

Sarah, former student, entering her sophomore year of high school

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Dear Ms. Carole,

Hello Ms. Carole! How are you? Well, I hope! It is Sarah S., you taught me ballet when I was younger, about 3 years ago. I can't thank you enough for everything you did for me. You really taught me so much more than just ballet. In your studio I learned life lessons that have guided me in everything I have done and through them I have learned that they are the fundamentals of success. Someone was asking me why I was good at soccer a couple weeks ago, and I remembered something you told me. It really has stuck with me and become a sort of motto, "The professionals are doing 100 more before the rest of the company even walks in the studio. They are in the studio an hour before everyone even arrives practicing, doing it a hundred times over until it is better than perfect." This advice has proven true in all aspects of my life, sports, academics, and friendships. I learned discipline, compassion, dedication, passion, and most importantly what it takes to succeed at something from you. I developed an identity that I continue to use to present myself as a capable person in all aspects of life. When I watch some of my peers try and accomplish difficult tasks, I notice they don't have same mindset for success. I feel exceptionally privileged to have been awarded the amazing opportunity to learn from you how to stick with something and persevere in a difficult situation, and because of that I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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Dance molded me into the person I am today and I feel like it is my duty to pass on this great gift to children... Thank you so much for being an amazing mentor in my life and I hope to do as much good in the lives of others as you have done for me.

From,
Sarah

