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# NEVER BEFORE № 39



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## From the editor

The special issue of «Never Before» is devoted to the professional holiday of university teachers which will be for the first time widely celebrated this year – University Teacher's Day.

Our correspondents Denis Kusakin and Anastasia Chernikova conducted surveys on two topics: «What Qualities Should a University Teacher Have?» and «Are There Any Differences between University and School Teachers?». Today we publish the results of their research.

We also asked students of science departments to write about their favorite University teachers. Today we publish some of their essays.

Our students have many favorite teachers. It is gratifying that among the favorite teachers of science students there are many teachers of the humanities.

## ARE THERE ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL TEACHERS?



According to Cambridge Dictionary, a teacher is someone whose job is to teach in a school, college, etc. Teachers have always been highly respected in any society and their role in education and development of every student cannot be overestimated.

I have asked 24 students from Voronezh State University to share their opinion about differences between school teachers and university professors. Almost all the students (98%) consider that there are lots of differences and only 2% think that teachers are the same everywhere.

The majority of the surveyed students believe that the most striking difference between university and school teachers is the

respectful, fair and equal attitude of the former towards every student. Professors treat students like adults in spite of their young age and lack of experience. Moreover, university teachers tend to be calm and are able to hold a constructive conversation with their students. The surveyed place a high emphasis on the fact that professors behave tactfully, for example, when announcing the test results.

Another popular point of view is that professors do not control students' academic performance the way school teachers usually do. A school teacher has the leverage to encourage students to study: a bad mark or the pupils' parents to name a few. Young people at university bear the responsibility for the process of learning. They themselves make decisions how to manage their time and organize their studies. "This motivates much more than the shouts of school teachers about schoolchildren being lazy and irresponsible only because they do not do their homework" the students claim.

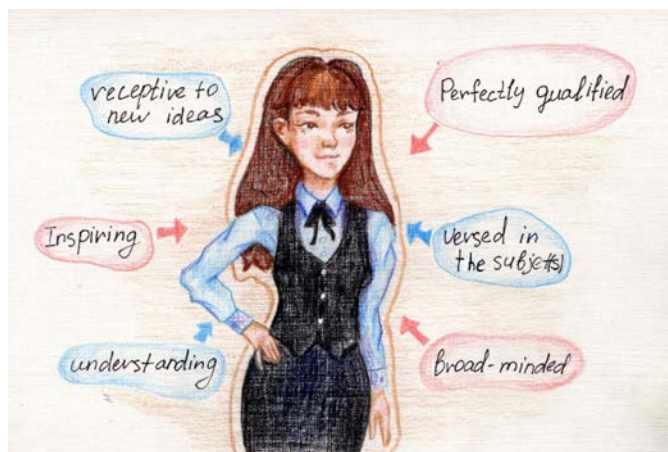
The least popular opinion is that a school teacher and a

professor have slightly different aims. Of course, in both cases students are empty containers which teachers fill with knowledge. However, teachers at school educate children, teach them not only a subject but also some important moral principles helping pupils to adapt in the society. A professor shares the knowledge that is necessary for getting a profession.

To sum up, both teachers and professors play a significant role in the society. They provide students of different ages with necessary skills and knowledge. School and university teachers do have a significant number of differences but it does not negate the importance of both professions and high qualification of the former and the latter.

*Anastasia Chernikova*  
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## WHAT QUALITIES SHOULD A UNIVERSITY TEACHER HAVE?

Have you ever thought of why you attend some of the classes at the university gladly and avoid attending the others? Just because you don't like some particular subjects? But sometimes you do want to go to classes even when you don't really enjoy the subject. Why so? I suppose the thing is that some of the teachers have qualities that make their students relish the process of studying. Now I'm taking the master's course at the Department of Romance and Germanic Philology and I asked my group mates what qualities a good university teacher should have. Let's take a look at the results I've got.

Viktoria Titova: «A university teacher should be open-minded in order to give students relevant and useful information. The teacher should treat students as adults and never as kids. The personal touch is crucial because a teacher is, above all, a personality. This is why they can either inspire students to study or kill any desire to do that».

