

MRS. BRENNECK INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT

By Kruthi M. and Ella B.

Ella: Hello Mrs. Brenneck.

Kruthi: Good afternoon. This is an interview. What's your name?

Mrs. Brenneck: Mrs. Brenneck.

Kruthi: Ok, great. When did you figure out when you wanted to teach? Like what and when.

Mrs. Brenneck: I was in first grade, I loved my teacher and I loved being at school so I was very inspired by her, and then I met some college professors that were very inspirational, so then I said I wanted to teach.

Kruthi: Um, do you want to do the first question?

Ella: Sure. So which teacher is your bestie?

Mrs. Brenneck: Which teacher is in the building currently? Um Ms. Pollard.

Kruthi: So I know you answered this like a gazillion times but just because we are recording, who were your 6th grade teachers?

Mrs. Brenneck: My 6th grade math teacher was Mrs. Ferguson upstairs. I had Mrs. DeRosa for my Social Studies class, my ELA teacher... I don't remember her name, she's been retired. My science teacher was Mrs. Myers. She no longer works here, but she was really young and super energetic and really into science.

Kruthi: She's like you but math instead of science.

Mrs. Brenneck: she was also a really good artist so when she made diagrams they were very thorough. Mrs Blomn was my P.E teacher. And that's it! Everyone has changed since.

Ella: Who are you most afraid of in the building?

Kruthi: Mr. Sadiwnyk?

Mrs. Brenneck: A student or teacher? Who am I most afraid of in the building? I'm not very fearful of anyone in the building. When Mr. S yells, it is scary

Kruthi: Who is your favorite teacher?

Mrs. Brenneck: Who is my favorite teacher of all time? Her name was Mrs. Tha. She was my 4th grade math teacher and I wrote about her in my college essay.

Kruthi: Oh that's cool.

Mrs. Brenneck: She was really hard and strict and then she later worked here with me and she helped me be a better math teacher.

Ella: Which period is the craziest, like the best, like the weirdest-

Mrs. Brenneck: Period 6.

Kruthi: Who is your prize student?

Mrs. Brenneck: Does it have to be this year? Um I do not have one and it will be developed by June when I have seen the full picture.

Ella: Do you keep favorites?

Mrs. Brenneck: I don't, although we like to joke around about it, I don't. I think you all are interesting and weird and unique and cool at the same time. Do you know who my favorite is? Jack, my baby

Kruthi: The way Jack actually thought you were going to cuddle him.

Kruthi: Can you tell us a chaotic story, like year, that happened to a student

Mrs. Brenneck: Um, my first year of teaching. I taught at university at high school in Newark um, and I taught algebra 1 to freshmen- and they obviously are older and going through more serious situations. So I had a student who would sit at her desk, like this, *leans forward with her head down* everyday, right. And I would be a little confused why she was sitting at her desk like that, and then she came up to me one day and I was fresh out of college, really, really young and she told me she was pregnant. It was probably my most eye opening experience of my life because I'm much older now and I just had my baby and she was a freshman in high school having to go through that situation. It was definitely a teachable moment for me as a teacher and obviously for her because she now had to raise a child, so definitely like the coolest experience of my life as a teacher but definitely only one of those like 'oh my god what do I do?' I'm only 21 and I don't know how to raise a baby'. So then of course, we talked to the right people in the building and we got her the help she needed.

Ella: Credit to Mrs. Urbanski by the way for the aha moment that we keep on saying. Anyhow... I have a question, has a student ever stolen anything from you before?

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Mrs. Brenneck: Yes, oh well I've had things stolen like my lip gloss stolen from my desk I've had some of my own materials like my scissors ,or my mugs or things stolen. I've caught them, yes. The weirdest thing that has been stolen from me... probably stuff that I put on my lips cause I think it's weird, it's gross.

Random Kid: So, I know that people are going to go against me on this, but, since I'm your best friend, who's your second best friend?

Mrs. Brenneck: So my best friend is my husband..

Random Kid: And like a student

Mrs. Brenneck: Jack because he is my biggest student and I had to teach him the most.

Kruthi: And don't forget to subscribe to Mrs. Brenneck's channel because it's slay.