

Roundtable

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Merry Christmas, Murray State!

This holiday season Murray State can again celebrate an impressive array of public kudos. To gain insight on the important role that faculty play in that success, CTLT turned to our students. We placed a form on RacerNet in the fall of 2001 asking students to nominate a special faculty member for great teacher recognition. The response was overwhelming, and we published the “nominations” in the first Holiday edition of the *Roundtable*. We have maintained the form on RacerNet over the last year under the Student FYI tab. Students have discovered and used it with no encouragement, special incentive, or reward.

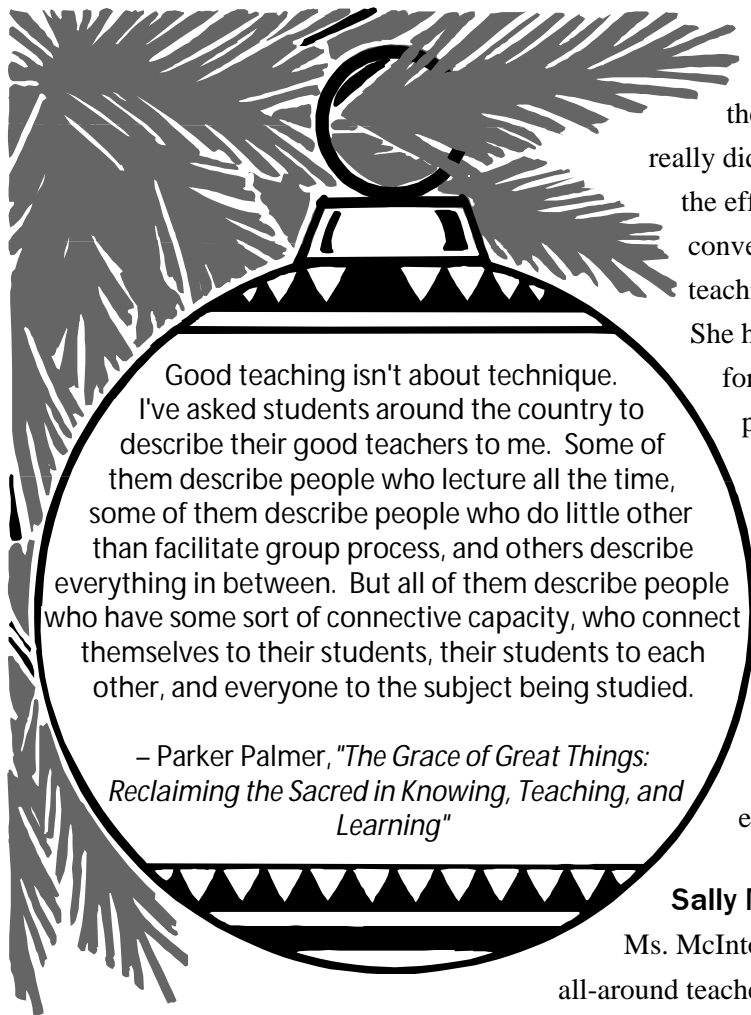
As CTLT read this year’s nominations, we began to see a relationship between what our students reported and the research on the scholarship of teaching. Chickering and Gamson’s classic *Seven Principles for Good Practice in Undergraduate Education*¹ is a widely recognized standard for excellence in instruction. We have listed the *Principles* throughout this edition of the *Roundtable*. As you read through it, you will see that the *Principles* are alive and well in our faculty.

Please note that these nominations were NOT scientifically gathered and are certainly not comprehensive. Many students never saw the form and many great faculty are not represented.

What the response does indicate, however, is the strong connection between MSU faculty and students. We continue to be overwhelmed and gratified at the number of students who take the time to lobby for their instructors. It says a lot about our faculty—and a lot about our students.

Happy Holidays!

¹ Chickering, A.W, and Gamson, Z.F. “Seven Principles for Good Practice in Undergraduate Education.” AAHE Bulletin, 1987, 39(7), 3-7.



Good teaching isn't about technique. I've asked students around the country to describe their good teachers to me. Some of them describe people who lecture all the time, some of them describe people who do little other than facilitate group process, and others describe everything in between. But all of them describe people who have some sort of connective capacity, who connect themselves to their students, their students to each other, and everyone to the subject being studied.

– Parker Palmer, *"The Grace of Great Things: Reclaiming the Sacred in Knowing, Teaching, and Learning"*

Gail Hendon

Gail Hendon has been tremendously helpful since my transfer to Murray State. She has helped me during class and outside of class more than a teacher ever has. She is a committed and dedicated teacher who tries to help everyone even when there is little or no time. She always keeps you interested in the subject she is teaching and never falls behind. I believe that she should be recognized for her wonderful skills at helping students inside the classroom and outside the classroom.

Stephanie Carpenter

Dr. Carpenter demonstrated much

enthusiasm while teaching the CIV classes. I really did appreciate all the effort that she conveyed towards teaching the subject. She has helped me to formulate new perspectives regarding historical events and how they influence everyday life. I do appreciate her efforts. Thanks!

Sally McIntosh

Ms. McIntosh is a great all-around teacher. She is one of the few professors that I have known that is willing to take time out of her schedule to help you, even if your question is not in her class. I just think she is great. She is always there for you, she is reasonable, and she cares about her students.

Randall Black

Dr. Black is not only a wonderful voice teacher, but he also appreciates the fact that students need his help in guidance. He has helped me grow more in one semester than I have in four years, and I believe that he more than deserves a Great Teacher Award.

Lori Nicholas

With this being my first semester in college, I needed a boost. Mrs. Nicholas was pleasant everyday and very eager for us to learn. She has inspired me to study and do my very best. She knew her information well and taught it to us in a way we could learn. I think she is a great teacher and will be sad to not have her again.

