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Coach Mims: Who Is The Man Behind The Tiktok?

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Who is Coach Mims? Coach Mims is a teacher, a coach, a father, and a TikTok celebrity. Reaching way over millions of views from his viral video, Coach Mims has become known all across TikTok, but who is he actually as a person? Everyone has a variety of opinions on Coach Mims, but the one constant is that he is a good man. Coach Mims teaches a gym class and used to coach girls' basketball. He says he is the undefeated champion of badminton. Anyone who has taken a class of Coach Mims is familiar with his tradition of "High Five Friday" - a day where he high-fives all his students and leaves them with a piece of advice before the weekend. The advice is usually "Don't do drugs." He said, "It became a tradition. At first, I started giving advice to students and they said 'yeah' so we would give a high five." Thus, the beginning of the High Five Friday. Many students look up to Coach Mims. All their comments on him were kind, a few silly. Brandon Murr, a junior, said, "He always tries to make fair teams" - referring to when they would play games in the gym like kickball. Joslynn Long, a junior, said Coach Mims has a "good shoe game." Andrew Stiles, a junior, commented on how his mustache remind-



ed him of Steve Harvey. When asked who he has worked with the longest, Coach Mims listed three names: Mr. Bray, Mrs. Cupp, and Mr. Rimmer. They all said he was an amazing guy. Coach Mims was an amazing coach of girls basketball. He was said to have been very patient and understanding with his team. When they messed up he made sure they knew what they did wrong, but he did not scream at them. He is known to be excellent with kids and people in general. Coach Bray says, "He's overall just a good man." Not only was Mims a patient coach, but he was friendly and supportive. He would always be there for the people around him. Mrs. Cupp stated that Mims loved food and Bray added to that with how during coaching meets sometimes there would be food arrays set out for the coaches. Bray said that Mims was almost always first in line and of course, Bray was also right there. Coach Mims did disclose a lot of himself that many may not know. He is a huge fan of football and basketball. In his free time, Coach Mims has a card group that he plays cards with. He enjoys teaching and giving advice to his students, a tradition that started years ago. However, the TikTok that made Coach Mims such a memorable person was sadly taken down, and lost forever, never to be seen by a student's eyes ever again. Even with such a great loss, Coach Mims's legacy will live on.

Educating, Motivating, and Producing Responsible Citizens of Tomorrow

Opinion: Carter High School Should Teach ASL

By: Alexis Montgomery

Eleven million people in America suffer from severe or profound hearing loss (these people are under the loose term of “deaf”), and nearly 20% of the global population has some form of hearing loss. Yet, even though American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most common language in America- besides English and Spanish, Carter High School does not teach it as a foreign language. Many people would love to change this, as many have spoken up within the school and said that if given the opportunity they would love to take the class. So, that being said, Carter should offer ASL as a foreign language class for the logical aspect of it, for the inclusivity, and to include students’ wants and needs into the curriculum. An ASL class would be extremely helpful to students not only because it engages them in learning in a more “hands on” experience, but also because of how commonly the language is used. I personally suffer from SSD, single-sided

deafness, and have been in many situations overwhelmed by how hard it is to try and decipher what people are saying - and that is only with half of my hearing gone. For people that are fully deaf, lip reading is tiresome, and finding someone that they can communicate could brighten their whole day. Many students have all agreed that if the class was available they would take it, so why not listen to the student body and give them a class they want, and could possibly need? This could open up a multitude of job opportunities or even careers for the students, and even if that is not the path they would want to take, people who rely on ASL as their only form of communication could be inside the students’ work or day-to-day environment. Giving the students the ability to learn this beautiful language would not only be enjoyable for the people taking it, but imagine the lives the school could change by adding inclusivity into the community. Some may say that Carter

already has a couple of options for foreign languages and that that should be enough, but in actuality, would it not be more logical to make room to teach the third most used language in America? Even at that, there are plenty of opportunities to add extra classes to Carter - without having to take out any that have existed before. Some may also say that we already have an ASL club, but that has actually ended due to a lack of a teacher sponsor. Not only that, but a club is an entirely different experience than a class. This is because not everyone is able to stay after school, and with the lack of a professionally educated teacher or funding for the club, it was more of a hang-out rather than an actual learning environment. Therefore, an ASL class would not only be a more logical class to teach that would include teaching students their preferred language, but it would also bring more inclusivity into the school and eventually out into the community.

Mrs. Bell: Mentor to Seniors

By: Laiken Wolfenbarger

A classroom sits past the main office and down the left hallway, furnished with comfy seats and overflowing with a comforting ambiance. “What can I help you with?” a woman asks with a sweet smile every time a student wanders into her room. Mrs. Bell is the College and Career counselor at Carter High School. While she always is open to assisting students of any year, her specialty lies with the upperclassmen, especially seniors. She aids with applying to colleges, financial aid (FAFSA), scholarships, and many more things which makes the spring semester active. “At this time, it’s very busy to say the least,” Mrs. Bell laughs, “We are right in the middle of scheduling classes for next year and updating GPAs. I have even been working on graduating programs.” And her actions do not go unnoticed by those around her. “Obviously, she is a very vocal and kind person,”

senior Leslie Lambdin begins, “but she is also empathetic and just a great influence to everyone around her.” And this is not just a comment from one student; multiple students love her and appreciate what she does daily to make sure seniors graduate with as much accomplished as they desire. “There is a lot of behind-the-scenes paperwork that I am currently checking the box on,” Mrs. Bell finishes. With the amount of work that this time of year holds, Mrs. Bell’s compassionate nature is evident in how she never fails to take time, even when she is the busiest, to support and reach out a hand to those who just ask for it. When asked about her favorite thing in her occupation, Mrs. Bell responded, “My favorite thing has to be graduation. It is amazing to see these students cross the stage and look back at previous years and their accomplishments when they might have been struggling.”

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