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Augustana College	I taught at Como Park Elementary and Wilson Elementary.	I plan to continue to provide quality educations to students of all backgrounds and abilities. I will help them connect to their community.	It was very interesting and gratifying to teach students who were so thankful for everything I could give them.
Augustana College	Metro Deaf School	I plan to continue tutoring at the elementary level.	
Augustana College	Student teaching with children who are Deaf/hard of hearing. I student taught in the Moorhead school district. I spent 8 weeks in the elementary/early childhood setting and 2 weeks in the high school.	I accepted a job as a teacher for the Deaf/Hard of hearing so I will continue doing what I did during my time student teaching.	
Augustana College	Harvey Dunn Elementary School; Whittier Middle School	I plan becoming a Special Education teacher in a Title-1 school. Through this position I will work directly with students who are economically 'disadvantaged.'	The experience taught me the value of helping students becoming successful in school. It was a wonderful program!
Augustana College	Harvey Dunn Elementary School; Whittier Middle School	In the future I will serve as a Special Education teacher at a Title 1 elementary school. At this placement I will be able to provide direct instruction for students in the areas of math, reading, writing, and social skills.	Above all I learned the value of patience, patience, and more patience!
Augustana College	Lowell MST Elementary School Elementary Immersion Center (EIC)	I plan on becoming an educator to elementary aged children who are English Language Learners. This career will benefit my community by showing the children they always have someone they can depend on. I will also do my best to keep in touch with families by visiting 3-4 times a year.	AmeriCorps has taught me how easy it is to get involved within your community and really sparked an interest in volunteering within me.
Augustana College	Beadle Elementary, Yankton SD	I am looking forward to serving my community by being a teacher, hopefully as an elementary behavior room teacher in my home community. Currently, I volunteer in my AmeriCorps site by working on the Library (we lost our librarian due to budget cuts) and I organize books and read to students.	One of my students struggled with talking excessively, and was very distressed when he had to 'move his magnet' (our behavior system) when he talked during class. I started out by putting a large post-it note on his desk so he could write down his thoughts when they came to him, and we talked about them later. When that lost it's novelty, I set hour-long targets for him, and if he raised his hand to talk and did not talk excessively, he earned a skittle for that hour, earning up to 8 total during the day. I decided not to take away the skittles, as this surely wouldn't motivate him, whereas if he could earn them and learn to try harder the next hour, and I rewarded him whether or not he gave up, he became much better at raising his hand.
Augustana College	Sheridan Hills Elementary School	I hope to continue to serve by joining AmeriCorps NCCC starting in the fall of 2012.	My experiences with teaching 2nd graders further taught me patience, humor, trust, and flexibility. The children I worked with made my day every day.

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Augustana College	Whittier Middle School Axtell Park Middle School Hayward Elementary	I want to become very involved in the school that I am hired at. This involves being on extra committees and taking on extra duties. I think it is important to connect with students not just in the classroom but outside of the classroom. I plan on making a special effort to be seen at school functions.	
Augustana College	Lowell Elementary, Sioux Falls, SD	I will be graduating this May with an Art and Education degree. I plan on teaching art in my community and through volunteer opportunities.	It was very moving seeing the progression of my students, some who had never held a pencil before kindergarten. In a matter of two months I saw significant improvement in students skills and behavior.
Augustana College	Hayward Elementary School	I plan on teaching elementary students for a long time while also helping out with extra-curriculars and other outside programs.	Every student has their strengths and weaknesses. It's my job to find the strengths and use them to work through the weaknesses.
Augustana College	Sioux Falls Public School System Augustana College	I plan on continuing to serve my community by becoming an educator. I believe that learning is a life-long journey and I am excited to have my own classroom!	I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to student teach at Edison Middle School. Each day, I would learn more and more about how to become a better educator. Words cannot express how happy I was after working with several students. I helped them learn the body systems, after they had not passed a previous assessment. They took the second assessment and they were incredibly successful. The smiles on their faces were priceless. All that hard work had paid off.
Augustana College	Anne Sullivan Elementary School Cleveland Elementary School Lincoln High School	I plan to continue to service my community through participating in various faith-based bible study opportunities for young adults with special needs.	I helped to plan a field trip to the local lake where we were going to take the students fishing. The students enjoyed their time fishing and caught more than 40 fish! The students wanted to bring the fish home, but were not allowed because it is a catch and release lake. For a lot of my students, this was their first time fishing. I learned that even the littlest of experiences made a difference in the lives of these students because most of them do not get experiences like this on a daily basis.
Augustana College	Student teaching	I will be a fourth grade teacher in the fall at a Title 1 school. I will continue to help struggling youth succeed.	My experiences I have gained have reassured me that I'm in the right career field and my passion is in working with at-risk youth.
