

Roundtable

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Congratulations Murray State!

Once again Murray State has earned national recognition from some of the nation's most prestigious publishers. Industry leaders Kaplan, Inc. *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, and *U.S. News and World Reports* recently went to press with what MSU students have been saying for years—that MSU provides a unique, top-notch, education.

Over the last few months the campus has been actively considering changes in our environment. Dramatic evolutions in technology coupled with changing social and economic influences are transforming our students and our university. From text messaging to Google, cell phones to Web cams, the world is changing at a breathtaking pace. However one thing that has remained constant is the relationship between MSU faculty and their students.

Over the past year CTLT has maintained a nomination form on RacerNet. Students who saw it could use it to nominate a faculty member who had made a difference to them. There was no reward or incentive for a student to complete a form. We are publishing the students' responses to provide some insight into the classrooms at Murray State.

Please note that these nominations are not part of a scientific poll. The nomination site received very little publicity. Many (possibly most) students never saw it, and thus many excellent faculty were not recognized. What these nominations do reflect however, is the climate of caring that exists at this university. MSU faculty are involved and engaged with their students and it shows.

Happy Holidays!



Michael Perlow

Dr. Perlow has always encouraged me to do my best. He tells me that I can make it to the end. Sometimes he tells me just to cry and get it over with and then start over. He has never given up on me. He is very intelligent about what he teaches. I can tell that he cares. He has definitely made a difference in my college career.

Keith Weber

I believe he has a great way of teaching Trig. He explains during class, and if one has a problem he is always willing to help in any kind of way.

Neil Kennedy

As an NSE student from Maine, I found Kennedy's philosophy class both uplifting and intellectually stimulating. He is a great professor, easy to approach with any questions, comments or concerns. I truly believe that his teaching style should not be missed by any student within the PHI major/minor.

Ed Zimmerer

Dr. Zimmerer is a truly compassionate, intelligent professor. Not only does he express his concern for your academic career, he also expresses concern in your

personal life. Any subject can be discussed with him with minimal guessing. He requires hard work

Laurence Houseman once said, "A saint is one who makes goodness attractive." Surely, a great teacher does the same thing for education.

— John Trimble



and attention to detail, yet he allows numerous questions to be asked of him. His classes are hard, but very helpful for later in life both through the material as well as learning how to deal with difficult subjects.

Duane Bolin

As a professor, Dr. Bolin, has exhibited more content knowledge and caring for students than any other professor I have ever had, ever heard of, and could ever imagine.

Joe DeBella

I feel Dr. DeBella is enthusiastic about his profession. During each class session, he encourages each of his students to be the best professional they can be. His teaching methods are revolutionary. There is no way you can leave his class and not know the material. I think he is an outstanding teacher and deserves

to be recognized as such.

Steve Jones

Dr. Jones is a wonderful

professor and I learned a lot from his class. I have been able to apply what I learned to my own life.

Erdice Court

Erdice is a great teacher and friend. She has taken

many times to specially work with students in need, including me. I have even had trouble since her class and she has been willing to continue to help me as much as she could. She has been an example to me and a great influence in some hard times. She is my friend and influence.

Gary Jones

I am a returning MSU student after nearly 30 years. I always regretted not finishing college, so last summer I came back to Murray and enrolled once again. It was very scary for me, but something I wanted to do so much! This May 10th 2003 I will graduate from Murray State University with a degree in Education. I am presently taking a Math 117 course under Dr. Gary Jones. He is a wonderful professor and so encouraging! Math has always been very difficult for me and I have always

had such a fear of this class. I failed the very first test and was so upset to say the least. I e-mailed Dr. Jones and suggested that maybe I should just drop the course and forget about graduating. He told me “Not to give up!” He has been wonderful and has offered to help me in order to pass this course. I am doing much better and I owe it all to him. He is truly an asset to Murray State University! That is the one thing I remember about Murray State when I attended thirty years ago...the willingness of the teachers and staff to go the “extra mile” for the students! It is wonderful to know that this has not changed! I’m going to make it this time... and I owe it largely to Dr. Jones! Thank you Dr. Jones...for being the special person you are!

Terry Holmes

Dr. Holmes is very passionate and “down to Earth” in the manner that he presents the material in my Marketing 360 class. I have the utmost confidence in his ability to guide me through the creation and longevity of a successful business that we are planning in class.

Eileen Mason

Dr. Mason always provides a continual care for her students some that she currently in class

and some that have moved on. Dr. Mason has not only helped me with subjects related to regular core required OSHA classes, but also chemistry and math. I think Dr. Mason is a great credit to her profession and to Murray State University.

Kevin Binfield

Dr. Kevin Binfield is well worthy of any kind of award a teacher could receive. I have had the pleasure to have him as a professor in the classes of HUM 211 and HUM 212. Binfield has had his classes look deeply into the readings. He shows his students that there is more that just plot structure and setting in works of literature. Due to his class I have opened myself up to different ways of thinking as well as appreciating literature much more. I have found myself reading for pleasure more than ever before. His presence as a teacher has been a pleasing and positive experience. Teachers like Kevin Binfield are prime examples of why I would like to teach one day in the future.

James Johnson

I learned a lot about computers in CSC199. I appreciate all the extra practical

information which he gave to us in class.

Tan Zhang

Dr. Zhang is a great teacher. He teaches math unlike any professor I have ever had. He makes it understandable and does not teach the class like he is smarter than everyone else.

