# 2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year



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# 2015 Kansas Regional Teachers of the Year



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# Shannon Ralph Dodge City High School (Dodge City USD 443) Grades 10-12, Science (Biology, Honors Biology, AP Biology)

This information is from Shannon Ralph's 2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

# II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

### A. Educational History

Kansas State University Fall 2000 - Spring 2005 ESL Endorsement

Fort Hays State University Summer 2001 - Summer 2003 M.S., Biology

Washburn University Spring 1982 - Spring 1984 B.S., Biology

Saint Mary of the Plains College Fall 1980 - Fall 1981

### **B.** Teaching Employment History

Dodge City High School Fall 2000 - present Biology, Honors Biology, AP Biology

Grades 10, 11, 12

Topeka West High School Fall 1990 Biology

Grade 10

Topeka High School Fall 1985 - Spring 1989 Biology, Honors Biology, Anatomy

Grades 10, 11, 12

Holton Middle School Fall 1984 - Spring 1985 Science

Grades 7 and 8

#### C. Professional Association Memberships

National Association of Biology Teachers	2002 - present
Kansas Association of Biology Teachers	2010 - present
National Science Teachers Association	2010 - present
Kansas Exemplary Educators Network	2008 - present

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

Professional Learning Communities Facilitator 2005 - present

Mentor for New Teachers 2003-2006; 2013 - present

Science Department Chairperson 2003 - present

National Science Teachers Association Conference Presenter 2010, 2011, 2014

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Dodge City High School Next Generation Science Standards 2013 - 2014

# (NGSS) Alignment Team Chair

Advanced Placement Biology Exam Reader	2010, 2013, 2014
Research Experience for Teachers Program, University	Summer 2011 and 2012

of Kansas

National Association of Biology Teachers Conference Presenter 2010, 2011, 2012

Published *Biology Rocks!* 2011, 2014

Co-authored and Piloted *Biology Rocks!* Curriculum 2009 - 2010

Cooperating Teacher for Student Teacher Spring 2005; Fall 2004;

Spring 2003

# E. Awards and Recognition

2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year	2014
2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year USD 443 Nominee and Region 1 Finalist	2014
Wolfe Teaching Excellence Award, University of Kansas	2014
Kansas Master Teacher	2008
2008 Kansas Teacher of the Year USD 443 Nominee and Region 1 Semi-Finalist	2008
Outstanding Biology Teacher Award Nominee	2007
Presidential Awards for Mathematics and Science Teaching Nominee	2007

# Beau T. Bragg Bonner Springs Elementary School (Bonner Springs-Edwardsville USD 204) Grades K-5, Elementary Physical Education

This information is from Beau Bragg's 2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

# II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

### A. Educational History

a. Emporia State University

Masters of Science in Health and Physical Education: June 2009 – December 2011

b. Wichita State University

Bachelor of Arts in K-12 Physical Education: August 2000 – May 2003

# **B.** Teaching Employment History

a. USD #204 Bonner Springs/Edwardsville

Bonner Springs Elementary: K-5 Physical Education: 2004 – Present

Clark Middle School: Asst. Football Coach: 2013 – Present; Head Girls Track Coach:

2009 - 2013

Bonner Springs High School: Freshman Football Coach: 2006 – 2010

#### C. Professional Association Memberships

a. KAHPERD (Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance):

2000 - Present

Council Member-At-Large: 2011 – Present

KAHPERD Convention Attendee: 2002, 2006-2009, 2011, 2012

Model School Council Member: 2008 – 2010

b. AAHPERD (American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance):

2002 - 2005

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

- a. Alliance for Healthier Generation Professional Development: 2014
- b. KAHPERD Journal Article Published: 2007 & 2014
- c. Power Panther Professional Development Leader on Wellness for Staff: 2014
- d. School Improvement Plan (integrating wellness): 2014
- e. KSDE Annual Conference Presenter "Healthy and Active Schools for the Future": 2013
- f. Family Wellness Night Coordinator: 2012 Present

- g. Director of Physical Activity Training (DPA Certified Kansas Health Foundation): 2012
- h. Staff Wellness Challenges: 2009 Present
- i. Bonner Springs Elementary Wellness Committee Leader: 2006 Present
- j. Bonner Springs Elementary Leadership Team: 2006-2008, 2010
- k. Student-Mentor for Mid-America Nazarene University Student: Spring 2009
- I. Student-Mentor for Emporia State University Student: Fall 2009
- m. Bonner Springs Elementary Math and Climate Committee: 2004 2008
- n. Presenter at KAHPERD Convention: 2007

