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This past semester I studied abroad in Egypt. I student taught at the Schutz American School in Alexandria. The Schutz American School is an independent, coeducational day school which offers an educational program from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 for students of all nationalities. It is the oldest American school in Africa, founded in 1924. I worked with the high school math teacher and taught Integrated Math 1 and 2, Pre-Calculus, and AP Calculus AB.

My time student teaching in Egypt was a once in a lifetime experience and I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to study abroad with CSU and the Honor Program's help. I met some incredibly experienced and talented international teachers that I know I can reach out to at any time during my teaching career. I faced many challenges during my time student teaching, but I know they have made me a better educator for my future students. I built relationships with my students and got to learn about them as people and as students. I created lesson plans for various different topics and levels, wrote tests and quizzes, and worked with students to learn math through inquiry-based learning. I participated in a blanket drive with my students. We were able to distribute 1,000 blankets to families in rural Alexandria who did not have heating in their housing. I chaperoned a field trip of historic Alexandria with the junior and senior students. We learned about the rich history of Alexandria together from the principal of the high school, a former history and economics teacher.

The Honors Enrichment helped me pay for my tuition. During my four and a half years at CSU, I have made it a goal to pay my tuition myself and to graduate debt free. Receiving the Honors Enrichment Grant helped me achieve this and I can say I successfully graduated from CSU debt free. Graduating debt free has allowed me to focus my time post-graduation on my career and not on my loans. I have been able to take my time to apply for jobs and my Colorado teaching license.

Starting January 6, I will be working full time at Compass Community Collaborative School here in Fort Collins as a middle school math teacher. I will be teaching two sections of pre-algebra, 8th grade advisory, and a section of Venture.

Below are pictures from my student teaching at Schutz.







