



**2021 high school
teacher of the year**
ACS Central Arkansas Section



Liz Schiefer
(2010 UCA alumna)

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--JHS student comments*

Read some of the comments from Jessieville HS students nominating Liz for this award:

Liz Schiefer is the best teacher I have ever had. Not only does she connect with us on a level we can understand, but she explains it very thoroughly. She truly amazes me with her knowledge of Chemistry and how much she loves her students. She challenges her students without pushing them over the edge and is always there to help. She truly loves Chemistry and wants her students to reach our greatest potential.

My high school chemistry teacher, Liz Schiefer, is an exceptional leader and an essential part of our school district. Not only does she juggle Physics, Chemistry, and AP Chemistry, she also teaches all high level math such as College Algebra, College Trigonometry, as well as AP Calculus. Having the time and ability to divide up time for these courses exemplifies her immense organizational skills. She is constant and does not waiver under pressure. She is always willing to take on a challenge. She inspires every student that she has, and is willing to work with students who may not want to put in as much effort. One thing that has stood out about her is her true passion for teaching. Consider her experience and degrees: she accomplished her undergraduate at UCA and went on to the Master's program at Georgia Tech. Her intention was to attain her doctorate in Quantum Mechanics and was on the track to do so. However, in her master's program, she was hired by the school to student-teach and oversee labs. This is where she discovered how much she loved teaching. She then moved back to her home state, Arkansas, where she took the first teaching job she could find. That just happened to be at Jessieville, where she has remained for 9 years. Liz Schiefer had the qualifications, skills, and was on the track to have the "Dr" title in front of her name. Instead, she turned it all down to go teach high school chemistry to some kids from the country. She deserves the Outstanding High School Teacher Award because she is beyond outstanding. She is always a joy in class and helps us grasp the concepts of chemistry spectacularly. I would be very upset if she leaves Jessieville because I know how much she loves this community. She is also the Beta Club sponsor, so she has a big heart for the community and truly cares about every student that enters her classroom. A truly outstanding teacher deserves a truly outstanding award.