Ted Belue

I feel that Mr. Belue has demonstrated top instruction for the world civilization classes that he teaches. He brings a new dimension into the classroom by providing a hands-on learning experience. Not only does Mr. Belue do this, but he also makes each and every student feel equal to him. He brings out the best in each and every one of his students.

Lee Kem

I think that Dr. Kem is one of the best professors on Murray State’s campus. I have only had her for one class, and it was one of my favorite classes. I learned a ton of stuff while in the class, and I

learned a lot about myself.

Effective teaching may be the hardest job there is.

—William Glasser



John Fannin

Mr. Fannin, director of Racer Band and several other

ensembles, is a teacher who refuses to teach the material, but is extremely dedicated to teaching the student. He has gone out of his way to put virtually every aspect of Racer Band into the hands of students. He truly understands what it means to give people the freedom to fail, and this quality with an array of others makes him a phenomenal teacher. PS. I am not a music major.

George Kipphut

I believe he really cares that each student GETS IT! His efforts to master the Blackboard system are outstanding and unmatched. I can't imagine that this class will be "forgotten" after the semester, as some students tend to upon completion of a class. Great Job, and THANK YOU!!!

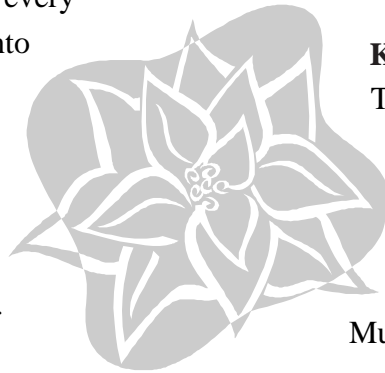
Gail Hendon

Gail Hendon is a professor who works to help the students be successful in class and outside of class. She has helped me become a better student and a better man. She deserves acknowledgment for her great deeds!

Pat Williams

Dr. Williams is an awesome teacher. He is very well spoken

and easy to talk to. Dr. Williams also has a great sense of humor, and that is definitely needed in the classroom.



Kim McFarlen

This teacher has been amazing. She has been by far the best teacher I have had at Murray State.

Betty Brockway

Dr. Brockway has helped me overcome being shy. She has given me so much confidence and helped me to think about what I would like to do with my life.

Jackie Hansen

Dr. Hansen is the most caring teacher I have had. She is always there for her students. Even after the class I had her for, she always speaks to me when I see her. She really cares that we learn, and she cares about us as people at the same time. There have been a few times when I really needed a Murray State mom and Dr. Hansen has always been there for me. She is by far the best teacher I have had since I have been here.

Cami Duffy

With my fair judgement, Mrs. Duffy's simple philosophy of teaching is honestly excellent. She

has a great support to make sure that students succeed in every academic work that we have been doing in her class. She is GREAT!!!

Sandra Gallimore

She really cared about all of the students in our class and was willing to do anything to make all of us smarter, better people. She would help us any time of the day if we had a question; all we had to do was call. She was just a great teacher.

Steve Lacewell

Dr. Lacewell has kept my interest in finance for the duration of my studies. He is always willing to help in any way, be it finance or other types of problems. The time he puts forth and the love he has for teaching needs to be recognized, and I would just like to express my gratefulness of having teachers like him at Murray State.

Cherie Stubblefield

Cherie Stubblefield has been truly my key to success this year. She not only is my mentor, but is the mentor for many other students. She helps us out any way that she can. She sets up tutorial programs, social programs, and much, much more to make students' stay here at Murray State an exceptional one.

R. Andy Batts

I think this professor has given me more insight into the area of computers (my chosen field) than an other single professor I have encountered since coming to Murray State.

Dubravko Ivansic

He makes the very difficult concepts in Calculus II easy to understand. It is obvious to his students that he is extremely knowledgeable in advanced mathematics and more importantly, he passes that understanding on to his students.

Winfield H. Rose

Dr. Rose has taken the time to care for me like I am his son, and being away from home this has been very helpful for me in the three years I have been here. He has pushed me to do my best and encouraged me not to take classes that are easy, but to challenge myself. His classes are always very challenging but rewarding in the amount of information we learn in a semester. The information we learn is not only class related but life related, and that is very important because there is more to life than class. He is a great role model for any of his students and is always very interested in his students' lives. Dr. Rose has helped shape my

college career and helped make me a better person through his guidance.

Kevin Binfield

Dr. Binfield challenges his students with debate on any issue that can be related to the humanities curriculum and current issues with an unbiased and logical approach. He is always extremely prepared for class and openly enjoys for students to participate in his discussions. He is a compassionate teacher and will go out of his way to help students who ask for it. Dr. Binfield is the greatest teacher I've ever had. The two semesters I've had him have been the biggest positive impact on me in the two years I've attended Murray State.

Edrena Harrison

She involves herself with the social work clubs and organization, she remains in contact with her former students,

and she presents the material of her classes with

enthusiasm and confidence—all of which makes you want to learn the material. She communicates with her students whenever they need, and she is very understanding. Her material in class is what you need to know and she doesn't waste time. She allots enough time to get the material across and moves on to the next item on the agenda. She is one of the reasons I am sure my major in social work will not be altered.