Daria Shibanova: «Life-long learning is necessary in every job field now, but even more in teaching. I'm convinced a good teacher will do their best to keep up with the latest scientific updates, in order to provide the highest quality of education possible».

Oksana Sviridova: «A university professor has to be open-minded as the world changes rapidly and they always have to be ready to comprehend the new realia».

Daniil Lysenko: «Truly great teacher's characteristics are pretty easy to define. Teachers should be non-biased and approachable. A perfect teacher is really versed in his/her subject».

Olga Likhacheva: «To my mind, a university teacher should be perfectly qualified to provide relevant knowledge. The next essential quality is adequacy since they have an impact on students' minds. Besides, a university teacher should be understanding, especially when students have to combine work and studying. And of course, a university teacher should be aware of current changes in their field».

Ilya Vlasov: «A university teacher is something more than an ordinary teacher as they have to deal with adults. Professors should be masters and gurus of their fields of expertise».

I wasn't surprised with what my group mates said since I have the same opinion, but it was an engrossing experience to conduct such a survey and consider the subject from different points of view. So, let's sum up: a university teacher should be proficient, broad-minded, receptive to new ideas and understanding – for we are all just human beings made of flesh and blood.

**Denis Kusakin**

*1st year Master's student*

*Department of Romance and Germanic Philology*

## MY FAVORITE UNIVERSITY TEACHER

My favorite teacher is **Olga Fedorovna Uskova**. She has been teaching programming classes at our University for decades and still teaches them at high level. Her career began when people learned to write programs only on paper. For her this unusual tradition has survived to this day, which distinguishes her from other programming teachers. She claims to have gone through the entire history of programming development. I believe that she is the main symbol of our faculty. Olga Fedorovna is able to find common language with any student. It helps those students who are not good at programming. It motivates you not to give up and develop in your field.



In addition to her professional experience, I also respect her as a person. My friends and I listened to her podcast several times, in which she gave an interview about her life. She has many achievements and is highly respected by other professionals.

She also has a great sense of humor, sense of style and is very charismatic. This is the case when classes go very quickly, she knows how to interest the audience. Most students who graduated from the University still cannot forget her personality. She is as vivid memory of student life as her red hair.

**Sergey Bovin**

*2nd year student of the AMM Department*

I have studied at Voronezh State University for 5 years and I am currently continuing my postgraduate studies. Over such a long period of time spent within the walls of Alma Mater, I managed to get acquainted with many people in one way or another related to the activities of the university: applicants, students, masters, PhD students, research staff, vice-rectors and, of course, professors. I got acquainted with excellent teachers from different departments. But still, the representatives of the chemistry department are perceived differently, as family, and classes with them are like returning home after a long journey. I don't think it's right to single out anyone, because everyone is wonderful and interesting in their own way, but I will tell you about my favorite lecturer **Vladimir Yuryevich Kondrashin**, Candidate of Chemical Sciences, Associate Professor of Physical Chemistry, who worked at VSU from 1974 to 2021. He combines both professionalism, earned through decades of faithful service to science and the university, and humanism.



In my 3rd year he taught us a difficult but interesting discipline – quantum chemistry. The first class with him delighted me, I fell in love with the way he presented the material. When Vladimir Yurievich gave the lecture, I caught every word, as if mesmerized, it is very similar to how a fairy tale is read to you as a child, and



you listen with genuine curiosity, hoping that nothing can interrupt this moment and at the end you will definitely find out how it will end. Funny, of course... After all, quantum mechanics is not a fairy tale, and there is no ending as such. The time in his classes flew by quickly, he treasured every minute of it, trying to tell as much as possible. It is an art, of course... I still keep and will keep the lecture notes on quantum mechanics as my best ones.

