

## A Good Year

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In his 17th year in the classroom, a teacher  
learns a new lesson from his students  
about what makes a successful science  
course.

“He said, ‘Mr. Buehler, I hear what you’re saying, but it makes absolutely no sense, and I think you’re wrong.’ Right then, I knew it was going to be a very, very good year.”

What makes for entertaining teaching isn’t always the best teaching. In this talk, given at the Knowles Teacher Initiative’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, Ben Buehler reflects on how he’s often robbed students of the “doing” of science in his physics course.

Ben helps us see that the role of an entertaining teacher, while often celebrated, pales in comparison to the role of a teacher who opens opportunities for students as people to learn with and from. He also explains how support from a robust professional community, like the one he’s found at the Knowles Teacher Initiative,

can make all the difference in transforming teaching and learning.

Watch Ben tell his story.

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