Meet a Mentee

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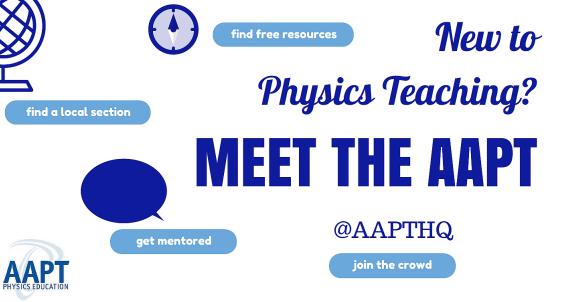
Augusta Preparatory Day School Martinez, GA

My journey as a physics teacher began my freshman year of college...

I was enrolled at Grove City College as a Math Secondary Education major. At that point, I had not yet taken a physics course, but, being fascinated by the subject, decided to take the introductory course to keep my options open. Before long, I added Physics and General Science Secondary Education as a second major.

Studying physics education at Grove City College was a great experience for me. I learned so much from the physics courses and enjoyed the guidance and support of the awesome physics department.





The teacher preparation program gave me the opportunity to work with the conceptual physics class and gain skills in a supportive environment. I also had the pleasure of working with the Physics Education Research group and attending two national AAPT meetings with my advisor, DJ Wagner.

When I started my search for a teaching position, I knew I wanted to teach at an independent school, so I applied to the Southern Teachers Agency. The Agency connected me with schools they thought would be a good fit for my skills and goals.

Ultimately, I accepted an offer from Augusta Preparatory Day School. I am teaching AP Physics C Mechanics and Electricity and Magnetism and Honors Physics at Augusta Prep. This is a challenging load for a first year teacher, but the faculty has been very welcoming and supportive. I've also enjoyed the help of my AAPT eMentor, Marc Reif, who has offered great advice for navigating teaching AP Physics.

Do you have a story you would like to share? If you are a Mentor or Mentee, we would love to hear from you!

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