At the seminars with his experienced hand, magic of blackboard, rag and chalk and skill of teaching, Vladimir Yurievich guided us to understand the laws of the quantum world, simultaneously pulling the strings of our memory so that we could learn to use the mathematical apparatus. And at the end, as they say – for dessert, there was always an anecdote flavored with wisdom. Vladimir Yuryevich liked to tell jokes, probably a collection of them obviously no smaller than the Large Soviet Encyclopedia was stored in his head.

It was always possible to consult with him not only on issues related to the topic of the lesson. I know that he sincerely loved what he was doing at the university, this applies to both scientific and teaching activities. If I become a teacher, I will try to be equal to the best like Vladimir Yuryevich Kondrashin.

**Anna Lagutina**  
*1st year postgraduate student  
of the Chemistry Department*

Who is my favorite teacher? That's a good question. Coming to the university after school, we get to know new people: a new group where you study, new people who you interact with and, of course, new teachers about whom you still know absolutely nothing.

They all are completely different, someone will scold you, someone will read the whole lesson from the book, without being distracted by what is happening in the classroom, someone will not let you in at all if you are late, and someone can be delayed himself. Therefore, having become acquainted with all the teachers, you involuntarily begin to divide them into favorites and not favorites. When the time comes to the session, this division of teachers into two camps begins to acquire more serious and stable boundaries.

Being a second-year student, I can already not only determine my attitude towards teachers by inner feelings, but also explain why.

I have several favorite teachers: **Ekaterina Mikhailovna Aristova, Lyudmila Aleksandrovna Krivenko and Maria Vladimirovna Leshchinskaya.**

These are completely different subjects, different people and different approaches. They all are beautiful in their own way. For example, **Ekaterina Mikhailovna Aristova**, a Teacher of Discrete Mathematics, is a kind, sweet and just a good woman, whose classes we attend with great pleasure, that's because she is sympathetic and always ready to help. It's not scary to make mistakes, it's not scary to ask stupid questions, it's not scary to answer at the blackboard because you are always sure that this person will try to help you as much as possible. She wants to convey information to us by giving "a flower of this knowledge." That's why I call her my favorite teacher.

Another example is my English teacher – **Lyudmila Aleksandrovna Krivenko**. I would like to confess that I don't like English at all. The pronunciation is difficult, twelve tenses are generally something beyond the bounds of reason and you also need to memorize the translation... But thanks to our teacher's approach to work, attending her classes becomes a pleasant experience of



learning English, because it is always something interesting and new. I clearly remember a lesson we had last semester. We drew fictitious characters described in a couple of words in English on the cards, then we tried to ask each other in English about what we had drawn and the group mates had to guess the exact phrase we had on our card. It was unusual, interesting and useful at the same time! We talked to each other and the lesson went very well. Besides, this semester, at the first lesson, we made airplanes. Have you ever made airplanes in class not out of boredom but for work? We wrote questions to each other on the pieces of paper, made airplanes and threw them to each other checking how well they work! Can you imagine?



The third teacher I would like to talk about is **Maria Vladimirovna Leshchinskaya** – a programming teacher. For me, she is generally the standard of University democracy. She did not demand to visit all her classes, did not demand to write notes and hand in any written works. She warned about the number of control works and laboratory tests that we had to pass and about the deadlines. For the rest, she gave us complete freedom of action, and I am very grateful to her for this. To those who attended the classes she explained the new material and, working together with the students at the blackboard, helped and directed them, and to those who could not visit the class, if possible, she helped distantly. It is very important that she evaluated the student not by the number of classes they attended or the notes they wrote, but by the knowledge they obtained. While mastering this subject, I even developed an interest in programming in C ++, although I have never been interested in writing programs.

All teachers are different, but if among them there is at least one person whom you speak about with warmth, your life becomes much better. Thank you, dear teachers, for what you do!

