**Mercedes Hodges**

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**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

As a future educator of special education, I encourage and promote active communication, resiliency, and diversity among my colleagues and students in my work environment.

**EDUCATION**

**Longwood University Farmville, VA** *Bachelor of Science* May 2019

Major: Liberal Studies

Concentration: Special Education

GPA: 3.701

Dean’s List (6/8 semesters)

President’s List (1/8 semester)

**Longwood University Farmville, VA**

*Master’s in Special Education* May 2020

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Student Teacher, 8th grade English

Douglas Wilder Middle School, February 5th, 2019-May 10th, 2019

* Created and implemented effective lessons to three classes of 15+ students
* Held meetings with parents to discuss their child’s behavior, grades, and/or progress
* Ensured that all students comprehended the curriculum while supporting those who needed extra guidance

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Kumon Math and Reading Center**  **Glen Allen, VA**

*Early Learners instructor/tutor November 2013-August 2015*

* Responsible for teaching reading and math concepts to early learner students, grading homework and classwork, and talking to parents

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**SPED Ambassadors**, Membership co-chair, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

* Inform the Longwood campus of the SPED program and put on community events for students with special needs and their families in Farmville and the surrounding areas

**Peer Mentor**, Summer 2017-Fall 2017

* On Summer team, which helps with Longwood’s Orientation for new students and co teach a freshman class with a professor in the fall

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Hope Kids Special Needs team**

* Interacted and played with children with disabilities at HOPE Church in Richmond, VA., 2015-2018

**River City Buddy Ball**

* Assisted children with disabilities as they played sports year-round in Richmond, VA., 2011-2017

**Mothers of Preschool**

* Played and supervised children at Farmville United Methodist Church, Farmville, VA., 2016-2017

**SKILLS**

* Computer: Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, Smart Board
* Organizational/Professional: public speaking, proactive, collaborative, creative, problem solver, flexible, adaptable, inclusive, active