

Matthew Renegar **Star Teacher**

Approximately 270 of the 720 days I have spent at Highland School of Technology have been in Room A124. Mr. Renegar's everyday "Who's ready for some calculus?" or "Isn't calculus just so much fun?" have become completely ingrained in my memory. However, Mr. Renegar has done more for me than just teach me how to take a derivative or solve an integral. He has shown me the crucial role of both perseverance and determination in obtaining success.

Now, I have loved math ever since I could add in kindergarten. I like how there is usually a finite solution and a methodical process for obtaining that answer. I've learned, however, that life itself is kind of like a math problem. I'm not always going to get the right answer or know how to solve the problem in front of me, but Mr. Renegar has taught me the value of always giving 100% effort. Thanks to him, I now approach each problem, in both math and life, with an open mind, ready to give it a shot whether I'm completely sure I know how to solve it or am totally lost on how to even start.

I am amazed at how he maintains his composure when my best friend and I give him a hard time occasionally, but his perpetual positive attitude is something I admire and hope to see in myself one day. I hope to love my future job as much as he loves his. I was only given a finite number of 300 words to describe the influence Mr. Renegar has had on my life, but there aren't enough words to express how grateful I am to have spent $\frac{3}{8}$ of my high school career with him as teacher of the subject I love most.

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