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Student Comments on Significant Educators

Douglas Robinson



Mr. Robinson (D-Rob) has been my math teacher for 3 of my 4 high school years and also as my 8th grade Algebra 1 Teacher. He has helped me to expand my knowledge tremendously and has helped me through all of my high school years. He is also the NHS adviser as well and has helped to set up multiple blood drives and other community service activities. I feel he has had the most impact on my education through all of my years in school.

- Todd Myers

Wendy Miller



I have only had Wendy Miller for one class, but that one class has had a lasting impact on me. Taking AP US Government and Politics my junior year, Mrs. Miller taught me the importance of being educated on current events in the media in order to make informed decisions when voting. Mrs. Miller taught me just how important it is to take an active role in government, and how every vote counts. Her teachings have inspired me to consider studying Political Science. Mrs. Miller has been a role model who has taught me to stand up for my beliefs.

- Justin Bray

Mark Cardwell



After first introducing me to the topic that I would now like to major in, computer science, Mr. Cardwell continued to encourage me to further explore the field of technology and helped to expand my passion for it. This year, Mr. Cardwell's impact reached even further when he agreed to be my research mentor. Throughout the year, Mr. Cardwell's dedication to his students has become evident and I am grateful that I have had the chance to get to know him.

- Emily Veenhuis

Matthew Musialczyk



Mr. Musialczyk, you have inspired me to lead by example. You were the first to tell me that others look up to me and that I can help to inspire my peers with my hard work and enthusiasm. You have always seen the potential in me and immediately recognized my talents. Whenever I feel like giving up, your words remind me that I can do anything I set my mind to. Without you, I never would have been as successful as I am now, and I am grateful for your words of encouragement and your teaching skills. Thank you so much for being such an inspiration in my life.

- Judy Smith

Brad Portis



Mr. Portis is an excellent teacher for numerous reasons. While taking Chemistry and A.P. Chemistry, I was able to enjoy my time in class while learning from a great teacher. More than Chemistry topics, he has taught me the importance of striving towards excellence in my schoolwork. He has motivated my classmates and I to work hard while showing us the value and significance of our efforts we put forth towards our education. Although taking his classes have required hard work and perseverance, Mr. Portis made learning Chemistry simpler, fun, and memorable for his students.

- Sarah Chang

Brad Portis



Mr. Portis' significance doesn't just apply to my personal success, but to the success of the entire Gull Lake Community School District. His passion for Chemistry as well as Cross Country and Track not only inspire many to pursue careers in those fields, but also to take away important lessons such as teamwork, confidence, and perseverance. Mr. Portis has changed my outlook on the sciences completely, and I now have a deeper understanding of what I am able to accomplish with the correct mindset. His patience and determination to teach every student to the best of his ability not only helps pave the way for their future success, but allows them to adapt, reflect, and teach his outstanding moral and ethical behavior.

- Brian Hall

Modhi Alshehri



Throughout the past three years I have had Mr. Alshehri as an instructor, he has shown me the joys of mathematics and inspired me to explore the subject as a future career path. He has inspired me to continue pursuing my passion for math and has been a role model for me through his selflessness, kindness, and dedication to teaching. Mr. Alshehri has been an integral influence in both my academic and personal development, and I owe much of my success to his impact.

- Riley Martell

Brad Portis



One only has to glance into his classroom, or stop by a cross country practice to bear witness to Mr. Portis's dedication to his students and athletes. He is in the building, sugared coffee in hand, ready to help with questions before most students are out of bed, and can be found in the chemistry lab long after the final bell rings. I have had the privilege to be challenged and mentored by Mr. Portis throughout my three years as a chemistry student, and two years as a member of the cross country team. As a sophomore in the preliminary chemistry class, I doubted my ability to even complete the course. (1/2)

Brad Portis



However, Mr. Portis established an environment in which success depended not solely on the comprehension of content, but the work of the individual. Far beyond his job requirements, Mr. Portis truly cares for the students of Gull Lake High School. Whether it be lending a listening ear, carefully thought out advice, or simply a greeting in the hallway, I can always count on Mr. Portis to brighten my day. An educator of Mr. Portis's caliber appears once in a lifetime, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been one of his students. (2/2)

- Hannah McQueen

Brad Portis



Mr. Portis is one of the most impactful individuals of my high school career. The best decision that I made in high school was to enroll in his AP Chemistry class. It was more vigorous and more rewarding than anything I had experienced. His high expectations and support helped me rise to future challenges. I cannot thank him enough for his unconditional belief in me and my abilities.

