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Hello, my name is Brian Guthrie, and I'm the Executive Director of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. It is my great pleasure today to thank you, our Texas educators, for the impact that you have on our mission and our system every day.

I'm Beckie Smith, Assistant General Counsel.

I'm Angie Nichols.

My name is Iliana Raup.

My name is Hugh Ohn.

My name is Corina Scoggins.

Hi, my name is Michael Aluko.

My name's Simon Key, and I'm a Communications Specialist here at TRS.

I am the beneficiary of many wonderful educators. There is one teacher though who truly changed my life.

I would like to express my appreciation for Mr. Young Lee.

Mr. Mahoney, who was my English teacher for two years at Xavier High School.

My high school volleyball coach, Marion Brown Young.

Dr. Henrietta Blend. She was the Dean of Instruction at Westbury High School in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Aldrich, and he was my ninth grade civics teacher.

Ms. Schultz, my English teacher.

My JV soccer coach at Westwood High School, Coach Saucier.

His emphasis on Shakespeare, the arts, words and how we use them - have made me who I am today.

Ms. Young taught me so many important things about life really, but most of all she taught me to dream big. She is the one who encouraged me to become an attorney.

Mr. Aldridge was the first person who told me that I should set my sights on college, and it truly changed my life.

She helped shape me and guide me, with my confidence, with knowing who I am, being proud of myself, and giving me the support of knowing that I can do and be anybody I want to be.

She was not afraid to discuss anything. She really challenged us, and really made us think.

Her values influence me today, so thank you Coach Saucier.

I would like to say thank you.

To all those teachers who poured their lives into me, I want to say thank you.

Thank you for being such an inspiration.

Thank you teacher Lee, for sharing your wisdom with us.

Thank you Mr. Aldrich.

You've made a big impact on my life; hope I've made you proud.