



Teacher of the Year

Emily Torres

From the very beginning of high school, you've shown me deep, personal love and have been one of my biggest cheerleaders. I've found unconditional support and kindness whenever I'm lucky enough to spend time around your positive attitude and warm environment. Your classroom became the space where I felt most comfortable and was able to be most vulnerable. You almost immediately became the person I came to when I was faced with difficult decisions, when I needed to talk, or when I needed a best friend.

High school would not have been the same without you. You have become my at-school parent and I wouldn't give that up for the world. You taught me so much more than in-class learning and you constantly pushed me to grow more independent and mature. You showed me that I am stronger than I sometimes think and that even when things seem difficult, there will always be a way to power through and to learn from it. The example you set for me of resilience and confidence has helped guide me through high school and will continue to lead me even once I've graduated.

I cannot thank you enough for the influence you've had on me for the past four years. I love you so much and I am so grateful to be able to share your light with others. You are the best teacher I could have asked to have and I'm forever grateful for your class and for you. There was no hesitation for me when I got to pick my teacher of the year. Thank you, Mrs. Torres, you truly deserve to be recognized as Teacher of the Year.