Andy Batts

Dr. Batts is extremely intelligent and interesting. He can make the most difficult or dry subjects come to life. He understands that not everyone has an IQ over 160 and he helps you to become the best that you can be. He makes you feel good about what you are learning and that you could achieve the impossible. He has a gruff exterior that hides a caring, nurturing teacher inside and ALL of us students know that. He earns our loyalty and respect by his talent of teaching us. Even when we fight him tooth and nail, he still manages to get knowledge into our heads. He's just an all around GREAT professor and I enjoy each and every one of his classes.

William J. Palmer

Just a great teacher.

Scott Locke

Sarah Aguiar

She taught me more in one semester than I had learned in all my previous classes combined.

Michael Johnson

Mr. Johnson has been a wonderful support to me in my photography classes. He has been a mentor and friend, and is always there for all of his students. He demands the best out of me and makes me want to improve not only for my grades and my degree, but more importantly for myself. He has been an inspiration, and I'm grateful for the chance I've had to be in his class.

Renee Fister

She is one of the best math teachers I have ever had. I really appreciate her for her ability to help me achieve my goals in her class. She is a credit to the math department at MSU.

Ron Cella

I realize that Dr. Cella retired from teaching last year, but he still teaches everyday at Hester College. The love this man puts forth in being part of these students' lives is unbelievable. For this reason, I think that Dr. Ron Cella should be considered for this great honor.

Don Chamberlain

Dr. Chamberlain came into class everyday with tons of energy. He showed that he was motivated to teach, and he expressed the concern for the students to learn accounting. He and his staff had study sessions in Winslow every week for the students who wanted to get more help or just wanted to study with the teachers and

classmates. He made accounting enjoyable and a lot easier than what it could have been. Don Chamberlain is the man for this award.

Merry Miller

She is a wonderful teacher and advisor. She is always ready to help her students if they need extra help with anything.

Chandy Duncan Melton

Great teacher.

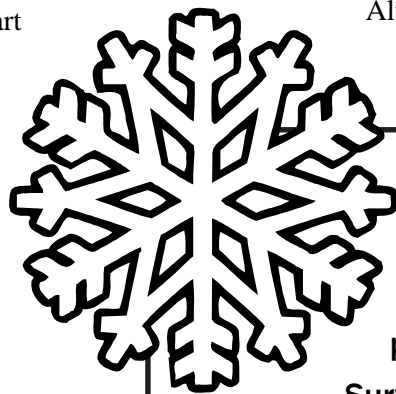
John Dillon

This teacher goes out of his way to help students with TV programs and is always willing to help. I think he has been the most influential teacher during my college career this far. Dr. Dillon is an instructor who makes a difference at Murray State.

Duane Bolin

Although his history class

takes a lot of work and studying (if you want at least a B like I do), his teaching methods help you keep up with what's going on. Preparing for his exams & quizzes can sometimes be overwhelming, but you'd have to miss classes or have earplugs in to be lost. Also, he never fails to come to class seemingly enthusiastic about that day's subject matter. If he's ever in a bad mood, it doesn't show. Even though my GPA is of #1 importance in the end, I want to make good grades for him. I don't want him to think I'm not trying as hard as he is (but in a different way). He's funny, he makes history as interesting as possible, and he actually cares what we think about his exams/quizzes (not to the point where they're easy though). He just really seems to care if we learn. As a transfer student, that's more appreciated. Nothing against my previous school, but in the two years I was there, I pretty



Murray State University was one of only six public universities in America to make the prestigious "Hidden Treasure" list, published by Kaplan Inc. of Riverside, N.J. Survey results were announced in "Kaplan's 2003 Most Interesting Colleges" guidebook for students and parents. According to Trent Anderson, vice president for publishing and e-ventures at Kaplan, the "treasure" ranking was based on academic quality, student environment (including diversity), enrollment growth and affordability.

much taught myself and paid them to give me grades. Anyway, Dr. Bolin stands out. I'm in his class this semester, so I don't want him to know who wrote this—but you can tell him someday.

David Hatch

Jacqueline Hansen

Dr. Hansen is a master teacher. She takes her job and her students very seriously, and that is reflected in her teaching. Dr. Hansen does not just present the facts—she models the behaviors, both professional and practical, that she expects from her students. She is a professional, a role model, and a friend. I respect her and appreciate the time, love, and attention that she puts into her job. Dr. Hansen has made a profound impact on me as a person and as a future educator. If I am half of the teacher that she is, then I will have accomplished an incredible task.

Dana Harader

She is always there to help, never critical, and always has a positive outlook. She has taught her classes so much in technology and is always there to lend a hand to make everything clear.

Jerry Speight

Jerry is one of the best teachers I have had. He not only teaches you—

he works with you. He understands you and knows that you are not always going to be at your best. I've really enjoyed him as a teacher.

1. Good Practice Encourages Contacts Between Students and Faculty

Frequent student-faculty contact in and out of class is a most important factor in student motivation and involvement. Faculty concern helps students get through rough times and keep on working. Knowing a few faculty members well enhances students' intellectual commitment and encourages them to think about their own values and plans.

— Arthur Chickering and Zelda Gamson, 1987

George Rice

He pushes you to dig down deep to do your best. He goes out of his way to try to help you in any way that he can. He also cares about if his students learn or not. He was the best teacher I had while attending Murray State.

Tim Todd

Dr. Todd is a great instructor. He encourages and motivates students to study. And he is ready to help anytime. He is very kind and understanding.

