

Sidney Cole **Star Teacher**

Sidney Cole is not just a teacher in my eyes. She is an inspiration, a mentor, and a friend.

When I first met Mrs. Cole, I thought that she looked like my sister. She had the same hair color, was about the same height, and had a similar, down-to-earth attitude, which I don't see often anymore. I had her for Creative Writing I, a class that, looking back, I did not write the best in as I once thought. However, it was through her encouragement that I became a better writer. She is a creative outlet, offering new, adventurous ideas that are always refreshing. Without her teaching that class, I'm not sure if I would have continued writing. She's a great inspiration to look toward.

Something I've always found unique about Mrs. Cole is her ability to give advice. Whether it be about future careers or my own education, she would say the right thing to lead me in the right direction. She has done this for plenty of students. As a result, I feel she helped me grow into a better person. I am not the same freshman that I was three years ago and that's in part because of the advice and both formal and informal education she has given me. She, in a way, helped to build me.

Mrs. Cole is, without a doubt, a great friend. Many times I've looked toward her, asking something crazy of her and she is willing to go along with it. She's the director of our high school's first play in four years because I begged her. She just understands her students, and that is what makes a great teacher.

Thank you, Mrs. Cole.

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