**Ekaterina Nikulina**  
*2nd year student of the AMM Department*

During a year and a half of studying at the university I met a large number of teachers, as I had many different disciplines. Among all I would like to highlight my English teacher – **Anastasia Gennadiyevna Akulova.**

When I came to the university, my knowledge of English was close to zero despite the grade "5" in the school leaving certificate. I never gravitated towards English, so I didn't know it well. However, thanks to classes taught by Anastasia Gennadiyevna, English became more interesting for me and I began to know it better. I can also say that this is the teacher whose tasks are interesting to complete, which is extremely rare for other teachers. Anastasia Gennadiyevna is easy to get along with and a pleasure to be in class with. She is my favorite university teacher.



**Danil Lubyany**  
*2nd year student  
of the AMM Department*

# MY FAVORITE UNIVERSITY TEACHER

For me getting a higher education at Voronezh State University will remain as one of the brightest pictures of my life forever. For it was the beginning of real adulthood. Besides the active student



life, I can't imagine my time at the University without the most memorable personalities, namely the personalities of the teachers. They teach students to love science and instill in students the desire for continuous development. Each teacher of Voronezh State University has his own style. One is an excellent lecturer, the other is a great researcher, but they all are masters of their craft. Among all university teachers, my supervisor, Doctor of Chemical Sciences, Professor **Mikhail Yuryevich Krysin** left the most vivid imprint in my memory.

Mikhail Yurievich attracted the attention of many students from his first lectures in chemistry. During these lectures, it was impossible to fall asleep. The teacher was completely devoted to his discipline and could interest every person in the audience in his subject. This fact influenced my choice of him as a supervisor which started the beginning of our joint scientific work.

Chemical laboratory is a holy place for Mikhail Yuryevich. It is here that new chemicals are synthesized under his leadership. During our work together, I have learned many new interesting facts about my supervisor. Being a brilliant chemist, he defended his PhD work at Moscow State University. Later he defended his doctoral dissertation. It was Mikhail Yuryevich who stimulated me to continue my research after graduation from the master's course. And I would like to express my gratitude to Mikhail Yuryevich Krysin for his contribution to my scientific activity!

*Maria Lisyanskaya*

*1st year postgraduate student of the Chemistry Department*

When I came to the university, I immediately noticed our English teacher **Irina Sergeevna Karpenko** – she struck me with her optimism and love of life. She is different from other teachers in her manner of conducting classes. She always tries to make them interesting for us and not just earns her salary. She always helps and supports us, even those who left school with poor knowledge of English. In addition, Irina Sergeevna can give valuable life advice or recommendation.

Last year distance learning began, her classes were the last on Friday, but I always went to her classes and participated with great pleasure. I got good emotions for the weekend, not forgetting about the rules of grammar. Since the beginning of the new academic year we have been studying chemistry English with Irina Sergeevna. She and her colleague created a valuable manual "Chemistry matters" for chemistry students. With its help, I have learned a lot of chemical terms such as: substances, combustion, properties, bonds, crucible, etc. Now, I am sure I will be able to read chemical articles in English and improve my knowledge in other fields of science!

*Viktoriya Gaiduk*

*2nd year student of the Chemistry Department*



I think every student has a favorite professor that he or she likes more than others. I am not an exception. My favorite professor is **Nadezhda Vladimirovna Stolpovskaya**. She is an associate professor of organic chemistry at the Department of Chemistry. She is the author of many articles both in Russian and foreign journals.

I got acquainted with her in 2018, when I was a 3rd year student. At that time Nadezhda Vladimirovna taught the basics of organic chemistry and it was she who determined my further scientific activities. Each lecture of Nadezhda Vladimirovna is different, each time she comes up with a different lesson plan. This may be an interesting interactive presentation on the projector, an explanation of the mechanisms of chemical reactions, independent study of the topic from the textbook, etc. She always gives homework at the end of each topic aimed at memorizing and consolidating the material learned.

Nadezhda Vladimirovna always supports her students, helps them in difficult situations. Even now, when we have no classes with her, we can always go to her with any question and she would definitely help.

I am happy that I found such a teacher as Nadezhda Vladimirovna Stolpovskaya in my life, because if there were more teachers like her, the world would be a kinder place.