# E. Awards and Recognition

- a. USD #204 Elementary Teacher of the Year: 2014
- b. Let's Move Active Schools Recognition Award: 2014
- c. Healthy Schools Program- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Study Participant (\$1,000/yr): 2014 2017
- d. Healthier U.S. Schools Challenge BRONZE Award (\$500): 2014
- e. Power Panthers Professional Program (\$100): 2014
- f. NFL PLAY60 Touchdown School: 2012 Present
- g. KC Chiefs PLAY60 School: 2013
- h. KSDE-Team Nutrition Mini Grant (\$250 each year): 2013 & 2014
- i. Terracon Grant- Outdoor Learning Area (\$2,500): 2013
- j. Lowe's Charitable Grant- Outdoor Learning Area (\$15,000): 2012
- k. NFL PLAY60 Grant (\$2,500): 2012
- I. USD #204 Education Foundation Grant (\$500): 2012
- m. NFL Network P.E. Teacher of the Year Nominee: 2012
- n. USD #204 Excellence in Education Award: 2005 & 2011
- o. KSDE Eat Smart, Play Hard Featured Program Video Series: 2010
- p. KAHPERD Model School Award: 2006

# Abby M. Hedrick Paola Middle School (Paola USD 368) Grade 7, Mathematics

This information is from Abby Hedrick's 2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

# Section II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

### A. Colleges and Universities Attended

 Baker University: B.S. in Middle Level Mathematics Education – August 2004 to May 2008

## **B.** Teaching Employment History

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics Teacher, Paola Middle School, USD 368, Paola, KS August 2008 – present
- Adjunct Professor, Mathematics Department, Miami County Campus, Fort Scott Community College – January 2010 – present
- Summer Tutor Instructor, Paola, KS 2009 2010

# C. Professional Association Memberships

- Kansas Exemplary Educators Network (KEEN) February 2010 present
- Kansas Association of American Educators (KANAAE) August 2013 present
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), Paola Middle School Representative, Paola, KS – May 2013 – present
- Kansas National Education Association (KNEA) August 2008 August 2013
- Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics (KATM) –2011, 2012
- Phi Delta Kappa International May 2008 2012
- E-Mentoring for Student Success Kansas Department of Education, Matched with Online Teaching Mentor – 2008 – 2010

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

- 7th Grade Team Leader, Paola Middle School, Paola, KS August 2012 present
- Mathematics Textbook Selection Committee, Paola Middle School, Paola, KS Spring 2013
- Mentor to Mid-America Nazarene University Secondary Math Education Practicum Student, USD 368, Paola, KS – Spring 2013

- Site Council, 7th Grade Representative, Paola Middle School, Paola, KS August 2009 – present
- Faculty Meeting Presenter, "Deconstructing the Common Core Standards", Paola Middle School, Paola, KS – 2012, 2013
- Board of Education Presentations, District School visits, Site Council, Curriculum,
   Paola Middle School, Paola, KS 2012 present District Technology Committee,
   Paola Middle School Representative, Paola, KS August 2012 present
  - District-Wide Campus Staff Trainer January 2011 present
  - Mid-America Association for Computers in Education (MACE) Conference –
     March 2014
- District-Wide Secondary Technology In-Service Coordinator, USD 368, Paola, KS 2013 – present
- District-Wide Technology In-Service Instructor, "Infinite Campus Shortcuts and Tips", "Infinite Campus – Updated Version", "iPad Apps: Keynote", USD 368, Paola, KS – January 2011 – present
- Helping Other People Everyday (H.O.P.E.) Club Staff Appreciation Service
   Committee, Chairperson, Paola Middle School, Paola, KS August 2013 present
- Friday Night School Teacher, Paola Middle School, Paola, KS August 2009 –
  presentFrontier League Math Relay Committee, School Representative, Paola, KS –
  2008 presentChoir Accompanist, Paola Middle School, Paola, KS August 2008 –
  presentOnsite Presenter for Kansas Teacher of the Year Visits, Paola, KS 2010 –
  present
- "The Power of You", KS Teacher of the Year Event, District Conference Representative – 2014
- Professional grant recipient: Common Core Resources, Calculators, USD 368, Paola, KS – 2012
- Booster Club Academic Grant recipient: Probability Kits, USD 368, Paola, KS 2012
- Baker University Student Education Association Presenter, "NCLB & Common Core Standards Panel of Experts" – September 2011
- Baker University School of Education Advisory Council Member 2010 present
- Kansas ELL, Migrant, and Leadership Academy Conference, Lawrence, KS 2009 2010

