

Jeff Baxter
Leavenworth High School, Leavenworth (Leavenworth USD 453)
High School English Language Arts

This information is from Jeff Baxter's 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

Section II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

A. Colleges and Universities Attended including Post-Graduate Studies

University of Missouri-Kansas City	National Writing Project Summer Institute	2010
University of Kansas	Post-Graduate Studies	1998-2000
Ottawa University	Post-Graduate Studies	1998-2000
Washburn University School of Law	Juris Doctor, cum laude	1982-1985
University of Kansas	MS in Secondary Education, cum laude	1973-1976
University of Kansas	BS in English and Secondary Education	1966-1971

B. Teaching Employment History, indicating Time Period, Grade Level and Subject Area

Leavenworth High School	1999-Present	9-12	AP Language & Composition, Video Productions, 9-12 English
University of Missouri-Kansas City	2011-2012	G	Professional Composition
University of St. Mary	1992-1994	UG	General and Business Law
Leavenworth High School	1974-1983	12	Senior Honors Language Arts
Immaculata High School	1971-1974	9-12	9-12 English, Debate, Forensics, Drama, Yearbook, Newspaper

C. Professional Association Memberships, Offices Held and other Relevant Activities

Greater Kansas City Writing Project	Leadership Team and Teaching Consultant
Advance Placement Community	Team Member and Workshop Presenter
National Council of Teachers of English	National Delegate and variety of committees
Kansas Association of Teachers of English	Steering Committee and Member
Kansas-NEA	State Delegate, Member

Leavenworth-NEA	President, Vice-President, Member
Kansas Scholastic Press Association	Broadcasting Committee
SkillsUSA	Broadcasting and TV Production Committee

D. Leadership Activities in Staff Development and the Training of Future Teachers

Language Arts Department Chair, Leavenworth High School	2005-Present
Teaching Consultant and Workshop Presenter, Greater Kansas City Writing Project	2010-Present
Literacy Consultant, Independence, Mo. School District	2012-2013
Literacy Consultant, Van Horn High School, Independence, Mo.	2012-Present
Guest Instructor, UMKC School of Education	2012
Workshops for Middle School Teachers, Young Writers Conferences	2010-Present
Workshop Presenter, ESL Conferences in Kansas City, KS	2011-2013
Workshop Presenter, Midwest Write to Learn Conferences	2011, 2012
Inservice Presenter, Digital Writing Conference at University of Missouri	2012
Workshop Presenter, Writing with the Common Core State Standards	2012-Present
Co-Chair Academic Success Focus Group, Leavenworth High School	2012-Present
Learning Council, Leavenworth School District	2012-Present
Chairperson, North Central Steering Committee, Leavenworth High School	1977-1982
Visiting North Central Team Member for Baldwin, Topeka West, Seaman High Schools	1977-1982
Cooperating Teacher for numerous Student Teachers	1977-Present

E. Awards and Other Recognition for Teaching

2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year; 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year Region 2 Secondary Finalist; 2014 Leavenworth USD 453 Secondary Teacher of the Year	2014
Extra Mile Award (for service and dedication beyond the call of duty)	2013
7-time Horizon Honor Scholar Teacher (students with 4.0 or higher – Horizon Scholars – select their most inspirational teacher)	2009-2013
Leadership Unity Vision (LUV) Teacher of the Year	2013
Future Educators of America Teacher of the Month (3 times)	2011-2013

USD 453 Certificate of Recognition for Video Productions (4 SkillsUSA championships)	2010 - 2013
Sunflower League Basketball Coach of the Year	1979, 1981
Centennial League Basketball Coach of the Year	1977, 1978
Leavenworth USD 453 Master Teacher of the Year	1977

Jennifer M. Bailey
Valley Center High School, Valley Center (Valley Center USD 262)
High School English Language Arts

This information is from Jennifer Bailey's 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

Section II: Educational History and Professional Development Activities

Colleges and Universities:

2005-2011: Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

2009: Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

2011: Reading Specialist program completion and certification

1989-1994: Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL, Bachelor of Arts in English Education 6-12

Teaching Employment History:

2009-present: Valley Center High School, Valley Center, KS, grades 9-12, Language Arts and Literacy Instruction

