

Aim A Little Higher...

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I truly believe goals are an important part of our everyday life, and must often be reflected upon. Whether they are “measurable” goals you set for yourself, or more of a “dream” you may have, both require hard work and determination to achieve.

When making the decision to obtain my Master’s degree in Education, my main goal was to gain more knowledge in my chosen profession. Even from birth, I have always been a “learner” and will continue to carry this virtue throughout life. I was a very determined child who had the desire to learn new things – I had to have answers, and “just because” was never a good enough answer for me.

Increasing my knowledge base will also improve my ability to teach. By furthering my education, I will gain insight to new resources and techniques that will benefit my students and the learning environment I create.

A very important goal for me was actually completing my masters. This will prove to be a very important goal for me, and one that will be achieved soon. When deciding to attend graduate school, I knew as a full time wife, mother of four and teacher, that I was simply adding one more thing on my “plate”. However, it was a choice I needed to make; for my family, my career, and myself. I needed to hold myself to high expectations, and set a good example for my own children as well as my students. I want to model for them the importance of education and the value I believe it holds.

Setting goals and more importantly achieving goals, can prove to create a sense of satisfaction and self worth. I am a firm believer that goals must be set and expectations held high in order to find success. Goals must be meaningful, and measurable to create motivation for achievement.