

TO JANE ERDENBERGER:

12 years ago, a tall, awkward, angry 17 year old kid walked into your class at Omaha North High School with no experience with academic success, in fact he was a straight F student for his first 3 years of high school and transferred to your school.

He was heartbroken from the death of his older sister 6 months prior to meeting you--he was bitter and argumentative, starting arguments in your class, struggling to complete your assignments due to a lack of faith in his own intelligence.

You pulled him out of class within the first month of knowing him.

You told him you wouldn't let him fail...

You told him he was somebody...

Picked him up for school...

Invited him into your HUGE HOUSE and made him family...

You sat in the front row of all his basketball games cheering the loudest when you've never attended games before...

Argued with him about him being a morally correct man.

That tall, awkward, angry kid now has international status, a career, and a program helping young kids like himself....and also produced a 3.5 gpa that same semester.

That kid heard you retired today and

I just want to say....

I couldn't have done any of this without you pulling me into the hallway that day.

I love you

Happy Retirement.

Congrats, you've made a difference in a kids life.

May he do half of what you've done for him.

Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!