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### My Role Model

“Acting is the art of creating. “~Mr.Othell Miller. My theater teacher from high school was my biggest supporter and my role model in life. Mr. Miller knew how to give his students life advice and tie it into acting to help his students with where they end up in life. He inspired me to keep contributing to the theater community because it has been the greatest part of my personal growth. Mr. Miller’s passionate, caring, and faithful personality inspired me to keep pushing in life.

Mr. Miller’s passionate trait about acting is what I admire about him. When he first became my acting teacher when I was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, he gave the class a speech on how acting involves hard work and you need to be passionate about the craft to excel. He was passionate about engaging students in the art community in some type of way. Whether it was theater or dance, he just wanted art to still live in the public system. Since my school is a performing arts school, he would plan many events so students could share their talents to the student body. When I was struggling with my different pieces for a theater competition, we would have many acting school lessons to help perfect my pieces. Mr. Miller being passionate in acting and helping his students is what helped me to become passionate about helping others contribute to the arts community. When I become comfortable enough to have resources to provide to others, I

want to build an arts center in my hometown that has enough resources to provide to young kids in pursuing the arts.

Mr. Miller has such a big heart that he is such a caring person. Since I went to a performing arts school a lot of the teachers who did not teach the arts downplayed how successful the arts were. As stated earlier, Mr. Miller knew how discouraged many of the students were because they were not excited about the art field anymore, that he cared enough to produce showcases so students can show their work. When students did not have lunch money, he would either give them food or give them money for lunch. There were many times I did not eat either in the morning or the afternoon and he would give me food. He knew when one of his students was not in a great mood, so, he would give them advice after class to try and give them comfort. I had many talks with him about life in general and he would do the best of his ability to answer my questions because he simply cared.

Finally, Mr. Miller's faith in his religion is what I admire most about him. One thing I wanted, was to be closer to God because I felt as though my faith was dwindling. Mr. Miller occasionally talked about his religion, how he mentors the youth, and how he wants his marriage to be built off faith. When I used to have conversations with him, I would tell him I felt like I lost my faith and I wanted to get back to studying Jehovah Witnesses. Even though he did not believe in the same thing I did, he encouraged me to go back and let me know that it was never too late. The talk we had about faith, really resonated with me, and it pushed me to go back to my religion and being involved with it.

Mr. Miller was probably the best teacher/mentor I ever had. He was passionate about his craft, caring towards his students, and he was faithful to his religion. Many of the talks I had with him, helped me get to where I am today. I believe that he is the reason why I decided to go to

college and try to stay connected in the theater community. He is my role model, and I hope I could continuously work hard to one day have the same personality traits as him.