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*Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame*

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**Elliott inducted into Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame**

After 43 years as a math teacher at Goodland High School, Jackie Elliott's educational goal remains the same: to learn something new every day. Elliott is among the class of teachers being inducted into the Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame June 2.

"I learned a basic teaching philosophy from my mentor, who always told me to be consistent, honest, and fair," Elliott said. "I try to follow that philosophy in my day-to-day teaching. I believe we should treat students like young adults and they respond better if treated with respect."

In addition to her 43 years of teaching at Goodland High School, Elliott also has 14 concurrent years teaching dual credit courses for Colby Community College and 9 concurrent years teaching dual credit classes for Northwest Kansas Technical College.

"My classroom goal is that my students will take the math skills they learned in my classroom to be successful at the next level," Elliott said. "But more than that, I want them to take their communication, listening, writing, problem-solving skills, and logical reasoning on to be successful in their chosen career."

Davis graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education Mathematics in 1974 and from the University of Northern Colorado with a Master of Arts in Mathematics in 1985.

"During my first seven years of teaching, Jackie was my assigned mentor and colleague. I am truly blessed to have such a great role model to learn from during my beginning years of teaching and am truly thankful for her wisdom, guidance, and professionalism," fellow teacher Donald Raymer said.

“She was there for me on good days and the bad days. Jackie was always proactive in thinking and thoroughly evaluating all possible outcomes.”

Elliott has served as the assistant volleyball coach, head boys golf coach, assistant girls golf coach, assistant track coach and head of the math department. She is a Certified Network Instructor with the National Association of Communications Systems Engineers and was a NetPrep instructor from 2000-2003.

“Ms. Elliott is a true professional. She shows up every day, often early, and more than often stays late and gives her students everything she has, every day,” Superintendent Bill Biermann said. “She is just a steady rock that you need in a school that rubs off on others. It defines greatness and a commitment to her kids.”

Elliott was selected by students in 1988, 2003, 2009, and 2014 as the Goodland Alumni Association Outstanding Educator. In 1982, she was named the National Education Association Outstanding Secondary Educator and is an Emeritus Member of the National Council of Teachers of Math. She’s being inducted on June 2 in Dodge City.