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## **PERSONAL MISSION**

As an educator, I am dedicated to the intellectual growth of my students by fostering the capacity to think critically and conceptually, to articulate clearly, to be aware of the resources of knowledge, and to develop professional skills.

## **TEACHING PHILOSOPHY**

I am dedicated to the belief that my professional endeavor is focused primarily for the students under my instruction. I look upon my students as individuals to be encouraged to seek out and develop their interests and choices. Therefore, I work with the whole person, emphasizing in practical experiences and not only in classroom education.

I encourage students to grow intellectually, personally, and socially by offering them knowledge and ideas to motivate their imagination in a stimulating manner.

I am committed to the belief that an educated person should thoroughly comprehend the concepts of modern knowledge and how to apply this wisdom and an appreciation of aesthetics to practice in our world. Most important, an educated person should be a communicator of ideas and should commit to the value of continuing learning.

I have no doubt that everyone has hidden potentials, on different levels, waiting for an educator to unleash them. Consequently, I focus on teaching the following principles:

- 1 Furnish a safe and quality-learning environment where students can grow socially, academically, and emotionally while mastering skills necessary to become productive members of our technological society.
- 2 Provide personal attention and individualization that allow my students to do the best and learn more about the world of knowledge than they believe possible.
- 3 Offer students a strong and solid foundation of knowledge, skills and competencies. To this matter I present my student different methodological experiences to help them pursue their options, providing them with insights, directions and support.

In view of my years of teaching experience, I ascertain that I have an affinity for relating my framework of knowledge to other people; I put forth effort to provide quality education in an equal basis to all my students. All these conceptual ideas summarize my personal philosophy of education: Learn to think. Think to learn.