

## **Lauren Dixon**

### **Star Teacher**

When my principal pulled me to the side and told me that I had the opportunity to honor a teacher that had the greatest impact on my life, I immediately knew who I was going to select.

From the first day of my freshman year, Ms. Dixon has proven to be one of the sweetest and most caring people I have ever met. Each and every day, she goes out of her way to show her students that she genuinely cares and loves the opportunity to teach at such a unique school.

I have vivid memories of Ms. Dixon delivering students' invitations each year to join Beta Club and giving the biggest congratulatory hugs possible. After two years of watching that process, I finally began to make my academics a priority with the hopes of someday joining Beta Club and making Ms. Dixon proud. That same year, Ms. Dixon was my biology teacher, where she helped establish my love for science. While I did work hard, Ms. Dixon's passion and love of science is what made me do so well, and that same year she presented me with my first award, The Darwin Award. When Ms. Dixon presented me with this award, she showed me the power behind loving what you do.

Her love for supporting and recognizing students is what makes selecting her for this award so special. She has had such a profound impact on my life as her encouragement gave me the confidence to compete and qualify for the state science fair. Her outstanding attitude and love for teaching shines through to the students and makes her classroom the most enjoyable place in our school.

Ms. Dixon doesn't just teach biology, she teaches students that passion and love for what you do is the true definition of success.

**Joey Wittmer**  
**Gaston Early College High School**  
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