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EFE 1: First Taste of Teaching

What's EFE? It's five days of Early Field Experience dedicated to the teaching life, including lesson-planning and actual teaching: first to their peers and then to local grade school students. As our first-year education majors start their second semester, EFE is just what they need to help them answer the question, "Am I sure I want to be a teacher?"



Ruth Dorn

FVL / Emanuel-New London WI

She taught . . .
Radioactive Decay

She loved it: I'm excited about the future, where I get to do this for a living.

She wants to learn more: There's still so much for me to learn



Evan Kasa

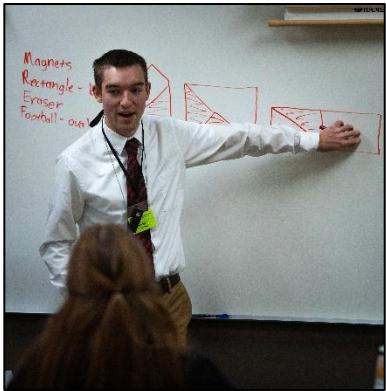
SCLA / Christ the Lord-Cottage Grove MN

He taught . . . History of Mount Rushmore

He's sold: This experience really solidified my desire to become a teacher. Seeing the joy on the kids' faces as they

learned was incredibly rewarding to me, and it was even more fun and fulfilling than I'd ever anticipated.

here at MLC, and this makes me excited to continue learning in the classroom.



Gideon Heins

MVL / St. Paul-N. Mankato MN

He taught . . .
Making Tangrams

One highlight: In one of the presentations, **Dr. Ben Clemons** talked about how students want the classroom to have a routine. He gave very useful tips, and I was able



Sam Priem

MLS / St. John-Bay City MI

She taught . . .
How Technology Evolves over Time

It was such a joy . . . to watch the students work as a team and piece together the timeline, arranging inventions in the order they were created.

Better than expected: EFE 1 was even more enjoyable and rewarding than I'd anticipated. It reminded me why I chose this path and confirmed that teaching is not only the right fit for me, but a vocation I'm passionate about.

to apply some to the lesson I taught.

Hard to be a student again: As soon as I started teaching, the nerves went away, and I realized this was what I wanted to do. Afterward, I didn't want to go back to sitting in a classroom and being taught. I wanted to just keep teaching!

If you're not sure you want to be a teacher, we've got you!

You'll do an EFE your first year here, and it will help you clarify whether this is the ministry for you.