Augustana College	Washington High School Whittier Middle School	Teaching high school Spanish	Got to work with a variety of students
Augustana College	Sioux Falls School District- Anne Sullivan Elementary, Rosa Parks Elementary, and Axtell Park Middle School	I am currently a special education teacher in a Title I school in Sioux City Iowa. The teaching placement is going to be similar to that which I did through CCCCompact.	
Dakota Wesleyan University	Breckenride Elementary School	I will become a teacher where I will volunteer my time for students in plays, sports, and after school programs.	With this experience it provided me with great leadership skills and teaching skills. I had to work with several struggling learners which taught me patience and how to teach in several different ways.

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Dakota Wesleyan University	Longfellow Elementary	Working as an elementary educator, and volunteering with school programs as much as I can.	I learned new ways to make content fun and exciting for students.
Dakota Wesleyan University	Mitchell School District	I plan to pursue a career in elementary education. I will continue to do much of what I have done during my term as an AmeriCorps member.	
Dakota Wesleyan University	LBW Elementary School	I plan to pursue a degree in Elementary Education and continue to volunteer throughout my community. I will serve the community by volunteering for community-wide events and I will try to become an active member in the community.	Through AmeriCorps I had the opportunity to work with second graders. I really enjoyed working with the students and getting to know them. This experience has taught me a lot about what to expect as a teacher and how to work with students that struggle academically.
Dakota Wesleyan University	L.B.Williams	Volunteering with different activities and organizations through the community.	The students benefited from having the extra support in the classroom.
Dakota Wesleyan University	Gertie Belle Rogers Elementary School	I plan to teach in a low income school that receives Title One services. I will extend services to these students by providing them with extra instruction through small group and individualized instruction.	The most memorable experience with AmeriCorps is gathering data of student attendance and determining if my presence contributed to overall better attendance in the classroom. This was great to see if students were present more often than they were prior to me being in the classroom.
Dakota Wesleyan University	L.B. Williams Elementary (Mitchell, SD) Mitchell Middle School (Mitchell, SD) Longfellow Elementary (Mitchell, SD)	I plan on serving the community I live and work in by teaching students with special needs and volunteering to help out with after school programs to help struggling students.	Being a part of the Compact Service Corps AmeriCorps program taught me to truly value the field of education and it taught me to be more aware of the difference and positive impact I have on students.
Dakota Wesleyan University	LB Williams Elementary Mitchell, SD	I plan on becoming a teacher and helping students learn in multiple ways. I want to help these students achieve personal goals.	I learned that if an individual spends time with students that are struggling they can make a difference. Students just need to have someone take the time to help them understand a struggling concept. I want to be that teacher that helps all her students reach personal goals in life and learning.
Dakota Wesleyan University	DWU	I plan on teaching in my community as well as volunteering with events as needed.	
University of South Dakota	Elk Rehab Wound Center, Sanford Luerne Medical Center	I plan to continue to serve my community by providing medical services at local sporting events.	
University of South Dakota	Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago	I hope to have a long career in the field of occupational therapy and I hope to supplement that career with volunteerism in the healthcare community along with volunteering in education and faith-based opportunities as well.	
University of South Dakota	West Middle School, Sioux City Iowa Irving Elementary, Sioux City, Iowa	I will be working in education and hope to volunteer in that area with tutoring and assistance to students and their goals for advancement.	

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University of South Dakota	Sioux City Middle School	I plan to volunteer and serve at my local community church which I will attend.	I got the opportunity in the special education program to undergo controversies taking place in my school's community which were eye opening experiences yet great learning experiences. I also had the opportunity to acknowledge how another school's community operates and manages student attendance and achievement compared to one I was used to.
University of South Dakota	Southwest Service Cooperative: Pipestone Area Schools	I have accepted a position at Tyler Healthcare as a full time occupational therapist	I have really enjoyed my AmeriCorps experience and appreciate the effort of the this program to encourage young people to get out and volunteer in their community to better themselves and the people they touch.
University of South Dakota	Southwest Service Cooperative: Pipestone Area Schools	I have accepted a position at the Tyler MN hospital as a full time Occupational therapist	AmeriCorps is a wonderful foundation. I appreciate their efforts to helping and encouraging young adults to get out into their communities and serve the people as a means of bettering themselves and those around them.
University of South Dakota	Minneapolis VA Medical Center	I will continue to volunteer for services as they are presented to me. I will continue to find opportunities for me to grow in the future in my career.	I have learned a lot about veterans and how they have helped this country. I have learned about first hand experience of patients that have undergone spinal cord injuries. I have learned not only the physical therapy aspects of care, but also the emotional aspects that impact patients. This has taught me how to better treat my patients.