Seid Hassan

Dr. Hassan makes it known in his classes that he truly cares about the

students' well-being. He understands that, as Americans, we have a unique choice to obtain an education, yet few students exercise that choice to the fullest. Every student that walks into Dr. Hassan's classroom from day one knows that if they work hard to grasp the concepts being taught, they will have the greatest cheerleader right beside them—Dr. Seid Hassan. I exercise this choice today to let others know how greatly he is appreciated by the students of the College of Business and Public Affairs.

Tim Johnston

Dr. Johnston is a very laid back professor, yet he understands how to communicate the material in terms that you'll understand, and his door is always open.

Paul McNeary

He is a wonderful and understanding teacher. He wants everyone to learn and shows a very caring attitude toward all students in his class. He is a genuine teacher who enlightens all his students to do their best and perform at their maximum potential. His teaching is truly a model of an excellent teacher.

Seid Hassan

Dr. Hassan is a very intelligent man. Dr. Hassan does an excellent job teaching the class. He is always prepared, always on time, and takes time to help all students. Dr. Hassan

is an excellent teacher, and I would hope that he is recognized for his work.

Pam Brewer

She has encouraged me throughout this class. She made it interesting and practical. I am glad I was able to take this class!!!

Roger Weis

Dr. Weis has inspired me by being the kind of person who reaches out to other people. He expects greatness from his students, but in return rewards them greatly. He has gone far beyond what has been required of him to help his students reach their full potential.

Edrena Harrison

Chandy Melton

Just wanted to say that I learned a lot more in her CIV 101 class than I have in many other classes. She is a great speaker and I love the way she organized her class. I learned a whole lot that I had no clue about before!

John Dressler

I had Dr. Dressler a couple of semesters ago and he was wonderful. I had him for CIV 101 and I really enjoyed the class. The things he talked about in class are still fresh in my mind. He was organized and prompt in returning papers and tests. I tell many friends to take his class.

John Steffa

Robert Lyons

Dr. Lyons is a wealth of information in everything that is happening in the education world. He can readily quote any relevant research done or being done on current issues in education. He is an expert in educational research. In ADM 630, he made research and statistics understandable for the laymen who were new to the field.

Staci Stone

Out of all of the professors I've had at MSU, she was the greatest. She is great at teaching and listening. I actually enjoyed being in her class, and enjoyed doing all of the work that was expected. She wasn't busy trying to do some kind of book or paper. She was always friendly, and really cool and respected all opinions. Most professors have their opinion and if you didn't follow it then you were doomed. She made me want to work hard and even switch majors, if I hadn't been so far along in mine. I really wish that I could have her for more classes.

Sara Gutwirth

She is an awesome teacher who pushes the students to do their best in class. She is demanding in a positive way. I've already learned so much from her in two semesters and feel better about myself because of her positive reactions to my work.

Latricia Trites

I took the summer course of Linguistics under Dr. Trites via the web. Anyone who has ever taken a linguistics class knows how difficult it can be to learn and understand. Dr. Trites went above and beyond to see that we all understood the material. She had 3 different class times to meet via the Blackboard. She had different office hour times to discuss any problems we may be having. Of all the web classes I have taken, Dr. Trites has been the most available to her students. She was always very patient with us no matter what the circumstances. I commend Dr. Trites for doing such an excellent job teaching ENG 310-01 over the web. She managed to work around the obstacles never letting on how frustrated she must have gotten. We need more teachers like Dr. Trites in the school systems.

Frank Julian

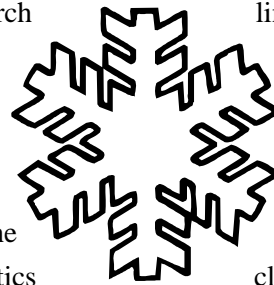
Dr. Julian taught LST 240. It was the most interesting class that I took. He was extremely knowledgeable of the subject matter and made the class very interesting. Any grade received from him was deserved. I am glad that it was a required course.

Richard Flynn

Dr. Richard Flynn is a very supportive professor.

David Canning

He teaches really well and interacts



well with students, especially well for how many students are enrolled in my particular class.

Cyndi Boggs

This instructor went above and beyond her call of duty. She made sure that we understood the content of the course as well as how to implement it in the classroom. She always had a smile on her face and was always encouraging. She helped us buy in to her philosophy that kids are the most precious and important part of our lives and we should treat them as such. She also taught us that every student can succeed if we, as educators, expect them to. She is an outstanding instructor and I will always rely on her as a mentor and friend.

Anthony Cantarella

Professor Cantarella cares about students! I'm now taking my second course under Professor Cantarella and can attest to his genuine concern to his students' well-being. He epitomizes the small town college image of a professor that maintains a personal relationship with his students. He is more than willing to help you whether it's academic or personal in nature. There should be more professors on MSU's campus like Professor Cantarella.

Sonya Baker

Dr. Baker is a new teacher here at

MSU. Coming into a faculty of so many great music teachers, she has quickly adjusted and quite frankly fits right in. She is an awesome voice teacher and really cares about the progression her students make in class each year. I am happy to have her as an instructor.

2.

Good Practice Develops Reciprocity and Cooperation Among Students

Learning is enhanced when it is more like a team effort than a solo race. Good learning, like good work, is collaborative and social, not competitive and isolated. Working with others often increases involvement in learning. Sharing one's ideas and responding to others' improves thinking and deepens understanding.

— Arthur Chickering and Zelda Gamson, 1987

Jim Booth

Dr. Booth is the best teacher I have ever had! He relates very well to his students and really cares. All of the material he goes over in class is relevant and he makes it interesting for the students. The assignments he gives us have a definite point, and we learn a lot from them and the things he has us do in class. These are just a few of the things that make him an excellent professor.