2008-2009: Douglass Seal Elementary, Douglass, KS, grades 1-5, Title I Reading Specialist

1999-2005: Douglass High School Language Arts Summer School, Douglass, KS, grades 9-12

1998-2008: Douglass High School, Douglass, KS, grades 9-12, Language Arts and Literacy Instruction

1994-1997: Trinity Christian High School, Yigo, Guam, grades 8-12, Language Arts and History

Professional Association Memberships:

2006-present: Member of Kansas National Educators Association, in March 2007 chosen to present in Washington

D.C. at a joint symposium with NEA, AdvancED, the Council of Chief State School Officers, and the

Partnership for 21st Century Skills.

2007-2010: Kansas Reading Association

2007-2010: International Reading Association

Leadership Activities:

2009-present: Student Improvement Team member, assisted in the development of a systematic referral system in

identifying struggling students, collaborated with teachers to create intervention plans for students,

monitored student academic growth, and conferenced with students to provide encouragement and

create action plans.

2012-present: District English Language Arts (ELA) Focus Team member, assisted in transforming the district ELA Curriculum to reflect College and Career Readiness Standards, consulted content area teachers as they researched methods to include complex texts and text-based questions in their instruction and curriculum.

2013: Mentored a Newman University student intern.

2012-13: Piloted Google Apps for Education use in the building and provided assistance to other teachers in the effective use of Google Apps as an instructional and evaluation tool.

2012-13: Tier 1 Mentor for a “new to the profession” teacher

2012-13: Presented at a building-wide inservice, “Edmodo: Social Networks and the Digital Classroom.”

2011-12: Tier 3 Mentor for a “new to the district” teacher

2008-2009: Reading Committee Chairperson at Douglass Seal Elementary, assisted in planning a school-wide evening for parents and students to experience fun reading and math activities.

2008-2009: Provided training in effective fluency instructional activities for grades 1-5.

2006-2009: School Improvement Team member and Steering Committee member for National Council for Accreditation (NCA) Team, Douglass High School, Douglass, Kansas. Served at the high school and elementary levels and assisted in the preparation for an external review team visit for Transitions Endorsement Accreditation.

2006: Developed a mentoring program for USD 396 and received a grant for mentors’ stipends.

2006-2009: USD 396 District NCA Reading Committee: Collected and analyzed data, developed a School Improvement Plan for reading.

2006: Presented at a Classroom Performance Systems inservice.

2005-2006: School-to-Career Portfolio, co-developed and implemented a school-to-career portfolio project approved by the USD 396 school board as a graduation requirement for all high school students.

1999: Provided teacher training, “Classroom Technology: Using Teacher-created Websites to Enhance Learning.”

Awards and Recognitions:

2013-14: Chosen as the USD 262 Valley Center Secondary Schools Teacher of the Year.

Winter 2009-2010: Published an article, "Adolescent Literacy: Fluency, Comprehension, and Self-Perception" in the *Kansas Journal of Reading*.

Section II. -- Educational History and Professional Development Activities

D. Leadership Activities in Staff Development and the Training of Future Teachers

- Pray-Woodman Elementary Math School Improvement Team, 2011-present
- Maize USD 266 Mentor Teacher, 2011-present
- Pray-Woodman Elementary Behavior Committee, 2011-present
- Pray-Woodman Elementary Site Council, 2011-2012
- Pray-Woodman Elementary Math Curriculum representative for fourth grade team, 2012-present
- Wichita USD 259 Math coach for “Math Matters Too” Grant, 2007-2009
- Trained in Cognitive Coaching, 2007-2009
- Wichita USD 259 Kagan Cooperative Learning Building trainer, 2007-2009
- Member of Wichita USD 259 District Elementary Math team, 2006-2009
- USD 259 District presenter for math and new instructional coaches, 2006-2009
- Dodge and Spaght Elementary Member of Leadership team, 2003-2009
- My Learning Plan PLC representative, 2003-2009

E. Awards and Other Recognitions

- Maize USD 266 Teacher of the Year Nominee, 2013
- Maize USD 266 Celebrating Excellence in Education Award for PWS, 2012
- Wichita USD 259 Good Apple Award winner, 2006