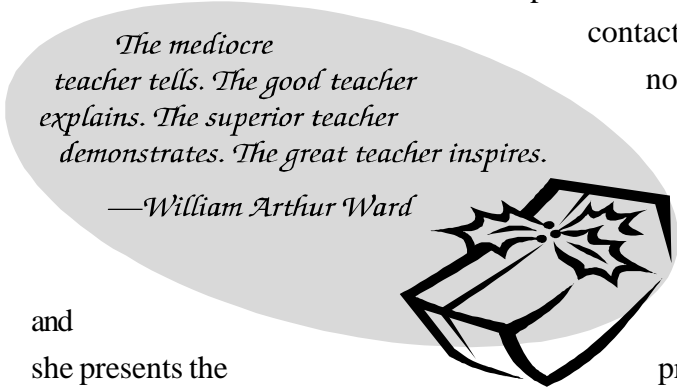
Patsy Nichols

Dr. Nichols is the epitome of what a true teacher should be. Her knowledge and understanding of material is second to none. Above all that, she is an even better person. I truly admire Dr. Nichols. I had her in class when she first learned that she had breast cancer. I have never seen a person show so much resilience and courage as herself. She is caring, understanding, and presents herself with a motherly presence to all she comes into

contact with. I truly feel that no other person deserves an award such as this.

Tom Kind

Dr. Kind was one of the most caring professors I have run



across. He taught a very hard class, Land Use Planning, to a bunch of non-majors and related everything to our major. He was very approachable and easy to talk to. He was one of the best! Thanks, Dr. Kind.

Richard Flynn

Dr. Flynn has a passion for his job. His love for education has caused me to examine how I do my job and caused me to change some practices that were ineffective. The education field is better because of Dr. Flynn.

Gigi Dawson

Dr. Dawson was very helpful to me in her English 101 class. She always encouraged me. I was able to learn how to improve my writing skills.

Janis Murphy

Dr. Murphy is a dedicated teacher; she puts her students first and is always there for them if they need her. At the beginning of each class she always give us a couple of thoughts for the day—these thoughts are used to help encourage us.

David Martin

Dr. Martin goes above and beyond what is required of him. He is always available to help his students and even makes time for

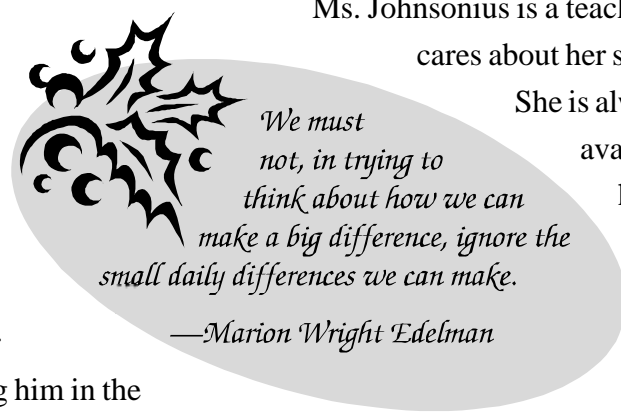
those who are not. In addition, Dr. Martin serves as an advisor for a campus organization and still manages to always have a smile ready for anyone passing him in the hall. He is ready and willing to share his candid advice and experience in advising students and has provided me with much wisdom and assistance.

R. A. Pilgrim

Dr. Pilgrim is a very dedicated teacher with a deep interest in the subjects he teaches. Dr. Pilgrim goes out of his way to assist his students in and out of his classes. I have never seen recommendations as detailed as the ones that he gives. Also, Dr. Pilgrim has on many occasions spent his own money for parts and equipment in his classes, especially his CSC 525 Robotics class.

Mica Howe

I've had Dr. Howe three times now, and I have enjoyed every class immensely. She's the reason I've stuck with Spanish. She's intelligent, has a dry wit, and I think she really likes what she's doing. MSU is lucky to have her.



Linda Johnsonius

Ms. Johnsonius is a teacher who cares about her students. She is always available to help with class material that we didn't understand in class. She deserves recognition for her great teaching ability and because she truly does care! Thank You!!

Ken Carstens

He is very willing to work with the students and is really out to see them succeed. There should be more like him.

Cynthia Gayman

Dr. Gayman is a very effective teacher. She challenges her students and encourages the growth and learning that is optimal for a college classroom experience. Not only is she certainly competent in her subject knowledge, but she can lead students to a higher level of critical analysis and understanding. In my four years here at Murray State, a university whose strength undoubtedly rests with the excellent faculty, Dr. Gayman's class this past Spring semester has been among the top three I've taken.

Taufiq Rashid

He is just a great teacher. He made CIV 101 interesting, and I learned things in that course that I can apply to everyday conversation. He taught the material in such a way that it applied to politics and culture today. Out of all the classes I have taken here at MSU, I think I have retained more from his class than any other. He had a general concern for whether the class was absorbing the material, and he made the course challenging yet understandable.

Elizabeth Powell

Dr. Powell has been my advisor for two semesters now. She has written letters of recommendation for me and has sat down with me to discuss several options in the nursing field that I might be interested in. But, more importantly, she has been there for me when I needed her. Earlier this semester, my roommate passed away. The next day, a memorial service was held for her. I have no idea how Dr. Powell even knew about the service, but she came and was there for me. Afterwards, she told me that if I needed anything at all, from dealing with my teachers to just talking, she would be there for me.

It meant so much to me that she took time out of her personal life to come to the service and be there for me. Almost two months later, we held a memorial service and tree dedication for my roommate. Just as we were getting ready to begin, I looked over and saw Dr. Powell coming across the parking lot from Mason Hall. Once again, I have no idea how she even knew about the service, but she took time out of her day to come and be there. Dr. Powell has been an amazing advisor. She has made such a point to know me and to be there for me. I truly believe that she has gone above and beyond the call of duty and is deserving of any award that could be given to a faculty member. She is an amazing woman and a remarkable advisor.

