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This thesis is dedicated to Diane Adams, my honorary second mother who supported my obsessive reading habit, and Phillip Bennett, my grandfather who first introduced me to poetry and his own prose notebooks.
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As this semester has flown by faster than any before it, I found myself questioning what I was going to do for the next step of my life. Up until now, my life has been planned out with steps I would take to be successful, such as graduating with two Bachelor of Arts Degrees and successfully completing a Graduate Program. I had never thought beyond that until this semester. With my portfolio, I have developed an understanding of what I want my future to look like. Each page is filled with answers to success that works for me, but finding these were not easy nor were they questions that could be answered with simply words. It took me months of debating between career paths before I could put my focus on pursuing just one: elementary school teaching. The documents found in my portfolio are all geared towards my goal of becoming an elementary level teacher, such as my resume, letter of interest, and teaching philosophy. Ultimately, my portfolio represents my version of success, which is simply happily surviving the many obstacles that take my simple quiet path and twist it with loops, turns, drops, and highs, until I have found a way to make the new path work.