

Allison Henry **Star Teacher**

I would like to introduce Mrs. Alison Henry. I had the privilege of having Mrs. Henry for two semesters of AP Calculus during my junior year.

Going into the class, I was very nervous and unsure because I have never had an affinity for math and lacked confidence in my ability. However, over the course of the semesters, Mrs. Henry changed that. She was able to take an extremely complex subject and break it down in a way that students could understand it, making it relatable, and yes, sometimes even interesting. I began to recognize that I could approach increasingly complex problems and achieve success, which helped me to believe in myself in an area that in the past I had considered to be my weakness. She never grew tired of answering my questions and was dedicated to assuring that each of her students stayed on track, even meeting with us on test days at seven am for a final review.

Mrs. Henry was not only concerned with her students' academic success; she cared about our growth as people. At Christmas time, Mrs. Henry invited those who wanted to participate to donate money for underprivileged students at Forestview. We went shopping and wrapped the gifts as a class, experiencing the spirit of giving to our fellow students. At the end of the year, Mrs. Henry used the final weeks of school to develop our "life skills," bringing in local experts to teach us things like how to change a tire, banking, and budgeting.

Through Mrs. Henry's dedication and support, I grew as an individual and tapped into my potential both in and out of the classroom. Perhaps she said it best when speaking about her students, "I believe in them ALL, some just need that push to believe in themselves."

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