

Nancy McClatchey Is Crystal Bell Award Recipient



Nancy McClatchey has positively impacted many students at North Newton High School and is a highly motivated teacher. She was recently honored as a recipient of the Crystal Bell Award, recognizing her for professionalism, dedication

This teacher has spent the last 19 years developing a quality program that is respected statewide. Her efforts have provided many students with hands-on training to help prepare them to enter today's workforce. For her efforts the North Newton School Corporation have bestowed the honor of the Crystal Bell Award to Family and Consumer Science teacher, Nancy McClatchey.

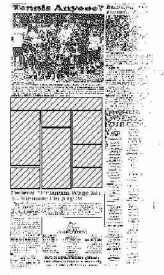
Nancy has collaborated with the North Newton career cooperative to provide the ProStart Culinary Arts Program for the high school students at North Newton. These foods and nutrition students are taught hands-on-skills that will make them more

marketable in today's food service industry. Nancy also directs the Preschool Program at North Newton whose Advanced Child Development students are given the opportunity to interview to become preschool teachers. The preschool room is adjacent to Nancy's regular classroom so she has the opportunity to mentor these high school students. The preschool serves the North Newton School Corporation community.

Another hat that Nancy wears includes directing the Cadet Teaching Program. In this program high school students are chosen to travel to three of the North Newton elementary schools to work side-by-side with a classroom teacher to gain experience in the field of education. These innovative programs allow students real-life, hands-on experiences and opportunities they would not benefit from in a typical classroom setting. Nancy has also served as the advisor for the extracurricular **FCCLA** program for numerous years.

Nancy has positively impacted student achievement by encouraging her FACS students and FCCLA members to participate in state and national level projects. Ms. McClatchey provides a multitude of learning experiences for her students that are unique to Family and Consumer Sciences. This, in turn, allows her students to get involved, strive for and to reach accomplishments that they may not have otherwise had the opportunity to experience.

Nancy has received numerous awards for her accomplishments while serving as the FCCLA Advisor for many years. She has also served on the state FCCLA Advisory Council sev-



eral times. Several of Nancy's students, through her tutelage, have become state FCCLA officers. On the National level Nancy has served on the FCCLA Board as Treasurer. Recently, Nancy was awarded the Indian Trails Career Cooperative Premier Program Award for the North Newton Family and Consumer Science Department.

Truly a unique and highly moti-

vated teacher, Nancy McClatchey has gone above and beyond in her service to th Newton School Corporation and community. In recognition of all that she has accomplished and will undoubtedly continue to excel at, the North Newton School Corporation honored Ms. Nancy McClatchey as the 2009 recipient of the Crystal Bell Award.