Go Thank A Teacher

Persuasive Presentation Outline

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Targeted Audience: This speech will be directed to college students aged 18-25 because that is the demographic of my public speaking class.

1. **Introduction**
   1. **Attention getter:** Everyone in this room had a teacher at one point. The fact we are all college students and a learned, college professor proves this point.
   2. **My proposition:** Go thank at least one of your teachers.
   3. **Credibility:** I have attended school for the past 17 consecutive years both public school and at a higher education setting. I am preparing to be a teacher as my profession.
   4. **Relevance of Topic:** We are all products of our educational experiences. Would we be in this very room without the schooling we received up to this date?
   5. **Preview:** Teachers are important because of their ability to guide people to success by educating, inspiring students, and creating positive change.

Let’s look at how teachers educate people.

1. Educators teach students the necessary skills they need to succeed in life.
   1. **Evidence**: On the Virginia Department of Education Website (*Standards of Learning (SOL) and Testing - VDOE*, n.d.), the website outlines goals Virginia public schools has for its students in English, Mathematics, Sciences, History, economics, and other subjects.
   2. Reasoning:
      1. People read and use math in everyday life. They are skills necessary for one to be independent in society.
      2. Economic and finance skills are especially important for people to be financially stable and balance their income, lifestyle, and plan for their future.
      3. Students take driver’s education because the ability to drive is another skill necessary for independence.
      4. P.H.D. Jessica Ellis wrote about the advantages students can receive from attending vocational schools on PracticalAdultInsights .com. Also known as trade schools, these schools focus on teaching technical skills for students preparing to enter a trade. Teachers are highly skilled to educate students for success in any career.

Teaches also inspire students to grow and become more.

1. Educators can inspire their students to achieve more and become the best they can be.
   1. Evidence: In Wendy Bray’s article in the Teaching Children Mathematics journal, she identified how good teachers inspire students to embrace difficult tasks and work hard to overcome them, an important quality and will help students grow. (*What are the Advantages of a Vocational* Curriculum? Ellis, J.)
   2. Reasoning:
      1. Students inspired to embrace difficult challenges will be better equipped to tackle more complex things and persevere in difficult tasks. They will have a “growth mindset”, allowing them to be more open to challenging and new opportunities.
      2. Teachers are role models who inspire students to reach their maximum potential. Educators encourage students to become more assertive and helo introverted students come out of their shells (*What Does a Teacher Do?*, 2020).

Teachers encourage students to be the change and make positive contributions.

1. Teachers gradually change society for the better by encouraging and influencing students to improve society.
   1. Evidence: The School of Education website identified how teachers can promote students to make change in our society by encouraging them to take more responsibility and authority in making major decisions in the classroom   
      (*How Teachers Can Promote Social Change in the Classroom*, 2018).
   2. Reasoning: Teachers promote social change by enabling students to take more of a democratic role in the classroom, modeling how they can affect and improve society for the better once they become fully functioning adults.

Now to summarize why we need to appreciate the teachers who helped us on our way.

## Conclusion

## We owe our successes to the teachers who shaped us into who we are today. They taught us the necessary information and skills needed to be functional and independent adults, inspire us to become more and become life-long learners, and to be the change and take initiative to better our society.

* 1. Over the break, message at least one of your teachers and thank them. Write a nice email, take them out to Starbucks, or sit and listen to their journey, we owe them so much.

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