

Hayley Marr

Star Teacher 2016

Compassionate, intelligent, energetic, and diligent: these are the characteristics that Mrs. Hayley Marr exemplifies as a biology teacher. It was a privilege to have Mrs. Marr teach me biology as a ninth grader.

Her enthusiasm and work ethic were immediately evident to me. Each and every day, from “bell to bell,” she explained the relevance of biological concepts with hands-on activities and numerous stories and examples. Her lessons were both creative and substantive. Everything we did had a purpose. Mrs. Marr is passionate about teaching and a wealth of information about health science as she is also a registered nurse.

Mrs. Marr’s engaging personality and smile are contagious. She is a kind-hearted teacher who works to serve all students. At Forestview, she has worked tirelessly to teach individuals with disabilities through team-teaching and having her biology students tutor their peers. Mrs. Marr is always willing to help others to do their best. Her gentle nature is apparent both with her students and in her love of animals who often find homes in her classroom or at her house.

What is most impressive about Mrs. Marr is that she cares about all of her students and has pushed me to do my very best in all of my endeavors. Throughout high school, Mrs. Marr has mentored me and answered many of my questions from specifics about the Advanced Placement Project to career and college choices.

She is an advocate for all students and a great listener who gives thoughtful advice. Mrs. Marr is empathetic and her love of learning, especially for biology, has inspired me to become a nurse. I am honored to have had Mrs. Marr as my biology teacher and mentor. She has been an influential and positive role model for me in every aspect of my life.

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