

Carrie Baskett **Star Teacher**

After my seventh grade English class, English and writing became my strong suits, although I never really enjoyed them. I was determined to find my love for English and Mrs. Baskett led me there.

Mrs. Baskett has always been a positive influence and I've never seen her without a smile on her face. I can't tell you how many times I was feeling down or unmotivated until I stepped into her classroom, knowing that there was a routine to ground me. She gave me the independence that I loved, while also providing me with support if I needed it.

I took eleventh and twelfth grade English with Mrs. Baskett, along with women's literature, and fell even more in love with writing and research. In women's literature, we had to choose a book written by a female author and then choose a quote that spoke to us each day and elaborate on it. It allowed for personal connections and exploration of my own imagination.

Over the semester, I learned a lot about myself because of the way she pushed me to place myself in a story, to become the heroine, and follow the storyline in my own life. Many of the books I read, including the ones we read as a class, became my favorites.

Not only have I been inspired by her as a teacher, but I am continually impressed by her dedication as a mother, who has raised her daughter with more confidence and strength than I've ever seen in an eight-year-old. Through coaching Ava on a swim team, I have seen the proof of Mrs. Baskett's positive, loving support and their impact beyond the classroom. She has instilled optimism and courage in me from the day I met her. I am so glad to have her as my star teacher.

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