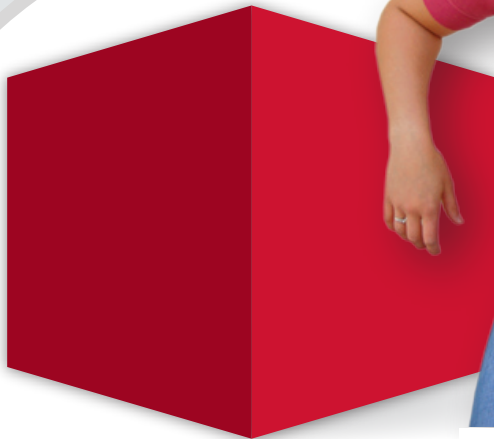


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Remember when you were a child and someone asked you what you wanted to be when you grew up? For me, the answer was always easy to come by.

Ever since I was a little girl, I wanted to become a teacher. Growing up in Sprague, Wash., I always looked up to my teachers. I thought they were so cool!

Now, I am on my way to getting to the head of my own class – to realizing that dream. This fall, I started my sophomore year at Eastern where I am seeking my bachelor's degree in elementary education. Someday, I hope to teach first or second grade.

I'm already getting a lot of experience. During the school year, I work at Cheney Middle School helping kids with their homework. It's a chance to get a real-world look at my future profession. And I am enjoying my college experience. I like how Eastern is fairly small. I really like my academic advisor (Mindy Melville). I play intramural basketball.

As I continue my college career, I am mindful of the fact that I would not be here were it not for the generosity of you, our alumni and friends. I am fortunate enough to have received an alumni scholarship. It helps relieve a financial burden that may have kept me from getting a higher education.

I would like to personally thank those of you who have contributed to alumni scholarships. You have truly *started something big*. You are helping students achieve their academic goals and become successful in life.

What's my *something big*? To graduate EWU with an elementary teaching degree, so I can become a great role model for all my students to look up to. Thank you for giving me that chance.

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