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## Hope Armstrong

Georgia Morse Middle School

Mrs. Armstrong was my science teacher in 6th grade and 8th grade. In 6th grade, we created a very strong bond that I will never forget. She was always checking in on me and making sure that I was doing well. I have always struggled with science, and she made it her first priority to make sure that we all understood the curriculum. She incorporated fun activities and experiments into her class that made learning enjoyable and interesting. I would definitely recommend her as a teacher.



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Rodd Bauck

Georgia Morse Middle School

Mr. Bauck has been my choir teacher ever since seventh grade and he has taught me everything that I know and love about music. I can guarantee mostly all of my school memories will be from choir.





## Terry Becker

T. F. Riggs High School

Mr. Becker has had the biggest impact on my life as a student since transferring schools. I took my first AP class with him junior year. All my friends told me I made a mistake signing up for the most difficult class the school has to offer. I remember sitting at home taking the take home summer test for Mr. Becker's AP US History class and I was crying. I told my dad I am going to drop out because it is too hard for me. On the first day of school Mr. Becker said "No one drops AP US History, you all signed up for it and we will get through it. You are going to have bad days, maybe fail a test or two but you can do it." I stuck with the class and became a better student because of how hard Mr. Becker pushed me. I will always be grateful for Mr. Becker and the impact he made on me as a student.



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## MacKenzie Blake

Buchanan Elementary School

Mrs. Blake is the kind of teacher who makes learning fun and enjoyable for her students. She always walks into her classroom greeting her students with a positive attitude. She genuinely cares about each one of her students and helps them excel in school. This is what makes Mrs. Blake an amazing teacher and role model.



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Karla Blemaster

Washington Elementary School

Mrs. Blemaster was a teacher that always made sure I was doing well in school and at home and still does. She was an amazing teacher even with hard math lessons like long division.





## Kelly Brandt

T. F. Riggs High School

I was in two of Mr. Brandt's classes. In these two years, he helped me grow more confident in my learning and taught me so much. These classes were the most difficult for me, but Mr. Brandt ensured that I would not fail and helped me every step of the way. He continues to be a friendly face and a helping hand.



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## Megan Deal

Washington Elementary School

The elementary school teacher that had the biggest impact on me was Mrs. Deal. Over the years she has taught me so many lessons, not only in school but also in life. With her kind, bubbly personality she always spreads happiness and never fails to put a smile on my face. She cares for all of her students deeply and creates personal connections with them to make everyone feel loved. Mrs. Deal is a great teacher and overall great person who deserves recognition for her hard work.







## Vashti Gibson

T. F. Riggs High School

Mrs. Gibson always takes time to personally connect with her students both in and outside the classroom. She doesn't just teach the curriculum she makes sure everyone understands the content in its entirety. Mrs. Gibson has impacted almost every student in the school, whether it's a compliment in the hallway or learning in class!







## Jenny Hodges

T.F. Riggs High School

Over the past years, Mrs. Hodges has taught me so much both in class and in our school's theater productions. She has helped me be bolder and more creative in what I do. I am very thankful for all the help and confidence she has given me.



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Guy Hunter

Georgia Morse Middle School

Mr. Hunter helped me realize that you will always be as good as how much work you put in. As my Algebra teacher and golf coach, he taught me to always keep a clear mind whenever I want to achieve something.



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## Teresa Johnson

T.F. Riggs High School

Mrs. Johnson has the biggest heart of anyone I know. She spreads kindness wherever she goes and genuinely makes everyone feel like they are important. She strives to help students become better people through giving and helping others and the community. She has helped me become so much more confident and strive to be a better leader and helper in the past two years. The world would truly be a better place if we were all like Mrs. Johnson.



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John Kalda

T.F. Riggs High School

Mr. Kalda taught me Biology and AP Biology. He encouraged me from an early start in my high school career. He is always willing to help answer any questions and share additional information on topics of interest. He encouraged me to follow different paths of inquiry, and he helped me realize my love of biological sciences. He goes above and beyond the call of a teacher's duties.



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Becky Kitts

St. Joseph

Mrs. Kitts was my 4th grade math teacher. This class was the first time I remember loving math. Mrs. Kitts always made sure that students understood what we were learning. She was always there to help us even if the problem had nothing to do with math. She has such a kind and contagious spirit, and was always able to make our class laugh.





## Chad Kringel

Buchanan Elementary School

Mr. Kringel has made an impact on both my educational and personal life. He really built the foundation of my education and made sure me and my classmates really understood what he was teaching. He also took the time to build relationships with his students. He is a teacher that I could pick up a conversation with no matter how many years it has been since we have talked last.



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Joseph Lehman

Georgia Morse Middle School

Mr. Lehman is a geography teacher, but his goal is not just to teach geography. Mr. Lehman makes sure that he teaches his students as many life lessons as he can. I learned that having a good education is important, but growing up to become a good person is even more critical.





