

Emilie Pope **Star Teacher**

I have been blessed to have Ms. Pope as a teacher for several classes during my high school experience which include English 10, Psychology and AP Psychology. I have taken a class taught by Ms. Pope for three consecutive years, with this I have witnessed how she responded to the adverse situations put on educators during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Looking back to last year, there were several times that Ms. Pope convinced both us and herself that technology was not her strong suit. However, through perseverance and some help from technologically inclined students Ms. Pope continued to press on during the online semester. During these uncertain times, Ms. Pope's teaching showed us that regardless of the circumstances an exceptional teacher can illuminate a group of students and allow them to grow as scholars.

Along with teaching, Ms. Pope manages many clubs and activities at Cherryville High school. She is the figurehead for Cherryville's National Honor Society, as well as a coordinator for our homecoming and graduation ceremony. It is not wrong to say that without her, Cherryville High School would not run at the pristine level that it currently does.

Finally, I would like to address the quality I admire most about Ms. Pope, which is her ability to accommodate her students and to create an environment which is inviting to a range of student archetypes. On several occasions I have seen Ms. Pope modify her style of teaching to allow students to learn.

It is an educator's purpose to enrich the learning experience of their students. Ms. Pope excels in this regard and it's for this reason I have chosen her as my Star Teacher.

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