University of South Dakota	Magrill Elementary & Dunn Elementary- Aldine ISD Houston, TX	I plan on being a teacher at a title one school in Dallas, TX.	
University of South Dakota	Magrill & Dunn Elementary- Aldine ISD, Houston, Texas	I plan on teaching full time or subbing at a title one school. I also plan on being involved in my community .	
University of South Dakota	Sanford Canby Medical Center, Jenkin's Living Center, Ortonville Area Health Services- Big Stone Therapy	Following graduation, I will be employed as a physical therapist and I can continue to provide physical therapy services to the community.	N/A
University of South Dakota	Sister Kenny Sports and Physical Therapy Center - Woodbury, MN	Continue to evaluate and treat patients that are in need either in rural communities or non-profit organizations.	I learned the importance of taking care of my body at a young age to prevent balance and strength deficits as I age.
University of South Dakota	James Valley Educational Cooperative	I plan to continue serving in the community by working as a school-based occupational therapist.	I spoke to a class of high school students about careers (I covered Occupational therapy, Physical therapy, and Speech therapy). None of the students or the teacher had any idea of what occupational therapy was or what type of services OTs provided. I realized how important it is for students to be educated about these different career areas so they can make educated choices and engage in career exploration.

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University of South Dakota	Austin Elementary Jolley Elementary	I plan to get my bachelor's degree in education and continue to assist students with their individual needs.	
University of South Dakota	University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital, Pediatric Behavioral and Mental Health Unit	Along with a career of service in the occupational therapy field, I plan to pursue volunteer opportunities using my skills as an occupational therapy. I would be interested in service trips where members complete wheelchair seating assessments or provide children with disabilities and their families with resources and assistance.	I learned about service, patient care, and the role of the healthcare team while at my site. I enjoyed serving our young patient, and I feel as though I really made a difference in the lives of these children and teens. During my last week, while helping my patients transition from me to my supervisor, my patients offered to help get me a job there. They were upset that I was leaving and wanted me to stay. It really helped me to see how much of a difference I had made in their lives.
University of South Dakota	Valley Springs Elementary	I plan on continuing serving my community through my career, which is teaching.	
University of South Dakota	Coyoteopoly	I want to serve on a board in my local town.	My experiences have taught me to manage people and situations.
University of South Dakota	Elk Point Jefferson Schools	I will continue to pursue teaching as my career and strive to help my students prepare themselves for life after high school.	I taught lower level math learners which was a great insight to how different students learn and perceive different information. I was always trying to find new ways to relay the information to them and make sure to make it exciting so they were able to stay engaged in the entire lesson.
University of South Dakota	Sioux Falls Lincoln High School	I want to volunteer in the future in my community and in the school.	I loved working with ELL students and working with students that struggled in their programs.
University of South Dakota	Sanford Pioneer Memorial Hospitals	I plan to work in a rural environment to serve those with less access to healthcare.	I learned that there is a great sense of fidelity to community among the rural populace which I do not experience in larger communities. It helped clarify for me where I want to serve and what sort of a community in which I desire to live.
University of South Dakota	Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services, Inc.	I plan to continue practicing in the field of Social Work. I enjoy volunteering and will continue to serve on multiple Boards and will continue to contribute my time to volunteer interests in the community. I will continue to help with community growth in any avenue that presents.	I believe that AmeriCorps was helpful for me because it allowed me the opportunity to work in a different aspect of the social work profession. I was able to network with new individuals and was able to form new relationships with community members.
University of South Dakota	Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Health Services Viborg, SD	I want to promote health living, therefore I plan on participating in fun runs/walks for certain health causes like MS and breast cancer. If there is not one available in my community I would like to help incorporate this into an annual event.	
University of South Dakota	Sturgis Regional Hospital Avera Prince of Peace Nursing Home/Sub-acute Rehab Facility Sanford Health	I have a job following graduation at the Sturgis Regional Hospital. It is here that I plan to not only fulfill the need to serve patients/clients of this hospital, I also plan to assess the need of the community for these services and provide my services through health fairs or outreach program to better serve this rural area.	Living in South Dakota my whole life, it is evident to me how important access to health care is. Working with AmeriCorps has just solidified the idea that as an upcoming healthcare professional, it is part of my duty to address these needs.

