

2021 Dale Foor Cornerstone Award Honoree

L I N D A F U L T O N

RESIDES: WESTERVILLE, OHIO

Linda Fulton was an educator for 30 years in the Gahanna-Jefferson Public School District. She began her teaching career at Goshen Lane Elementary, where she taught a Title 1 reading program for eight years. Linda joined the English Department at Gahanna Lincoln High School in 1981 where she taught a wide variety of classes – Repeater Principles of Literature, English 10, English 11, Honors English 11 and Reading Development. She went on to become the Department Chair for many years.

“The mark of a good teacher is that you remember their lessons later in your everyday life”, said Chris Wagner, GLHS Honors & AP English teacher and current English Department Chair. “The mark of a remarkable teacher is that you go on to teach those same lessons to the people that matter in your life for generations to come. A ripple effect. To say that Linda Fulton is a remarkable teacher though, still seems to come up short of her contributions to Gahanna Lincoln High School.”

Mrs. Fulton pushed all of her students, at all levels, to be their best. She challenged her students and expected high caliber work. Her love of writing and literature came through in her classroom and was passed on to her students. “Simply put, Mrs. Fulton not only encouraged my love of writing, but she taught me how to love to write effectively”, said Jeff Benedict, military prosecutor and Major in the US Army. “I can honestly say that I was better prepared than my peers for academic writing all the way up through law school.”

Linda had a major impact not only in her own classroom, but among her peers as well. “She listened, she offered advice, she calmed, she cheered, and she was just what any new teacher needed”, said Carole Bickel, former GLHS



Math Department Chair. One of her biggest accomplishments as a Department Chair was the development of a very strong and supportive group. Under Linda's leadership, the GLHS English Department had fun, cooperated and worked as a high performing team to take on the curriculum work.

“I loved watching the students ‘catch on’ and see them making their way”, Fulton said.

Linda Fulton resides in Westerville with her husband and enjoys spending time with her two children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She received both her BS in Education and MS in English Education from the Ohio State University.