

Katy Bradley **Star Teacher**

A commonly held idea in education is that great teachers go above and beyond simply teaching curriculum. In spite of that, I did not fully comprehend, until sitting in Mrs. Bradley's classroom, the single element which best characterizes an outstanding teacher: passion. From walking across the tables to captivate her students to creating interactive learning environments both inside and outside of her classroom, Mrs. Bradley exudes passion in every facet of her job as a teacher.

Mrs. Bradley is extremely supportive of her students both inside and outside of the classroom. On any given day, she remains at school long after the bell rings at 3:00 with students who come to relearn material or to work on lab experiments. Her innovative teaching style is incredibly effective and adaptive to ensure that she adequately teaches every student. Although it is inconvenient, Mrs. Bradley is at virtually every basketball game and other sporting events to support her students and fellow teachers.

Mrs. Bradley is not only passionate about teaching, she is dedicated to improving the community as well. She takes time outside of school to test water samples for the Catawba Riverkeeper, which gives her current and former students an application for the information she teaches about water quality in her AP Environmental Science class. She has also created a movement to revitalize the garden areas around the South Point campus with her own time and resources.

Mrs. Bradley, thank you so much for being the first teacher to make me want to incessantly spew facts I learned in class that day. Thank you for making me feel guilty any time I accidentally have a plastic water bottle. Thank you for allowing me to explore science more in depth, for checking on me when I do not seem like myself, for the ridiculous amount of Bozeman videos and podcasts, and for the fact that I have an entire sheet of paper memorized. Most of all, thank you for encapsulating the qualities of a true Star Teacher.

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