



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



May 10, 2021

I continue to think about the Mothers in my life. I know that we all celebrated Mother's Day this past weekend. I want to move beyond the obligatory and convey a message of gratitude to all the Mothers in my life as well as those that serve the students of Skyline High School.

My own Mother helped me early on to understand that everyone has a struggle. She helped me to see that these struggles can be like a black hole if they are not dealt with promptly and properly. She told me that a black hole has the power to suck the light right out of someone. She taught me that whatever my black hole was, I needed to deal with it and do it right away so that I could maintain my light and allow it to shine for the world to see. What a great lesson she taught me when I was in my youth. I love my Mother and think she is the best.

Mothers are one of the most impactful persons in our lives. They set the stage for us and they cheer us on as we perform on that stage throughout our lives. It is obvious that the Eagles that attend Skyline have some amazing Mothers. I honor you and say thank you for all you have done and continue to do for your children. It is you that deserves accolades for their successes. Congratulations!

I saw a sign that lauded all the teachers who have been called "Mom" accidentally by students in their classrooms. I am not sure if that happens in a high school. I am sure that the love, care, adoration, support, and accountability that are common attributes of a Mother are found in the amazing teachers at Skyline. Many thanks and appreciation goes out to all of you as well.

Thank you to the Mothers in my life and those of the children in our Skyline community. We love you!

Please, tell us stories of teachers who have done something that has made a difference at Skyline High School. Think about the four components of our RISE program. Teachers are working hard and doing amazing things to help students be Resilient, have Integrity, Support themselves and others, as well as achieve Excellence in its various forms. Feel free to participate as often as you see fit to recognize the great teachers we have at Skyline High School. Teachers receive an award weekly for being recognized. They love to hear that their efforts are being appreciated. Here is a link to the survey:
<https://forms.gle/mDQPY7xybBCKnpg97>.

This week, we will highlight Ms. Denice Long. Ms. Long teaches Secondary Math 2 Honors, IB Statistics, and she also teaches a Math Lab. She loves many sports including softball, she adores her family, and she always promotes Southern Utah University (SUU). She shares her love of math with her students who strive to learn all they can in her classes. Here are a couple of comments from the community:

"Ms. Long is an excellent instructor and the kids feel like she is invested in them. My older son saved a test he took at the U of U to show her the work he'd done in a difficult math class because he knew she'd be proud. My younger son loves her class because she is genuinely

interested in her students and wants them to learn the material. He also says she has a great sense of humor.”

“My son loves her class. He loves how she teaches, explaining things well, encourages the class to interact and assigns the right amount of work. Not too much and enough to learn the concepts. He said she's a really good math teacher!”

“Denice Long is math teacher extraordinaire! My son said, "Ms. Long has helped me understand math. She makes math make sense." She is caring, responsive, builds rapport with students and parents. Thank you Ms. Long for all you give!”

Congratulations Ms. Long for all that you do to help our Skyline Eagles RISE!”

Sincerely,
Mitch Nerdin, Principal