Brandi Leggett
Prairie Ridge Elementary School, Shawnee (De Soto USD 232)
Grade 3

This information is from Brandi Leggett's 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

Section II. -- Educational History and Professional Development Activities

A. FORMAL EDUCATION:

- **Kansas State Department of Education**
Kansas Teacher Leader Endorsement 2013
- **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards**
National Board Certified Teacher – Middle Childhood Generalist 2012
- **University of Saint Mary-Leavenworth, Kansas**
Teacher Leader- 1 Graduate Hour 2010
- **Arcadia University-Glenside, Pennsylvania**
Masters in Elementary Education/Middle Years English 2006
- **Temple University-Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
Bachelor of Science, Sport and Recreation Management 2002

B. TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- **Unified School District 232, De Soto, Kansas**
Prairie Ridge Elementary School (General Education Teacher, gr. 3) August 2009 - Present
- **School District of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
Fox Chase Elementary School (General Education Teacher, gr. 5) August 2006 - June 2009
Russell Conwell Middle School (Literacy Transition Support Tutor, gr. 5-8) August 2004 - June 2006
District Wide – Substitute Teacher, All grades and subjects January 2003 - June 2004

C. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Kansas/National Education Association 2013-Present	Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics 2012-Present
National Science Teachers Association 2012-Present	Kansas Exemplary Educators Network 2012- Present
Learning Forward Kansas 2011-Present	Kansas Council for Social Studies 2011- Present
International Reading Association 2010-Present	American Federation of Teachers 2003-2009

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
2009-Present

Philadelphia Federation of Teachers
2003-2009

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES AND POSITIONS:

District Science Leadership Planning Committee	USD 232	2012-Present
Clorox Grant Team Committee	Prairie Ridge Elementary	2012-Present
Technology Cadre Team	Prairie Ridge Elementary	2011-Present
Facilitator of Diversity Committee	Prairie Ridge Elementary	2010-Present
District Math Curriculum Team Member	USD 232	2010-2011
Site Council – Teachers, Parents & Community Leaders	Prairie Ridge Elementary	2009-2011
Instructional Leadership Team /Title I Leadership Team	Fox Chase Elementary	2007-2009

D. PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS/STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHER TRAINING:

- (2013) **National Board Certified Teachers Recognition Banquet**, Keynote Speaker, Shared the journey my students and I traveled throughout the national board process
- (2012) **Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics Conference**, Presenter, Integrating writing into math
- (2012) **District enVision Math Training**, District Trainer for Third Grade Curriculum
- (2011) **Olathe School District Summer Conference**, Presenter, Incorporating kinesthetic learning games
- (2011) **Kansas Learning Forward Conference**, Presenter, Incorporating kinesthetic learning games
- (2011-Present) **USD 232 Differentiation Day**, Presenter for district-wide admin. and staff (21st Century Learning)
- (2010-Present) **District Staff Presentations**, Modeled writing across the curriculum, project based learning strategies & projects, student engagement, kinesthetic learning games, Socratic Inquiry and Higher-Order thinking
- (2009-Present) **Modeling Effective Strategies & Future Teacher Training**, Trained two student teachers and have had seven pre-service teachers and numerous district teachers come to my room for classroom observations
- (2009) **Title I Leadership Committee**, Presenter to visiting team of ways Title I funds are used effectively
- (2008-2009) **FOSS Trainer**, After attending teacher-as-leader science academy, trained teachers on ways to effectively utilize the Full Option Science System (FOSS) kits with their students

E. PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS: ●USD 232 Elementary Teacher of the Year (2013)

- Prairie Ridge Elem. Teacher of the Year (2012)
- District 2 VFW Teacher of the Year (2012)
- Presidential Math and Science State Finalist (2012)
- Kansas Learning Forward Impact Award (2011)

- Int'l Reading Assoc. Regional Tech. Award (2011)
- USD 232 DTA Teacher of Excellence (2010)
- PBS Teacher Innovator, 2nd Place Finalist (2011)
- University of Kansas Athletics Teacher of the Week (2011)
- Fox 4 Crystal Apple Award (2010)
- USD 232 Inspiration Award (2010)
- ING Unsung Hero Award (2010)
- Philadelphia Phillies Teacher All-Star (2008)
- Cable's Leaders in Learning Finalist (2009)
- Honors-Perfect Attendance (2004-2008), (2009-2012)

