

Dr. Amber Wagnon. I came to SFA as a mediocre student. She recognized something more in me in her English 2 class and fertilized it. I found a love for writing in her class and she recommended me for a job at the AARC. She inspired me to invest in myself. I ultimately graduated at the top of my class, and I owe much of it to her. – Julie Guerrero

Dr. Gary Mayer was both the brightest and funniest professor I had! He taught me everything I know about being a journalist, and he told the best stories! – Emily Brown

Dr. Gobel in the geology dept. He inspired me and pushed me to become the geologist I am today. I loved his classes. - Starla Rose Fletcher-Rivera

Dr. Al Greule and Professor Sherry Williford, hands down best Mass Comm Professors!!! Very caring about their students and super helpful! But special shoutout to Professor Carlos Cuadra, he was a HUGE blessing and 10/10 always recommend, he was so helpful to my classmates and made sure we understood 120%. – Ann Conejo

Dr. Marcus Cox was hands down my favorite professor at SFA. He probably doesn't remember me but he taught me quite a bit for my industry and I think he was overall a great person with a lot of knowledge. It was easy making an A in his class because I was always interested. Thank you Dr. Cox. – Chad Steward

Dr. Catherine Pearte was the most passionate professor I've ever had. Her background and knowledge lit a fire in me that had me asking her for extra books and podcasts to listen to and learn even outside of class. Plus she brought her dog to class one time so bonus points. – Jacy Watson Drennon

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Dr Alan Sowards was my absolute best professor, hands down. His love for learning was contagious. I still view him as a role model in my own science classroom. I was so excited that my daughter, a current SFA student, was able to work with him some this semester as well. – Tamy Weaver Owens

Dr Roy Joe Harris changed my life! He inspired me to believe that being me in the classroom wasn't a bad thing! Thank you for showing patience and having a great sense of humor! By the way "r j and h" are still my favorite variables! – Nicholas Mezzles

Dr. Mark Barringer and Dr. Troy Davis. They both made history come alive. They also pushed me to be a better student. I am blessed to have been able to learn from both of them. – Megan English Golden

Mrs. Cook for Stats! I'm in her class right now and she's so amazing at making a hard subject easier. Also Dr. McGee for English! She made me more comfortable with my writing abilities and is a great mentor – Liz Davitt

Dr. Kimberly Welsh, Professor Tracey Hasbun, and Dr. Alan Sowards! They made me so confident that being a teacher was what I was meant to do! Their passion for reading, learning, and sciences was truly something inspiring! – Lorena Gomez Reyes

The ag department had so many amazing professors many of which I consider friends to this day. In the top spot though I must put Dr. Young. He was the most amazing man I ever met. He and I butted heads many times but we always respected each other. I learned so many life lessons from him. I miss him every day. Dr Dale Perritt did more for me than almost anyone in my entire life. He is another that is an amazing person that SFA was lucky to have him. I will never be able to repay him for all he has done for me. Dr Erin Gwen Brown came in as I was in grad school. She taught me so much in that one semester then surprised me almost 10 years later when I came to campus with my ffa kids and said hey Kris. I could not believe she remembered me. That is why SFA is great. Professors become lifelong friends. Dr Joe Gotti. Did you see what happened before what happened? He was a fantastic teacher who had his own way but I can't thank him enough for the knowledge he gave. And Emily Payne. She did and still does more for me and other graduates than she will ever know. – Kris Hunt

Dr. VanKley and Dr. Havner of the science dept made me feel like I could do something big with my life and made me feel capable. – Ashley Evans

While I was blessed to have many wonderful instructors, Dr. Cindy Davis was so supportive from when we first met at freshman orientation through the MPA program and beyond. She challenged me to do better, to study harder, and inspired me in more ways than I can count. I am forever grateful. – Courtney Frost-Tadlock

Dr Karen Mayo was an inspiration to me while I was majoring in elementary education classes at SFA. Dr Kimberly Childs and Dr Alan Sowards both also made an impact on the teacher I became after graduating from SFA. – Dee Cruz

I loved my physics professors! Dr Downing, Dr Musser, Dr B, Dr Freidfeld, Dr Gruebal, and Dr Trikosko. The SFA physics department was my family for 5 years! – Jessica Casas

Dr. Paige Mask is one of the most influential, caring, & considerate instructors I've ever had!!!! – Samantha Krause