- Lucy Sandell

William Hoffman



Mr. Hoffman was one of my hardest teachers, but his classes were the most rewarding. I think his secret to being a great teacher was his passion for the field of mathematics. Often times, after writing a proof or solving a problem, he would exclaim, 'That's massively cool!' His enthusiasm was contagious. He never failed to get me excited to learn math or tackle a challenge problem. Each test he put in one problem that required a broader understanding of material rather than a memorized algorithmic process. I always looked forward to these challenges, because they pushed me and my classmates to our maximum potential. Not only was Mr. Hoffman a great academic teacher, but he was also aware of the emotional state of his students. His famous therapy for a bad day was a King Mint. Thanks Hoff for being one of the best teachers in the history of Kalamazoo Christian!

- Ryan Wunderly

Katy Briggs



Ms. Katy Briggs is a phenomenal educator. Her English classes have been my favorite classes in high school because she has the incredible ability to make every class educational and interesting. As an AP teacher, she is effectively preparing us not only for the test in May, but also for Literature classes in college. Ms. Briggs truly cares about the education and well-being of all of her students. She goes above and beyond in her responsibilities in order to ensure a positive educational experience for all of her students. Ms. Briggs has made me into a better writer, a better student, and a better person because she has been a wonderful example of how to be an engaging, creative, and thoughtful person.

- Rebecca Radomsky

Stephanie Jever



I have had the opportunity to play volleyball under Coach Jever for almost 3 years now. She has impacted the way I view sports with her constant commitment and hard work to the game. She not only is a great volleyball coach, but also someone I know I can talk to about anything. Coach Jever is the sixth grade teacher at Heritage Christian Academy and I love being able to come to her classroom for an hour a day to watch her work with her students and teach them many different skills as her teacher's assistant. I'd like to thank her for being a constant in my life and always having my back.

- Alexis Simpson

Brianna English



Ms. English has been a prominent figure in my high school career beginning in freshman year when she was the class advisor for the 2016 Executive Board. As a member of this society, she helped me establish my leadership skills and aided in my transition from middle school to high school. My leadership opportunities continued to evolve with Ms. English's help as she was the head teacher for the National English Honor Society. She guided me as I took positions in this group such as Treasurer, Poetry Slam Chair, and President throughout high school. Although her influence on my leadership development is extensive, I would have to say that the most important thing she has done for me is helping me to improve my writing skills. (1/2)

Brianna English



I was less confident in my writing before I took her AP English Language Composition course. She frequently helped us identify our personal writing weaknesses and often gave us individual goals to work towards. Ms. English is always there if you need advice academically or personally. She connects with her students in a way that makes them feel comfortable to learn and share their ideas with the class. Ms. English has made an immense and lasting impact on my life and I will always be grateful for having had the opportunity of being one of her students.
(2/2)

- Samantha Brown

Kari Lockett



I had the privilege of being Mrs. Lockett's student for both Honors and AP Chemistry. After taking Honors Chemistry, I thought that AP would be a breeze. Little did I know that it would be the most challenging and rewarding class that I would take in high school. Mrs. Lockett pushed me to think critically and challenge myself. She provided guidance, but did so in a way that made me reach conclusions and find answers on my own. Her encouraging words and positive attitude made her a joy to be around. She created an environment in her classroom that made me excited to be there everyday. Mrs. Lockett has played a major role in shaping my career interests and is the reason that I became interested in chemistry in the first place.

- Armind Chahal

Rex Hafer



Mr. Hafer is the type of educator and coach that truly cares about all of his students. He does not stop at just feeding us information; he emphasizes the importance of thinking for ourselves. He creates an environment in all his classes where we feel comfortable voicing our opinions and thoughts. His unconventional teaching style keeps us from losing interest in a seemingly undesirable subject. He not only teaches two distinctly different AP classes, he also coaches cross country, leads my school's National Honor Society, Link Crew, and the Social Studies Department. Most people would be overwhelmed by all of these responsibilities, but not Mr. Hafer. He takes all these roles very seriously and excels in all of them. He encouraged me to join the cross country team, a decision I regretted at first. However, throughout the season, his reassuring words made me believe in myself. The amount of respect I have for him cannot be expressed in words. For these reasons and more, Mr. Hafer has been my most significant educator.

