



The Midland Education Foundation is proud to present the Midland High School 2023 Shining Star Scholars and Honor Teachers

1. Sumner Pannell, Honor Teacher: Carla Perez, French 1-4

Ms. Perez is one of the most wonderful people I have ever met. Anyone who has ever walked into her room will see her passion for not only teaching but the success of her students in every aspect of their lives. She is always quick to provide an encouraging smile, a listening ear, or some of her wisdom to anyone who needs it. She truly embodies what teaching means, not only pushing her students to do their best in her class, but to be the best person they can be. Without her I would not be where I am today, merci Madame!

2. Lilian Smith, Honor Teacher: Desiree Stephenson, Track and Field

I'm proud to say Desiree Stephenson has been my track and field coach for the past four years. While in her program, I learned the merit of perseverance and (maybe more importantly) the value in being on time. And while I doubt my future boss will make me do burpees when I'm tardy or remind me that pain is just weakness leaving the body, I'm grateful for the discipline I learned in track regardless. Thank you Coach for keeping me in check these past four years — you're so real.

3. Caden Carriger, Honor Teacher: Cherily Amburn, AP World History

In school, there are definitely some classes you'd really prefer to not show up for, but if there was a class you'd never have that feeling for, it'd be Ms. Amburn's. Her class is still to this day one of the most engaging and exciting ones you can take, and the flair she gives each lesson makes the class as a whole incredibly fun and memorable. She embodies what it means to truly be a teacher: having a love for learning and always seeking to make a positive impact on her students. If she has taught me anything (well, besides World History), it's that bringing your 100% in whatever you do has the power to make incredible differences.

4. Grace Ware, Honor Teacher: Bradley Boyce, AP English Literature and Composition

Mr. Boyce was thrown into teaching AP English in the middle of the fall semester and I am so grateful that he was my teacher. His classroom is a comfortable environment that makes learning easy, and he has great taste in classroom chairs. He genuinely cares for all of his students, and his sarcastic humor made reading heavy literature, like Hamlet and Frankenstein, much more enjoyable.

5. Sydalee Mills, Honor Teacher: John Barfield, Academic Team

Mr. Barfield has been my teacher for two years now and he has been amazing the entire time. He has helped me when I don't understand something in one of my classes and has always helped to brighten my day. He has made overnight trips for school fun and losses hurt less. I'm not sure how my year would have gone without him, but I know it would have been worse.

6. Shany Jaime, Honor Teacher: Brandie Roller, Fannin Elementary 4th grade math

Brandie Roller was one of the first teachers I ever formed a strong relationship in and outside of school. She always encouraged my dreams and supported all the activities I did. She always made me feel welcomed and listened to all of my concerns. As well as providing advice and never undermining my thoughts. Mrs. Roller taught me to always pursue your passions despite what others may think. Thank you Mrs. Roller for everything you did and for treating me so well.

7. Sarah Stewart, Honor Teacher: Devon Lowe, Tennis and Students in Philanthropy

Devon Lowe is one of those people that everyone likes. She is always happy and there to help you whenever you need it. She not only helped me grow as a student and athlete, but she also helped me grow my faith through being my Young Life leader. Devon is the best teacher, coach, and mentor!!

8. Grayson Petty, Honor Teacher: Robert Pipes, Economics

Being a Top 10 student and varsity athlete, my school life was very stressful as I had to balance both school and tennis. However, Mr. Pipes has been by far the most understanding person I have ever known, and he is incredibly easy to work with. He teaches his subject in both an engaging and entertaining way, and he deserves all recognition coming to him.

9. Emily Corbett, Honor Teacher: Baylee Boyle, Forensic Science

Mrs. Boyles love for teaching and for her students shines through in everything she does and I feel so lucky to have had her as my teacher. Mrs. Boyle has a unique ability to connect with each of her students and to bring out the best in them. She created a safe and supportive environment in the classroom, where everyone feels valued and heard. Mrs. Boyle has touched the lives of so many students, and I know that she will continue to inspire and motivate others for years to come.

10. Stella McDonald, Honor Teacher: Sara Cranfield, Dual Credit Pre Calculus

Mrs. Cranford is the teacher who has had the biggest impact on me while I have been at MHS. She holds her students to a very high standard and holds them accountable. Mrs. Cranford not only enriched her student's academically, but instilled important life lessons and values through her daily quotes. Having Mrs. Cranford 1st period of my junior year consistently set my day off on a positive and productive note. Most of all, Mrs. Cranford taught me the true meaning of school spirit and her love for everything Midland High. I will be forever touched by her legacy. GO BULLDOGS!

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We are proud to celebrate the graduating class of 2023!