

"Hi, my name is Lexi Shindy, and I am currently enrolled in all three of Ms. Din's courses including Careers with Children, Child Development, and Interior Design. My plan is to pursue a career in teaching at the elementary level, and each of Ms. Din's courses serve as important steps in this journey. Through her Careers with Children Program, I have assembled an entire portfolio of lesson plans, constructed a cover letter and resume, attended a career-preparedness workshop, participated in a professional interview, and have now begun an internship with two second grade classes at Greer Elementary. Given my aspirations, this level of hands-on experience, especially while still in high school, is truly invaluable both to my future career and education. To say that I feel this class has prepared me to enter the workforce or to pursue a degree is a severe understatement.

The same can be said both for her Child Development and Interior Design courses, as well. Ms. Din has skillfully structured both classes to not only cover the required coursework, but to also prepare students for college, work, and life after exiting high school. Her classes teach us that academic excellence is of the highest priority, but it must also be accompanied by a real-life work ethic and skill set, if we wish to truly succeed. Because of this, students also develop a portfolio of their work and completed projects in Interior Design to prove not only that they have the knowledge, but also the professional-level work backed by their education.

As I am a senior this year at Galt High School, this was my last chance to enroll in any of her courses. I am beyond thankful that I did. Each class has furthered me academically and personally, farther and faster than any other course I have ever enrolled in. I no longer feel anxious or scared about entering college because I now have the skill-set and preparation to make it a success and to begin my career. I truly feel that I am exiting GHS more ready than most students my age. A significant part of that is due to both Ms. Din's courses and her personal dedication to training her students for life.