

Mentor's Reflection by Mr. Jesse Purvis, Assistant Principal and Mackenzie's Honors English Teacher

Mackenzie,

*The honor is mine in being chosen as your mentor for the President's Academic Excellence award. If I recall correctly, your English 10 Honors class was one of personality, and I do believe it was a class where we expanded our academic knowledge to the edges of sophomore literature, as well as learned a healthy amount of humanity. I have a vivid memory of your expressions of thoughts, wonderment, and the "lightbulb" when we read *The Martian Chronicles*. If you recall correctly, your final literary analysis was the characterization of Boo Radley in *To Kill a Mockingbird* as the literary and social concept of "the other." This paper sheds light on your academic prowess, and more importantly, illuminates your ability to empathize with those who go against the grain. This paper is an example indicating a remarkable asset you possess that is wonderful to have as you enter college. These two pieces speak to your strength and aptitude of a young adult moving into the expanding world of college.*

You are a wonderful human being, and I sincerely thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for reaching out and expressing joy for Mackenzie and me (great name by the way) and our new kiddo.

Take care, Mackenzie, and good luck!

Mr. Purvis

Senior's Reflection by Mackenzie Woods

I chose Mr. Purvis as my mentor. Coming into Scecina as a freshman, I did not have Mr. Purvis in class, but my sister was a sophomore at the time. She said that his class was going to be my favorite sophomore year, and I can say that she was right. I had Mr. Purvis for 5th period Honors English, and despite how wild our class was or what he might say, we were definitely his favorite class. I remember every day during Resource, Mr. Purvis would have me fill up his coffeemaker with water from the water fountain because he could never go without his coffee. I always joked how he needed a new, and more efficient coffee maker.

This year, Mr. Purvis took up a new position of Assistant Principal here at Scecina, and honestly, I cannot think of anyone better. He is very well-suited for the position and many students, such as myself, look up to him. I also got to be his TA this year which was a blast. From scanning multiple documents, helping clean out his office, and occasionally watching funny videos, being Mr. Purvis' TA was the best. He would always make sure to check up on me and ask how I was doing every day, and he wrote me a college recommendation letter.

I am nothing but thankful for the impact Mr. Purvis has had on my life and my time here at Scecina. He is the best Assistant Principal and teacher and I wish nothing but the best for him and all he continues to do.