Sarah Appleton Aguiar

Dr. Aguiar made every subject that we studied come alive. She taught every class with excitement and enthusiasm. She introduced new ideas to us and allowed us to share our views in a comfortable environment. She taught us to be more open-minded and covered a broad range of topics in order to allow us to expand our education. She was ALWAYS available to students. Dr. Aguiar is making a difference

at Murray State University.

Irina Ustinova

I took Linguistics under Dr. Ustinova in the 2003 Spring semester. For many of us (myself included) some of the material/curriculum in the course was very frustrating and difficult to grasp. I am a senior in middle school education, and from my experiences in teaching real students, I can imagine parts of this course that must have been difficult to teach. Two nights before the final there was a tornado. A tree fell on the carport & left my car roof and glass smashed. All my study materials were 90 miles away—I did not study for more than ten minutes for that final. It was not easy. The test was comprehensive and without studying—I could do (or felt comfortable with) most everything. That's learning—because I had no clue about anything related to linguistics at the beginning. Dr. Ustinova has the ability to construct/plan a class that is conducive to retained knowledge.

Barbara Cobb

Learned a lot of improvements and new knowledge throughout her class!

Lissa Graham-Schneider

Nobody does more for the students. Also, she's lots of fun and a great teacher.

Bonnie McNeely

Dr. Bonnie McNeely is a remarkable instructor who took a seemingly irrelevant subject matter and captured my interest in the material. The instructor's teaching methodology, enthusiasm, and course structure made returning to college for a master's degree an enjoyable experience.

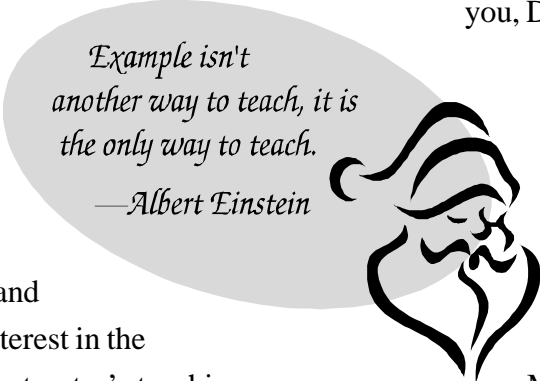
Stephanie Muller

I had Dr. Muller for two psychology classes this summer. She is a wonderful professor. She made the class very interesting and was always willing to help when you had a problem. I just wanted to say "thanks" for being a great professor.

Michael Morgan

For someone who has struggled so much with humanities courses, I have finally become excited about HUM 212 and its content, and that is the result of Dr. Morgan. His passion and knowledge of the course content

and his ability to help us relate our own daily lives to the material makes the class very fun and very insightful. I am very thankful for having him during this summer, but I wish it could have been for a full four-month semester. Thank you, Dr. Morgan!



Bob McGahey

I would like to take this opportunity to say that Dr. McGahey is a

wonderful teacher with a lot of understanding. I say that because just a very short time ago I suffered a car accident, which caused me to stay in the hospital for two years. Of course, Dr. McGahey was among the many teachers, faculty and students that came to visit me in the hospital; he came as regularly as possible, and you could tell that he was really concerned about me. In class Dr. McGahey always makes class funny and fun to be in. I think that Dr. McGahey deserves this award not only for my case, but also because he is a wonderful, kind teacher to all the students.

Bobbie Weatherly

Dr. Weatherly is a great teacher. She is one of those who is involved in her community and

loves teaching. I, for one, had her last semester and was greatly inspired by her. Dr. Weatherly always has a smile on her face and a kind word for all of her students. Making ENG 102 enjoyable was a feat I thought could never be achieved. She is what a great teacher should be.

Crystal Coleman

I have never learned as much anywhere as I have learned in Dr. Coleman's classes. Her attitude is one of demand, and she will not accept anything less than what she knows her students are capable of achieving. Dr. Coleman has confidence in her students, and that is why her students succeed.

Mike Bokeno

Dr. Bokeno is a true scholar. He has a visible passion for the material he teaches, and he knows how to convey his knowledge to his students.

David Martin

Dr. Martin has provided me with excellent guidance over the past couple of years. If I have a question, academic or ethical, I know that I can trust Dr. Martin to give me sound advice. I am confident that Dr. Martin would never steer me down the wrong path. His guidance has encouraged me to pursue the

goals that I have always had, but never the motivation or strength to follow.

After having had Dr. Martin as a teacher, I can say with conviction that he cares about his students. Dr. Martin pursues his job with great zest and dedication for excellence. And he expects the same from his students. This institution is a much better place because of the efforts of Dr. Martin and the Department of Management and Marketing.

Pam Matlock

I have had Pam Matlock for several classes, and I can say I have never had such a good teacher in all my college experience. She was tough. She demanded the best out of each and every one of her students. She encouraged each of us to reach our highest potential and then some.

I recall many times I turned in an “A” paper or assignment and I’d get an “A” but she’d say, “I know you did very well on this, but I think you can do better.” Or, “This is good, but I think you are creative enough to do an even better job of it.”

I can’t say enough good things about Pam Matlock. Her enthusiasm is unbelievable. Her dedication is unmatched. Her knowledge is unmeasureable. I refer to Pam Matlock as my mentor. My hat’s off to her! Murray State University is lucky to have such a great person on its faculty.

