

CEA Ohio Janet Carter 2015 Teacher of the Year

Janet Carter, Administrative Professional Support Teacher Madison Branch, Madison Correctional Institution Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

I previously taught AOT (Administrative Office Technology) at Ohio River Valley Juvenile Correctional Facility for a little over 9 years. I am currently teaching APS (Administrative Professional Support) at Madison Correctional Facility. This is my 17th year as a correctional education teacher. I consider myself very fortunate to be able to have a career that is fulfilling and challenging.

When I first started teaching I was a non-degreed Career-Technical instructor. Since then I have obtained an Associate's degree, a Bachelor's of Specialized Studies with a Human Relations Concentration, a Master's degree in Criminal Justice, and am currently enrolled in the Education Administration Master's degree program at Ashland University. I am a huge advocate for continuing education and incorporate my lifelong learning experiences into my teachings.

I have two children, Chuck, who is married to Amanda, and a daughter, Cassie, who is engaged to Chris. Together they have given me 8 beautiful grandchildren who bring tremendous joy and purpose to my life. This next school year I will have four grandchildren in high school at the same time – a freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior. I am looking forward to a very busy four years. I have a 5 pound Maltese named Queenie who rules my home, and a new kitten named Gus, who is battling for control!

I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, crocheting, dabbling in photography, and cooking. More than anything I love to travel, and do so whenever I can. Sedona, Arizona and the beaches of Florida and the Carolinas are some of my favorite travel spots.

I am extremely honored to have been selected as a finalist for TOY. However, I could not be in this position was it not for some very key people who have crossed my path professionally. To them I give a big "Thank You!"