 District Quality Performance Assessment (QPA) Presentation, Paola Middle School, Paola, KS – 2008

# E. Awards and Recognitions

- Paola USD 368 Secondary Teacher of the Year March 2014
- Baker University School of Education Wall of Honor Inductee May 2010
- Kansas State Department of Education Horizon Award Winner, Region 2 February 2010
- Kansas City Fox 4 News Crystal Apple Award Nominee January 2009, January 2010
- Paola USD 368 "Young Educator of the Year" Award Winner May 2009

# Jennifer Hofferber Sunflower Intermediate School, Liberal (Liberal USD 480) **Grades 4-6, Special Education**

This information is from Jennifer Hofferber's 2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

# Section II: Educational History and Professional Development Activities

# A. Colleges and Universities

Newman University, Wichita, KS	MS/Elem. Ed.	Aug. 1995-Dec. 1997
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK	None/ Counseling	Summer 1995
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK	BS/Special Ed.	Aug. 1991-Dec. 1994
Oklahoma Panhandle State, Goodwell, OK	N/A	Aug. 1990-May 1991

# **B.** Employment History

Sunflower Intermediate School, Liberal, KS	4-6	Special Education	Aug. 2001-Present
Southlawn Elementary School, Liberal, KS	K-5	Special Education	Feb. 1995-Aug. 2001

#### C. Professional Associations

Formerly a member of Council for Exceptional Children

#### D. Leadership Activities

Student Intervention Team (SIT) Coordinator

Sunflower Crisis Team Member

Lexia liaison for Sunflower

Lexia Core 5 liaison for Sunflower

AIMSweb liaison for Sunflower

Symphony Math liaison for Sunflower

Teaching Common Core to Bottom 20% trained

Capturing Kids Hearts Trained

Living in Poverty Trained

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Trained

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Leadership Team

Mentor Teacher

Kansas Alternate Assessment (KAA) Leadership Team

Special Education Department Chair

# Traumatic Brain Injury Team

# E. Awards and Other Recognition of Teaching

USD 480 District Teacher of the Year, 2014

Sunflower Teacher of the Year, 2014

Sunflower Teacher of the Year, 2013

Special Educator of the Year for the Kansas Federation Council for Exceptional Children, 2007

Teacher of the Month

# Lisa Holt Country View Elementary School, Winfield (Winfield USD 465) Grades K-6, Special Education (Autism)

This information is from Lisa Holt's 2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

# Section II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

### A. College and Universities Attended

\*January 2013-May 2013 Pittsburg State University

Autism Certificate Program: Classic Autism Certificate

\*June 2009-May 2010 Pittsburg State University

Autism Certificate Program: High Functioning Autism/Asperger Syndrome Certificate