*Yana Gribanova*

*1st year postgraduate student of the Chemistry Department*

My favorite university teacher is **Artem Viktorovich Atanov**. Last year he taught us algebra in the second semester, and now he teaches differential equations. At first it seems that these subjects are quite difficult, but thanks to Artem Viktorovich, it is not difficult for me to understand them.

He knows his subjects perfectly and can solve a problem of any complexity. Most of all I like the way he explains the material. First of all, he writes on the blackboard the main concepts and formulas that can be useful in solving problems and then solves some exercises in detail. Then we continue to solve other problems together with him.

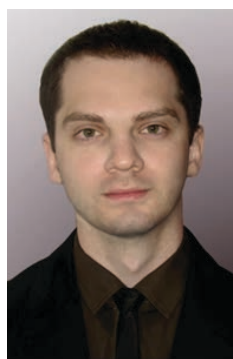
He is modest and polite, he has a pleasant voice and clear speech, he is also punctual and never late for classes. In a conversation with classmates, I realized that not only I like the way Artem Viktorovich explains his subjects.

He is not too strict, and mainly focuses on the logical solution of the problem, rather than on memorizing theorems and formulas. I don't miss his classes because it's easier to come and understand the material in class than to sit at home and search for material on the Internet.

Despite the fact that Artem Viktorovich is quite young, I think that he is one of the best teachers at the university. In his classes, you do not want to sleep and you do not feel discomfort or tension. And I am glad that he is the one who has been teaching us difficult subjects for two years in a row.

*Valentin Savvin*

*2nd year student of the Computer Science Department*



*Many students have the same favorite teachers. Thus, students of different departments wrote about Sergey Alexandrovich Lavlinsky, several second year students of the Mathematical Department wrote about Michail Vyacheslavovich Turbin, Marina Evgenievna Zalygaeva, Rimma Sergeevna Adamova and Daria Vyacheslavovna Utitskikh, several students of Computer Science Department wrote about their English teachers Marina Anatolevna Strelnikova and Irina Alekseevna Barabushka, several students of Medicine and Biology Department wrote about Gavriil Mikhailovich Melkumov.*

*We publish a selection of their works about these teachers.*

## Sergey Alexandrovich Lavlinsky



Sergei Alexandrovich Lavlinsky is really a man of intellect and intelligence. He is a storehouse of knowledge and wisdom. He is a good debater and keeps the audience spellbound by his powerful oratory and speech culture. I can say with confidence that he is a real master of oratory. His historical knowledge is so deep and wide that he is highly respected by both students and faculty.

**Artem Vasilyev**  
*1st year student of the Computer Science Department*

Everyone fell in love with the way he presented new material at the lectures and ran the seminars. A man of broad views on life, history, and politics, he wasn't just following the lesson plans as many others were. He was actually trying to teach us something new and give us a new perspective on the themes that we thought were long out of discussion

Unlike school history, where all you need to know is some dates and some names, Sergei Alexandrovich was interested in the causes and effects of historical events. He was one of the first teachers we saw when we enrolled in our first year, and for me and a lot of other students, he will always be THE university teacher.

**Ivan Kharlamov**  
*2nd year student of the Computer Science Department*

To begin with, I would like to describe Sergei Alexandrovich.

This is a person who, from the first classes, was able to win over students with his interesting presentation of the material. I really liked the way he structured our classes. They always started with specific questions, and during the whole class we answered them and thus could fully penetrate into the historical events that were discussed. Due to this I managed not only to learn the dates of important events, but also to understand why they happened. I would also like to note that Sergei Alexandrovich is the lecturer who appreciates the desire of students to study his subject and is always ready to answer additional questions outside of class. Thanks to this man, I began to be interested in history not only for study, but also for my self-development. I have never met such a lecturer as Sergei Alexandrovich, who was able to change my attitude to history so much in 3 months. Even after taking a course in this subject, I do not stop studying history, because thanks to this I find many answers to the events taking place at the present time. Sergei Alexandrovich was able to inspire me to study, and I thank him very much for that!

