

Kymerly Showers **Star Teacher**

Good evening, I have had the opportunity to have Mrs. Showers for all of my science classes at Highland and again as my mentor in my internship. It is through this that I have learned how amazing she really is at not only teaching her course material, but also inspiring growth in her students.

Mrs. Showers came to Highland halfway through the first semester of my freshman year and began her role as my sister, Avery's, anatomy teacher. Come second semester, when I walked into Earth and Environmental Science, I was relieved to have heard only good things about Mrs. Showers, but also a little unsure if this was going to be another instance of constant comparison, as is often the case with my siblings. So when Mrs. Showers didn't even mention Avery's name, I knew that she was going to be different from any other teacher that I had before.

I learned quickly that Mrs. Showers is the kind of teacher that never stops. She doesn't stop challenging students, thinking of new ways to explore her content areas or standing by her students. She is the kind of teacher that provides snacks and water for all that want or need it. She steps up to coach, goes to performances, and makes every student feel that they belong. She's the kind of teacher that creates opportunities and provides a space for all students to grow. She opens her door to anyone and everyone.

If you ask anybody at Highland where I am before or after school, they will all say in Mrs. Shower's room. Everyone knows that she's my teacher. She's the teacher that has allowed my timid self to become confident enough in the classroom to share and to teach others. Mrs. Showers showed me the teacher that I aspire to be. Mrs. Showers is the most determined and connected teacher that I have ever had. I am forever grateful for the time that I have spent in her classroom and I hope she can see the difference that she has made in my life.

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