

INDUCTEE

Madeline Osborne Partlow, PhD

Graduated . . . 1975

MarriedRaymond Partlow

Children.Megan, Ray, Jeff, Casey

Resides.Gahanna, Ohio

Madeline chose her vocation long before she went to college; she was a student who immersed herself in high school life, first as an excellent student who was inducted into the National Honor Society and further as a participant in sports, student council, and drill team. She seemed to want to experience it all. It was not a surprise then that when she enrolled at The Ohio State University (OSU) she signed on for a lifelong career in education.

With a B. S. in Education degree from OSU, Madeline began her teaching career in New Albany. She returned to Gahanna as a teacher and team leader when Middle School South opened in 1992. It was natural that with her dedication to her students and her eagerness to try innovating teaching methods, Madeline continued to study and develop new ideas to help students learn. A Master's degree and a Ph.D. followed.

In 1997, as the principal at Blacklick Elementary in Gahanna, Madeline began to implement programs for at-risk children and worked to provide additional opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's education. When she took a position as the New Albany Middle School principal, she continued her programs for at-risk students, creating an intervention assistance program throughout the building. Her success led to her being asked to give workshops and presentations to education students at the college level, teachers in other districts, the School Study Council of Ohio, and the National Middle School Conference. From 2003-2005 she taught an education class for masters' candidates at The Ohio State University during the summer quarters, and presented new ideas in teaching science to the School Math and Science Association National Convention in 2003. She currently serves as an adjunct faculty member for Ashland University and teaches a curriculum course there.

In 2006, Dr. Partlow received the Anderson Award for her contributions to the OSU College of Education. In that same year, she was appointed the Director of Teaching and Learning for the New Albany School District, making her responsible for the District's curriculum, instruction, and professional development. Most importantly, she now has the opportunity to impact many teachers and hundreds of students by providing leadership for all core curriculum departments as well as special education, gifted services, and technology.

Colleague Phil Koppel lauds Madeline as "a child-centered person with an admirable work ethic, humility, and genuine sensitivity toward others...who has dedicated her career to public education.... Whether she is instructing children or leading others in the care and education of children, she is motivated by the opportunities...to positively affect children, and her enthusiasm is contagious.... She is the embodiment of a well-rounded, successful Gahanna Lincoln graduate who 'gives back' every day."

Madeline and her husband Ray have raised four children in the Gahanna Schools and continue to enjoy the family as it grows to include five grandchildren to date. Mr. Koppel says, "She is a role model as an educator, mother and wife...one of those people that others admire and look to for guidance and leadership, both professionally and personally."