\*June 2008-December 2010 Fort Hays State University

Master of Science Adaptive Education

\*August 1989-May 1994 Emporia State University

Bachelor of Science in Education: Elementary Certification to teach EMR/TMR

\*August 1988-May 1989 Kansas State University

#### **B.** Teaching Employment History

\*August 2010-present USD 465/CCSSC

K-6 Autism Program

Functional/Adaptive Curriculum

\*August 1994-May 1996 USD 24 Stanfield, AZ

K-6 Resource Room

Modified/Adaptive Curriculum

\*August 1993-December 1993 USD 24 Stanfield, AZ

K-8 Substitute Teacher

# C. Professional Association Memberships

\*2014 Council For Exceptional Children

\*2010-present CCSSC Autism Interdisciplinary Team

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

*January 2014	CCSSC Structured Teaching In-service for SPED staff- Presenter
*January 2014	CCSSC/USD462 Autism In-service for K-12 staff-Presenter
*August 2013	CCSSC Teacher In-service for K-12 staff-Presenter
*August 2013	CCSSC Paraprofessional In-service-Presenter
*August 2013	Country View staff In-service-Presenter
*Fall 2013	Lincoln PALS staff In-service/on-going trainings-Presenter and
	follow-up consultations
*April 2013	Autism Interdisciplinary Team Family Night-Presenter
*August 2012	CCSSC Teacher In-service for K-12 staff-Presenter
*August 2012	CCSSC Paraprofessional In-service-Presenter
*August 2011	CCSSC Teacher In-service for K-12 staff-Presenter
*August 2011	CCSSC Paraprofessional In-service-Presenter
*Fall 2011- present	Observation Classroom for teachers, para-professionals, and
	other staff from CCSSC and other school districts for trainings on
	Structured Teaching and best practices for students with
	disabilities
*Fall 2011- present	Observation Classroom for pre-service teachers from local
	colleges
*Fall 2011- present	Consultations/Trainings at various CCSSC schools on Structured
	Teaching, Autism, and best practices for students with disabilities

# E. Awards and Recognition

*March 2014	Nominated and chosen for Winfield Teacher of the Year
*February 2014	Awarded USD 465 Foundation Grant
*January 2014	Applied and accepted as a Master Teacher for TASN** Structured
	Teaching Summer Institute
*January 2013	Applied and accepted as a Master Teacher for TASN Structured
	Teaching Summer Institute

*January 2012	Applied and accepted as an Intern for TASN Structured Teaching
	Summer Institute
*January 2011	Applied and accepted as a participant for TASN Structured Teaching
	Summer Institute

<sup>\*\*</sup> TASN is the Technical Assistance Support Network- A division of the Kansas State Department of Education.

# Jamie McDaniel Paola Elementary School (Paola USD 368) Grade 5

This information is from Jamie McDaniel's 2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

# Section II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

# A. Colleges and Universities Attended

### Friends University

KATM: Common Core and Beyond, 2011 Professional Learning Communities, 2008 Motivational Strategies, 2007 Difficult Students, 2007

# Mid America Nazarene University

Classroom Projects 3, 2004 Dreamweaver 1, 2004 Life Strategies, 2003 Hands on Science, 1999

# Pittsburg State University

Internet for Educators, 1999

# **University of Kansas**

Sexual Education Instruction, 1995

# Emporia State University

B.S. Education, 1993

### **Dodge City Community College**

Attended 1988-1989

#### **B.** Employment History

Sunflower Elementary School, USD 368; 2009-Present, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Hillsdale Elementary School, USD 368; 2007-2009, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Hillsdale Elementary School, USD368; 2004-2007, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher

Lincoln Elementary School, USD 290; 1997-2000, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher Lincoln Elementary School, USD 290; 1995-1997, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher Lincoln Elementary School, USD 290; 1994-1995, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Lincoln Elementary School, USD 290; 1993-1994, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

#### C. Professional Associations

**National Education Association** 

**KNEA** 

**International Reading Association** 

Franklin County Reading Association

Kansas Association of Math Teachers (KATM)

Paola Education Association

Kansas Association of American Educators

Cottonwood/Sunflower Parent Teacher Organization

# D. Leadership Activities

District Technology Committee, 2014

Sunflower SITE team, 2010-Present; served as Chairperson in 2013

Building Leadership Team, 2010-Present

iPad trainer at district and building in-services, 2012-Present

Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser for iPads Chairperson, 2013

District Mentor, 2012-2013

State Assessment Committee, 2011-2013

Smart board trainer at district and building in-services, various years 2009-2012

STAR team for student achievement, 2004-2009

Smart board trainer for USD 290, 2006

Social Committee Chairperson, 1998-2000

District Textbook Adoption Committee, 1998-1999

District Technology Committee, 1993-1998

QPA Steering Committee, 1993-1998

# E. Awards and Recognition

USD 368 Elementary Teacher of the Year, 2014

USD 368 Teacher of the Year Nominee, 2012 and 2013

# Dennis Munk Campus High School, Wichita (Haysville USD 261) Grades 9-12, High School Physical Education (Sports Medicine, Health Science)

This information is from Dennis Munk's 2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

# **Section II Educational History and Professional Development**

# A. Formal Education

Baker University	Enrichment Summer Classes -6 hours	2012, 2013
Wichita State University	Exercise Physiology classes – 21 hours	2004-2006
Emporia State University	Bachelors of Science in Education	2003
Emporia State University	Bachelors of Science in Athletic Training	2002

