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Educator Comments

Mark Cardwell

“I am extremely fortunate to work with so many motivated and talented students. You keep all of us focused on the future and the vast array of possibilities that await you.”

Anne Flynn

“I want to prepare my students to be life-long learners. I feel my role as a science teacher is to provide hands-on experiences and opportunities for exploration and questioning that allow them to challenge their thinking. I want my students to “own” their knowledge and be excited for new opportunities to learn.”

Kathleen Frink

“I’ve enjoyed teaching and talking with Ethan over the past two years in Higher Level IB Mathematics and Physics. I encourage all my students to problem-solve, push through challenges, and most importantly, maintain a growth mindset. Ethan has excelled in all those areas and I’m lucky to have had him as a student.”

Shannon Houtrouw

“Congratulations 2020 Excellence In Education Scholars! After working with you for three years, it is hard to let you go. I wish I could adopt you. I very much look forward to all that you will accomplish, and I hope you will keep in touch from time to time and let me know how you are doing. You guys are going to be successful in whatever you do. You also happen to be the best computer science students in Michigan and among the best in the country. God Bless!”

Branden Johnson

“Two simple rules I want all my students to live by -
Work hard and be nice to people. If you can master
that, things will work out just fine.”

Gail Nelson

“I want students to realize that the logic and problem solving skills that they learn in math can be applied when solving problems in other areas. They may never need to write another geometry proof, but they may need to use the deductive reasoning they learned when making a presentation or trying to convince a future employer why an idea is viable.”

Margaret Posthumus

“Every teacher should experience an amazing student like Simon. His character traits as a kindergartner and now as a senior haven't changed. He is respectful, polite, honest and a team player. He is an inspiration and I am proud of the young man he has become. Congratulations 2020 Excellence in Education Scholars!”

