

Alumnus - Dr. Mary Parker



Dr. Parker graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education (1976). She subsequently completed a Master of Science Degree in Elementary Education (1988). Dr. Parker began her career as an educator in Neoga, IL teaching music to elementary students in Grades 1-6. During her nineteen years within the Neoga District, she served as a classroom teacher and Title I teacher. She left the position of Title I Director in Neoga to assume the role of Title I Director in the Mattoon School District. Beginning in 1997, Dr. Parker accepted an administrative role within the Mattoon District serving as the principal of both the Columbian Kindergarten Center (1997-1998) and Lincoln Elementary School (1998-2000). Dr. Parker became the Superintendent of the Delavan Community School District in 2000 and has continued to serve in that capacity for the past thirteen years. During this period of time, she also completed a Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership at Western Illinois University (2008). Because of her successes in education, Dr. Mary N. Parker was nominated for and is a recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Graduate Alumni Award.