Mary Lonker
Wamego High School, Wamego (Wamego USD 320)
High School English Language Arts

This information is from Mary Lonker's 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

Section II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

Education History:

- October 2010. Secondary Teaching Certification - Secondary English Certification
- December 2006. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards – EA/ELA
- 2005-2006. Emporia State University, Emporia, KS – credit hours
- 1995 – 96. Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS – QPA school accreditation credit hours
- 1989 – 93. Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS – B.S. in Elementary Ed. with concentration in English (certified K-9 in English and elementary ed.)

Teaching Experience:

- 2001 – Present: Classroom teacher Wamego Middle and High School in Language Arts
- 1994 – 01: Classroom teacher at Clay Center Middle School for Language Arts
- 1994: Long-term sub for USD 383, Manhattan, KS

Professional Associations:

- KEEN (Kansas Exemplary Educators Network) Member – attended several state conferences
- KATE (Kansas Association of Teachers of English) Member
- WTA / NEA (Wamego Teachers Assn / KNEA) – secretary for WTA 2 years

Leadership Activities:

- Wamego Tech Center. I was an active participant in writing two major grants to implement technology into the high school. I started the Wamego Tech Center and am currently on the Tech Center Board. The Tech Center is also now working on becoming the credit recovery and adult education center for not only secondary students but also adults in the community.

- Implemented and led iPad training for teachers in both high school and district level over the last two years.
- WHS Leadership Team Language Arts representative. I have been on the Leadership team for over five years and have taken an active role in several subcommittees including enrollment changes, implementation of PLCs, and the development of the grading policy.
- I am currently serving on the community subcommittee for the grading policy changes and implementation for the high school.
- PLC Freshmen Team Chair for over 5 years. Began freshmen transition between high school and middle school as well as oversee all freshmen issues. Also started study skills classes for freshmen.
- LA Curriculum Team and department chair. I have attended conferences regarding curriculum change to Common Core and developed a new course, Accelerated English I, aligning with our AP curriculum.
- MTSS District committee for reading and implementation of Corrective Reading.
- FAME and Corrective Reading Teacher and training where I helped begin and implement CR for secondary students.
- Mentoring program several times for new teachers at the high school.
- Cooperating Teacher/Supervisor of student teacher in the fall of 2009 and Spring of 2013.
- Current Student Council Sponsor for high school STUCO.
- Active member of Live Red Bullying Committee at the high school.
- Class Sponsor.

Awards and Recognition:

- Teacher of the Year – secondary award winner 2012
- NBCT – Awarded National Boards Certification for ELA in 2006

- \$5,000 Grant from ONEOK for implementation of technology into classroom 2011
- \$250,000 Tax Credit Grant for implementation of Tech Center at the high school 2011
- Wamego Technology Center Director and Board 2011-13
- USD 320 TOY finalist for two years
- WHS Faculty Starfish Award
- WHS Faculty Golden Apple Award

Jenny M. Nash
Cottonwood Elementary School, Paola (Paola USD 368)
Kindergarten

This information is from Jenny Nash's 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

Section II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

A. Colleges and universities attended

- Baker University: Social Tools for Schools – February 2013 to present
- Mid-America Nazarene University: Graduate Coursework
 - Mentoring Strategies – Spring 2012
 - Digital Classrooms – Spring 2010
 - Capturing Class Memories – Fall 2008
- Avila University: B.S. in Elementary Education – August 2002 to May 2004
- Pittsburg State University – June 2001 to May 2002
- Fort Scott Community College – August 2000 to May 2001

B. Teaching employment history

- Full day Kindergarten teacher, Cottonwood Elementary, Paola, KS – 2007-present
- Part-Time Building Technology Support Personnel, Paola, KS – 2007-present
- Summer Tutor Instructor, Paola, KS, 2008, 2010 - present
- Half day Kindergarten teacher, Cottonwood Elementary, Paola, KS – 2006-2007
- Full day Kindergarten teacher, Swenson Early Childhood Education Center, Osawatomie, KS – 2004-2006

C. Professional association memberships

- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) – 2006-present
- Osawatomie Education Association (OEA) – 2004-2006

