



Teacher of the Year

Mo Owen

Being asked to pick just one teacher to nominate as the teacher of the year was an incredibly difficult decision. I couldn't ask for a better high school experience and that is in large part due to the staff here at Medical Lake High School and I wish I could nominate every one of you as all of you are deserving of the title. However, the teacher I have nominated has really been my support system throughout my lilac and high school journey.

When looking back on the roller coaster that is senior year this teacher kept popping into my mind. Whether I needed college essays to be reviewed or help with all my AP classes or even just somebody to rant to they were always there. I found comfort within this school knowing that there was always help within their room. I would not be able to juggle this busy and hectic year without them (even with all their sarcasm)

Though I have only had a one-year experience with this teacher I have learned more things within their class than the other 11 years combined. Now it may not have always been what was in the textbook that I really took away but the lessons I have learned in their classroom will always stick with me. Whether that be advice on how to pay for college or something more minor like what candy bar will truly hit the spot. Every day they have some new piece of knowledge to share with me and I could not be more grateful for their sometimes ridiculous advice. It is because of this teacher that I feel confident walking into the next chapter of my life at Gonzaga. They taught me that not everything has to be perfect (which many of you know is a very difficult idea to convince me of) and how to truly let things go. More than anything they have inspired me to go make my own way in this world. It's because of them that I have decided to study abroad and explore the world before I actually have to be an adult. There's so much within this huge world and it's because of them that I realized that I just need to live a little.

I could not ask for a better role model as I go off to become an educator myself. I'm sure much of my teaching style will mirror theirs. I hope to inspire, teach, and truly care for my students one day as much as this teacher does for me. I don't have enough words to describe my gratitude for this teacher and how much they have truly helped me throughout high school so it is my honor to recognize **Mr. Owen** as teacher of the year.

