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Two years ago, Madeline graduated from Emory with a double major in History and Creative Writing. Perhaps as important as her classes was the time she spent as a tutor at the writing center, a dancer with AHANA and Emory Dance Company, actress with Dooley’s Players, and secretary of Emory Mock Trial. Okay, maybe not AS important… but pretty close.

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Over the summers while in graduate school, she worked at a daycare for their summer camps. After completing her degree at NYU, she received a New York State license and transferred her certificate to Georgia. The daycare where she used to work over the summers luckily had an opening for lead teacher, and Alina became a lead teacher there. The next year, she applied to public schools and attended job fairs, which helped her a great deal! She was hired by a school in Fulton county and has been working there ever since.

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