- Yu- Ting Chiang

Becky Cooper



Ms. Cooper has taught me to effectively and beautifully express myself on the page, and think critically about literature. Her teachings have translated to every artistic part of my life, truly altering the way I think and create. I am a more motivated, studious, and curious person because of her.

- Brooks Eisenbise

Kari Lockett



Mrs. Lockett has been an educator of mine for two years, and she has significantly impacted my education. She has challenged me as a student in order to prepare me for college, and has also provided an environment for me that is enjoyable and exciting. Thank you so much Mrs. Lockett for introducing me to my love of science!

- Chloe Geary

Shannon Houtrouw



'Who's the guy in the purple lab coat?' I whispered to a friend. 'That's Mr. Houtrouw, the CS teacher.' And so went my first glimpse of Mr. Houtrouw. At that time I did not think he would be very influential in my life. After all, I wanted to be a doctor so I didn't think I would take many computer science classes. In fact, I thought I was only going to have Mr. Houtrouw for one class. I was so wrong. That one class quickly multiplied and now I am on my fourth Houtrouw class. From the three years that I've had Mr. Houtrouw as a teacher, I have witnessed how he goes above and beyond to help his students find and create opportunities for their success and well-being. For example, Mr. Houtrouw is constantly busy registering for and arranging transportation to a ton of programming competitions across the state. (1/2)

Shannon Houtrouw



Furthermore, his door is always open to students; I always feel welcome stopping by his classroom after school whether I plan to code or just sit and talk. With everything Mr. Houtrouw does for his students spending countless hours motivating, training, and pushing us to be “Code Warriors” it's not surprising that our CS Teams win stuff all the time. My high school experience could not be the same without Mr. Houtrouw; in fact because of him and his CS classes, computer science has become a field that I will pursue further in college. Thank you Mr. Houtrouw! (2/2)

- Natasha Goenawan

Christopher Chopp



Mr. Chopp was my biology teacher at KAMSC. I connected particularly with him when I was working on my research project for AP Biology, which ended up being unsuccessful but through which I learned a lot more about the importance of persevering through tedious lab mechanics, as well as the remarkable mechanics behind the PCR, or “polymerase chain reaction,” process, which amplifies the presence of specific segments of genetic code. Mr. Chopp helped introduce me to dissection, the increased difficulty of high school science, and was instrumental to my success on the AP Biology exam. Even though I am unlikely to go further into biology in college, it is a subject of incredible importance for people to learn; we are living things, and other living things can be impacted by our actions. For these reasons, I am honoring Mr. Chopp as a significant educator.

- Otto Kailing

Bill Brieger



Mr. Brieger has supported me throughout my high school career, helping me to develop my love of reading and writing. With his guidance, I grew a lot as a writer and a student. Even after I graduated from his class, Mr. Brieger has given me invaluable opportunities to build my literary skills, and experiences that prepare me for life after high school. I would not be where I am today without him as a teacher, and I could not be more grateful.

- Maya Lannen

Joshua Gottlieb



It is not easy to summarize everything Mr. Gottlieb has done for me as an educator and mentor. Mr. Gottlieb introduced to me a passion for physics that I never knew I had, and dedicated time to ensure that I got the most out of my education and am prepared to step into the real world.

However, most importantly, he gave me the confidence to pursue an education and career in an extremely demanding but rewarding field, despite my millions of doubts. I was in both Mr. Gottlieb's regular and AP Physics classes and throughout the two years that I was his student there was never a day that I dreaded going to Physics or felt like I'd left class having learned nothing. I was always challenged by his class, but it never felt like work to me. Mr. Gottlieb doesn't give himself enough credit for being the incredible teacher that he is, so I'd just like to thank him on the behalf of myself and so many others. I am so grateful for the time that I've spent in your class.

- Emily Spilman

Sveri Stromsta May



Although Mrs. May had never taught me in a class, she taught me the importance of volunteering and helping others. She is very caring and passionate about teaching and helping our community. She also helped me grow as a person and is a fun person to be around.