Jacqueline Hansen

Dr. Hansen was a great friend and professor who I hope will stay around here to influence more students the way she did me. She gave wonderful advice and really had a splendid personality. I will always remember those hugs that she gave just when I needed them.

Cindy Clemson

Cindy has helped me throughout the three years I have been enrolled at Murray State. She has helped me utilize many programs that I would have otherwise not known about. Whenever I have a question she goes out of the way to find an answer. She is very understanding and can help me figure out any situation. I believe that she deserves this recognition for

her outstanding kindness and her cool demeanor in the most stressful situations.

Michael Perlow

Dr. Perlow was the most unbelievable professor I have ever had. I feel like I could have listened to him teach nursing all day. He explained things very thoroughly and clearly and used lots of humor in his lectures. There are so many things that he said during lecture that continue to come back to me. I felt that he genuinely cared about my understanding of nursing. His knowledge and passion for nursing inspires me. I hope that he continues to make a difference in other nursing students’ lives as he did in mine.

Sharon McKenna

I was deeply touched and honored during the catastrophe of 9-11 when Professor McKenna, a Canadian, extended her sympathies and condolences on behalf of her native country and the Queen to our class. I have found her to be inspirational, challenging and evoking of thought and prodding/prompting students to THINK for themselves. Her Socratic style of inquiry and didactic discussion is deep and watering. She leads her students to think outside the box

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

—John Dewey



and to believe in themselves. She accepts challenges to the norm and is non-threatening in allowing the student(s) / class to debate, disagree, and hold differing opinions to the subject matter. She raises the simple inquiry of WHY to the doctoral level. Her students are confident in her believing in them. I count her to be a Nursing Professor of the Nightingale Order.

T. Wayne Beasley

Dr. Beasley is by far the best professor here at Murray State! He has helped me in and out of class, and he deserves this honor!

Joe Hedges

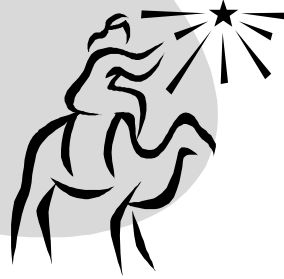
Joe is the kindest, most considerate professor at Murray State. He sincerely cares about those he educates and makes going to class an exciting, fun experience for students. Joe's strength is not only his ability to motivate students and teach us so much about the world of journalism, but that he becomes a friend. Every student who knows Joe Hedges is confident that he or she can walk into his office, close the door and confide in him. Joe goes out of his way to help

students whether or not it pertains to school and classes. If you are looking to honor a special, dedicated, caring professor, look no further than the

second floor of
Wilson
Hall.

No writer or teacher or artist can escape the responsibility of influencing others whether he intends to or not, whether he is conscious of it or not.

—Arthur Koestler



There you will find a man that starts out as a great teacher and becomes so much more for his students. He becomes a confidant to some, a father-figure to others, and a friend to all.

Steve Lacewell

It was a swift summer class for Finance 330 on ITV. Despite the circumstances (ITV, difficult class and short time to learn the course), there was a big help from a teacher like Dr. Steve Lacewell. He was so accommodating to questions...“dumb” or sensible. He made himself available to questions by taking phone calls at home nights or weekends. His lectures were well paced, and he would take time reviewing problems for the sake of clarification. It would have been difficult for me to learn FIN 330

if I did not have an excellent teacher like Dr. Lacewell.

Sharon Myatt

Mrs. Myatt is a clinical instructor for the nursing department. She is willing to go above and beyond her duties to help any student. She does her best to place each senior level student in the clinical setting that will best develop his/her skills and develop leadership potential. She maintains an open door policy which further encourages students to share problems and concerns that may develop as a result of the clinical experience.

Mrs. Myatt demonstrates by example the qualities that are important to be successful in nursing: patience, compassion and perseverance. As a recent graduate of this outstanding nursing program, I will be forever grateful to Mrs. Myatt.

Sue Farley

Mrs. Farley is a very wonderful teacher. She goes into great detail to help you understand the lessons you are studying. As a non-traditional student this has been most helpful to me after being out of school for 18 years. Teachers like her help you to enjoy your college experience and give you the encouragement to be successful.

Bobbie Greer

Mrs. Greer is a wonderful speech teacher. She has helped me in many ways with learning about the proper use of speech. She helps to give you the confidence to be successful when delivering a speech. I thank her for all the support she gave during her class.

Paul Naberezny

Mr. Naberezny is a wonderful teacher. His great personality made the class very pleasant to be in. He was very helpful in helping me during my first semester in college. This class is very helpful for students to become familiar with Murray State University.

Victoria Ausland

Mrs. Ausland is a wonderful English teacher. She has great understanding of English and helps her students to learn how to properly use language. She was most helpful to me since I had been out of school for 18 years, and she always had encouraging words to help.

Pam Matlock

I had the pleasure of being in Ms. Matlock’s SED 300 class the spring of 2003. I really enjoyed the class, and I gained a lot of knowledge about special education that I never really knew before. Ms. Matlock was always

very enthusiastic about our learning and had a very unique way of teaching us. We did fun group presentations and had great guest speakers. She always had a smile on her face every day and really cared about her students. I attended class every day, despite the snow that we seemed to have every week upon returning from Christmas break. I will carry with me throughout my years of college what I learned in Ms. Matlock’s class. I must say kudos to her and keep up the great work.