Lissa Graham-Schneider

Lissa was the first director I ever

worked with. Before I came here I never did any kind of acting. I just thought it would be fun to be a theatre major. The first show I ever auditioned for, she directed. She had so much faith in someone who had never done such a thing. I can always go to her if I'm having any problems. I've worked on every one of her shows. She's the best; she honestly loves what she does and the people around her. I don't know if I'd still be a theatre major if wasn't for her. She's been there for me especially since my parents are so far away. She's just a great teacher, mentor, and person.

Jacqueline Hansen

Dr. Hansen did not simply teach the class how to be effective teachers, she showed us. She was a great example that I wish to follow in the near future. Dr. Hansen met all learning style needs and really did a wonderful job of transferring her knowledge down to her classes. She understood her students' needs, and then she met them. If I had it to do all over again, I would wait two years to take her class. The class was not about "getting the grade." I actually learned something that I can use in life, and I am thankful that I had the opportunity to be one of her students. For these reasons and many others, Dr. Hansen is deserving of recognition above all others. Thanks, Dr. Hansen, for being a teacher.

Pat McCutchen

Makes lectures fun and exciting and is always there to help you when you need it!

Danny Claiborne

Danny is the chair of the Industry and Technology Department here at Murray State. If you have ever been into the IT building you will find it very, very inviting. You will owe that feeling of closeness, friendliness, dependability, and professionalism to Danny Claiborne. To the many of us in the department, Danny is just another friend, he can have fun with the best of us. He is also the chair of our Ambassadors program. Without his dedication, hard work, and the help of other ambassadors, the program would not continue to double every two to three years like it has. I'm sure that everyone will agree that he is the best professor ever and definitely a reason why we are here at Murray State University and continue to be. If anyone deserves this nomination we all would strongly recommend him. Check him out and investigate, I know you will find the same. Thank you so much!

Sue Sroda

Dr. Sroda teaches difficult lessons in an energetic, vivid way. Students never get bored with her classes and

can really learn things.

Janis Murphy

She is a very good teacher. She makes learning fun and interesting. She does not lecture about the lesson—she teaches it in a different way by playing games and doing classroom activities. I enjoy being in her class.

Dan Wann

Great teacher. I've learned more in his classes than any other in my education history! He's funny, approachable, and encouraging. If all my teachers were like him, I'd never leave!

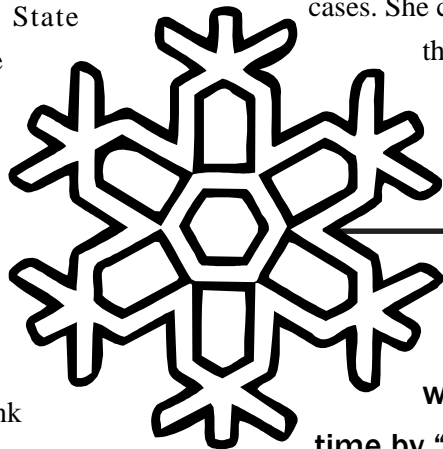
Sandy Miles

Dr. Miles goes the extra step in giving a great lesson. She knows the laws applicable to HR inside out, in addition to knowing the outcomes of current and precedent setting cases. She can always give a thorough answer to our questions. Further, all of

her PowerPoint slides are available through her website so that we can be completely prepared to learn and follow her lectures. Dr. Miles makes it a point for us to learn the legalities of HR so that when we are in the real world we will always know how to protect ourselves in those cases where things are not always done the legal way. Her demeanor and carriage set an excellent example of how we should present ourselves when we enter the workforce.

Jacqueline Hansen

Dr. Jackie Hansen is a wonderful person and a very influential teacher. She motivates everyone to do their best and truly believes in each and every one of her students. She truly loves her job. Her hard work and dedication shines in her every action. She has exceeded far beyond a point to which many teachers never make it. I would like to applaud you, Dr. Hansen, for a job well done. You inspire me in many ways you may never know. Thanks, and keep up the good work.



Murray State University, consistently ranked among the nation's best public universities, was singled-out as a "best value" again — this time by "Kiplinger's Personal Finance" magazine. MSU ranked among the top nine public universities in the nation for quality education with affordable out-of-state rates. Murray ranked 40th overall for academic quality and affordable tuition.

Kim Jastremski

Dr. Jastremski is currently my Humanities 211 professor. Humanities is one of my worst subjects, but because of the assistance of Dr. Jastremski I have learned a great deal. After missing class for nearly two weeks because of an illness, Dr. Jastremski met with me in her office, off-campus on one of her days off and prepared me for an exam. Dr. Jastremski's dedication to her students is what makes their success. I have yet to find a professor who is so willing to give their time and efforts to work so diligently with students. Dr. Jastremski has such enthusiasm in the classroom which creates an atmosphere where students have a strong desire to learn. I'd like to recognize Dr. Kim Jastremski as one of the outstanding professors on Murray State's campus.

John Steffa

Dr. Steffa is truly the best teacher. He is really concerned about his students. He will start where the class is in general (based on pretests) and then he will take the class a step higher in the learning. He isn't like many teachers who assume that all students will be at a given point and that he must get us at point B by the end of the semester. Dr. Steffa is also very innovative. He keeps the music department up to date on technology and he is always interested in learning more about music

3. Good Practice Uses Active Learning Techniques

Learning is not a spectator sport. Students do not learn much just sitting in classes listening to teachers, memorizing prepackaged assignments, and spitting out answers. They must talk about what they are learning, write reflectively about it, relate it to past experiences, and apply it to their daily lives. They must make what they learn part of themselves.

