

2017 Dale Foor Cornerstone Award Honoree

DALE FOOR

RESIDES: GAHANNA, OHIO

With an education career spanning 42 years in Gahanna, former teacher and administrator Dale Foor has seen it all.

"I actually student-taught in Gahanna in 1968, and began working here full-time in 1970 until I retired in 2012," Foor said.

Throughout his time in the district, Foor taught history and government and coached football and track. He also served as an assistant principal, middle school principal, high school principal, and director of pupil and community services.

"Every role had its own unique experiences. I liked my time in each," said Foor. "My last role, when I became involved in the Gahanna-Jefferson Education Foundation, was very fulfilling."



His career included a number of memorable events, including the installation of the Veterans' Plaza. He called the whole process a "very fond memory."

"Each time I pass by, I think 'that's a pretty neat project,'"

Foor said. "After the plaza was built, we took the kids involved to see the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. as it was just completed. Bob Dole even met with our students in his office!"

"I also had the opportunity to be very involved in Bill Withrow's life, and was fortunate to work on the making of the 'Gahanna Bill' documentary," said Foor. "We set up the Gahanna Blue and Gold athletic award in Bill's honor, and it has been very well received."

Foor reflected on his tenure in the district, and commented that he has loved watching the community grow. His time allowed him to develop longstanding, generational personal relationships, and he has had the opportunity to educate the children of his former students.

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"Creating opportunities for kids to be successful is important to me," Foor said. "The establishment of the Gahanna-Jefferson Education Foundation ended up being the perfect vehicle for that purpose. The GJ Education Foundation helps address the needs of students across the district."

Foor is a graduate of Otterbein College. He and his wife Jane just celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. They have two daughters who graduated from Gahanna Lincoln, Lettie (who teaches reading at High Point Elementary,) and Abby (who teaches in New York.) They like to spend time with their three grandchildren Sam, Annabelle, and Mac.