**Elizaveta Kolganova**  
*2nd year student of the AMM Department*

## Michail Vyacheslavovich Turbin

He spent with us 7 hours a week. He is very strict, but a good and nice teacher. If you accidentally miss one topic, you could always ask him about it.

**Roman Rezanov**  
*2nd year student of the Mathematical Department*

He is loyal to those who show interest in the subject and strict to the lazybones. The fact that he is demanding makes us understand the subject better. He is the perfect University teacher, if I could I would eagerly attend his classes once more.

**Denis Gribanov**  
*2nd year student of the Mathematical Department*

He is really passionate about Math. Michail Vyacheslavovich is an inspiring and memorable person.

**Oleg Lopuhinskiy**  
*2nd year student of the Mathematical Department*



## Marina Evgenievna Zalygaeva



I would like to say that Marina Evgenievna is not a very strict teacher, but the one who can talk with her students in their language.

**Evgeniy Komarov**  
*2nd year student of the Mathematical Department*

She is always happy to help with emerging issues. She is always ready to pull out a poor student which undoubtedly makes her very good in the eyes of students.

**Nikita Barsukov**  
*2nd year student of the Mathematical Department*

She is a very cheerful person, she always smiles at us and likes to joke. She always treats us with understanding. Marina Evgenievna, thank you very much for your classes.

**Anna Makagon**  
*2nd year student of the Mathematical Department*

She understands how to explain the material best, on which examples from life it will be easier to understand the topics. Her approach to teaching is very well perceived by students. We memorize all the information in class, which gives us more free time. I would like to say a huge thank you to Marina Evgenievna for her patience and good preparation for classes.

**Maria Kiseleva**  
*2nd year student of the Mathematical Department*



## Rimma Sergeevna Adamova

Rimma Sergeevna is a strict teacher, she always makes sure that we do not "sit in the cinema" and have understood the material.

**Anastasia Silina**  
2nd year student of the  
Mathematical Department

Although her lectures were held online, the material was assimilated no worse. After lessons we received a file with lecture materials which was compiled with very high quality. Rimma Sergeevna is the teacher who does everything from her heart!

**Kate Milovanova**  
2nd year student of the Mathematical Department



## Marina Anatolyevna Strelnikova

Marina Anatolyevna is not just a great expert of English. She knows how to make the learning process incredibly interesting! Marina Anatolyevna encourages a creative approach, so doing the exercises is very interesting, and time in the classroom flies. In addition, she often tells interesting stories, always jokes, and also willingly shares her impressions of various movies, books and exhibitions with us. And if someone comes to her lesson on their birthday, they will not leave the classroom without a gift! But at the same time Marina Anatolyevna makes sure that her students are always ready for her lesson. And she will not be too lazy to check everyone's notebook! She is very responsible!

Marina Anatolyevna is an ideal teacher. Respecting her as a teacher, we love her as a friend!

**Daniil Lopatin**  
1st year student of the Computer Science Department



## Daria Vyacheslavovna Utitskikh

Coming to her classes, we felt at home, because she radiated warmth. In the first year she taught us Scottish dances, so that we could feel the atmosphere of the topic of the lesson.

**Diana Dorokhova**  
2nd year student of the  
Mathematical Department

She has the best character traits. She is always friendly to her students. She is responsive and will always help with her subject. As a teacher, she is very smart. You can have very interesting conversations with her, from which you can learn something new.

**Aleksander Morozov**  
2nd year student of the Mathematical Department



She understands students from half-word, which is very important for teaching such a subject. I am very glad that it is Daria Vyacheslavovna who teaches me.

**Daria Jarukhina**  
2nd year student of the Mathematical Department

Her lessons are not only pleasant and interesting, but also beneficial for the future. At the English classes I feel safe to be mistaken.

**Sophia Zhukova**  
2nd year student of the Mathematical Department

Marina Anatolyevna is the only teacher, after whose class my classmates and I rallied and got to know each other better. It became easier for us to communicate with each other, and we stopped being shy of each other.

