

INTERVIEW WITH **MATHILDE NOER** CAND.MAG IN 2019

What are you doing now? And what have you been doing since finishing uni?

Right now, I have a permanent position at College360 in Silkeborg where I work as a Danish and English teacher at a technical high school (HTX). Though, it is a small high school, and we are only two English teachers and four Danish teachers. This means that there is not much sparring between my colleagues, but it also means that I have a lot of responsibility – and as the youngest and freshest out of university (and therefore obviously coolest), my other colleagues look to me to know, understand, and share the newest research in our field.

How has your time at uni prepared you for your current job?

Much of my time at university has helped me develop excellent time management skills and a (most of the time) excellent work ethic. This helps me structure my time, so I do not burn out or lose track on important deadlines. As someone who primarily chose literature electives, the amount of fiction that I had to read has given me a huge catalogue of references to draw on in my teaching. But most importantly, my time at university has provided me with incredible friends who are interested in and work in the same field as I do – they are always willing to give advice and share their thoughts on whatever issue I might encounter (even though it is such a cliché, remember to network).

What is the most important lesson you learned during your time at uni?

Always be kind to people. Though it sounds like an utterly boring truism, you never know whether you need to work with them at a point in time, or you need their help with something later on.

What are your hopes and dreams for the future?

In the future, I have my eye on a bigger bookshelf, a subscription to Amazon Prime, and even more plants



for my apartment. A puppy is definitely in the cards too. But on a professional level, I want to work with more graduates from our department.

What is your best memory from your time at the English Department?

I have so many good memories from my time. Creating, writing and featuring in the revue with my friends are definitely on the top of my list. Being chosen to become a tutor and then climbing the ranks while meeting new friends and strengthening old friendships along the way is also one of my favorite memories. Relaxing in the Friday bar and talking with professors and students alike surely deserves an honorable mention. However, writing my thesis is probably my best memory. Do not get me wrong – it was tough, but the community amongst the people at the “speciale sal” was so (pardon my pun) special. Throughout a whole semester, we helped, supported, and care for each other every day. That is something I will always treasure.

LINKEDIN ALUMNI GROUP

In order to help build professional networks and career opportunities for graduates, the department has set up a new **LinkedIn Alumni group**. This will be a platform for those in the AU English community to share information about jobs, events, and other useful information.