I've been teaching here at WSU since '94, which is where I came after getting a PhD, but if we go back to graduate school and pre-PhD, since 1983. Most math and accounting is for about fourth grade level. We add, subtract, multiply, divide, maybe a little percent. In fact, all of our students take their exams using only four-function calculators. But you do have to not be afraid of numbers.

As long as the numbers are logical, the basic math is easy and it's much more important to have people skills and the writing skills, because everything you do has to be well documented. And in accounting, just like in the restaurant industry and the retail industry, you're selling something. Only, the services you're selling are financial.

I've taught undergrads, MBA students, Masters of accounting, PhD students. But there are people that I know I've made a difference in their life. They've definitely made a difference in mine, and that's why I've been teaching for almost 30 years.