

## Kathy D. Hines, Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame, Class of 2013

Kathy D. Hines is an active Health, Physical Education, and Freshman Transition teacher with forty years of experience in Atchison, Kansas. She has been nominated by Dr. Susan Myers, for induction into the Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame. This nomination is supported by a statement from a current student at Atchison High School who writes: "Personally, Mrs. Hines is the greatest teacher I have ever had and is high up on the list for most inspiring person I know."

Perhaps Kathy's teaching philosophy is what evokes such thoughts: "My basic philosophy has always been that all children are inherently good, and all children are special. I am first and foremost a student advocate." She spent the next forty years acting on that philosophy.

Hines started her college education at Emporia State University earning her B.S. Degree in 1971. She received her master's degree from Benedictine College in 2008. She started teaching Physical Education and Health at Atchison High School in 1971 and remained there for 34 years, 32 of which she was the department chairperson. From 2005 to 2008, she taught Modular Technology at Bert Nash School of the Atchison Juvenile Correction Facility. Next she transferred back to Atchison High, where she has taught the Freshman Transition Program and Tiers 2 and 3 of the Intervention Program since.

During these years she has been active with building wellness programs, PLC and QPA leadership teams, and co-author of significant grant programs. One program called "TASMAD" ("Take a Second, Make a Difference") brought students and staff together to establish relationships and get to know one another and trust one another. This built rapport for a better school with a better environment and better outcomes. In 2008, Kathy was recognized as USD 409 Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Hines served in most of the professional organizations; was president of her local NEA unit and worked at the Uniserv level; served her community on the Atchison City Recreation Commission Board of Directors and was the first woman chairperson for the Atchison City Recreation Commission. She also served as co-chair of important committees of the Amelia Earhart Festival Events, in the community that was home to Amelia Earhart!

Kathy Hines was an excellent p.e. teacher and volleyball coach, having taken her team to a state title in only her second year of coaching. Her ability to inspire athletes to do their best is legendary there. She was always willing and eager to teach freshman, which some avoid. She has worked on special classes to help youngsters make that difficult adjustment. Most recently she has worked with the tier programs which are aimed at students at risk of dropping out. Their "survival rate" is fantastic.

An ex-student said : "Kathy Hines touched my life and I am a better person because of it." Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame welcomes to the Class of 2013, Kathy Hines, who "touches lives."

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