She is always attentive to every student, listens to our opinion and responds to any requests. At the second lesson I was very worried. We talked about ourselves in English. I listened to my classmates speak and was surprised by their level of conversation. I was afraid to speak because I had never spoken English like that. After the lesson I approached Marina Strelnikova. She gave me valuable advice on how to start speaking English. After class, she always notes that I'm making progress and gives advice on what else I should work on. I am very grateful to my teacher.

**Polina Abduloyeva**  
1st year student of the Computer Science Department





Many students love Marina Anatolyevna for her kindness. But the most important thing is that she knows her subject well, explains it so clearly that I attend her classes with interest and enjoy the learning process. Thanks to her I began to understand English much better and speak it.

In Strelnikova Marina Anatolyevna I see not only a very beloved, kind teacher, but also a person who will help and support in any matter.

**Denis Ushakov**

*1st year student of the Computer Science Department*

She has a magnetic personality. I'm always looking forward to our English lessons because she is attentive to everybody.

Marina Anatolyevna Strelnikova is one of those whom I will remember fondly when I graduate from the university.

**Valeria Sitnikova**

*1st year student of the Computer Science Department*

Marina Anatolyevna is completely immersed in the teaching process and carefully ensures that no student is deprived of her attention. For every piece of theory she has a lot of examples, thanks to which it is very easy to remember and use the rules of the English language. Marina Anatolyevna loves art very much and in addition to boring grammar, she tells many interesting stories about paintings and sculptures in English. Thanks to this teacher, there is a desire to learn English thoroughly and quickly, because classes are filled with a lot of communication with your friends.

**Daniil Voropayev**

*1st year student of the Computer Science Department*

I found my ideal teacher in Marina Anatolyevna Strelnikova. She is intelligent, well educated and has a good sense of humor. All this helps her to be on the same wavelength with students and talk about many different topics related to all spheres of human activity.

In Marina Anatolyevna, I've found not only an ideal teacher, but also a great human, who loves people and her job.

**Yegor Trufanov**

*1st year student of the Computer Science Department*

## Irina Alekseevna Barabushka

My favorite university teacher is Irina Alekseevna Barabushka, my English teacher. Why so? Firstly, she is intelligent. I really learnt a lot last year and I have to say that Irina Alekseevna didn't tell us useless stuff. Everything I learnt will definitely help me in future. Secondly, Irina Alekseevna is kind. She always gives you a possibility to turn in your work if we couldn't make it in time.

The thing I like most about Irina Alekseevna is her sense of humor which many other teachers lack. The last thing I'd like to tell is that Irina Alekseevna very often gives us really interesting home tasks starting from dialogues on hot topics and finishing with unusual group projects.

**Pavel Shcheglov**

*2nd year student of the Computer Science Department*



She is well versed not only in the field of the English language, but also in IT technologies. When we went through the topic related to modern technologies, I learned a lot of new things. Her tasks are always interesting to complete, because they are often associated with different areas of my life.

**Vadim Kopot'**

*2nd year student of the Computer Science Department*

For me the source of happiness at the university is English classes. Thanks for this I must say to the wonderful teacher Irina Alekseevna Barabushka.

Irina Alekseevna is a teacher, who can find an approach to any student. In her classes everyone feels involved in the learning process, can express their ideas and be heard. In the first year at the university, when you don't know anyone around you and find yourself in a new environment, it is very important to quickly find contact with your classmates in order to face the upcoming challenges together. In English classes we had such an opportunity. We got to know each other better, doing various tasks and exercises in groups.

Irina Alekseevna is the teacher whose classes I want to attend and whose classes I want to prepare for.

**Maria Larina**

*2nd year student of the Computer Science Department*

## Gavriil Mikhailovich Melkumov



There are many outstanding teachers at VSU. I especially want to mention Gavriil Mikhailovich Melkumov. He is not only a professor, candidate of biological sciences, assistant professor of the Department of Botany and Mycology, but also a wonderful person who will always help and advice.