Margie Boldt

I had the pleasure to take Dr. Boldt’s summer ACC 604 class. Her innovative teaching methods and her devotion to see the student excel are phenomenal. I really appreciated all of her hard work to ensure that the students thoroughly understood the material. The course I took with Dr. Boldt was very difficult; however, she made learning fun. I really owe Dr. Boldt a sincere thank you. She definitely qualifies as a great teacher.

Gary Whitfield

He is personable and facilitates his students to their fullest potential!

Kenny Fister

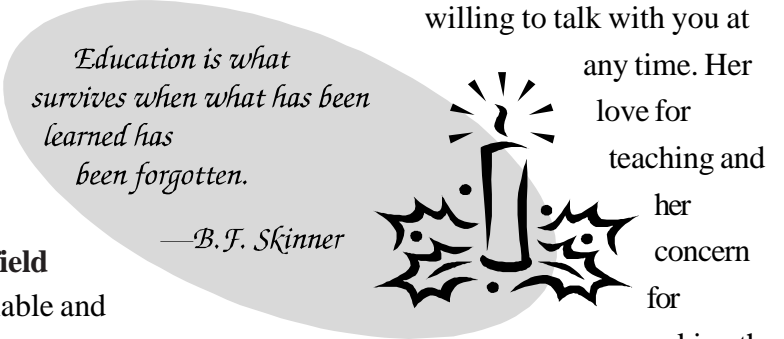
A very good math/algebra teacher, makes we want to go to class and learn math. And I’m not, to say the least, a math person.

Ginny Richerson

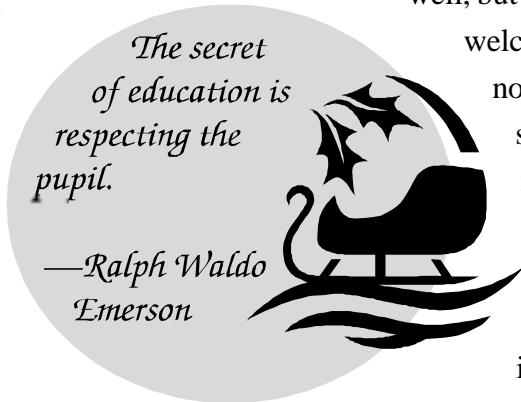
Dr. Richerson really cares for her students and works hard to ensure that all students that come through her program will be successful! She was my advisor while I was working on my bachelor’s degree, and she helped me get a great job after graduation. I am now teaching and working on my MBA. Dr. Richerson has even gone so far as to visit me at my job just to see how I was. Even now, if I have career questions, I go to Dr. Richerson. She is an excellent teacher and a great friend!

Ginny Richerson

Dr. Richerson is a great teacher! She loves her students and treats them like her own. She is dedicated to helping us and is willing to talk with you at any time. Her love for teaching and her concern for making the best future teachers is obvious in her dedication. Dr.



Richerson works hard to make sure we are well-rounded, trained teachers for the future generations we are teaching!
Thanks, Dr. Richerson.



Ann Minor

This nursing teacher does more than make a difference in the classroom—she makes a real difference in her students' lives. Mrs. Minor is very active in helping students achieve their classroom goals and caring enough to ensure that students take care of their personal lives, so they can be successful. I have never had a professor so willing to give of herself to make sure your college learning experience is meaningful and rewarding to you.

Peggy Pittman-Munke

Dr. Munke is very knowledgeable and quite people-friendly. She always makes time to help her students; she really cares about the welfare of all of them. Murray State's campus and the Social Work Department is a better place because of her.

Sue Sroda

Dr. Sroda knows her subject very well, but she always welcomes questions, no matter how simple. She has made a strenuous effort to get all students involved in her online class by using the Virtual Classroom on Blackboard.

She also has a great sense of humor and works hard on the PowerPoint presentations she composes, which add substantially to our understanding.

Jacqueline Hansen

Dr. Hansen is one, if not the best, instructor I have had while at MSU. She is an instructor in the college of Ed. She truly demonstrates what a great teacher is! She strives to model excellence in her classroom and goes far out of her way to help her students. She expresses enthusiasm to be here and shows she truly cares about both her students and education.

David Ferguson

Dr. David Ferguson is one of the most friendly professors at MSU. I have seen many professors on

this campus, and every one of them is very friendly. But the very unique thing about Dr. Ferguson is that he takes a great pleasure in teaching and all his classes are very interesting. He always makes sure that everything he teaches makes sense to his students. Also, he is always ready to answer any kind of query about the course he is teaching and never gets annoyed by students asking him questions during the lecture. He has a great amount of knowledge about agriculture, mainly in physiology, plant breeding and biotechnology. He is and will be a great teacher to me forever. Thank you.

Lori Harris

Dr. Harris is the most impressive teacher I've ever had. She's bright, and she always keeps our attention. Her classes are never boring, even though they're mostly notetaking-oriented. She makes it a mission, for every class, to remember the name of every student—despite the fact that there are over 100 students in my Psych180 class. She's always willing to talk on a one-on-one basis, and she's just a fun teacher.

Dale Phillips

Dale Phillips simply makes an early morning English 101 class interesting and worth going to. He

doesn't teach like a typical college professor. He teaches like a normal person. It just makes more sense that way.

Gill Welsch

He taught the best class that I have attended here at MSU. The learning environment was laid back yet informative, allowing the students to participate and be themselves. By far he was the best teacher I have had in my college career.

