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The Fab 5  
of  
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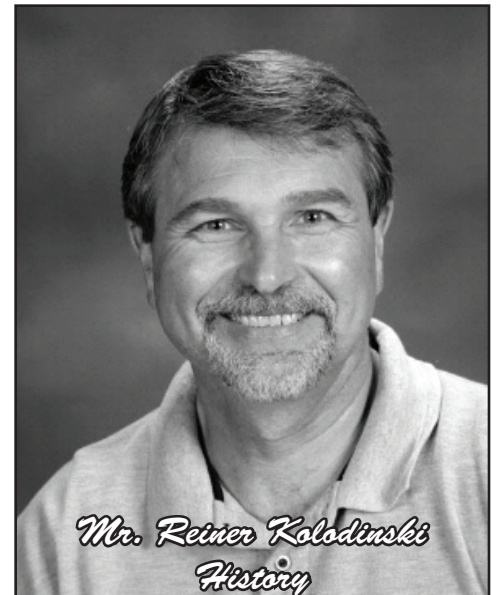
The editorial staff of the *Explosion* have selected teachers that they admire most at Glendale High. Each editor has had classes with teachers that inspired them. We have selected these Fab Five teachers of Glendale High to recognize them for being a big part of our lives and being a part of what makes Glendale High a great school.



*Ms. Sarah Morrison*  
Math



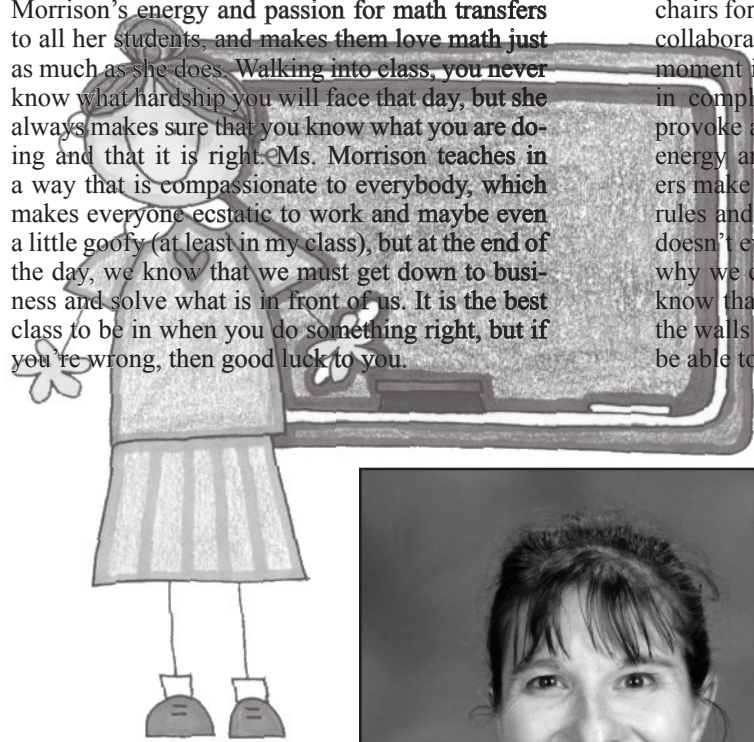
*Ms. Barbara Berent*  
English



*Mr. Reiner Kolodinski*  
History

**Austin Hui, News Editor**

Math is always a dreaded class for many, but taking AP Calculus may make you seem crazy. However, Ms. Morrison makes the class enjoyable. Ms. Morrison's energy and passion for math transfers to all her students, and makes them love math just as much as she does. Walking into class, you never know what hardship you will face that day, but she always makes sure that you know what you are doing and that it is right. Ms. Morrison teaches in a way that is compassionate to everybody, which makes everyone ecstatic to work and maybe even a little goofy (at least in my class), but at the end of the day, we know that we must get down to business and solve what is in front of us. It is the best class to be in when you do something right, but if you're wrong, then good luck to you.



**Annette Semerdjian, Features Editor**

I always love walking into Ms. Berent's English class every morning, except for the days we have a sub. I don't know if I'll walk into a room full of chairs for discussion, or take the chairs outside for a collaborative reading in nature; there's never a dull moment in her class. It doesn't matter if you walk in completely apathetic, Ms. Berent will always provoke a thought or response with her undeniable energy and passion for teaching. So many teachers make you think inside the box and it's all about rules and structure; this time I have a teacher who doesn't even know or care where the box is. This is why we continue class discussions after class, and know that we have the tools to help us outside of the walls of room 2230. I dread the day that I won't be able to go to her class every morning.

**Justine Velasquez, Editor-in-Chief**

I remember being completely terrified during the summer orientation for my first ever AP class, AP European History. But when I saw Mr. Kolodinski in his khaki shorts and Occidental Basketball shirt talking about the curriculum coming our way the following year, my worries evaporated immediately. I knew for a fact that he would do everything in his power to help us through the difficult times ahead and keep us comfortable despite all the challenges we will face. Under his wing, I learned how to write a decent essay within 40 minutes and how to find the significance of each detail in history. I will never forget the creative ways we tried to master the material, such as making a mini-musical about the French Revolution. I can never be grateful enough to Mr. Kolodinski for everything he has taught and done for me.



*Ms. Kim Sinclair*  
Health



*Mr. Tadeh Mardirosoyan*  
Math

**Mariana Shakaryan, Viewpoint Editor**

Every teacher tries to achieve the learning-while-having-fun aspect of teaching. So for those who have failed miserably, they can take a few pointers from Ms. Sinclair. At the risk of sounding like a hippie I can say she just gives off a kind of energy that exudes passion. I have never had a teacher like her and truly feel honored to have had her as a teacher.

**Arsine Torosyan, Entertainment Editor**

Whether it's delivering a perfectly explained lecture in less than 15 minutes, or telling yet another exceptionally entertaining story of misfortune that happened to him over the weekend, Mr. Mardirosoyan has mastered it all. His charisma is one that is scarce among all people, let alone teachers. The energy he brings to the classroom is truly special and it made math simple and enjoyable for me which is no easy task. Teachers like Mr. Mardirosoyan don't come by very often and his exuberance hasn't gone unnoticed.

