

FUTURE EDUCATOR FEATURE: KENDALL MCCARTHY

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Kendall McCarthy, an asset to Mahwah High School's Future Educators Association shares with us her inspirations on becoming a teacher. She aspires to become one of those teachers who makes lasting impressions and guides her students in a positive direction. She joined Mahwah High School's Future Teachers Club her sophomore year in order to learn more about education as a career in hopes of one day becoming an elementary school teacher. Being one of the many seniors in the club, Kendall is always participating having an enthusiastic tone and being a positive role model. She views teachers very highly and stated "Teachers are really underappreciated and they shouldn't because the profession is so respectable." She was the club's secretary this past year and highly nominated as Mahwah High School FEA president.

Kendall is a very active part of her community participating in not only FEA but other activities involving her love of children and helping others. She participated in the club's service project last year that collected books and donated them to a needy school in Paterson. As a leader and future teacher, Kendall is most proud of the NJFEA book drive last year. She enjoys when her club has meetings that involve guest speakers who share their teaching experiences. Their experiences make her look forward to what teaching is all about. Kendall has a lot of experience with children as she babysits often and tutors through National Honor Society. She also has experience with special needs children as she teaches them soccer skills through a program called TOPS Soccer. Kendall's experience with the book drive service project made her realize how "great it was that students who are looking to become teachers helped other students in need."

Kendall has a passion for working with children and always wants to make a difference. Kendall was inspired to teach from her third and fourth grade teachers Mrs. Nocito and Mr. Hayek. These teachers have truly inspired her as she stated, "They always made learning a fun environment which is something that I want to bring into my classroom because the students will always be engaged." Kendall will surely strive in her future endeavors and through her nurturing and caring personality will succeed in her teaching career.