- Zhi Nee Wee

Anne Bowser



Ms. Bowser does not hide her students from the real world as most adults do. Her class consists mainly of lectures and discussions, much like a college class. This allows her the opportunity to share news stories and personal experiences that connect to a certain topic or life lesson. She also has high expectations of everyone and constantly challenges them to question society and its values, as well as students' own values. Ms. Bowser assures that her students review situations from multiple perspectives in order to gain the most insight. One of her goals is to prepare her students for college, and that she does. (1/2)

Anne Bowser



The essays given have a single question with little to no background information. Her focus is also on bibliography and citation training. She truly cares about her students' education and sending them off into the world with the willingness to evaluate situations thoroughly. This is achieved by Ms. Bowser ending every class with a great philosophical question for her students to ponder for the rest of their lives. (2/2)

- Joanna Marie Yiu

Brianna English



Ms. English was one of the best teachers I came across during my experience as a student in KPS because she pushed me to be creative, thoughtful, and successful in my writings and analysis of texts. My writing vastly improved with her instruction, because I always felt like she supported me. Her way of teaching brought out a competitive and creative drive in me that brought out end products such as projects and essays that I was proud of. Ms. English's AP English Language and Composition class was my favorite of my high school experience, and the valuable lessons I learned in it will serve me well throughout college, and my future career.

- Megan Zabik

Christine Kiel



Miss Kiel has had a significant impact on my education due to the love for literature that she has instilled in me. Her class is always my favorite of the day and I feel that her courses have a great variation and pushes students to pursue learning at a higher level.

- Lorraine Kuch

Elizabeth Honeysett



Mrs. Honeysett encompasses what every educator should strive to achieve. Her genuine care for every person she comes in contact with is evident, and she creates an atmosphere of creativity, optimism, and support for her friends, family, and students to strive in. I wouldn't be the person I am today without the influence and mentoring Mrs. Honeysett has provided me (and countless others) with, both in and out of the classroom. She is a constant inspiration to the world around her.

- Samantha Searles

Jon Taylor



Mr. Taylor is my significant educator because he is passionate about what he teaches, and he is willing to have fun with his students. Mr. Taylor's subtle jokes and comments not only keep me focused on what he is teaching, but they also give the class a more laid back attitude. While many teachers are focused on how well students are able to regurgitate information, Mr. Taylor is more focused on how well we understand the information. Finally, Mr. Taylor is willing to spend extra time to help all of his students, so that they can do their best. He is even willing to stay after school to mentor my partner and me for science Olympiad. With his help, we have progressed from placing tenth or eleventh at competitions last year to placing first in two of our three competitions this year.

- Meredith Adams

Modhi Alshehri



Mr. Alshehri has consistently supported me in every endeavor for the last four years. He has always demanded my best work, and continues to challenge me and encourage me to be the best individual I can possibly be. He rarely stops smiling, and is someone I know I can always talk to. I thank him for never giving up on me, and for always being a positive influence in my life.

- Sami Ahmad

Shannon Houtrouw



Mr. Houtrouw has played a significant role in developing my interest in the field of Computer Science. Over the past few years, he has challenged me both in and out of the classroom with American Computer Science League and USA Computing Olympiad task problems. I am forever grateful for the knowledge, passion, and excitement he brings to class each day. He has surely influenced my decision to apply as a Computer Science major in college.

- Ashton Armstead

Modhi Alshehri



Mr. Alshehri has been a particularly significant figure throughout my education in that he has constantly pushed me to explore new ideas in mathematics and physics and to maintain a sense of excitement and appreciation for the beauty in mathematics. Furthermore, it is as a result of his mentorship and teaching that I wish to continue my study of mathematics in college.

- Ben Beach

Modhi Alshehri



As the only female in my junior multivariable calculus class, I felt like an outsider. To make matters worse, I did not have a strong foundation in basic calculus and I struggled with the advanced course material. Even when I did not feel capable, Mr. Alshehri insisted I was one of his brightest students. He asked me to see him for review on the subjects with which I struggled. By my most conservative estimates, he gave me at least fifty hours of one-on-one instruction time during the second semester alone. Our repertoire with each other became so strong that one day when I needed his help after school but he needed to get home to see a handy man, he told me to meet him at KAMSC at six and showed up after eating dinner just to help me. (1/2)

Modhi Alshehri



Throughout the years, he has repeatedly challenged my feelings of inadequacy, and when he let me know that I set the curve for the Advanced Calculus final exam, I felt invigorated to pursue equally challenging coursework in the future. Mr. Alshehri invested in my success in a way that not only assured I would learn to my fullest potential, but that made apparent his compassion for others and love of mathematics. Having the opportunity to take his classes, especially Advanced Calculus, has given me the confidence and mathematical groundwork to pursue an engineering major at the United States Military Academy. Thank you Mr. Alshehri, for giving me a reason to work my hardest. (2/2)