Dr. Archie McDonald - very passionate about the history of our great state. Learned so much not only about the subject, but also how to be an educator. – Gay Lyn Duncan

Dr. Pamela Vaughn!! She helped mold me into the teacher I am today and I have been blessed to continue working with her even into my 4th year of teaching. I look up to her in many ways! – Kate Foulkrod

Dr. Escamilla taught me to love language studies and he encouraged me to become a teacher! – Monica Auffant

Mrs. Cordova in the School of Social Work! She was a huge mentor to me while in the masters program. She always pushed me to see people through their own eyes. She was pushed me to excel in my classes and encouraged me to become president of the honors society. – Kaylee Elizabeth

Dr. Glen McCuller. I loved his passion, honesty and thoughtfulness. - Robin Beasley

Marissa Rotenberry is the best teacher...kind, patient and very smart! – Linda Janos

Dr. Catherine Pearte and Dr. Lauren Brewer in the Psychology Department. They are so kind and absolutely love what they do that it makes all their students more excited about it as well. I absolutely loved their courses, even if they taught about two opposite sides of psychology. Piero is a friend of mine. He is excellent at what he does, and he genuinely cares about his students! – Scarleth Lopez

Dr. Tom Segady - He is the reason I changed my major to sociology. He was the BEST! – Debbie Wood

Mary McCleary. I was introduced to her work through Campus Crusade for Christ. The leader used her work as an illustration in a lesson he was teaching and projected one of her pieces on a screen. When I saw her work my jaw dropped. I had recently transferred my degree to Art and I remember the first time I saw her in the hallway, I totally fangirled. I finally had her as a painting professor my last semester. It was life changing. She reflected so much belief in me and my work that it blew me away! I wish I'd had more time to study with her. I continue to follow Mary's work and she remains a major inspiration to me as an honest believer in Jesus and as serious Artist. Thank you Mary! – Melody Hay

Sherry Chudomelka Williford and Dr. Al Greule! I want to thank them for everything they taught me. Sometimes they got on me because they knew I could do better (so did I). The years of perseverance paid off because I'd resort back to their lectures and apply them to my job. – Justin MJ Brown

Ty and Elizabeth Spradley made my journey at SFA a positive one. They were the most supportive and kind people who always pushed me to do better and be better. Thank you! – Stacey Marshall

Dr. Alan Larson was 100% the best teacher I had at SFA. He is intelligent and humorous. As a teacher he was fair, engaging and challenging. – Amanda Hayes McCary

Mrs. Mandy Rhames Seybold and Mrs. Erin Keeling!! Thank y'all so much for constantly showing support in the program. Your constant joy helped us as students to strive to be the best we can be!! Miss you both!! – Emily Brezina

Absolutely Maggie Patterson she goes above and beyond for her students. I have seen her do this with countless students. Karren Price in criminal justice her knowledge is absolutely priceless for upcoming CJ career students. I hold both of these women in high esteem. But it's interesting that Mrs Patterson feels the same way I do about Dr. Price... that's how you know her contributions as a professor are influential beyond just her students. – Charlotte P Drinkard

I loved all my professors but my favorite one wasn't even one of my teachers I knew her outside of class and loved going by her office and seeing what cool things she had planned for her students. Dr. Sarah Canterbury. – Victoria Starkweather Baker

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This isn't even close- had to be Lee W. Payne! Actually made me want to go to class, I learned, influenced my teaching style, and he's just a cool guy. I honestly don't even remember another professor's name- not a single other one. – Eva Callejas Ray

Jim Ewing really made an impact on my education as well as my personal character. Helped me through a very rough time! – Laura Ashley Gartner

Definitely Dr. Susan Evans Jennings!!! She believed in me — she had high expectations and encouraged all of her students to succeed!! She's brilliant ... and pretty hilarious, too!
Mike Pennington and Victor Galan were both incredible professors. They revived my love for learning and made me think deeply and question constantly. – Erin Elizabeth

There are two that stand out brilliantly in my mind: Jamie Weaver and Fred J. Allen. I was beyond fortunate to study with them in earning my Master's degree, and their influence and leadership has affected me and how I work with my students more than they could possibly know. – JoAnn Champion

