**THANK YOU LETTER TO TEACHER**

To my teacher:

Looking back on my life, I know it would have been drastically different if I hadn’t gotten you as my science teacher in grade 7. I hope it wouldn’t have been bad, but I know how much I could have missed out on, and I’m eternally grateful I didn’t. You opened my eyes to what I could accomplish and what I could become in ways that I never would have thought to be possible without you. I was a kid from a small town, and it was all I really knew. I could have been contented with that, but you made me want to see what lay beyond the fields I knew, and for that I am forever grateful.

I don’t remember what the lesson was about. Maybe it was meant to be about technology, or space exploration, or the environment, but it didn’t end up that way. You told us about what the future had looked like when you were our age, about your hopes and dreams for what humanity could become and for what you could have been. You talked to us about the things you’d accomplished, but also about what you regretted. I still remember what you told us about your life and how you’d gotten there. I guess nobody had really shown us how to connect the dots before, how to get from a wide-eyed kid to someone who could really make a difference. That’s when I realized how much was possible.

I had so many dreams, and I don’t think I could have accomplished any of them without your example. You changed the way I thought about life and about learning. Now I know that I’m capable of anything with enough dedication and hard work.

Thank you,

Nick (Graduated)