

Genevieve Comer **Star Teacher**

I first met Mrs. Comer as a new sophomore and, untraditionally, a new member of the Collegiate Preparatory Academy at Forestview. I vividly recall having my first assignment in the AP preparatory research and writing course completed before the first day of class, and being devastated when it came back with a grade of 75.

For several days after this first assignment, I questioned my place in the rigorous program; however, now, as a senior in her AP Research class, I've not only grown to love Mrs. Comer, but also truly appreciate her dedication and hard work that has turned me, in the past three years, into a successful student, member of my community, and, in just a couple of weeks, Academy graduate.

I was not only able to gain invaluable research, presentation, and writing experience from taking her two rigorous classes, but they also proved a catalyst for keeping my child-like wonder and curiosity alive. The five substantial research papers I wrote as a 15-year-old on global policy and economics fueled my passion for the social sciences, and ultimately led to me, a senior in her AP Research class, conducting independent research on drowning rates of Indigenous children.

If not for her granting me unique opportunities and pushing me to strive for excellence, I can confidently say I would not have been accepted or even prepared for my dream undergraduate program at UC Berkeley's Haas Business School. In fact, whenever I received great news from a dream college, Mrs. Comer would be the first teacher at school to hear of it. She makes her students excited to come to school each morning and instills the importance of resilience, independence, and perseverance, whether that be in the classroom or elsewhere. Thank you for all you do, Mrs. Comer!

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