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University of South Dakota	Good Samaritan Center (Aegis Therapies) - Sioux Falls, SD Elks Wound Clinic - Boise, ID Sanford Canton-Inwood Memorial Hospital - Canton, SD	I would like to volunteer for the FUN fitness program through the PT program at USD as well as the Senior Olympics	
University of South Dakota	Stewart Elementary Resource Room- grades 1-3 Yankton High School- special education	I plan on becoming a special education teacher and an elementary teacher. I may move to California where my family is to become a special education teacher there. However, special education is a high need every where, so I plan to use it anywhere that I decide to live. I also would like to volunteer and help in mission trips to 3rd world countries to help in their times of need.	I've learned not to take anything personally from high school students (in special education). If they don't like their grades, they rip up their papers. They also questioned if I could spell or would just question my knowledge randomly. Throughout this experience, I have definitely learned that I love the elementary special education level. I have also learned that high school is not my specialty.
University of South Dakota	Yankton School District, Yankton SD Stewart Elementary and Yankton High School	I plan on becoming a teacher, majoring in both elementary and special education. I plan on continuing to help students across various ages and disabilities. I will continue to grow and learn from the students as they continue to grow and learn from me. As the students grow in the classroom, they will take it with them into life in the community.	
University of South Dakota	Austin School in Vermillion, SD	I plan on having a career in education. I hope to teach in this area at the elementary level. Through my time working with the Compact Service Corps at the public school, I was able to see what the community needs and what kind of service I can provide to the community. In my future career, I hope to continue serving the community through education.	As I stated above, working in this program opened my eyes to the needs of the children in this community. There is a diverse population in this community, more than I had initially thought. Being a diverse person myself, I felt that I identified with the students and enjoyed serving as a role model for all of the students that I worked with.
University of South Dakota	Sanford Care Center, Dakota Gardens, and Vermillion Area Assisted Living	When I begin law school in the Fall, I hope to help the less fortunate through providing advice, tax help, etc. I also plan on working with programs through the local church to help others.	Patients is an essential tool that with persistence any obstacle can be overcome.
University of South Dakota	Methodist Hospital and Health System in Omaha, NE	I plan on providing care to patients in the community I choose to start my career in. In addition, I will provide pro-bono services when necessary and provide in-service/education materials to the community residents.	It is important to treat all patients the same no matter their background, culture, religion, etc...

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University of South Dakota	Heuermann Counseling Clinic	I plan on serving my community through my career in social work helping clients or patients in a advocate and case planning or therapeutic capacity.	Through my time of service I provided therapy to several different clients. I had never worked in this capacity before and was incredibly nervous and apprehensive that I did not have enough training to successfully help the clients. I found that each client is vastly different and that I some people had more challenging personalities and issues to deal with. Overall I discovered that people just want to be heard and understood. They want to know that in their life struggles they can count on at least one person on their team. When a client would thank me for being a part of their team and helping them achieve self-efficacy; I knew that I was making a difference.
University of South Dakota	James Valley Educational Cooperative	I would like to work with children in areas that provide little to no physical therapy services and provide pro bono services for children who cannot afford physical therapy.	
University of South Dakota	Good Samaritan Society, Southeast area coop - school based PT, VA of Minneapolis	I plan to be a physical therapist and provide consultation services and pro-bono services throughout my career.	
University of South Dakota	Good Samaritan, VA medical system, and Southeast Area cooperative	I will be a physical therapist and provided physical therapy to individuals. I will also volunteer my skills as a PT to help my community	
University of South Dakota	Jolley Elementary Vermillion, SD 57069	I plan on somehow working with children and making a difference in their lives. I want more then anything to work with children through education to show them the importance of an education and how to make a better life. Also, I want to be able to be a positive role model especially for those who don't have one at home.	I had an amazing experience in my student teaching placement. I had a great field base supervisor and group of students. The class that I had this semester was a perfect first class to have. Even with two months left, they would mention how sad they were going to be use I left, which definitely made me feel good. Now, with only two weeks left, the kids and myself are dreading my last day.
University of South Dakota	Educational Service Unit #1, Birth - age 21, Dakota county, NE and Macy, NE	I intend to continue volunteering as leadership with Girl Scouts, at our church, and hope to become involved with any health-related community organization where I can bring my expertise as an OT.	
University of South Dakota	Sioux City East High School Sioux City East Middle School	Public School Teacher	
University of South Dakota	Terry Redlin Elementary School, Sioux Falls SD	I plan to continue as a teacher at the elementary level.	It has taught me a lot about diversity and working with those less fortunate than I. But these students seem to have the most heart.
University of South Dakota	Floyd Valley Hospital in Le Mars, Iowa	I plan on volunteering with non-profit organizations who work with children who have disabilities and/or children in foster care. My career as an OT will also focus on rural health care needs as well as persons experiencing occupational deprivation/injustice.	I absolutely loved educating community members and high school students about occupational therapy. I feel so fortunate to have a career that I cherish dearly as well as a career that helps improve the quality of life in many.
