

Experiential learning is an important part of one's intellectual development. Through many experiences in my academic past, I have grown as a person and learned a lot from said experiences. I plan to continue partaking in more learning environments as I continue my academic journey at Francis Marion University.

As a student at Marlboro County High School, we take many trips to different colleges to experience different student lifestyles. These trips also allow us to explore the different opportunities schools have to offer and we discuss how these opportunities can benefit us. This year, I joined the teacher cadet program at our school. This program is through Francis Marion University. To begin with, we would take morning trips to classrooms at Bennettsville Primary School and would read to them. We learned the basics of teaching, such as how to make lesson plans. Then, a few weeks later, we actually started teaching lessons to the same kids we read to.

As a student at Francis Marion University, I would be quite interested in going out and doing student teaching as a training process. I would also look into any type of shadowing opportunities to go and sit in on a teacher's class and observe his or her techniques. I could look into some internships as a teacher's assistant or anything else along those lines. These opportunities would allow me to blossom as a future teacher and hopefully benefit my future students as well.