



## ***Brenda Unruh – Langdon, KS***

“I work to be positive every day and encourage my students to do the same.” is what Brenda Unruh writes. Her number one goal in teaching is to build positive relationships with her students and she strives to have her math classroom be the highlight of their day.

She earned her BS degree in 1992 at Sterling College. Her major was in Mathematics/ Education Emphasis and a Minor in Health/Physical Education with an emphasis in Computer Science. She holds certificates/license in Mathematics grades 7-12, Health grades 5-9, Physical Education grades 5-9, and Computer Studies grades 7-12. She also has completed numerous professional development coursework classes from 2011 to 2017.

Her teaching experience had been a total of 26 years, all in the Fairfield School District (USD #310). The Subjects she has taught include: Applied Math I, Applied Math II, Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Trigonometry, FST- Functions, Statistics & Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra (Dual Credit through Hutchinson Community College), Calculus, Physical Education/Health, Computer Application 1, and Keyboarding.

Brenda received numerous award and honors while at Sterling College. She also received the Sam Walton Community Leader Award(Teacher of the year) in 1999.

While teaching at Fairfield she has held several positions outside of her classroom. She was the Falcon Athletic Club Sponsor, the High School Career Day Organizer, the Head Basketball Coach, The Head Volleyball Coach, a Wellness Committee Member, a National Honor Society Sponsor, A Fellowship of Christian Athletes Sponsor, C.L.A.S.S. Leadership Sponsor, Sophomore Class Sponsor, Student Council Sponsor, and Co-Athletic Director. She also served as Treasurer & Negotiations Team for the Fairfield Teacher Association. Served on the Professional Development Council as a member for 4 years as well as the Quality Performance Accreditation Team, Site Council Member, and Building Leadership Team member.

Along with her other activities, Brenda had been involved in the Fairview United Methodist Church activities, the Fair Price Clothing volunteer, Numana Event Volunteer, and Abbyville Frontier Days Volunteer.

She is always willing to keep the scorebook at games, organize activities, and be a part of school clubs. She goes above and beyond in helping students to excel not only in their academics, but with her example and leadership in extracurricular activities. Students who don't feel confident in math learn to love it because she does such an amazing job of helping each student understand. Students feel they can go to her for clarification at any time.

Nathan Reed, superintendent, says of Mrs. Unruh, “to acknowledge her as a great teacher is to do her injustice, she is the best type of educator.” We are pleased to honor her at the KTHOF in the 2020 Class.