

KRISTY KABLE SMITH RETIRES AFTER 35.5 YEARS IN EDUCATION!



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Over my long, happy career, I've loved teaching/counseling over 10,000 students! Each student has been special to me. I have been lucky and blessed to have been their teacher/guidance counselor. Also, I have been honored and humbled to have received many significant awards for my work w/ my students in teaching, "regular" guidance counseling, and college counseling.

As my UA '69 classmates might remember, I graduated a year early from OSU. My first job was as a language arts middle school teacher in the Groveport-Madison Local Schools, from the 1972-73 school year to 1980-1981.

When Courtney was born, I stopped teaching full time, but from 1981-1986, I taught night school in Whitehall City School's adult education program.

When Courtney went to kindergarten, 1986-87, I went back to full time teaching, as an English teacher at Westerville South High School.

In February, 1993, I became a guidance counselor at Westerville North High School.

July, 2004, I switched districts to be a guidance counselor at Worthington Kilbourne High School. At Westerville North and Worthington Kilbourne, I chaired the counseling departments for many years.

As of February 16, 2010, I am retiring with over 35 1/2 years in public education! I am very lucky I can retire now because Courtney (Maser) UA '99 and Chad Clark (daughter/son-in-law) are having their first child, very soon. They live close to my husband Rich and me, and we will fulfill a large role in our grandson's care. Also, Rich and I are partners in CollegeSmiths.com, our independent college counseling venture, which is very fun and successful. We have helped lots of kids from 14 area high schools, including many from UAHS, with ACT/SAT test prep strategies; selecting colleges to which they apply; completing their best admissions and scholarships applications; and, ultimately, enrolling in the best colleges for them.

'Just think, my 35 and one-half years as a public school educator all began in FTA, my junior year at UAHS. I am grateful to my UAHS guidance counselor and fourth grade teacher Linda Jones and scores of UA teachers for being great educator role models!