

A beacon of light—that is what my professors were to me as I was studying educational leadership at BYU. They were my guiding light, my example, and my inspiration to be a servant leader just like them. Their teachings about love and service and their concern for my and my cohort’s academic, personal, professional, and spiritual progress might not have been as effective if they did not show it through their actions. Now, as a university lecturer, I have had the opportunity of teaching various students from Utah, other states like Arizona, California, and Idaho, and different countries like China, Haiti, Japan, Mexico, and South Korea. As I teach these students English research writing, I, in turn, work to ensure learning success and personal growth.

Meanwhile, as president of my community’s homeowners association, I have had the opportunity of serving my fellow residents and of promoting greater peace, safety, and beauty where we live. In these few years, we have had major projects, such as new roof replacement, vinyl fences, and dumpster surrounds all throughout the community, seemingly resulting in stronger neighborly bonds and friendships. Who could have foreseen the far-reaching effects of my BYU professors’ beacon of light?