- Arthur Chickering and Zelda Gamson, 1987

technology. He is always on the edge—a step ahead of where textbooks are on the subject. He is already experimenting with the “new stuff” that hasn't always made it to the mainstream in music and in music technology. He is calm in his manner of teaching and in many opinions of many music students throughout the years (I had him as an undergrad and a grad student). He is a genius. I hope to be more like him with my own students.

Staci Stone

I had Dr. Stone for HUM 211 during the spring semester of 2001. I enjoyed her class so much. Her enthusiasm about the subject and endless encouragement made me eager to learn and come to class. After having her, she has always said hi to me when I see her on campus, instead of forgetting a name/face as

soon as the semester is over. She obviously cares about her students and strives to make them reach their potential. I thank her for her help and encouragement.

Mark Wattier

I have had Dr. Wattier for a number of courses for undergraduate and graduate work, and clearly he has instilled a study method that demands appraisal. Dr. Wattier has guided me through six years of work while helping me progress to the next level that I seek, which is a PhD. All in all, Dr. Wattier demands a great deal from his students, but is an excellent professor who should be awarded as such.

Chandy Melton

She does an excellent job teaching CIV!!!

Dwayne Driskill

I think Dr. Driskill is a phenomenal teacher. He really enjoys what he does and makes our learning fun. Most of his classes are full to the max, and that shows that students love to take him. I think he needs to be recognized for all his hard work and dedication.

Duane Bolin

Dr. Bolin sincerely cares about teaching history. His lectures are not only entertaining but also thought provoking. He uses various mediums

to get his lecture through to the students. While his traditional lecture style is never boring, he often supplements his lectures with videos, transparencies, and even music. I think he should be rewarded for the effort he puts forth in preparing his lectures.

Ginny Richerson

She is a great teacher; she takes time above and beyond what other teachers do. She sincerely cares about every one of her students. She makes sure that everyone is taken care of. I just love her enthusiasm about her class and her students!

Lee Kem

Tim Johnston

I nominate Dr. Johnston for recognition of being an excellent professor here at MSU. Dr. Johnston has a laid back personality that makes it really easy to approach him with any questions you may have. His door is always open and his ears ready to listen to any concerns that students may have. I even sent a friend of mine to him who was having trouble in another class and he had no problem sitting down and helping her. Most professors would have sent a student back to the professor who was teaching the course. He has a deep understanding of the subject material, yet he will break it down for you to understand and will explain it until you do. I congratulate MSU for hiring this

man, and most importantly, I congratulate Dr. Johnston for being an excellent teacher. WE NEED MORE LIKE YOU DR. J.

Pam Matlock

She brings her experience of teaching special education for 27 years into the classroom. Her teaching methods are interesting, and going to class is enjoyable.

Frank Julian

Dr J, to me, is a great teacher. He is always available when you need advice. He is understanding and tries to help with whatever problem you have. He reassures you and is always positive. His classes are always not the easiest, but when you leave at the end of the semester, you leave with knowledge that you will keep for a long time. Thank you Dr. J for being such a great teacher and advisor.

James Davis

He really knows what he is teaching and how to make it logical to students, and the same time he is so hilarious. I've learned A LOT with him. Not an easy class, but you'll really learn about nutrition.

Steve Jones

Dr. Jones is one of the most enthusiastic teachers I have ever had. He makes his classes challenging and

interesting, and his love for his field is contagious. Furthermore, he shows genuine concern for his students, and he is never too busy, in spite of his hectic schedule, to help his students. He is most deserving of honor.

John Goodell

He has instructed his MAT 105 with such detail that I finally understand algebra. He has also showed a great concern and care in making sure the students learn the material. He is always willing to help you if you need it. He has been a wonderful, absolutely great instructor.

Cynthia Gayman

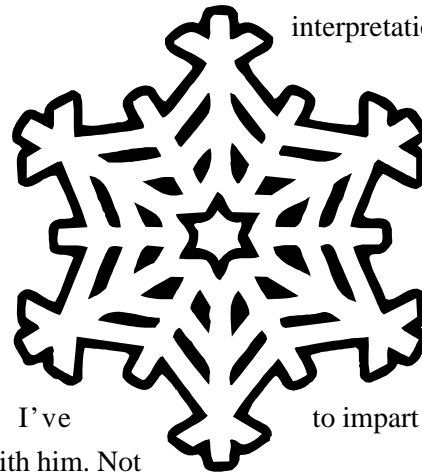
She really brings the stories in Humanities to life, and makes them much easier to understand and interpret while still allowing us (students) to share, discuss, give input, and write about our own interpretations and beliefs.

Andy Batts

This instructor has such a wealth of knowledge, and it is not just what is in the books, but also cutting edge technology that he is always willing to impart to students.

Sarah Aguiar

Dr. Aguiar is the best teacher I have had at MSU. She takes a personal interest in each and every one of her students and makes a sincere effort to "reach" every student. She offers tremendous amounts of help outside



of class, and she is always available for a friendly chat. If you haven't taken one of her classes, please do. It would be a shame for anyone to graduate from MSU without meeting this outstanding faculty member.

Paula Waddill

She is a very good teacher. She is very patient and helpful. She is just the best that she could ever be to be the most wonderful teacher for me this semester, and I believe that everyone in my class (PSY 570) will also have the same opinion.

Ginny Richerson

She has a wonderful attitude and is a very nice person.

Reika Ebert

Dr. Ebert has been my German professor for the past three German classes I have taken, and I believe her to be the best professor I've had. If you sit in her class only once, you can still see how excited she is about teaching German to her students by the way her face lights up. German is an extremely difficult language to learn, and she constantly encourages the students to do their best and tries to get them interested in taking part in one of the overseas programs. Because of how animated and enthusiastic Reika Ebert is about teaching, she should be recognized for her strong efforts. Teaching is a passion, and I think she is truly passionate not only about

teaching, but also Germany and her students.