He loves and knows his subject very well and, most importantly, imparts all of his knowledge to us. He charges everyone with his optimism. Even the most obtuse student will easily understand a topic if it is explained by Gavriil Mikhailovich. He will always find time for students, help with advice, suggest the best teaching aids, share his experiences.

Gavriil Mikhailovich's contribution to science is very great. His scientific works, interviews and exhibitions help people with the choice of the right mushrooms, so that their "silent hunting" does not lead to poisoning.

Under Gavriil Mikhailovich's guidance, one can achieve a lot and contribute to science.

**Alena Borodina**

*2nd year student of Medicine and Biology Department*



**Gavriil Mikhailovich Melkumov** is practically the only mycologist in the Voronezh region. Thanks to his professionalism I for the first time began to like botany as a subject.

I especially well remember our practice. There Gavriil Mikhailovich conducted a class on mycology. It was so interesting to listen to life stories of mushrooms, to learn what they are and where they can be useful. Gavril Mikhailovich knows how to spark interest and love for the mushroom kingdom in the hearts of students.

I would also like to say that Gavriil Mikhailovich is a man with a capital letter. He can always support and advise a really interesting way to solve problems. And I would also like to express huge gratitude to him for helping students in preparing for concerts.

**Anna Glyanko**

*2nd year student of Medicine and Biology Department*

## MY FAVORITE UNIVERSITY TEACHER



Boring, tiring, tedious, disgusting and hilariously incomprehensible – these are just some of the words that I regularly hear people say about such a branch of Mathematics as Probability theory. And it's actually an understandable opinion: to truly enjoy studying it, you have to be either the biggest fan of Mathematics in the world or a slightly crazy person. But when I started my second year at university, it turned out that there was a third option. **Egor Aleksandrovich Nekipelov**, our teacher of this discipline, made all of us look at it from a completely different angle, and this is not an exaggeration.

The question about the qualities that a good teacher has to have to productively educate students, and, at the same time, get along with them, always be on the same page with rapidly changing generations of young people with the superhuman thirst for knowledge, is a complicated question. Among modern university teachers there seems to be an issue with balancing these almost polar, but equally important abilities, which often becomes the cause of instability in student-teacher relations. I am sure that Egor Aleksandrovich, who fully understands this problem and also understands how to fix it, builds his teaching style taking these principles into account. I think that all my classmates appreciate the working yet friendly atmosphere in our classes, where everyone feels comfortable, and this comfort makes the newfound knowledge fit in the empty heads as properly as it has to.

The main thing that makes Egor Aleksandrovich my favourite teacher becomes clear after only one quick look into his eyes while solving some mathematical problem or explaining the theory of a new section. His sincere interest in the subject of our study at these moments is obvious and this attitude inevitably leads to the fact that students also begin to feel the beauty and incredible accuracy of mathematics. He also regularly complements our extremely productive problem-solving process with interesting facts about the world or with stories about his life or previous teaching and working experience, so an hour and a half of classes fly by. The reason why Egor Aleksandrovich always has an exciting story to tell is that, in addition to brilliant work, he also lives an active life, loves sports, especially bicycle riding. He is, in every sense, just a great role model for all the students who were lucky enough to meet him and get the opportunity to get acquainted with his wisdom and boundless knowledge.

In conclusion, it is worth saying that I really do feel lucky that Egor Aleksandrovich Nekipelov appeared in our university life and thereby saved us from boredom and despair, which would definitely accompany us during the study of Probability theory.

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My favorite teacher at university is associate professor **Natalia Alekseevna Kaplieva**. This teacher taught us to program when we were first-year students. Natalia Alekseevna really loves the subject and does her best to teach students. Thanks to this attitude to teaching, I fell in love with programming.

All the lectures were great. Natalia Alekseevna was well prepared for them. It is a pity that this subject lasts only one academic year. I wish I had more such lectures and such teachers. Now I really miss the lectures given by Natalia Alekseevna.



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