

## **Jo Anne Margolis** **Star Teacher**

It still feels like yesterday that I entered the welcoming doors of Stuart W. Cramer as a freshman. Many questions ran through my mind that morning: Who am I going to surround myself with? Am I going to be popular? How am I going to survive the next four years? And what will I gain from being a student at SCHS? I am sure that all of these are questions that many freshmen have, but as I took my seat in Mrs. Margolis' class, the many questions that I had began to answer themselves immediately.

For the past three years, I've had the privilege of having Mrs. Margolis as my teacher. From the moment I walked into her Health Team Relations class, she has taught me the importance of professionalism, hard work, and kindness. Every morning, she greets my classmates and me with a warm smile, and her crisp, "Good Morning, Mr. Gamble" is one of the first things I hear. When addressing each student, she uses our title and last name to reinforce the importance of maintaining a professional manner at all times.

From the beginning, I knew that Mrs. Margolis' class would be a challenge; the medical terminology, learning every system of the body, and gaining the important clinical skills necessary to become a CNA have been an ongoing challenge. Over the past three years, each class has built on the one before so everything must be committed to memory. Even when it seems impossible, Mrs. Margolis always encourages us to work hard and rewards us with praise and most importantly, snacks. Her natural ability to be caring has made me view her as more than my teacher, but as a supporter of my life. She has gone the extra mile by writing endless recommendations, praying for my family at times, and reassuring me that I can achieve my goal of becoming a cardiothoracic surgeon.

Anyone who has interacted with Mrs. Margolis knows how much she enjoys a celebration, whether it be achieving a certain accomplishment or an actual holiday. These celebrations are one of the many things I will miss most about being her student, but today I am especially proud to celebrate her for being my Star Teacher.

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