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## Shawn Lewis

T.F. Riggs High School

The first step in being a leader is that you must learn to follow first. This is exactly what Mr. Lewis has preached to me in the last two years that I have gotten to know him. As an underclassmen, he taught me to pay very close attention to those above me, to praise their accomplishments but also acknowledge their flaws and learn by example. Long hours of watching film with him and formulating plans evolved me as an athlete, helping me make great strides forward and eventually capturing my end goals. He has trained me to keep my composure, even when I find myself directly in the storm. Mr. Lewis showed me that you can come into a situation and prove yourself to others by working hard and earning their respect. Show up early and be the last one to leave. To achieve the success I wanted, he would tell me to embrace the hard work, relax and enjoy after I earned it, then get back to work. Most importantly, he has taught me that doing what is right is better than trying to be right.



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Kim Livermont

Washington Elementary School

Mrs. Livermont was my third-grade teacher at Washington Elementary. She was one of the best teachers I've ever had. She does such a fantastic job of making every single kid in her classroom feel welcome while pushing them to be the best person they can be.



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## MacKenzie McKeithan-Jensen

T.F. Riggs High School

Mrs. McKeithan brought so much joy into my life. She is more than just a teacher to me because she gives advice and treats her students like family. Her music classes and extracurriculars are the highlight of my high school experience and I will remember them forever.



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Jay Mickelson

T. F. Riggs High School

Mr. Mick taught me Latin for two years but, in those two years however, I felt that he taught me more about life and how to treat others. He has always been willing to help me after class if I needed it. Mr. Mick helped me make the transition to high school very easily.



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## Brianna Postma

T.F. Riggs High School

Ms. Postma was my geometry and accelerated algebra two teacher.

Ms. Postma was truly an amazing teacher, and friend. Before entering her class I struggled with math, but with her teaching I began to understand math extremely well, and thrived in her class.

Ms. Postma was not only a great math teacher, but she cared for each one of her students. On the last day of school my sophomore year she gave us all handwritten letters, and I still keep it in my backpack with me to this day. Ms. Postma is an incredible teacher.





## Jay Schwartz

T.F. Riggs High School

Mr. Schwartz has been my Precalculus and Calculus teacher. I have never had a teacher that is as understanding as Mr. Schwartz. If I have a question about my homework he will explain it to me until I understand. Mr. Schwartz also has a very fun classroom to be in, we learn and have fun all at the same time!



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## Greg Starr

T.F. Riggs High School

Mr. Starr is a great mentor in my life who has made a huge impact on me. He is a great teacher that cares a lot about his students. Mr. Starr builds a personal connection with everyone. Whether it be in class, or during the numerous sporting events that he is always at, he makes sure to get to know everyone. He coaches track and cross country, always pushing his athletes to be the best they can. With his likeable and driven personality, Mr. Starr has done many things in his life that deserve to be recognized.





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## Christina Staskewich

T. F. Riggs High School

Ms. Staskewich or "Ms. S" has made sure to make me feel welcome in high school. She has made it her responsibility to not only be a teacher, but to also be a friendly face. She always asks about everyone's day, she gets to know her students, she gets to know the kids who aren't her students, and she makes them feel welcome as well. This last year has been hard on everyone, but Ms. S has made sure to make it as best as possible.





## Steve Steele

T.F. Riggs High School

Mr. Steele has been my head coach for hockey the last two years. He has always preached and shown that being a good person is better than winning a game.



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## Greg Stluka

T. F. Riggs High School

I currently have Mr. Stluka as my 12th grade English teacher. English is usually my least favorite subject, but this year it is my favorite. I look forward to going to his class every day because I know that we will be doing something entertaining or learning something new. He does a very good job at interacting with his students, while teaching us at the same time. He always has fun and interesting activities for us to do that allow us to interact with him and our classmates. He has been very reliable to me when I need something from him and is always flexible with his students.



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## Amber Stout

Jefferson Elementary School

Mrs. Stout was my third grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary. Mrs. Stout was a great teacher and always encouraged her students to try their hardest in school. But, she also encouraged her students to pursue the things we were interested in. Throughout my third grade school year I remember going on several different school trips to many different places, and to this day I remember many of those trips very fondly. Mrs. Stout has been one teacher I've thought about after all these years because of the lasting impact she has made on me as well as many other students.



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## Elizabeth Vogt

T.F. Riggs High School

English has never been one of my favorite subjects until having Mrs. Vogt as a teacher my junior and senior year of high school. She has made English extremely interesting and fun to learn. Mrs. Vogt is incredibly intelligent and is always willing to help. I can confidently say I am more prepared for college with the help of Mrs. Vogt. Although her class is sometimes challenging, I am extremely grateful for all she has taught me.



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Rebecca Walsh

St. Joseph

Mrs. Walsh was one of my two fourth grade teachers. She helped me understand my religion and helped me grow in my faith. She really expanded my creativity and understanding of the world arounds me. She has also made sure to keep in contact with me and many of my fellow classmates. She emails my family at every big milestone, such as going into high school, confirmation, and now my senior year.



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Paula Weeldreyer

Jefferson Elementary School

Miss Weeldreyer has had a big impact on me starting when I took swimming lessons from her as a child at the YMCA, to my time in her classroom as a 5th grader, and now as my mentor and guide during our Fellowship of Christian Athletes weekly huddle.

