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DPS teacher publishes book showcasing inspirational stories of students, colleagues throughout 51-year teaching career

All proceeds from “TEACH: Lessons I learned from My Students and Colleagues,” will go toward scholarships for DPS students.

Longtime DPS educator, Mr. Michael Unger, published his first book in January. Through narrative storytelling, Unger weaves together stories of inspiration, courage, and resilience that he witnessed from dozens of students and colleagues throughout his 51-year teaching career.

“TEACH: Lessons I learned from My Students and Colleagues” shares both the hardships and triumphs of urban school students and those who teach them every day. From overcoming physical and mental challenges, to surviving life-threatening situations, Unger describes students who have shown incredible tenacity and inspired him to keep returning to the classroom year after year.

“The constant in 51 years of teaching has always been the students that I have and the courage they show,” said Unger. “If we’re going to do anything with this world — if we’re going to fight violence, prejudice, discrimination, ignorance, or racism — then we have to have the courage to step up and challenge the status quo. It’s the students who bring me here every day, and that’s why I can’t walk away from teaching just yet.”

“TEACH” celebrates the power of the human spirit and serves to inspire current teachers, future educators, and anyone who is interested in reading uplifting stories about overcoming hardships, beating the odds, and making the world a better place.

The book was written with the assistance of several students in the Creative Writing magnet at Stivers School for the Arts. The students recorded Unger telling stories and then helped craft 13 of the stories in the first half of the book.

The book is \$25 and can be purchased online through the publisher or through Unger directly. All proceeds from the book will go toward a scholarship for Dayton Public Schools students.

Purchase online through [Braughler Books](#), or email teachunger@outlook.com.

