**THANK YOU NOTE TO TEACHER**

I’m writing to you not just as a former student, but as a friend. Too often we climb through life without a look back to express the connection we feel with others and the gratitude we feel for their presence in our lives. You engage, inspire, and empower your students every single day, and I wanted you to know that we notice how much you care.

You don’t just try to figure out how to get information into their heads, you care about your students as people. Your class was always an environment where I was eager to express myself! You made me feel like you cared about what I had to say, and that you valued my strengths and my unique abilities instead of just focusing on how you could erase my weaknesses. You were excited to hear what I had to say, and I loved it when you said you learned something new from me, or when you’d tell me I asked a question that made you think.

Thank you for your time, your patience, your realness. Thank you for encouraging me, for supporting me, for caring about me. Thank you for seeing me as a partner in education, as someone who can teach others as well as learn. Thank you for inspiring me to learn, and for inspiring me to help others the way you have.

With gratitude,

Your friend (Graduated)