University of South Dakota	Vermillion Middle School	I plan on becoming an educator for a school district.	Too many to count.

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University of South Dakota	Vermillion Middle School	I plan to teach math to middle school or high school students and help them gain a better understanding of math, in general.	I learned that classroom management is extremely important. I realized that no matter how much you plan for things, you can still encounter problems or have issues that arise. I also learned that I really enjoy middle school students and that I would love to teach this age group in the future.
University of South Dakota	Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services, Inc.	I will be working as a Human Services Counselor through the Yankton, SD Human Services Center.	
University of South Dakota	Beadle Elementary School	I plan on continuing my career in the field of education.	I had a positive experience, and it was something I was treasure forever.
University of South Dakota	Akron-Westfield Community School	I will serve my community through helping provide an education to help improve students' futures.	In schools you are continuously learning through experiences every day.
University of South Dakota	West Central School District	I will continue to serve my community through teaching young children in a school setting and serving as a mentor to those young children in the community.	
University of South Dakota		I plan on becoming an English teacher. I also plan on volunteering in my community as much as possible.	N/A
University of South Dakota	Roosevelt High School	I plan on volunteering as school and using my English and Education background to make sure that I am able to continue to help others learn in the future.	N/A
University of South Dakota	Carroll Elementary, MacArthur High School	I plan to teach in the public school system, preferably in low-income neighborhoods.	Working with impoverished students provided me with great perspective on other ways of life.
University of South Dakota	Lutheran Social Services Summit Oaks I Sioux Falls, SD	I plan to volunteer through my church to help strengthen the community and the services it provides to underprivileged populations. I will pursue a career in Social Work as well.	
University of South Dakota	Yankton Public School District, Yankton Middle School	I plan on teaching students in the middle school setting. I also plan on volunteering in schools and after school programs.	I was fortunate enough to work with Native American students in my site. I learned about their ideas and beliefs about education. When I knew how they felt about education, I knew how to better help them on their homework and their feelings toward education.
University of South Dakota	Yankton School District, Yankton, SD	I will work in a middle or high school setting teaching Mathematics. I will also volunteer within the district in after school programs.	I was fortunate enough to work with Native American students. I learned about the NA students views, outlooks, and beliefs on their education and their ability. Once I knew how they felt about education, I could better teach them the content.
University of South Dakota	Valley Springs Elementary School	I play to enroll again in the AmeriCorps program.	
University of South Dakota	Valley Springs Elementary School	I plan to reenroll in the program	
University of South Dakota	Behavior Management Systems	career of service, Mental health with SMI	

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University of South Dakota	Webster Elementary School, Grade 5	I plan to teach in low income areas to help the students excel the best as I can.	
University of South Dakota	Anne Sullivan Elementary School Patrick Henry Middle School	I hope to continue spreading the word about occupational therapy to young adults through giving presentations, much like I did through fulfilling the AmeriCorps requirements.	Public speaking is not a strength of mine, so I was nervous to complete the requirement of presenting to high school students about OT. However, once I began the presentations, I had a lot of fun with it and could tell that the students also enjoyed it as well. I incorporated many props into my presentation, and this really helped facilitate their involvement. Many of the students talked with me after my presentations and shared stories about their experiences in healthcare and expressed interest in the field. It was very rewarding knowing that I introduced some of those students to their future career. Presenting to students about OT was one thing that I likely would not have done if I had not been involved in the AmeriCorps program, and I'm thankful that I was encouraged to do this. I hope to continue spreading the word about OT to students throughout my career.
University of South Dakota	East Sioux City High School	I plan on becoming a licensed educator and continuing teaching students as a career.	I learned, through first hand experience, that every student is different and has different needs. To reach every student, you must first address those needs.
University of South Dakota	Elementary School	I plan on entering the field of education. More specifically, I intend on teaching in a Catholic elementary school setting.	This was an excellent program that provided me with the skills and necessities that I need to become the best possible teacher I can be.
University of South Dakota	Vermillion High School	In my chosen field, I hope to serve the community by promoting learning and encouraging civic engagement in my students. I hope to inspire the students that I teach to take an active involvement in their community.	I have learned that, while serving students, it is important to be flexible and versatile. The students come from many differing backgrounds and learn differently. The most important lesson that I've learned through this experience is to adapt lessons so all students have the greatest opportunity to learn.
University of South Dakota	Plankinton Elementary School Plankinton, SD	I plan on obtaining a teaching position in a high needs or rural area in South Dakota.	This experiences has taught me the importance of providing support to rural schools in South Dakota.