- Grace Beverage

Christopher Chopp



When he was my teacher, he worked at the Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center As my Honors and AP Biology teacher, Mr. Chopp instilled in me a passion for the life sciences. His love and enthusiasm for this field penetrated into all of his students, or as he would say, 'diffused'. The extent of involvement, creative thinking, and discussion that took place in his classroom allowed me to grow both as a student and an aspiring scientist. From engaging in insightful lectures about cells and chromosomes to conversing about the latest scientific discoveries, Mr. Chopp helped me dive deep into the living world, piquing my intellectual curiosity time and again. Thanks to him, I wish to continue my study of the biological sciences as an undergraduate. I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to be one of Mr. Chopp's students throughout my high school career and cannot thank him enough for all that he has done for me these past four years!

- Nikita Bhatia

Shannon Houtrouw



Mr. Houtrouw is the epitome of an educator. He challenges me in the classroom, supports me at competitions, and prepares me for the academic world beyond secondary education. His knowledge of computer science and discrete mathematics is unrivaled as is the enthusiasm with which he educates. Finally, his approachable, affable teaching style always makes walking into his classroom the highlight of my school day.

- Jack Eichman

Joshua Bartz



Mr. Bartz has been my band director for all four years of my high school career. In that time he has seen me go from an insecure freshman to the man I am today. This change has been greatly aided by the band program that he created and the culture that he maintains within it. Mr. Bartz has put up with all of my antics and my juvenile attitude and shown has helped me get past this and reach my potential.

- Joseph Flanagan

Dale Freeland



When I walked into Mr. Freeland's room freshman year for a Science Olympiad informational meeting, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. Almost four years later, I'm still not entirely sure I know what I'm doing. What I do know is that Mr. Freeland's guidance has been instrumental in making me who I am. As my Science Olympiad coach, he's always pushed me to work hard, to find ways to improve, to never be discouraged. He's supported my scientific endeavors, tolerated my near-constant nagging, and been the greatest coach an aspiring scientist could ask for. Whenever we're in the lab working away at our binders or bridges, he's always there right alongside us, either helping us with our preparation or doing his own. Even when we're there until 10 p.m. on Fridays, he's there. And he's always there bright and early Saturday morning, ready to tackle the competition. (1/2)

Dale Freeland



Mr. Freeland is always there to lend a hand, but he knows that it's ultimately up to us to put in the work. He relies on our own internal dedication to help us reach success. It is this approach that leads us to love what we do and love the people we do it with. I love my teammates and my coach; I love studying, building, and laughing with them every day in the physics lab. It is because of Mr. Freeland that I have developed this passion for learning science, which I will carry with me for the rest of my life. He hasn't gotten rid of me just yet. My last state tournament is next week (April 30th), and we'll see if I can keep it together when the day draws to a close. Thank you for everything, Mr. Freeland. It's been a crazy ride, and I wouldn't trade a single moment of it for the world. (2/2)

- Shawna Huang

Michael Sinclair



Mr. Sinclair is a significant educator because his creative and enthusiastic teaching inspired me to pursue engineering. He taught me everything about physics and showed me how interesting the field is. Also I learned the important skills of critical thinking and hard work in his class.

- Ericka Lozon

Shannon Houtrouw



Mr. Houtrouw has been a significant educator for my high school career because of his passion and dedication to teaching students. He is an inspiration to me. I entered the honors computer science class trembling at the thought of coding which seemed like a foreign language. However, Mr. Houtrouw was detailed in his explanations, and I quickly understood the joy of coding. Never have I met a teacher who cares so much about his students' success; he scours for great but hidden opportunities and makes them available to us. He taught me not only how to program, but also valuable problem solving skills. Thanks Mr. H!

- Ziyang Mo

Bryan Hill



Sr. Hill expects success from all of his students while he remains engaging and fun. He has encouraged me to go above and beyond to improve my Spanish. And because he goes above and beyond in all that he does, he's a person I strive to be like.

- Julia Nebiolo

Jeanine Patterson



Mrs. Patterson has been a mentor to me ever since my freshman year of high school and she has helped me to discover a passion for business. Her classes provide me with information that I can use everyday and she has encouraged me to participate in DECA, which has been a great experience. I have benefited greatly from her advice and guidance. Without her, I wouldn't have any direction as to what I want to do in my future career plans.

