



Teacher of the Year

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What makes a teacher so influential? A good communicator, listener, or someone who empathizes with others? In my eyes, a good teacher is someone who leads by example, supporting their students through their struggles and successes. This is exactly what you do every day, inside and outside of the classroom. You connect with your students on a daily basis, creating relationships that make those around you feel accepted. Words cannot describe how much of an impact you have made in my life and so many others.

Trying out for the cheer team my freshman year, I was terrified. Not only was I surrounded by girls older than me, but I was new to cheerleading. I remember the first orientation, as nervous as I was, your smile and excitement for the upcoming season made me feel so welcome. After that night I really felt like I was a part of something special. That I was worthy, an equal piece of our team. Fast forward the summer to football season, you provided me with my first leadership role. You believed in me and my capabilities despite me being new to the team. You pushed me to challenge myself. You were the one that inspired me to continue growing as a leader, as I began getting involved in more school activities. As the years have gone by, I have experienced immense growth as a person, and I owe it all to you. I have learned to speak up for myself because of you. I am confident in myself and my abilities because of you. I have learned to try new things, even when I'm terrified because of you. You have helped mold me into someone of character, who holds the skills to be a leader in the next chapter of my life. I truly don't know where I would be today without you by my side, pushing me to reach my true potential throughout the past 3 ½ years.

Everyone that encounters you, is blessed to know you, been taught by you, or better yet, coached by you. The love you share for the U High community and your team is unmatched. As I continue my journey as a college student, the confidence, skills, and memories you have provided me with will continue to last a lifetime. From the very bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for making my high school experience some of the best years of my life. Thank you for being my cheerleader. Thank you, Kaysha Reinhart.

