

Tom Adams **Star Teacher**

First off, I just want to start by saying what an honor it is to be East Gaston High School's Star Student and what a privilege it is to be here today.

When I found out that I was receiving this award, I was told that I would be selecting a Gaston County employee, past or present, who has greatly influenced my academic career. I was told by one of my school counselors that I could take a couple of days to ensure that I made the best decision in regard to who I was going to select, but I knew this wasn't going to be necessary. I knew who I was going to choose before Mrs. Clark finished her sentence.

My dad has been working for Gaston County Schools for years. He coached baseball, basketball, football, and golf and taught English, math, reading and PE at East Gaston from 1988 to 1998. He was the Assistant Principal at East Gaston from 2004 to 2009, and he has been the Athletic Director and a PE teacher at East Gaston from 2012 to the present. Words cannot describe the impact that he has had on Gaston County Schools, let alone on me.

I cannot remember a time when my dad has not been there for me. Whether that has been in sports, academics, or life in general. I remember growing up, my dad always accompanied me to my travel ball tournaments and never ceased to have a smile on his face. This showed me to always maintain a positive outlook even in the toughest situations, as some of those travel weekends were spent in cold weather and resulting in rough outcomes. He has always pushed me to strive to be the best person that I can be, and I believe that his determination to make me the greatest individual that I can become is the sole reason that I am able to be here honoring my Star Teacher, my dad.

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