The Roman Empire was one of the largest and most powerful empires in human history, despite its many faults. In the text, there is a sentence that says, “She's a fourth grade teacher. She loves that, and so I've always been around it, so I've seen all the ups and downs and the good, too.”

Also, as reported in this column regarding how the new tax code was targeting private institutions of higher education for ideological reasons by taxing their endowments, there were some unconfirmed reports of this intellectualized move. One was Berea College.

Berea College is a small (about 1,600 students) liberal arts college founded in 1855, it was the first college located in Kentucky to be coeducational and racially integrated. And today, it serves an attainment-focused student body. This generosity is made possible thanks to its large endowments over $1 billion.

Republican lawmakers obsessed with private colleges and universities that have large endowments, and see them as their neoliberal agenda. As more of these institutions have been hit with a 1.5 percent tax on those endowments. Luckily for Berea, it is located in Kentucky (about 35 miles south of Lexington), where a significant portion of Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's constituents live, which seems to be directed to help Republican lawmakers in the state's Technical College, whose students have a high loan-default rate. Sometimes it pays to be in the right state.

Although Gilchrist is excited about teaching in Berea and has the opportunity to learn and grow, she is also a concerned citizen. She said, “I love that I’m part of something bigger than just teaching.”

While she is passionate about teaching, she also cares deeply about students and their educational experiences. Gilchrist believes that every student deserves an opportunity to succeed, and she works tirelessly to ensure that all students are supported and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Gilchrist graduated from Berea College in 2015 with a degree in education. She then began her career teaching at Berea College’s Children’s School, where she currently serves as the director of the Children’s School.

Gilchrist feels strongly about the importance of education and the need to provide all students with the resources they need to succeed. “I’m so grateful for the opportunities and experiences I’ve had as a teacher,” she said. “I am passionate about making a difference in the lives of my students.”

In addition to her work as a teacher, Gilchrist is also involved in various educational organizations and initiatives aimed at improving the quality of education for all students. “I’m committed to making education accessible and equitable for all,” she said. “I believe that every student deserves a fair chance to succeed, regardless of their background or circumstances.”

Gilchrist’s dedication to education and her commitment to making a difference in the lives of her students are evident in everything she does. “I love seeing my students grow and learn,” she said. “I feel honored to be a part of their educational journey.”

While Gilchrist’s passion for teaching is clear, she also recognizes the challenges that teachers face every day. “Teaching can be challenging,” she said. “But I love it. I love being a part of something bigger than just teaching.”

Gilchrist is grateful for the support and encouragement she receives from her colleagues and students. “I’m incredibly grateful for the people in my life who support me,” she said. “I couldn’t do this without their help.”

Gilchrist’s story is one of dedication, hard work, and a commitment to making a difference in the lives of her students. She is a shining example of the power of education and the importance of teachers in shaping the future of our society.