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Educator of the Year Essay ATTTTENTTTIIIONNNN ON DECK! That is how John O'kneski greets his class every single period at a high school called The Delaware Military Academy (DMA). John O'kneski, known as Mr.

O, is a 9th grade Civics teacher at DMA. He can be described as comical, loud, and blunt, unlike some of the teachers that I have previously endured, who were boring, mean, and grumpy. Mr. John O'kneski is my choice for the Teacher of the Year because he can make a dull subject interesting, he creates an open learning environment; and he allows great fun in his class. Mr. O can make a dry class fascinating by using different websites and media resources to give us knowledge about what's happening around the world.

Many teachers discourage the use of technology, outside computers, however, social media is the way global ideas are spread. This is a helpful tool because when he reviews a concept about our government, he then demonstrates how that model applies to current events. He gives us an avenue to take classroom information and take it to real world. In our classroom, Mr. O has built an open learning environment, so anyone can speak freely and express their own opinions.

The reason why he does this is because he respects us and our personal ideas. Creating this atmosphere is also important as it encourages us to think outside of the box. We learn about a 3rd and 4th and maybe even a 5th perspective on many topics by asking guests from around the school about the subject matter. Learning from a boring textbook is not the primary source of our civics education in Mr. O's class.

Mr. O can be very stern and serious, however, fortunately for us, he can also be really fun when he lets loose. He is commonly described as a great entertainer, mainly, because he adds humor and makes us all smile every day. Unlike any other classes, Mr. O encourages our laughter and enjoyment; it might as well be a requirement.

He also has this ability to not only dish out these jokes, but he can take them too. That attribute is one of my favorites of Mr. O'kneski. The nomination for teacher of the year should go to Mr. John O'kneski because he has a gift of reaching these students each and every day creating a very unique and rewarding learning experience. His instruction is not only interesting, open, and fun, but it lets us appreciate and respect him on a different level.

I am not sure what I will do in my life in a few years down the road, but I hope I have some of these same qualities that Mr. O tirelessly demonstrates, so I too will be respected and appreciated like his is.