“In comparison to French and Spanish, German is still underrepresented in the K-12 education system. As a German teacher, you are bringing a topic to your students that is entirely new to the majority of them. There is nothing quite like being able to facilitate those first-time discoveries of a new language and culture.

The German I studied during college is of course of use to me every day as a German teacher. I would like to add though that the knowledge of the language itself isn’t the only part of my German studies that has carried into my post-graduate life. Having studied another culture and history has given me a different perspective on the world, on education, and on my students and their own backgrounds. For me, studying German wasn’t just about language acquisition, but also about developing a broader perspective of the world around me.”