

# TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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I have been an educator for 43 years and have always thought that teaching was exactly what I was meant to do. After 32 years in the public school system, I have now worked the last 11 years in the Ohio Central School System. My philosophy has always been that every student who enters my classroom is capable of learning and becoming successful. I remind my students on a daily basis that failure is never an option. I try to make sure that every time I enter my classroom I bring energy, enthusiasm, and a strong passion for my profession.

My teaching credentials include a Bachelors in secondary mathematics with high honors from West Liberty University. Also, I have a Master's in Education with highest honors from the University of Dayton. Since 1973, my teaching experience includes St. Clairsville City Schools, Belmont College, Zane State College, and currently the Belmont Correctional Institution. In addition to my teaching responsibilities, I am also a member of our peer support team and serve on our graduation committee. I am the co-advisor for our resource/job fair and have facilitated money management classes and resume workshops. I have been in charge of our tutoring program since 2008, and have trained approximately 400 inmates to work in our education department and in some of our houses.

My hobbies and interests have been totally dominated by sports. I have been a player, a coach, a director, a scorekeeper, and a public address announcer for most of my life. I still participate in sports, but when you reach the age of 60 plus, your competitive days are mostly limited to golf and bowling.

During my long career in education, I have always had tremendous support from my family. My wife Phyllis and I have been married for 39 years, and she has finally become a sports fan. My son Brandt is 35 and operates his own lawn-care and landscape business. My daughter Alyssa is now 30 and works as a sales manager for a major heavy equipment company.

