Speaker 1: Tell me about your first day at your first job when you arrived. I guess your first job in your current job as a teacher.

Speaker 2: My first job as a secondary teacher in Texas.

Speaker 1: Your first day, do you remember that?

Speaker 2: I do remember that. So, my first year teaching I taught at the high school down the street from the high school I grew up going to and they were our arch rivals. We hated them and I applied there and I got the job and so my first day was also Meet the Teacher Night.

So, I was really nervous. It was insane, I'm like, they're just giving me these students and I'm responsible for them. I'm 24, like, what is this? I lost the hand outs I made for my first period class. I accidentally gave the wrong class the wrong homework and my kids took a quiz and I put in the grades, not understanding for the first AP US History quiz, you really need to curve it because you're gonna scare so many of them off.

So, I got a lot of kids who were concerned about their grades by the end of the day and then the parents came to Meet the Teacher Night and one parent was very unhappy with me because of a summer assignment that the previous teacher assigned, I hadn't assigned it.

So, I got cussed out on my first day of school by an angry parent at Meet the Teacher Night. SO, yeah it was interesting.

Speaker 1: Quite an adventure. So, what do you most like about your work and why?

Speaker 2: I like the kids and it's one of those things where I teach my AP World History dual credit students. These are people at the top of their class, they're going to college, but I also teach kids who have gone to jail and so I get to see the full spectrum, but I get to make individual connections with those kids. I have my past students, return students, I am their go-to person for college stuff. They come to me when they need help, if they're not understanding the application, I'm their go-to person. They don't even go to their counselor, they come to me.

I love that because I was in that position at their age in the same high school and I didn't have that so I know how important that is. But on the other hand, I have also helped some of my kids get ready for their court dates to help keep them out of jail for something they did when they were just being stupid and not thinking.

So, I get to be both and I like doing both.