University of South Dakota	Custer Regional Hospital Avera Prince of Peace	I plan on serving my community by helping meet physical needs through my career and volunteerism. I will help people get back to doing the things that they need through out the day. I will also volunteer to serve the underprivileged in my community by serving at my church food pantry, diaper drive, and clothing store.	My service in the Compact Service Corps AmeriCorps program has taught me the importance of volunteering to serve and meet the needs of your community.
University of South Dakota	Northeast Educational Services Cooperative; Sanford Clinic Watertown	Promotion of health and wellness; preventative health care services	One of the things that had the biggest impact on me was going into homes for birth to 3 children and seeing the poor conditions that some of the children live in.
University of South Dakota	Avera McKennan Hospital	I plan to provide pro bono services to underserved individuals or volunteer my time for organizations, such as the Special Olympics.	No specific stories

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University of South Dakota	Dance Marathon	I plan on volunteering at local non profit organizations, attending fundraisers, and being a part of the community and volunteerism efforts.	I will most remember the impact that the fundraising plan had on Dance Marathon, as we have raised more in fundraising than in the past.
University of South Dakota	Beresford Elementary School	My job for the next two years will be with an organization called FOCUS. It is the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. It is an organization that brings missionaries to Universities and provides bible studies, mentorship, and a commitment from the missionaries to bring Christ into the lives of college students. FOCUS puts on a national conference that brings in around 5,000 students from across the nation. It also gives students opportunities to participate in mission trips and get involved in their communities through service and faith based work.	AmeriCorps helped me become more aware of my surroundings and how much a community needs good leaders.
University of South Dakota	Elk Point-Jefferson School District	My plans are to have a career in the field of education where I can impact the lives of children. I also plan to stay active in the community by volunteering to serve meals, clean parks, and serve my community as the need arises.	This process taught me that you don't have to look very far to find a way to make a difference. This process made me very aware of the need in my own community that I might not have noticed prior to this experience.
University of South Dakota	Elk Point-Jefferson School District	My plan is to have a career in education, teaching, and work to make an impact in children's lives. I also plan to continue to volunteer in my community by serving meals, cleaning parks, and any other services that I may be able to do to benefit my community.	This program opened my eyes to the needs in my own community that I had not been aware of, but now will always try to be a part of fulfilling.
University of South Dakota	Sioux Falls Public School District	I plan on a career of service in education. I also plan on volunteering for organizations that I believe in and need help whenever I can.	
University of South Dakota	Yankton School District: Special Education Vermillion School District: Elementary Education	I plan on teaching in a community in South Dakota. Once I am settled in an area I plan on participating in various organizations within the community or with a secular organization.	I completed AmeriCorps when I was student teaching. It gave me an additional sense of pride that I was making an impact with students, while completing a requirement for the education program.
University of South Dakota	Elk Point Jefferson School District-1st grade Viborg School District-Special Ed.	I would like to volunteer in Education in the future. I am unsure where but I would like to pursue this.	
University of South Dakota	Beresford Elementary School	In the future, I plan to continue serving my community by earning a position in the public school system as an elementary teacher. I want to provide high-quality education to students in order to provide them with a strong academic and moral foundation that will promote the development of life long learners and active citizens.	Throughout my Compact Service Corps experience, I gained a tremendous amount of knowledge about interacting with, caring for, supporting, and really meeting the needs of young children. This experience provided me with skills and knowledge that my course-work could not have provided. I also gained a great deal of experience communicating with, reaching, and supporting families and the community through my service term.

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University of South Dakota	Washington High School (Math) and Rosa Parks Elementary (Spanish Immersion) both in the Sioux Falls School District.	I have multiple degrees in education and I would like to continue helping out my community as an active teacher in the educational system as well as a volunteer. Because of my multiple degrees I would like to be able to set up tutoring hours where students can come get help outside of my teaching schedule in multiple content areas.	I had the opportunity to work in the Spanish immersion program teaching first grade. This experience was a true reflection of how much students can teach a teacher. I feel as though I really learned how younger students learn and how much they can achieve. These students were having so much success on higher level math skills for first grade while learning through Spanish. I think the misperception of an immersion program is that all the students must have a Spanish background, but not one student in my class did. They taught me that there really are no limits in education and what students can achieve.
University of South Dakota	Vermillion Middle School	I plan on being a teacher in an area school.	
University of South Dakota	Jolley Elementary School in Vermillion, SD	I plan to become a teacher either in an elementary or middle school. I hope to stay in South Dakota and hopefully make an impact on students over many years.	They taught me that all towns have students who need and can use our help and guidance. The people that are affected by the service may appreciate what you do for them on a daily basis. They often do not live totally positive lives and a simple gesture can go along way in their lives.
