

**12TH GRADE WINNER:  
ALYVIA T.  
UNIVERSITY ACADEMY**

When a person has empathy, respect, and is about to have grit, that makes them a kind person. A person who I feel embodies all of these qualities is Mr. Troy Alldaffer, also known as Mr. A. Mr. A has been the art teacher at University Academy Charter School for the past 18 plus years. Starting as an elementary school Art teacher, then changing to a high school teacher in 2023. Since he started working at UA, he's done everything from feeding kids with funds out of his own pocket when they're hungry to having a uniform drive for the less fortunate students.

I remember a time when a student in my 3rd class didn't have breakfast and told Mr. A he hadn't eaten the night before, so Mr. A went to his little kitchen area in his class and made a quick snack for him and the whole class. Or if he had a unique dish, he would let anyone in the class who wanted to try the food try and he wouldn't get mad if it was all gone to the point where he didn't get any because he was just that kind of person. Still to this day, students, including myself, go to his classroom just to enjoy lunch with him. He also shows his support to the community outside of school by protesting about issues that he knows affect his students individually or as a whole.

All of this to say, I feel that Mr. Troy Alldaffer should win the Synergy Services Kindest Kansas Citian because he is the real definition of kindness. Like, if you search for kindness, you would see his picture.