

2022 Dale Foor Cornerstone Award Honoree

KEVIN SHEETS

RESIDES: GAHANNA, OHIO

Kevin Sheets has been a treasured fixture of Gahanna-Jefferson schools from 1988-2021. Sheets was hired as a fourth grade teacher the year High Point Elementary opened and he spent 14 years as a fourth grade teacher, before becoming a fifth grade teacher for 20 years. Tony Piehowicz, former High Point principal, praises Sheets as one of the original pillars of High Point and says that he personifies the power of positive thinking and he portrays this to his students, their parents and fellow teachers.

Sheets was also an assistant football coach at LHS from 1988-2013. During this time, he had a program to enhance the writing skills of his students at High Point and promote leadership to his players at LHS. The elementary and high school students would write letters to each other and a bond was formed between the pen pals.

When Sheets was asked about his proudest moments of teaching, he reflected on the recent COVID-19 years as being a challenge but definitely memorable. Like most teachers, Sheets had to adapt to teaching online, but he created an inviting atmosphere. Once the students were back in school, Sheets worked one-on-one with students who were struggling with school work or the anxiety around COVID-19.

Steve Grobber, former High Point parent, can attest to the difference Sheets made in his son's life. "Mr. Sheets knew that my son was struggling with math and took it upon himself, during his own lunch, to help my son as he knew that my son was too embarrassed to ask him to repeat things or go over material again."

It is not surprising that Sheets was named 2021 Columbus Monthly Teacher of the Year. High Point Principal, Kathy Erhard, says Kevin is, "one of the best teachers I've ever worked with, as he is so kid-centered and kid-focused. He just is all about energy and really pumping kids up to be the best of who they are."

Rachel Bauman, a High Point physical education teacher echoed those words, saying, "Kevin's devotion to making the world a better place can be seen through the lives of countless students that he has helped mold and grow. Kevin pushed and guided every student that he interacted with to be the best version of themselves."



You can still find Sheets coaching football at Westerville North and he enjoys spending time with his wife, Kathy, and traveling to see his daughters in Seattle, Virginia and Cincinnati. He also enjoys lunching with other retirees and connecting with people that he has not seen in awhile, as well as golfing.