University of South Dakota	Royal C Johnson VA Medical Center, Sioux Falls, SD	I currently volunteer at food shelters and intend to continue. I plan on working in healthcare and would like to work on having a system that patients are more informed about their healthcare and the services and resources available to them.	
University of South Dakota	Dance Marathon	I plan on serving in my community through many different volunteerism opportunities, especially through CMN.	This was a great experience and I learned how to give back and that my actions have helped save some child's life.
University of South Dakota	Coyoteopoly	My plans to continue serving my community would include becoming more actively involved in various outreach programs such as food drives, habitat for humanity, and veterans affairs.	Overall, I learned that there are a vast array of resources that are available to individuals or organizations to utilize.
University of South Dakota	Austin Elementary Elk Point- Jefferson Community Schools	I will continue to serve my community through the education of young children.	I learned the importance of classroom management and staying organized in the classroom.
University of South Dakota	AmeriCorps	I will make sure every child gets sufficient time to practice whether it be at school or home and I will make the music classroom a positive experience for the children to keep coming back.	

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University of South Dakota	Habitat for Humanity of Greater Birmingham, Salvation Army, Sioux City Animal Adoption and Rescue Center, SESDAC, Vermillion Assisted Living, Vucurevich Child Care Center, Head Start, Ronald McDonald House, Children's Home Society, Vermillion Welcome Table, Vermillion Backpack Program, Yankton Human Services Center, Open Door Mission, Volunteers of America, Moving Assistance Program, Sioux Falls Food Banquet, Gospel Mission	I plan to do AmeriCorps for at least 1 year, maybe 2 and then want to find a job in the non-profit field or something where I would be in charge of volunteers and finding volunteer opportunities for people	n/a
University of South Dakota	South Sioux City Middle and High Schools	I will teach students music and help make them more excited about the arts	
University of South Dakota	Vermillion Middle School - 8th grade English	I plan to become a secondary educator, but I also plan to volunteer at community agencies to help my community.	8th graders are at such an interesting age - at times older than their years and other times very immature. The group I worked with was very tolerant of each other and of differences. They were also quick to show their disapprobation of intolerance by others.
University of South Dakota	Rayford Intermediate School in Humble, TX	I will work with students and parents to better education for every child in my class.	Words cannot express how much I have learned during my experience. The most significant being the importance to show love and compassion to every child that enters my classroom.
University of South Dakota	Brandon High School- resource room	I am going to teach students K-5 in a resource room at Robert Bennis	
University of South Dakota	CCHS and Prince of Peace Avera	I plan to continue to offer pro-bono services as a PT	I really enjoyed working with the populations that I was able to serve.
University of South Dakota	Lead-Deadwood Regional Hospital Rapid City Regional Hospital Avera St. Luke's	I plan on serving my community in the future by providing volunteer physical therapy in-services, health fairs, prevention programs, and pro bono services.	I was able to treat and interact with many patients and this has taught me what a career in physical therapy is going to be like.
University of South Dakota	Big Pal Little Pal (which is under the mother program of SERVE - Students Enriching Resources for Vermillion Enhancement)!	I'll be graduating in the next few weeks with my degree in Nursing, and I hope to volunteer through the medical profession in disaster relief areas as well as locally for medically-related initiatives.	I've participated actively in the Big Pal Little Pal program every year I've been at USD. However, this year, with the help of AmeriCorps, it has been one of my most dedicated years to the program and most meaningful years to me! I've truly learned what it means to help at the community and academic levels.

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University of South Dakota	Beresford School District/ University of South Dakota School of Education	In the future I will be completing another germ of service in another school district. This includes assisting children in various activities and helping them succeed in their educational experience.	Student teaching has been such an amazing experience for me. I have learned so much about students and teaching and I now have the resources to be a successful teacher in the future. This program has allowed me to work with students and gave me the experience needed for my future endeavors. This program is a true and raw form of volunteerism and I could not be more thankful for the experience it has brought for me.
University of South Dakota	Vermillion Middle School	I hope to become a teacher, starting with the next school year.	
University of South Dakota	Sanford Sheldon, Avera Queen of Peace, Avera McKennan	I will be working as a physical therapist. This is a service to the community as I help people regain function that will help patient return to work, community activities, and their activities of daily living.	I have enjoyed working with my patients while being involved in the AmeriCorps program. I have enjoyed getting to know my patient and seeing them improve and regain function. Their improvements have been satisfying as I have watched people improve their mobility and return to the activities they enjoy doing.