- Nolan Smith

Joshua Bartz



As an educator and band director, Mr. Bartz pushes me to become the best musician and student I can be. He has high expectations, and his supportive attitude makes me want to meet those standards. Every day, he strives to see the potential in every student, regardless of past mistakes. His desire to be a positive influence on others inspires me to do the same; after his classes, I try to emulate Mr. Bartz and see the potential in those around me. Outside of class, I always feel comfortable asking him about a difficult situation, and his vast intelligence allows all of my questions to be answered. In any situation, I know I have a friend in Mr. Bartz. As an educator and as a person, Mr. Bartz has had a great influence on my work ethic, as well as encouraging me to become a better person.

- Rachel Torres

Michael Sinclair



Mr. Sinclair not only taught me physics, but also how to enjoy learning. Through his engaging lectures and abstract practice problems, I found myself wanting to do physics and participate in class. Due to his amazing ability to make the mundane extraordinary, Mr. Sinclair was the obvious choice for my significant educator.

- Matthew Ring

Douglas Martin



Mr. Martin is both a proficient teacher and a dedicated one. He constantly enables his students to achieve greater things and navigate obstacles, while he navigates large obstacles of his own. His family is in a complex medical situation, but this hardly impedes his teaching at all. He travels out of state several times per year, sometimes for weeks at a time, but, through many emails, letters, and video messages, he manages to teach his lessons in a fun, effective, and understandable way. Mr. Martin continues to teach and inspire me; I can think of no person better deserving of the title of Significant Educator.

- Isaac Smith

Jeremy Zonts

I will always remember Mr. Zonts because his science class is the one that I enjoyed the most. Although there are many people who love to learn about science, for myself it probably is not one of my favorites. This is probably because of the fact that science has consistently been one of the hardest subjects for me to understand. However, that is entirely not the case with my 6th grade science class. Whenever I was struggling with some of the material in his class, Mr. Zonts would always help by explaining it in a humorous way. One example of this is when he was explaining how a person's intelligence can be shown by the amount of wrinkles on their brain. To do this, he showed me two different pictures, one of a raisin and one of a grape. He said that if each resembled a brain, then the raisin would be like Einstein's brain and the grape would be like a chimp's brain. Even to this day, I always laugh whenever someone complains that they are stupid, to which I respond by telling the person not to think of oneself as a grape. Another reason that I enjoyed his class was simply because of his personality. (1/2)

Jeremy Zonts



One story that I tell about Mr. Zonts, which often astonishes my friends, is how he played online video games with the other students. In class one day he was describing a match that he had played with some of his students the previous night, and one of those students was in the class. Mr. Zonts described how he had won the match, but in the middle of his story the other student shouted out how Mr. Zonts had an unfair advantage. For the next five minutes they went back and forth arguing about how the match went, while the entire class just laughed the entire time. Even though their tones were joking and they never got mad at each other, you could tell that Mr. Zonts and the other student were very competitive against each other. In 6th grade every student wanted to have Mr. Zonts as their science teacher, but unfortunately not everyone was as lucky as I was. I will always be grateful for having the privilege of learning from such an extraordinary teacher. (2/2)

- Austen Gohl

Scott Wills



Mr. Wills has been my teacher since I was in third grade. Every summer from third grade until my freshman year of high school I participated in the Community Education Summer Tennis Camp that he ran. After my sophomore year, Mr. Wills allowed me to volunteer as a coach at the camp and I have continued to coach at the camp ever since. I have also taken his business class in which I learned valuable skills, such as writing resumes and preparing for interviews, that will help me in my future. Both on the court and in the classroom, Mr. Wills has helped me gain independence and confidence as well as teaching me the value in teamwork and dedication.

- Clarissa Mutch

Jennifer Taylor



Mrs. Taylor is undeniably an exceptional teacher. She is a truly caring and compassionate person. Her dedication and devotion to her students is inspiring and unceasing. Her genuine love for teaching, and her ability to make learning easy and enjoyable, is what has induced my love for learning. She has not only taught me to become a better student, but also a better person. Throughout my entire education, she has by far become my favorite teacher and biggest role model.

- Victoria Thamann

Kip Hickman



Well, I want to play trombone professionally, so that should say a lot. Kip consistently gives good insight and comes up with new ways of explaining the complex unexplainable. He puts in extra time to make sure success is obtained. He is good.

- Nathaniel Chiu

