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As a graduate assistant in the Animal Science department I have gained a wealth of teaching experiences. In my first year as a TA I was assigned ANSC103, Introduction to Animal Science. In this class I spent a substantial amount of time at the campus farm teaching students about the livestock. I had prior experience with large animals through 4H and FFA, so I was able to reassess and renew my animal handling skills and knowledge, as well as teach students these skills. I was surprised to find that many students coming into the Animal Science department had never seen cows, pigs or horses in real life, and I felt fortunate to be able to share my passion for all animals with them. I served as the teaching assistant for ANSC103 for three years and taught over 50 students each time. Since then I have moved on to TA upper level courses, including Mammalian Reproduction lab and lecture. Thus I have had the opportunity to teach both brand-new, first semester freshmen, as well as seniors who are getting ready to graduate and continue their lives. For these classes, I have designed and delivered lesson plans, created assessment material, and most recently planned, prepared, ordered supplies, and managed an entire lab course by myself. In addition, I have served on student and university councils and committees and in the student government. These experiences have prepared me for a future in academia, and have awakened my love of teaching.