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TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge". Albert Einstein.

Teaching for me, is to bring inspiration and encourage understanding and learning.

This quote by Albert Einstein highlights my enthusiasm for knowledge sharing, my desire to encourage students, faculty, or any audience to think outside the box, strive for excellence, and bring about change through creativity and fervor.

During my undergrad and graduate studies, I experienced a wide array of teachers and teaching methods. Most notably were the ones that encouraged critical thinking, provided a safe space for discussion, and promoted new ideas. This is the type of teacher I am, and continually strive to be.

I have an immense adoration for presenting and teaching, but also discussing current or novel ideas. As a teacher, if available, I would use interactive lectures, practical or applied techniques that would promote biological concepts in combination with discussion in the classroom. Real life situations help students to better grasp more challenging topics and thus creativity is fundamental for improved learning.

Creating a supportive environment for students, helps to increase attendance, interaction and overall performance.

Besides being a passionate and motivated teacher, it is also important for me to get feedback from my students. Simply, this can be done from viewing their expressions, conducting interactive surveys, talking with them, and keeping them engaged.

Teaching is a two-way street. The more you teach, the more you learn to be a better teacher. It is a dynamic and ever evolving process, that I aim, not only to learn, but as Albert Einstein says, to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge in myself and my students.