D. Leadership activities in staff development and the training of future teachers

- District Committees, Paola, KS – 2006-present

- Chair of Teacher Technology Committee, Night at the Museum Committee, Community Helper Day Committee, Kindergarten Round-Up
 - District Technology Committee , Teacher Technology Committee, Night at the Museum Committee, Community Helper Day Committee, iPad Committee, WatchDOGS Committee, Monthly Celebration Committee, Interview Committee Team Member to hire certified/classified staff, PEA Scholarship Committee, Kindergarten Round-Up Committee
- Grade Level and Faculty Meeting Presenter – Presentations include: Technology Support and Projects, Balanced Literacy, Guided Reading/Centers, Collecting Data, SMART board technology, MTSS, Paola, KS – Periodically during 2006-present
- Board of Education Presentations- Budget Cuts, All Day Kindergarten, Using Data to Drive Instruction, Paola, KS – 2006-present
- Mid-America Association for Computers in Education (MACE) presenter – Language Arts iPad Apps in the Primary Classroom, Math iPad Apps in the Primary Classroom, Manhattan, KS – March 2013
- District Wide Elementary Technology In-Service Coordinator, Paola, KS – 2013
- District Wide Technology In-Service Instructor, “Microsoft 2010”, Paola, KS – 2013
- Para-Professional Staff Trainer, “SMART Board Technology”, Paola, KS – 2013
- Professional Development grant recipient, Paola, KS –2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
- Nettie Hook grant recipient, Paola, KS –2011
- Rossman Travel grant recipient, Paola, KS –2011, 2013
- Cooperating teacher to student teacher, Paola, KS – 2011-2012
- Mentor to teacher new to the profession, Paola, KS – 2009-2010
- Volunteer Book Study Team, “The Fred Factor” by Mark Sanborn, Paola, KS – 2010
- Infinite Campus CORE Team Member and Staff Trainer, Paola, KS – Spring 2007
- Onsite Presenter for Kansas Teacher of the Year Visits, Paola, KS 2009-present

- Onsite Presenter for visiting schools, Paola, KS 2006-present
- Parent Education Trainer (math and reading), Paola, KS 2006-present
- Supervisor of High School and College Students in my classroom, Paola, KS – 2006-present
- PEA Scholarship Donor, Paola, KS – 2006-present
- FM System trained for bilateral hearing loss with hearing aids, Paola, KS – 2012-present

E. Awards and Recognitions

- Elementary Teacher of the Year, Paola KS-2013

Katie Perez
Morgan Elementary School, Hutchinson (Hutchinson USD 308)
Grade 4

This information is from Katie Perez's 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

Section II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

A. Colleges and universities attended

- University of Kansas, School of Education
 - *Master of Science in Education, Curriculum and Teaching* 2007-2008
 - 18 hours completed
 - *Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education* 2003-2007

B. Teaching employment history

- Morgan Elementary School, USD 308, Hutchinson, KS
 - *Fourth Grade Teacher (math, language arts)* 2012-2013
 - *Fifth Grade Teacher (math, language arts, science)* 2011-2012
- John R. Good Elementary School, Irving ISD, Irving, TX
 - *Fourth Grade Teacher (math, language arts, science)* 2010-2011
 - *Second Grade Teacher (math, language arts, science)* 2008-2010

C. Professional association memberships

- Current Memberships:
 - National Education Association (KNEA/HNEA affiliates) 2011-present
 - Learning Forward Kansas 2012-present
- Past Memberships:
 - North Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts 2009-2011

- Contributing Member
- Association of Texas Professional Educators *2008-2011*
 - Acted as building representative for one semester
- Global Education Network *2006-2008*