(Mathematics) Dr. Clark, Dr. Roy Joe Harris, Dr. Keith Hubbard, Dr. Stovall, and Dr. Beverly!! All of them were incredibly impactful on my time at SFA and most of them are featured near-weekly in my own classroom stories. – Joe Holford

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Wanda Peterson Mouton: She inspired me to keep writing, and even though my career took a detour from its initial path, I will always appreciate her mentorship and encouragement. – Angela Pool- Funai

Shelley Cook Still my favorite teacher of all time and the reason I became a math teacher – Megan Tallo

Fred J. Allen was wonderful and I wasn't even a music Major. Enjoyed immensely playing in his bands. – Donna Graem Moreland

Joyce Ann Carlton Johnston is the brightest star that guides young minds daily. I'll be forever thankful to her. – Maggie Morgan

Thank you Sharon Ellis Rice. I appreciate everything you do for me and all of my peers! – Tamra Barthol McEachern

Dr. Beatrice Clack is my greatest mentor. It's been 10 years and I still keep your lecture – Nate Kongchan

Dr. Ab Abernathy. He was brilliant and helped mold me into the teacher I have become. 27 years post-graduation, I still remember his voice and wisdom. – Sharrone King

I had the most amazing teachers and professors at SFA. My undergraduate degree was shaped and guided by the amazing Nita Hudson. She taught me with patience and never let any of us doubt that we were loved. The professor that made the biggest impact during my graduate degree was Dr. Barbara Qualls. Through her, I have become a better educator. She taught me to open my eyes to the bigger picture that is public education. Thank you both for all of your dedication. You are so very appreciated. – Shelby Rae

Dr. Jim Towns, hands down. Or should I say bony fists down? – Adam Key

There are two of them: Dr. John Dahmus and Dr. Allen Richman, both in the History Department. I graduated in December 1980, and we still exchange notes and Christmas cards each year. They are the reason why I became a college professor, and I hope I affect my students as much as they have influenced me. – Karen Guenther

Dr. Harris was an amazing calculus professor. He understood that he was teaching a tough class and never made students feel incompetent for not understanding the material. – Steven Follmer

Dr. Gary Mayer. Learned a lot from him. Plus he's hilarious. He once went on a 30 minute rant about the Ginger Snaps film franchise. "Ginger Snaps 2!?!? Pishaw" lol – Spencer Pavey

DawnElla M. Rust is not only an amazing professor but an even better person! – Kirstian Stokes Brady

Dr. Timothy Clipson was the best. I strive daily to be the kind of teacher that he was to us! – Stephanie Shinn Reeves

Dr Norjuan Austin lectured while standing on a table once and that was fun/still sticks with me. Christine Butterworth-McDermott teaches with a passion most have rarely experienced, and ditto Court Carney, who had me switching majors for life after just one class. – Christine Broussard

Three art professors: William Arscott, John Daniel and Robert Kinsell have had profound impact on my professional life and I use the skills they taught me every day. – Trey Cartwright

CC Conn! She's an amazing mentor and continues to be far after graduation, as well as a good friend! – Amanda Warren

Way too many to pick one! Kim Wells, Mario Morera , Juan Carlos Ureña Irola , Steve Marsden, Chris and Jessie Sams, Christine Butterworth-McDermott, Dr. Given, Dr. Martin (to name a few!) - Mahailey Oliver

Chef Todd Barrios has done so many great things for the Hospitality Department! He was also very understanding of a very pregnant and sick me at the time and was in school. I learned so much with him as a professor and still use that knowledge today. – Julie Wood

Jessie Sams was so impactful and important to me. I think about her all the time. I was afraid to talk to her as a professor, or just as an empathetic ear. She taught me with grace and style and never made me feel foolish. I remember more from her than anything else at SFA. – Thatcher Vesanus

Dr. Alyx Frantzen my ROCK throughout my entire college career. Without you, my life would have been so much different. Thank you! I will never forget OR stop appreciating you. – Sydney Thompson

I'd have to say my favorites were Larry King and Chay Rees Runnels! Not only were they my fave professors while in school, but now they are great friends! Thanks, you two! – Kerry Whitsett

Dr. Mary Olle. She made me the person I am today, she is a life changer – Katie Higgins

Dr. Langford and Dr. Jones were the best professors who impacted me as a person and absolutely helped to shape my career. Also can't say enough for Sandy Miller and Loree McCary – Chelsa Connolly