Christel Broady

Dr. Broady is a great instructor and a wonderful person. I took two of her online courses in the MA TESOL program—TSL 530 and TSL 533. I was greatly impressed with her ability to activate and expand each student's learning potential. As a student, I became a part of Dr. Broady's "course society" where everyone openly shared their knowledge and opinions with others while preserving the atmosphere of empathy and professional cooperation.

Heather Perfetti

Heather Perfetti goes above and beyond for her students. I am an older student, and her help has been unmatched. She made it a point to keep in touch with me over the

summer to make sure that my classes were all right. She does so much more than work the normal 8-5 job. She is so much more than a teacher, she is a wonderful mentor and friend.

Traci Purcell

Traci Purcell was my EMT professor and she went above and beyond to make sure that we were well prepared and had fun learning. She is also a very encouraging person.

Andrew Siefker

He has tried harder than any professor I have ever known to teach our class what we need to know, and I just wanted to let him know how much it is appreciated.

Kit Wesler

Dr. Wesler is a very challenging teacher, but is willing to help and share his knowledge. He'll happily teach anyone about archaeology and has definitely opened many students' eyes.

Brien Terry

Brien "Dallas" Terry has been my riding instructor in Basic Horsemanship this semester. In each class, he has offered sound advice and encouragement, and challenged me to constantly do better and push myself. Dallas applies what we learn in class to real world issues and is very approachable. I recommend Dallas to

4.

Good Practice Gives Prompt Feedback

Knowing what you know and don't know focuses your learning. In getting started, students need help in assessing their existing knowledge and competence. Then, in classes, students need frequent opportunities to perform and receive feedback on their performance. At various points during college, and at its end, students need chances to reflect on what they have learned, what they still need to know, and how they might assess themselves.

– Arthur Chickering and Zelda Gamson, 1987

anyone who desires to learn more about themselves, work with horses, and be challenged continually.

Gail Hendon

This is a nomination for the teacher that has been there for me in class and outside of class. She has been a friend, a teacher, and even a student at times. Gail Hendon is a teacher that goes above and beyond the traits needed to be a wonderful teacher. She is someone who has kept her cool through the worst of times and has shown her cool in the best of times. Gail Hendon has helped me and many other students not only in school, but also in life. This is something that not many teachers can do. I believe that if there were more teachers willing to go above and beyond their call of duty, we would have a better world. Thanks Gail!

Andrew Siefker

As my former professor for Math 117, Dr. Siefker has helped me so much and changed my perspective about issues in a positive manner. I have never met such a motivated, caring professor in the field of general education classes. He is so passionate about what he does, and he wants students to truly take something important out of his classes. His teaching method goes way beyond numbers and facts. It is highly important to him that students think for themselves, under his guidance. His method of “Socratic”

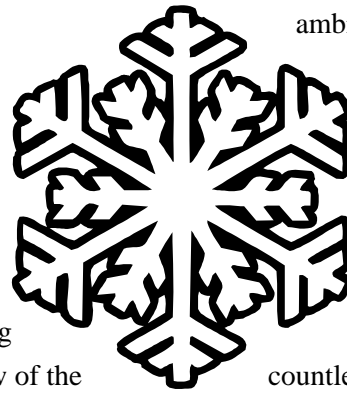
teaching demonstrates how compassionate he is toward his students and people in general. His philosophies about life have always been similar to mine, yet I have always left his office after mentoring sessions with a brighter view of the world. God made him very special, and I know he deserves an award for his dedication and vivacity for learning all that is possible in this world. *He took a student who despised math and was terrified of it, and helped her to receive an “A” on a test and pass the class. She is forever grateful to him.

Paul Lucko

I chose Dr. Lucko for this honor because of his willingness to go out of his way to help students learn the material in his class as well as out of class situations. Dr. Lucko has allowed me to use him as a reference on many of my job and graduate school resumes. He even volunteered to proctor an exam that I had to take from another institution. Dr. Lucko is a great asset to the criminal justice department here at Murray State University. He is very deserving of this honor due to the hard work he does in and out of his office.

Robert Valentine

Dr. Valentine deserves a teaching award for his teaching methods, his guidance to students, and his amazing personality itself. As an



ambitious and compassionate person who has accomplished so much in his lifetime, Dr. Valentine has touched the lives of countless students. I am forever grateful to him for supporting me through a difficult time in my life last summer when I took his advertising class. He seems to relate to students so well, and he would give whatever he had if someone needed it. His incomparable sense of humor keeps even the most unmotivated student interested in his classes. He has a gift for teaching and for interacting with people, and I cannot help but smile each and every time I see him. It is a true gift to be able to talk to a professor like a friend, mentor, and father figure, so I am truly blessed to have met Dr. Valentine for this reason. I would like to thank him for this, his patience, and for allowing me the wonderful opportunity of writing an article in Murray Life magazine. In the classroom, he has made students wake up and love what they were learning. He is a professor who will stay fondly etched in my mind forever when I leave Murray. He deserves high recognition, more than he could ever imagine.

Bob McGaughey

Dr. McGaughey has a unique, wonderful presence. Any room he

enters is instantly brightened by his hilarious sense of humor and spunk. I respect and admire him so very much. Humor helps the world go around, and “Doc” certainly keeps his students and colleagues entertained. That aside, Doc strives in his teaching for students to understand information and eventually apply it to their lives. He is not teaching for a paycheck or for his health; he teaches because he loves what he does. I took JMC 168 as a freshman, and he helped me greatly. As my honorary advisor, Dr. McGaughey has shown me the ropes of journalism and has made me believe in myself. It is no coincidence that everyone knows and adores “Doc.” He is a special professor and person and deserves recognition for his endless capacity of giving and talent of teaching.

