



## ***Christine Borrego – Wichita, KS***

Christine has made it a goal in her 33 years as an educator to “assist young people as they learn to take their place in the world as thinking capable, and engaged citizens”. In her role of English teacher she sees her role as helping prepare students “for the world in which they live, and work, and love.

She began her journey as an educator for Clearwater High School in 1985 where she taught English and Journalism. From Clearwater she moved to Shawnee Heights High School in Tecumseh, Kansas in 1991. She was asked to teach English Language Arts. After two years she made a move to Maize High School and from 1993 to the present, she has been their English Language Arts instructor.

Her educational background began at Wichita State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Education. She then worked toward her Master of Arts in English and was awarded that degree at WSU in 1999.

From the beginning of her college work she has received numerous awards and recognition. In 1985 she received the “Craig Murphy Memorial Award for Excellence in Student Teaching”. She was also appointed to be the Maize High School English Department Chairperson. Also, while she was at Maize, she was elected to be a member of Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society, the Honor Society of Maize High School, and was given the Maize USD 266 Celebrating Excellence Award in 2002. From 1985 to present she sincerely has been recognized as an Outstanding Teacher by students, parents, administrators and colleagues.

While rarely seen leaving the school building without a large satchel full of essays to correct, annotate, and return to her students the next class period she has still found time and has been found serving as a Mentor Teacher, a team member for interest-based bargaining (negotiations) and a Local Delegate to NEA state representative Assemblies. She has also been a member of and/or contributor for numerous civic, educational, religious and philanthropic organizations : Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Saint Francis Catholic Church, The Lord’s Diner, The American Red Cross, The United Way, The Wichita State University Alumni Association, KPTS Public Television, and KMUW Public Radio.

Characteristics noted for Christine. Borrego as having achieved the trifecta of being held in high regard by Students, Staff, and Parents. She develops and nurtures positive relationships with ALL students! While curriculum standards are certainly critically important, the lessons and experiences she provides translate into authentic real-life applications.

This quotation from Ty Howard exemplifies what sets Mrs. Borrego apart. He wrote, ‘The teacher who truly cares is the teacher who fearlessly stares every student dead in their eyes while

telling them, 'You are better...you can do better...and you will do better, I believe in you, for you. Now, let's achieve your better together?' This is why she will be a great addition to the KTHOFF Class of 2020!