



PRESENTS THE TEACHER OF THE MONTH



Roseo Caburian, Jr. Teacher leads students to excellence by living the example

Though he's just beginning his third year of teaching in

the U.S., Lakeview Centennial High School English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher Roseo Caburian has already earned more accolades and accomplishments – both local and national – than some earn in a lifetime.

As last year's Teacher of the Year at his campus and this month's Garland ISD Teacher of the Month, Mr. Caburian says this recognition provides him an opportunity "to give back just a pinch of what I've received."

Mr. Caburian came to Garland directly from the Philippines where he taught in a private school for ten years.

"It was a difficult decision to move here. I don't have any family in Texas, but I decided to come because I wanted to try something bigger and expand my opportunities," he says. A friend from his home town, who had come to Garland several years earlier, encouraged him to make the move. He says it has provided him every opportunity he had hoped for.

Though teaching isn't known as one of the higher paying professions in America, Mr. Caburian says he earns five times the amount he earned in the Philippines. But the rewards, he says, are far greater than financial.

"By teaching here, I can inspire the students by sharing with them that this is the land of opportunity. I am an example of this," he says.

He says that when he began teaching at Lakeview Centennial "it was the first time I ever felt that kids didn't want to be in my class. I think that was because they thought that as ESL students they were less than other students. They don't want to be known as ESL students. After my first year, I began to think of different ideas to make that stop." He says he implemented a variety of student competitions such as "ESL Idol," a talent showcase, and a spelling bee so students could achieve at a variety of levels.

He also began "Writing Beyond the Wall," a program that combines writing skills and field trips as a way for students to experience life

beyond the confines of the classroom, then share those experiences through the written word. Mr. Caburian earned recognition – and grant money for the program – from the Bob Kostas Grant for the Teaching of Writing.

Even with all the recognition he has earned, Mr. Caburian hasn't lost sight of his primary role as a teacher, according to Lakeview Centennial principal Gerald Hudson.

Mr. Caburian's commitment to teaching has allowed him to build a relationship with each of his kids, Dr. Hudson says. "Education now should be individualized for each student, and he does a great job of that. He looks at the lessons and asks, 'What is the overall outcome?' then involves his students in achieving that outcome."

Dr. Hudson says quality teachers don't look at teaching as a 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. profession. "The best teachers take it home with them; their kids are always on their minds." Mr. Caburian is a stellar example of that recipe for success.

Mr. Caburian says the work ethic he applies to teaching was learned at an early age. "I was a witness to my parents and grandparents, all of whom were teachers. They shared with me the devotion they felt toward teaching, with all its glorious challenges. They showed me that teaching goes beyond just a profession. It's a passion," he says.

His own practices are a testament to a lesson well learned. "Teaching requires generosity of time and skill. I always stay after school to tutor, listen to students, or just keep them company until their parents pick them up. I also watch them participate in their sporting events" as a way of supporting students when their parents can't be there. "I try to provide support if it's lacking," he says.

His commitment to his students and to his profession shines through in everything he does, and Lakeview Centennial's students are the fortunate recipients of Mr. Caburian's passion. Congratulations to Mr. Caburian, a shining example of teaching excellence, and this month's Garland ISD Teacher of the Month.



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