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11th Grade

Conrad Schools of Science

Red Clay Consolidated School District

Mrs. Brown

Competitive Science

The American Dream

This is my 12th year going to school in the Red Clay Consolidated School District. Over the course of these 12 years I've had the pleasure of being taught by around 50 different spectacular teachers. Mrs. Brown has been my teacher for the past two years. I can honestly say that this woman has been the most positive influence in my life these last two years. During this time she has not only taught me a lot about biotechnology, she also taught me a lot about life. She told me that I could be somebody and I could go to college. I grew up thinking that the American dream was to be a doctor or a lawyer, have 2 kids, a white picket fence, a wonderful husband and a dog named Spot. To be happy in America, I thought that one had to achieve that American Dream. But what is the real American Dream? I've recently realized that as long as you're happy, that's the American Dream. You don't have to have lots of money, you don't have to have kids, and you don't NEED anything to be happy. The woman who taught me this is Mrs. Brown. She taught me that different things make different people happy. My idea of the American Dream is to be a teacher and to be the positive influence that Mrs. Brown was for me for other young adults in the future. I want to be a teacher because of Mrs. Brown. I hope to one day help young adults, like myself, just as Mrs. Brown has helped me. Growing up I have always lacked parental figures at

home, but school has always provided that for me. Different teachers over the years have been there for me as fathers and mother. They helped me learn to believe in myself and see that my American Dream is possible. I can never thank Mrs. Brown thank enough for everything she has done. Mrs. Brown believed in me when I did not believe in myself.

Gabrielle DelNegro

11th grade

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Mrs. Brown

Biotechnology and Compleitive Science

Mrs. Brown is a teacher who represents The New American Dream. She stated that to her, The New American Dream is when teachers are capable of taking all types of students and helping them achieve their own American Dream. Mrs. Brown shares The New American Dream by caring about students, encouraging curiosity, and pushing us to fulfill our dreams.

Mrs. Brown cares about students like a true teacher should. In the second stanza the poem states “Give me your children who need love as badly as they need learning”. She accepts the challenge of taking all types of students and helping them to have a wonderful experience at Conrad. I personally have been cared for by Ms. Brown. In the beginning of the school year, another student bullied me. In my competitive science class, with Mrs. Brown, I asked if I could go to the guidance office. Immediately she said yes, she also asked me if I was okay. Then she said that I could always talk to her about anything. When I got back from guidance Mrs. Brown was asking my friends what was wrong. She not only offered to help me but many other students as well.

Ms. Brown pushes us to achieve our goals. The third stanza “give me your children who have talent and gifts and skills” and the seventh stanza “we will give you the mothers and

fathers, the thinkers in the builders, the artists and the dreamers” are standards she teaches by. All students are talented at out different things. She helps us take our talents and make them useful. One day in biotechnology we were talking about different jobs we could apply for if we pursue biotechnology. One of the jobs was engineering. I would like to be an engineer but I didn't know what type I wanted to be. When we talked about biotech engineering it clicked. The idea of getting to work with biofuels as an engineer to help the environment excited me. When I told Ms. Brown about this she began talking to me about what types of degrees I could get and what classes I would need.

Mrs. Brown helps everyone who walks through her doors. She has a passion for teaching. She is the New American Dream; she cares about her students, encourages curiosity, and pushes us to do our best.

410 words 350 limit

“Great Teaching Essay Contest”

Kelly Gomez-Zavala

11th

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Red Clay Consolidated School District

Teacher Name: Mrs. Brown

Subject : Competitive Science

Every person has an American dream they want to make happen. Sometimes we need help to make this dream come true and we receive help from our family, friends, and teachers.

