

A Teacher Beyond the Classroom

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There are many different ways someone can inspire you. They can inspire you to excel in a certain area, support you in a difficult time, or simply be a good role model. Inspirational people can be found anywhere; however, a common type of inspirational person is a teacher or school employee. Being required to attend school every day, it is important for a student to find someone older than them to look up to. School can be a daunting time in a person's life, and to be inspired by someone can turn a bad school experience into a good one. I waited every year for a teacher that would not contradict themselves, had an interesting and fun class, and strived to teach their students not only required material but life lessons as well. These expectations were met my junior year of high school. The person that has inspired me the most throughout my school career is Mr. Ben Boggs, my Biology and Anatomy teacher. He is the best teacher I have ever had, and he always makes his classroom enjoyable. He is fair to all of his students and does not pick favorites. Mr. Boggs inspires me to have wisdom and knowledge, succeed in my career, and to be a good Christian.

Mr. Boggs has always told me that he does not teach for a test but rather for knowledge. This has been something that I have always admired and appreciated. Some teachers just want their students to make good grades on their test and daily work and do not care if the students remember the actual material. Mr. Boggs always teaches until his students fully understand the lesson and he does it in a creative way. He makes class fun and exciting so that students will pay attention. I have learned so much in his class, and this makes me feel prepared for college. I am very thankful that Mr. Boggs cares about my education and never gives up on me. His determination to give students' knowledge inspires me to learn as much as I can from him. He always goes the extra mile to answer questions, and he gives what it takes to ensure his students education.

Along with determination to teach his students, Mr. Boggs also gives fantastic advice. He has helped me so much in deciding on what I to do with my future. I was struggling with the options of my future and Mr. Boggs helped guide me in making a decision. He always listens to all of my troubles and problems and gives me great advice. His influence and success in his career inspires me to excel in mine. He is a great example of someone who enjoys their career, and he is happy with his life because of this. He always tells me to "quit whining" and pushes me to try hard in whatever I am attempting to achieve in school. He has faith in me and never looks

down on me for not understanding something. Mr. Boggs truly inspires me to learn as much as possible and to succeed in my career and life.

Another thing Mr. Boggs inspires me to do, is to be a good Christian. We are members of the same church. His Christian qualities show through his personality in church and out of church. He always does what is right and is fair to all of his students. This is something that has always inspired me. One of the hardest things to do is keep your witness, and Mr. Boggs always does. He has strong morals and is never afraid to stand up for what he believes in. I try everyday to have these qualities that Mr. Boggs inspires me with. I think it is important to have a spiritual role model, and everyone is not as blessed as I am. I am very thankful to have Mr. Boggs in my life to show me that you can have fun and still be a good person.

In conclusion, an inspirational person is very rare and special. I hope every person has an inspirational person in their life like I do. I am glad that Mr. Boggs has been my teacher, and I know I'll never forget the life lessons he has taught me. He makes learning fun for me and all of his students. Even though he aggravates and jokes with me, I know that he cares about me and my future. Mr. Boggs is not just my teacher but a friend and role model too. I know that many people think of him the same way I do. Mr. Boggs is a great person that helps so many students every day. He is the most inspirational person I know and I am thankful to have him in my life.