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When Gemelleh Coes ('08, '10) began her first year as an undergraduate at Georgia Southern University, she originally planned to pursue a career in nursing. "My maiden name was Nurse, and I always wanted to help others," she said. "I really thought I would be Nurse Nurse."

Until she thought about the occupational hazards. "After I realized that nurses had to deal with a lot of blood, I changed my major," she laughed.

Coes instead opted for another career: teaching. Today, her focus remains on helping others as a special education English language arts and reading teacher at Langston Chapel Middle School in Statesboro, Ga. Although Coes is a relative newcomer to the teaching profession, having entered the field just five years ago, she was named Bulloch County Teacher of the Year last year, and last month was recognized as the state of Georgia's 2014 Teacher of the Year.

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