Ted Belue

I am a 39 year old freshman. I would like to nominate Mr. Belue because I think he really cares about his students. He gets his point across very well on what he expects of us. I have made a lot of mistakes in my life and this led me to believe that I would always be a nobody. Mr. Belue has pointed out that he has made mistakes of his own and is still a successful person. He is an inspiration to me. Some of my classmates have made comments like, "I didn't like history until now," or "I'm glad I have him for history." He is really one of a kind.

Peggy Pittman-Munke

Dr. Munke is without a doubt the most outstanding teacher I have ever had in my elementary, high

school or college experience. I took a domestic violence online course from her and she is presently my Senior Project Advisor. Her knowledge of the curriculum and how to advise you is great. Her knowledge of the Social Work system and the wealth of information contained in her brain has always overwhelmed me. If you have had a personal problem, she can casually lead you to a solution or a way to make you accept it as a challenge in life.

I have encountered medical problems while in her class and her concern expressed couldn't be more meaningful if she was a member of my family or my best friend. She has a way of motivating you without even a slight feeling of pressure being exerted.

A master can tell you what he expects of you. A teacher, though, awakens your own expectation.

—Patricia Neal

If you send in an assignment, she immediately responds with her comments or congratulations on a job well done. Her feedback allows you to know what she expects and how you are doing. That makes it

easier to continue with your assignments, than if you had to wait until 4 or 5 weeks to know how you're doing in the class.

Let me add, if you sign up for one of her courses, you need to be ready to work. Family Violence was the busiest course I ever took.

I think Murray State is fortunate to have her on the staff and I consider it an honor to be her student and friend.

Richard Robinson

Mr. Robinson has not only helped me to completely understand his math, he has taught me how to prepare for the next set of classes I have to take. Mr. Robinson loves to teach and you can see it everytime he walks into the class room. He is very upbeat and entertaining. He is truly a great teacher.

Patsy Nichols

Teacher with an awesome attitude.



Jacqueline Hansen

Dr. Hansen is the type of professor everyone wants. She makes class fun and interesting while teaching the required material. She also perfectly models the material, so that the student can see how to use the learned information. She is

genuinely concerned about each and every student and is willing to help you any way she can. I wish she could teach all of my classes.

Dean Ann Provine

She does a really good job making sure all of her students get the information down, and if we are having troubles with it she gives us extra study tips.

Kim McFarlen

Mrs. McFarlen helped me greatly during my freshman year in learning how to write papers that flow well and make sense. I learned so much valuable information in her class. Everything she taught me has helped me tremendously as I have continued my college career. The information that she taught me on researching has been beneficial to me in all of my other classes. I greatly appreciate all that she put into teaching me how to research and to write good papers.

Celia Wall

Dr. Wall is not a teacher whose classes I have always been excited about taking. Not because the classes were bad, but because they were so challenging. Dr.

Wall challenges her students and pushes them to the limits of their knowledge and ability.

I have had four classes with Dr.

Celia Wall in my four years at Murray State, and they all were, by far, the best classes I have

had. I have been challenged by her expectations of me and been made confident in my abilities that she has honed.

Crystal Coleman

Dr. Coleman is probably the toughest educator I have ever encountered. I give her what I feel to be my best work, and she pushes me to make it even better. She makes me WANT to do well. I WANT to be successful in her class. Besides being a great educator, she also strives to let her students know that she cares for them. She not only cares about their success in the classroom, but she cares about their success in life—all levels of life.

Terry Strieter

Dr. Strieter is a wonderful professor! He is more than just a teacher. He is a role model. I only hope that when I finish here and go into teaching that I can be as great of a teacher as he is. What makes Dr. Strieter so special? He

really cares about his students and has a deep passion for history and how history is still working in today's society in the U.S. Also while in his World Civilization course, I met some of the most terrific people who also think Dr. Strieter is an amazing professor, even one who didn't do well in Dr. Strieter's class grade wise but felt that he learned so much from Dr. Strieter. I believe he is truly worth this nomination!

James Clingermayer

Dr. Clingermayer has a very well organized class setting in which he conveys information clearly. He is also fair and unbiased in his teaching which is significant for any professor, especially those teaching Political Science courses.

Duane Bolin

Dr. Bolin is a fantastic professor! He teaches his students using many different techniques and methods. It's refreshing to go to his class to see just what he will come up with next! He makes me want to be the kind of teacher that he is—one that reaches out and touches every student.

Steve Jones

Dr. Jones has a unique and at times intimidating way of presenting the vast amount of

I am always doing what I cannot do yet, in order to learn how to do it.

—Vincent Van Gogh



knowledge that he has acquired in his many life experiences; however, the intimidation is only used to challenge students to learn and “get outside their comfort zone.” His passion for teaching is his passion for the students to learn, respect, and understand the rich history that the human race has created.

Pamela Brewer

I have been in two of Mrs. Brewer’s Technical Writing classes last semester and this semester. The first class I took under her was ENG 325 and was required for my major in a science field. Once in the class, I discovered how much I enjoyed Technical Writing, and due to Mrs. Brewer’s enthusiasm for the subject and wonderful teaching, I declared a minor in Technical Writing. Thanks to her encouragement and interesting and relevant assignments, I now have a new avenue of interest and possible career direction. What started as one required class has turned into an area of study for me- thanks Mrs. Brewer for motivating me to take up Technical Writing!

Lee Kem

Dr. Kem has over 700 advisees. She also the advisor for KEA-SP, Student Ambassadors, and ASIE.

