



GOALS

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My journey and goals. Ever changing.

One of my main goals was to continue my research on the effect of multimedia and educational technology on learners and share my information with the education community.

My second biggest goal was to continue to hold myself to a high standard as I completed the MAET program.

I feel as though I made a constant effort to work towards these goals. I have contributed my own knowledge to the communities I have been introduced to and I have done great work in my courses. I pushed myself to new limits and have grown an incredible amount.

To be more specific about how much I have grown, this page was supposed to be a goal statement I created 2 years ago. When I went back and read my statement from before it felt unorganized and written with intimidation. This was due to many things. I was 23 years old and trying to get into a field full of experience. Experience in which I did not have yet and wasn't sure I was going to get the chance. I did not hold a permanent position and therefore the task of creating goals for my professional career proved it to be nearly impossible. I decided to set myself apart and pursue what experience I had total control over, by enrolling in the MAET program. As a result I have decided that my goal statement from before no longer reflected my work or mindset. At the beginning of my journey in this program I was unsure of what I wanted to do, where I wanted to go and who I wanted to be professionally. Due to those questions, I created vague goals. As some of those questions may still be generally unanswered, I have a much better idea of what I enjoy, where my skills are and what I can bring to the table.

One goal I should have listed at the beginning of my MAET journey was to acquire a permanent position in the Training & Education field. This of which would have been a goal I achieved October of last year.

In the past, I have struggled with and continue to struggle setting goals. It is very hard for me to mentally separate what is a goal and what is a task. Especially if we are considering measurable goals. At my current (permanent) position, setting goals is a part of your evaluation. I am currently working with my manager to set goals that are applicable to my position. It is still not easy, but instead of choosing vague goals, I have learned to ask for help. My goals will change each year and with every job.

As I wrap up my final classes I can reflect on the greatest personal growth I have experienced yet. I have set new standards for myself. I have pushed myself beyond what I thought I was capable of. I have achieved goals and gained experiences that will carry me through the rest of my life. I can and will build off of these experiences to become a great contributor of my field.