One of the teachers that has helped me with my American Dream is Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Brown has been a role model for me because she has always been an excellent teacher. During Her class I always learn new ways that will help me in life and help me to accomplish my dreams. Mrs. Brown is always there for us when we need to talk with someone or if we need an advice she will listens to us. If we have a problem Mrs. Brown will help us find a solution and fix the problem. She cares about her students and how we are doing. When one of my grades was bad Mrs. Brown helped me to get my grade up. Mrs. Brown has motivated me to keep going and follow my dreams and accomplish my goals so my American dream can come true. When Mrs. Brown see's we have given up on everything, she keeps us going and supports us so that we can keep going, and don't give up on our American dreams. Mrs. Brown is one of the teacher that has given me my American dream and she always has been there supporting me, helping me to make my dream come true. One of the things I will never forget was when I was talking to Mrs. Brown about my American dream which is to be a professional dancer and she told to never give up and always try my best to keep going and make it happen. I remember that one day in class she told me and my classmates that she wants the best for us and she wants to see us graduate and make our dreams and goals come true. I am really thankful because I have an excellent teacher like her and she is always there for me. I am 100 percent sure that she has my back and I have hers.

Taylor Haydinger

11th Grade

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Mrs. Brown – Biotechnology/Competitive Science

There comes a time in your life when you come across that one teacher that inspires you to do good in the world; whether they inspire you through their teachings or their actions. Like the book “Pay it Forward” by Catherine Ryan Hyde, every one action your teacher does, you’re inspired to do three. You want to pass it on and change the world.

A teacher like this is one of a kind. One teacher that has inspired me not only to try to change myself, but the world as well is Mrs. Brown. She taught me in 10th grade for Biotechnology II and now currently for Competitive Science. I am also trying to become her student aid for my final year at Conrad.

Mrs. Brown is not only a phenomenal teacher, she’s a phenomenal friend. Her students rely on her, and she relies on her students. Most teachers express their authority right then and there.

Mrs. Brown emphasizes that she wants to work with her students. She wants to work with her students rather than take authority over them.

The American dream today is seen as many things by many people. It may be having three kids and a nice house, or serving our nation. To teachers it may be helping students become the best they can be. Mrs. Brown has that kind of American dream. She wants her students to be the best they can be. She not only teaches us the lessons we need to learn in school, but she teaches us life lessons. She encourages us to do our hardest and doesn’t give up.

Mrs. Brown is a prime example of the American dream for teachers. She puts her students before herself and encourages her students to work hard. Mrs. Brown is a hard working teacher; she gives a lot to her students. Her students give back and appreciate all of the work she has done. She is a prime example of the American dream for a teacher.

Jasmin Muñoz
Conrad Schools of Science
11th grade and Red Clay Consolidated School District
Teacher: Miss. Garcia
Subject: Economics

Great Teaching Essay Contest

We have all had that one teacher we looked up to and served as a role model to us. A role model is a person who possesses the qualities that we would like to have and those who have affected us in a way that makes us want to be better people. I believe Miss Garcia is a perfect example of a role model.

Miss Garcia has contributed to the person I have become. She is shaping my life to the American dream. The American dream is to be successful in life, to get an education, and be whoever you want to be. Miss Garcia has taught me that even though people might criticize you because of your race, and beliefs it does not mean you cannot achieve whatever you want to do in life.

I asked Miss Garcia what she thought the American dream was and she said “For me the American Dream has always been about opportunity. I was not born in the United States, at the age of five my parents decided to uproot our family move to America for the chance of a more prosperous life. Since then I knew that America was the place where, if you tried hard enough, all your dreams could come true. The American Dream is a dream that is not only a fantasy one ponders about every once in a while; with hard work and dedication, the American Dream is tangible. The American Dream has been my backbone ever since I first received my deportation letter in the mail. I was going to prove to myself and to the world that I belonged here, that I was going to be a benefit to society, and that I was going to make a difference.”

In closing Miss Garcia added that the poem has significance for immigrants. “Our nation is created by immigrants.” She stated that “This nation provides education and knowledge to all and everyone has opportunities.” I believe this nation offers opportunities to everyone, it does not exclude

anyone. The United States did not exclude me, but accepted me and now I am living the American Dream.