D. Leadership activities in staff development and the training of future teachers

- Learning Forward Kansas Annual Conference *April 2013*
 - Presented a breakout session on the use of Google Docs in the classroom to enhance teacher and student productivity
- MTSS Behavioral Support Structuring Taskforce *2011-present*
 - Building representative for district committee
 - Responsible for staff development at my building throughout the year as we work to structure and implement a Multi-Tier System of Support for Behavior
- Marzano's Arts & Science of Teaching Taskforce *2011-present*
 - Building representative for district committee
 - Responsible for staff development at my building throughout the year
- Skyward Technology Taskforce *2013-present*
 - Building representative on district committee
 - Responsible for training staff at my building as we transition to using Skyward as our school administration software
- District Technology Day 2012 *September 2012*
 - Presented two sessions on the use of Google Docs in the classroom to enhance teacher and student productivity
- Science Curriculum Team *2009-2011*
 - Rewrote science curriculum including assessments for Grades K-12
 - District Professional Development Facilitator for Science Education

- Building Professional Development Facilitator *2009-2011*
 - Responsible for Balanced Literacy and Technology professional development for staff

E. Awards and Recognitions

- Elementary Teacher of the Year, USD 308, 2014
- Texas Education Agency Best Practice in Technology Teacher, 2020-2011
- Campus Teacher of the Year Nominee at Good Elementary School, 2009-2010

Jennifer R. Smith
Lakewood Middle School, Overland Park (Blue Valley USD 229)
Grade 8 Social Studies

This information is from Jennifer Smith's 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

Section II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

A. Colleges and Universities Attended

Baker University	(33 graduate hours)	2000-2008
MidAmerica Nazarene University	(12 graduate hours)	1999-2003
Humboldt State University	(2 graduate hours)	2000
Saint Mary College	(1 graduate hour)	2000
Truman State University	(9 graduate hours)	1997
Truman State University	Master of Arts in Education	1996
Truman State University	Bachelor of Arts Psychology	1994

B. Teaching Employment History

Blue Valley USD #229 Overland Park, KS

Lakewood Middle School	Eighth Grade Social Studies Teacher	2004-present
	Seventh Grade Social Studies Teacher	2002-2004
	Volleyball and Track Coach	2002-present
	Assistant Director of Spring Musical	2004-present
Valley Park Elementary School	Fifth Grade Teacher	1998-2002

Kansas City Public Schools Kansas City, MO

Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey	Personal Development Teacher	2005-2007
AileyCamp: Summer Dance Camp for At-risk Students		

Kirksville R-III School District Kirksville, MO

Kirksville Junior High School	Sixth and Seventh Grade Social Studies, English and Reading Teacher Junior Varsity Softball Coach	1995-1998
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Truman State University and Kirksville R-III		
School District Kirksville, MO	Lead Teacher for Pre-service Teachers	1996-1998
Summer School Program for		
At-risk Students		

C. Professional Association Memberships

National Council for the Social Studies		2005-present
Lakewood Middle School Parent Teacher Organization		2002-present
National Education Association		1998-present
Kansas National Education Association		1998-present
Blue Valley National Education Association		1998-present
Missouri State Teachers Association		1995-1998

D. Leadership Activities in Staff Development and the Training of Future Teachers

REACH Center Training of Trainers		2011
Respecting Ethnic And Cultural Heritage Non-Profit Organization, Seattle, WA		
Co-Facilitator of REACH Training for Blue Valley Schools		2012-present
Making Diversity Count: A World of Difference Institute		2010
Participant in Anti-Defamation League 15-hour online course & two-day		
Anti-bias Education Institute in Omaha, NE		
Lakewood Middle School Leadership Team		2008-present
Cougar Crew Co-Coordinator		2011-present
Developer of Student Well-being Lesson Plans		
Lakewood Middle School Diversity Council Sponsor		2010-present
Eighth Grade Team Problem Solving Coordinator		2010-present
Social Studies Team Leader		2008-present
Eighth Grade Team Leader		2008-present
National Geographic Bee School Coordinator		2004-present
Blue Valley USD #229 Diversity Team		2006-present
Co-Developer and Presenter of Diversity Modules for Blue Valley Schools		
Blue Valley USD #229 New Teacher Mentor		2006-2009
Kansas State University Student Teacher Mentor		2006, 2007
Blue Valley USD #229 Social Studies Curriculum Team		1999-present
National Council for the Social Studies Conference Presenter		2008

E. Awards and Other Recognition of Teaching

Blue Valley Secondary Teacher of the Year	2013
Lakewood Middle School Teacher of the Year	2013
Lakewood Middle School Kansas Master Teacher	2004
Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education	1996
Outstanding Beginning Teacher	