Cynthia Gayman

Without even realizing it, she brought to light a point of view drawing upon the reading selections of her HUM 211 class that caused an epiphany for me. Her wonderful insight into the philosophies of the old world writers has expanded my

outlook on life and strengthened my faith.

Donna Matthews

Mrs. Matthews has truly been inspiring as an educator to myself and others going into education through her enthusiasm and upbeat personality. Her energy simply radiates and is truly contagious. Most importantly, she brings with her many of her experiences to share with preservice teachers, demonstrating hands-on activities and application techniques that make learning math FUN!

Brenda Wilson

Dr. Wilson is a wonderful teacher. She really helps her students and makes sure that they understand the concepts she is working on. She makes learning how to program fun.

Doris Cella

I have been out of school for twenty-five years and she gave me confidence and the instructional help I needed to get started. She would check with the students often, a lot of times on a one-to-one basis, to make sure they understood their assignments and would help get them

started in the right direction. Mrs. Cella is very serious about teaching and really cares that her students are learning. I can only hope to get teachers like Mrs. Cella throughout my stay here at Murray State.

Rob Donnelly

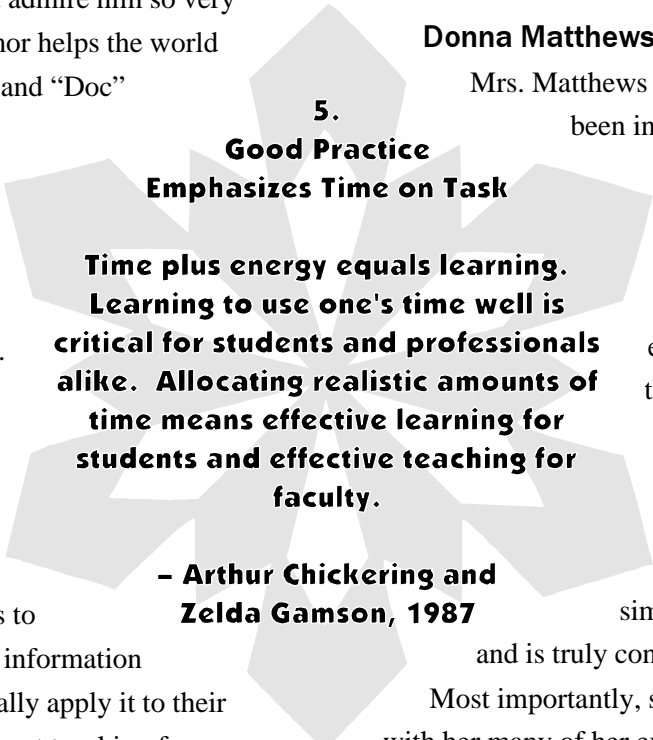
He is truly a wonderful math professor who sincerely cares about his students. His impact on my education here at Murray State is profound.

Marty Dunham

Dr. Dunham is exemplary in his field and concerned about student growth and development.

Jacqueline Hansen

She is a wonderful, enthusiastic teacher who cares about each one of her students. She teaches her students about equality and treating everyone equal. She believes that everyone is special in their own way. Her goal is to help students realize how special they are and help them use it to its fullest potential. She also wants to make a difference in the world of education. She even traveled to Thailand to attend a conference about incorporating technology into education. The teachers from different nations were so impressed at her ideas and passion for teaching that they begged her to return to teach their teachers how to be better teachers. She is the best teacher I have had by far!



Susan Brown

Without a doubt, Susan Brown is an example to fellow Communication Disorders students and myself as to what we hope to be in our professional careers—someone who is devoted to improving the quality of lives for others. Regardless of how many demands are placed upon her, she always goes out of her way to help her students. Since she relates so well to college students, classes are interesting, which instills in us the motivation to learn. The best quality Susan portrays is her ability to always have a smile on her face!

Dean Ann Provine

Mrs. Provine is new to teaching. It is her first semester here at Murray State, and her first time ever getting up in front of people and speaking. I have heard her talking to some of the other staff before, and she said she gets a little nervous, but you can't tell it in the classroom. I have had a few "first-time" teachers, but I think that Mrs. Provine is the best yet. You could not stand in the classroom and tell that it is her first time teaching. Had she not told us that herself, I am sure no one would have realized it. She utilizes Blackboard to a fuller extent than any teacher I have had so far, and makes sure that we have quality lab time. Dean Ann Provine is a first semester teacher that teaches like she has been at it for several years, only maybe not quite as mean as some that have been around that long, but I have faith she'll come

around! (That last part was just a joke.) She deserves this nomination as much as anyone.

Renee Ridley

Mrs. Ridley is a very knowledgeable teacher. She is always excited about teaching her students. She wants each and every one of her nursing students to learn and love what we do. Mrs. Ridley is a very enthusiastic person, which makes me, as a nursing student, enjoy learning new things. I have been very impressed with her teaching skills and I will carry what I have learned with me in my future nursing career.

Micheal Perlow

Dr. Perlow is a very interesting man. As a nursing student, I have learned a great deal in his lectures. He only wants the best for the students. Dr. Perlow is very low-keyed with an awesome sense of humor. His lectures are very interesting, but his exams put the students to the "test". Everything he teaches is put to use during our clinicals. He is a wonderful instructor.

John Homa

Dr. Homa has always been a teacher who demanded high effort from his students, and in return, he always gave as much as he could to the classroom. He made every class valuable and memorable. He is the reason I have considered becoming a professor of criminal

justice. If that happens, my goal is to be just like he is—always prepared, compassionate, and a friend to everyone who enters his classroom.

