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Mr. Nelson,

Hello! This is Abby Brooks, I was in your 7th grade science class at Mountainville Academy. I just wanted to thank you again for all you did for me!

I switched to Timberline this year and took the Biology honors class, as we have learned about the different things through the year I have been so grateful for all that you taught me. I feel like I would be lost and I probably would have quit biology for an easier class. But not only did you teach me about science subjects, you also taught me to not give up. I remember the first quiz that you gave us. I was so proud to submit it, I thought I got 100%. But when I looked I (I don't remember the exact score) it was low. I started crying because I felt like a failure. I was embarrassed because that was not normal for me. The next day in class you said that "you as the student have to come to me if you want to change it, you have to act and do something because I am not coming to you trying to fix your grade." I remember thinking through the day trying to come up with a worthy excuse for my failure. But at the end of the day I couldn't, I told you I didn't do too well and you told me I could redo it once. I did and failed again. That was really hard for me, but I came to you again. I asked all my questions and studied before I took it again. I got 100% and was really proud of myself! You taught me to not give up and that asking questions is VERY helpful even if it is something that is obvious or not related.

I still try to think of all the questions that I can ask and I have learned a lot! So thank you for all you did. Even if you don't remember you have made a big impact and shaped me to who I am today. Hope you are doing well and that the new school is good!

Thank you,
Abby Brooks

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Thu, Dec 30, 2021 at 12:24 PM

Hey Abby,

Thank you for your email. It was great to hear from you. Sorry it took so long to respond, I don't use this email account as often as my work account. I'm really glad that you are challenging yourself with higher level science courses. You've always been a talented student with a strong ability to grasp difficult topics. I hope you're also having opportunities to continue in student leadership positions. I really enjoyed having you in my Senate Class. I wish we could have had more opportunity to accomplish the projects we were working towards.

That was a cool experience you shared. I feel that the experience is a tribute to the type of person you are. Too often we let our results define us. However, the quality of the process determines the quality of the product. It is my opinion that you can tell a lot more about someone's character by the way they prepare themselves for a result than the actual result they receive. But, an even more impressive measurement of character is what happens after. Your experience illustrates this idea. It's easy to give up afterward and label our experience as a success or a failure based on the result. However, every test you've ever taken or any great accomplishment you've achieved is or will be logged away in the pages of your history. Who you are continues with you day in and day out allowing you to create greater and even better future results. The fact you got a 100% is an awesome result that is now in the past. The real success is that you are dedicated to preparing well and you are resilient regardless of the result. Thanks again for sharing this with me. It was an honor

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working with you. I would wish you continued success, but based on the content of our emails it might be better to wish you continued powerful character.

Keep being the good that is you,

Thanks,

Mr. Nelson

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