She teaches EDP260 and Freshman “O”. She was instrumental in organizing Transfer Orientation this summer.

Cami Duffy

Prof. Duffy is a wonderful teacher as well as friend. She is amazing in the class room, and knows exactly what to do to catch students attention. Prof. Duffy focuses on what her students need to know when they leave MSU. I have now had the opportunity to have 5 different teachers here at MSU, and Prof. Duffy has made it far beyond the others on my personal list! Great job Prof. Duffy :-)

Barbara Malinauskas

She teaches with much enthusiasm, excitement, and joy which makes the learning process very enjoyable in her classes. I appreciate her and her teaching style very much.

Cami Duffy

This woman is the best teacher I have ever had. She made me think and use my creativity in ways I have never done before. Mrs. Duffy is also a great advisor. She will always be willing to listen and tell you what she thinks is the best for that situation. She pushes her students to go farther than they

have ever been. She doesn’t just lecture, and she makes the class enjoyable. I have never looked forward to going to a class the way I do hers. Thanks Mrs. Duffy for making me a better person and student. You’re the Best!!!!

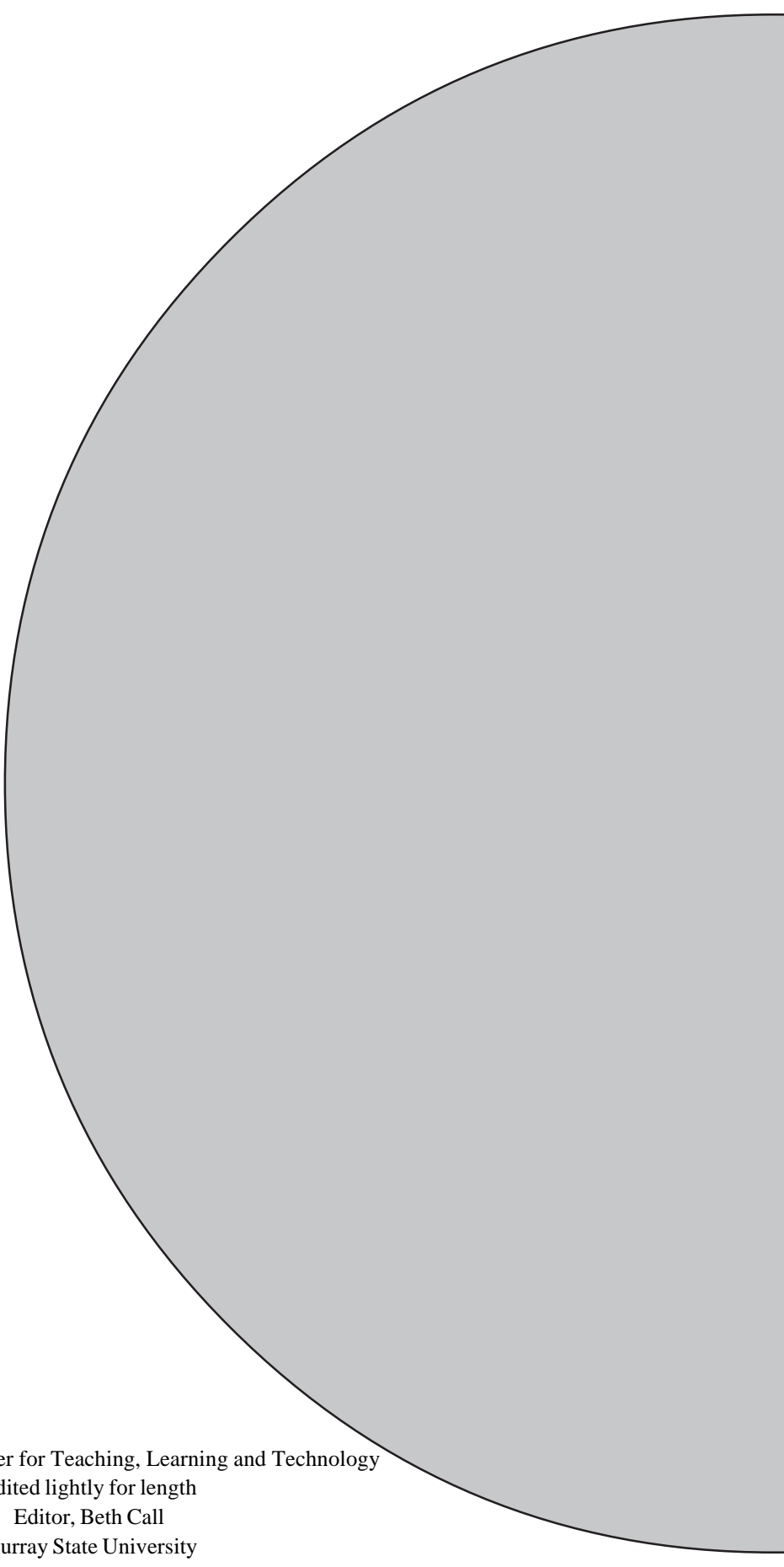
Hamid Kobraei

Dr. Kobraei is an excellent instructor in the classroom because of his ability to present material in a clear and enjoyable manner. His wonderful attitude and friendly demeanor counterbalance the difficulties of physics. I believe that what makes a professor stand out from among the rest is when they go beyond the responsibilities of the classroom as he has in being available and encouraging to students by giving extra help when needed.



You can pay people to teach, but you can't pay them to care.

—Marva Collins



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