George W. Kipphut

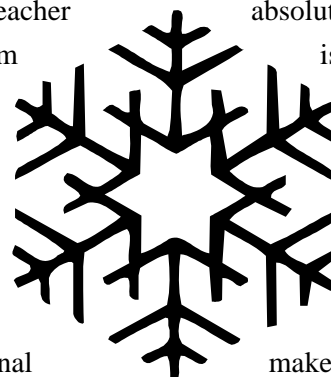
George W. Kipphut is a great instructor. He is very effective in his techniques. Excellent!

Felecia West

If you are a Pre-Vet or Animal Health Technology major, you will have Felecia as a teacher. She is very approachable and I would go to her with just about any problem I had, school related or not. She makes class fun. When you miss class, you don't just miss a PowerPoint presentation, you miss out on entertaining discussions. As hard as we all work to get superb grades, she pushes us harder to achieve in anything, from dreaded blood smears in hematology to tests on lectures. She is a great teacher and really needs to be recognized for being a superb instructor!

Gail Hendon

I have Prof. Hendon for two classes this semester and she has been absolutely wonderful! She is very energetic and always interesting. She takes a personal interest in EVERY one of her students and goes out of her way to make you feel like you are



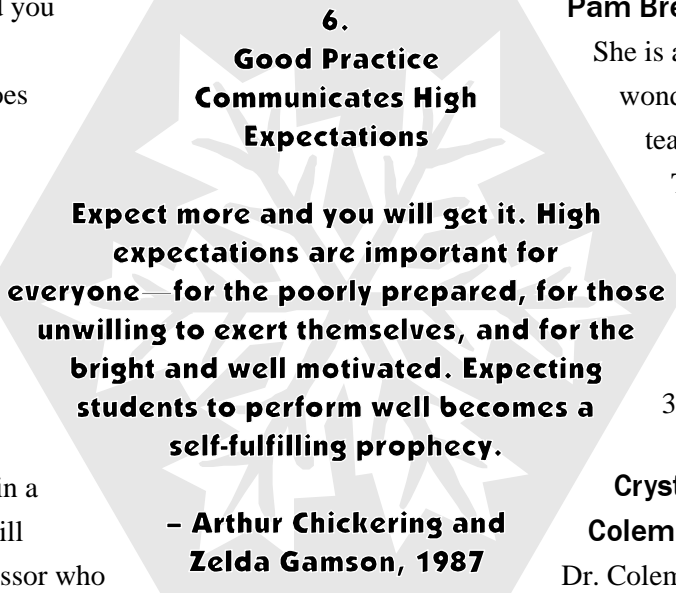
a person and you matter. She definitely goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Sarah Appleton Aguiar

Every once in a while you will have a professor who will inspire you to new heights—one who instills confidence in you, believes in you, encourages you, and sees the potential in you. I had English 221 and 550 with Dr. Aguiar, and at the time I was unsure as to whether or not English was the major for me. By the end of the semester I knew that I had found a home in the English department. Dr. Aguiar has a sincere love of her students and it is catching. I have deep gratitude for Dr. Aguiar because she helped me to see the potential that I had.

John Goodell

His teaching style was outlined specifically in his syllabus. He was very patient with his students. He offered help when needed. He laid out a grading scale that he never deviated from, making it very easy to know where you stand in his class.



Pam Brewer

She is a wonderful teacher. That has helped me greatly in ENG 324-02.

Crystal R.C. Coleman

Dr. Coleman has been influential in my

development both as a student and as a person. During class she pushed me to do the best and demanded nothing but my all in every assignment. Outside the classroom she has made herself available to answer any questions or address any concerns that I may have. She has been an inspiration over the years I have attended MSU and deserves to be recognized for her contributions both academically and socially to the students at Murray State University.

Jacqueline Hansen

Dr. Hansen is a rare person. Not only is she a great teacher and mentor, but she truly cares about each and every student she has. She has such a motherly way about her. She wants to see all her students do well. What else can you ask for in a Great Teacher?

William Koenecke

I think he is an asset to the College of Education. He brings with him the experience of teaching, principal, and superintendent roles. He is an excellent teacher for EDU 303—I've learned a lot in his class!!!!

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.

Murray State University now has an even dozen appearances in "U.S. News & World Reports' America's Best Colleges" top rankings. In rankings for 2003 released by "U.S. News," Murray State is once again rated highly in the Best Universities – Master's category, a listing that includes colleges from across the nation that offer a full range of undergraduate and master's level programs. For the 12th consecutive year, MSU remained the only public regional university in Kentucky to receive a Tier One "U.S. News" rating.

Who's Who Among America's Teachers

The 2002 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* includes **twenty-eight Murray State University faculty members**. These instructors were nationally recognized by former students as teachers who made a difference in their lives by helping to shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject, and/or challenging them to strive for excellence. Congratulations to these outstanding faculty.



Bassam Atieh, Occupational Safety & Health
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Tony Brannon, Agriculture
Bill Call, Industrial & Engineering Technology
James R. Cox, Chemistry
James Davis, Agriculture
Terry Derting, Biological Sciences
Don Duncan, Physics & Engineering
Harry Fannin, Chemistry
David Ferguson, Agriculture
Renee Fister, Mathematics & Statistics
Jeffrey Frame, Wellness & Therapeutic Sciences
Claire Fuller, Biological Sciences
Steve Horwood, Industrial & Engineering Technology
Mica Howe, Modern Languages
Jin Liu, Chemistry
Shauna Mullins, Mathematics & Statistics
Cami Pierce, Organizational Communication
Judy Ratliff, Chemistry
Renee Ridley, Nursing
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