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Paraprofessional

A Learning Experience that Changed Me:

I did not really learn math until I was in college. My junior year I had high anxiety about starting my 'Math for Elementary Teachers' course and reading the text book the night before made me cry. I knew I was going to fail and my dreams of teaching would be ended that semester. However, we didn't touch the text book and I was able to learn math in a way that it had never been taught to me before, and a whole new world was unlocked. In one year I went from a person who had panic attacks before math tests to an individual who was applying to teach at MathCamp for two summers. We are never too old to master anything!

My Favorite Book:

All Harry Potter books! But specifically Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. Harry Potter is my life.

My Hobbies and Interests:

It may seem basic but I do love to keep up with my favorite shows and new movies on Netflix. I love to spend time with my dog and cat at home on weekends and my current project is backyard upgrades!

Prior Experience in Education:

I taught for two years in public schools in Greenwood, Mississippi, and four years at a charter school in Aurora, Colorado. I have worked with elementary grades previously and am excited for a change!

Something Super-Unique About Me:

I was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi! My mom still lives in the house that my family bought the summer I was born.

Why I am Excited About Working at DSST:

My husband has been a DSST employee since we moved here in 2014 and has loved his experience. It has been great getting to know the leadership in the Byers building, and I'm excited to help execute the vision.