# **B.** Teaching Experience

Campus High school USD 261	
New Course – Medical Career Exploration	2012-present
New Course- Sports Medicine 3 and Sports Medicine 4	2012-present
New Course – Health Science	2012-present
Teen Leadership	2011-present
New Course – American Red Cross Lifeguarding	2011-present
New Course – Sports Medicine 1 and Sports Medicine 2	2007-present
Weights and Conditioning (Grades 9-12)	2006-2009
Wichita South High School USD 259	
Weights and Conditioning (Grades 10-12), PE foundations (9 <sup>th</sup> )	2005-2006
PE foundations (9 <sup>th</sup> ), Advanced Physical Education (9-12)	2004-2005
Stucky Middle School USD 259	
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Education	2004

# Coaching/Sponsorship Experiences

Head Athletic Trainer	Campus High School	2003-present
Student Athletic Training Internships Sponsor	Campus High School	2006-present
Girls Weightlifting Coach	Campus High School	2006-2010
Boys Weightlifting Coach	Campus High School	2006-2008
Assistant Athletic Trainer	Bethel College	2002-2003

# C. Professional Associations

National Educators Association	2004-present
Kansas National Educators Association	2004-present
Haysville Educators Association	2011-present
Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance	2003-present
Kansas Athletic Training Society	2002-present
Mid America Athletic Training Association	2002-present
National Athletic Training Association	2002-present

# D. Professional Offices and positions

Physical Education Department Chair	2012-present
Health Science Pathway Committee Chair	2012-present
American Red Cross Lifeguarding Instructor	2010-present
American Red Cross CPR/AED/First Aid Instructor	2010-present
New Teacher Mentor	2008-present
District Safety Committee	2006-present

# **Staff Development**

NCA-School Improvement committee	2013-present
Staff In-service Presentations on Health and Wellness-annually	2006-present
Staff In-service Presentation on meeting needs of under developing kids	2013
Staff in-service Presentation on Higher expectations for students	2012, 2013
NCA-Higher expectations committee	2006-2013
Student teacher mentor	2011-2012

# E. Awards and Recognitions

Haysville School District teacher representative for	2014
Kansas Teacher of the Year program	
Nominated by students as teacher of the month	2008, 2011, 2013
Outstanding Achievement Award at Emporia State University	2003
Eagle Scout – Boy Scouts of America	1997

# Kimberly A. Nelson Robert E. Clark Middle School, Bonner Springs (Bonner Springs-Edwardsville USD 204) Grade 6, English Language Arts

This information is from Kimberly Nelson's 2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination.

### Section II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

#### A. Education

- University of Nebraska at Omaha; Masters of Science in Educational Administration and Supervision (1995-1998)
- University of Nebraska at Omaha; Bachelor of Science in Education, Endorsement in Special Education (1988-1992)

### **B.** Experience

- USD #204 Robert E. Clark Middle School; 2009-present, 6th grade, Science
- Prairie Life Fitness Center; 2000-2006, 6 weeks 13 years, Summer Camp and Preschool Program Director and Coordinator
- Omaha Public Schools, Student-Community Specialist; 1999, Elementary, Liaison between the schools and parents
- Omaha Public Schools, 1997-1999, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, Elementary
- Omaha Public Schools, 1992-1997, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Elementary
- Omaha Public Schools, 1992, K-1<sup>st</sup>, Behaviorally Impaired

# C. Professional Associations – NSTA, KATS, Education Leader Network, KNEA

- D. Leadership Activities Building Leadership Team, Behavior Intervention Advisory Team, Grant Writing Team, KAMSA Middle School of the Year Application Facilitator, Interview Committee, NGSS Curriculum Writing, Science Fair Chairperson, Destination Imagination Lead Sponsor, Run Club Lead Sponsor, PLC Facilitator for Content and Grade Level, State Assessment Motivation and Rewards Committee, Expeditionary Learning Leadership Committee, National Presenter at Expeditionary Learning Conference, District Leadership Team
- **E. Awards and Recognitions** United Way Volunteer of the Year, Kansas Teacher of the Year Nominee, Mad Scientist Award, The American Red Cross Life-Saver Award