Life as an Education Student

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My career started while I was at Thomas. I was able to, because of the way Thomas schedules their classes, I was able to work every day I wasn't in classes. So, I'd have all my classes on Tuesday, Thursday. And Monday, Wednesday, Friday I started substituting here at Lawrence and I would work every day I wasn't at school, and I've been here ever since.

So, this is my third full year as a teacher here. I mean, I attribute my success since graduating almost entirely to being able to be in the field while I was in school, getting to know the faculty and the education faculty in the School of Education. And class sizes were, you know, usually, I think my biggest class was 24.

So, having that small classroom, small town feel, by the end of your freshman year, beginning of your sophomore year you're taking classes with the same kids. And by the time we're seniors and in our student teaching and going on and getting jobs, you know, I felt like I had a class of people in my student teaching that I could talk to any one of them. We could relate. We could ask each other for advice. You know, we tell stories about what would happen. And it wasn't, it was almost like talking to my co-workers here now.

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