

Mentor's Reflection by Mrs. Sarah Smith, Tien's Advanced College Placement Chemistry Teacher

I am always touched when a student chooses me as their mentor. Thank you, Tien, for this privilege in your senior year, and what a wild year this has been. I remember back in August, you came in to class overflowing with excitement and energy, and frankly, I don't think your energy level ever dipped. No matter how the morning went, I knew my day was going to get brighter once Tien stepped into the room. Tien is one of my most treasured type of students. You know, the ones who soak up knowledge just because of the love of learning. You never hesitated to ask questions to clarify or dig deeper because you wanted to know the how and why of all things chemistry and you challenged me to keep my mind sharp.

I have no doubt that you will focus your energy and enthusiasm for the benefit of others as a Sccecina alum. I will always remember you as a smiling, happy, awesome young lady that I had the honor to teach. Tien, I will miss you dearly and I wish you many blessings in life.

Thank you for being you.

Mrs. Smith.

Senior's Reflection by Tien Vo

I chose Mrs. Smith as my mentor. When I was asked to choose one mentor, I thought about all the teachers and I decided to choose her. Why? Because her class is my toughest one. I struggled greatly in that class. Anyone who knows me knows that I ask myself every day why I am still in ACP Chemistry? Why do I still suffer from all the late-night homework and tests? However, I quickly realized that I have stayed because I still have hope that I can succeed in this class. I can finally understand chemistry and it's not an alien's language.

Mrs. Smith brings me that hope. She shows me the struggle is real and life will not be a smooth path. She gives me motivation that tomorrow will be a better day, and victory will eventually come. There are moments that I cry while trying to study for the test. Still, there are other times when I burst out laughing when the test results are good. Sometimes, we are all confused, and Mrs. Smith tries to get our head back on land. She teaches me that success is not what grade you get or how much you achieve. It's about getting back up when life tries to knock you down. Don't doubt your ability, you're more special than you thought.

*Love,
Tien*