University of South Dakota	Yankton High School	helping in the education field as needed	
University of South Dakota	Vermillion School District- Austin Elementary and Vermillion High School	Help at local high schools, likely as an accompanist.	It was an excellent experience, one I wouldn't trade for anything
University of South Dakota	Taught at a middle school in the community- taught math to 100 6th grade students.	I plan to become a teacher and continue to serve communities through motivating students and showing them what they can achieve if they are persistence and dedicated	
University of South Dakota	Gayville-Volin School District	I plan on re-enrolling in AmeriCorps next semester and help serve my community by volunteering in a different school district. Once I graduate, I also plan on starting a life-long career in teaching either in elementary or special education.	One story that I will never forget involves disciplining and classroom management. While serving in the high school resource room, a student was supposed to be working through homework during his study hall. It had become normal for another student (a friend of his) to visit the classroom about 15-20 minutes until the bell. This student came in one day and was particular disruptive and was listening to music without his head phones. My supervisor and myself reminded him multiple times to please use his headphones, but he continued to listen to his music without them. We finally raised our voice and became more stern and instead of putting head phones in, he just left the room and went back to his class. I learned that, no matter how worked up a student may get you, it is important to remain calm and neutral and speak sternly so students know you are serious and they need to comply.
University of South Dakota	SERVE- Big Pal Little Pal	I plan on volunteering with special needs children.	

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University of South Dakota	Beresford Elementary School: Beresford, SD	In the future, I will continue serving my community by volunteering at local public schools and providing aid, support, and instruction. I will also volunteer and provide aid to local faith-based organizations.	
University of South Dakota	Elk Point Jefferson School	My plans are to become a Special Education teacher. I would also like to continue serving the community in which I teach in and build professional relationships.	
University of South Dakota	Sanford wellness center, sanfor- canton inwood hospital, avera prince of peace	I plan on continuing to work in the physical therapy professional and provide care to underserved areas.	It was a great learning experience to be able to work with other physical therapists and learn from their expertise.
University of South Dakota	Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services, Inc.	I plan to continue to support nonprofits and charities that support those with mental illness and other various medical issues.	I learned a lot from they clients I worked with. They left a lasting impression on me and helped form my experience.
University of South Dakota	St. Mary's Hospital and Sanford Canton-Inwood hospital	I plan to volunteer for organizations such as Senior and Special Olympics to conduct health screens as well as provide education to high school athletes about proper training.	
University of South Dakota	Sanford Health Good Samaritan Society	I plan to use my knowledge of physical therapy to help those in the community via pro-bono work; even now, I am currently volunteering at an organization once a week which I am utilizing some of my skills.	Overall, my involvement in Compact Service Corps has re-ignited my desire to help the community. Being a part of this organization has allowed me to take more volunteering opportunities as they come up and helps me to utilize my talents as a physical therapist.
University of South Dakota	Le Bonheur Children's Hospital Red Robin Academy Hope House The Gospel Mission	I am currently planning on volunteering in Costa Rica at a primary school. Additionally, I plan on continuing volunteering with the AWOL program at the University. Nevertheless, my future goal to become an occupational therapist will allow me to serve the community.	
University of South Dakota	Avera Prince of Pease	I plan to volunteer my time at local health fairs and different screenings to assist the undeserved and rural areas.	Nothing compares to hands-on, real world experience. It has taught me the importance of professionalism and allowed me to put my skills to use in a way that benefits others as well as myself.
University of South Dakota	Avera Prince of Peace	I plan to stay involved with community programs that are of interest to me.	I was very pleased when I was introduced to the AmeriCorps program, I was unaware of the opportunity until a professor informed me. I am glad I chose to be a part of it. I had a great experience and it felt great improving lives of those I worked with.
University of South Dakota	Lowell MST Elementary	I am planning on teaching grade levels 2-5.	
University of South Dakota	Native American Advocacy Program, Vermillion Backpack Program, and Vermillion Welcome Table.	I plan to continue with the AWOL program here on campus to engage in more service learning. I also will engage in community work once I am out of college no matter what community I am in.	I learned so much about the community I worked with through AmeriCorps. I learned about a whole different culture that I had no idea existed.
University of South Dakota		teaching	helping those in need
University of South Dakota	The academy of charter schools	I plan to be a secondary science teacher	Don't work so hard that you become a bad worker

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University of South Dakota	Immanuel Medical Center (Allegiant Health)	I plan to provide pro bono health screens to the community.	I had wonderful experiences working with and interacting with a variety of patients. Some were homeless and others had a lot of family support. I was able to make a difference in others lives!
University of South Dakota	Educational Service Unit, #1 including birth to 21 in Dakota County and Macy, NE	I will continue to help with Girl Scout leadership, volunteer at church, and begin community health-related service as I begin working as an OT within the community in which I live.	
University of South Dakota	I served at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE on the Orthopedic floor	I plan on help coaching a softball team	I learned that I am competent in my career field to educate fellow PTs