

Susan Hollenbach Scholarship Fund Application

For a NP graduate intending to pursue a career in Elementary Education

The Susan Hollenbach Memorial Scholarship has been established in memory of Susan Bruner Hollenbach, who taught in the North Penn School District from 1991 to 2007. The recipient of the award will be a graduating North Penn High School Senior, who has chosen to pursue a college degree in elementary or secondary education.

Susan was born in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania and was raised and educated in Delaware County, graduating from Springfield High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Millersville University and a master's degree in education from West Chester University.

Susan began her career in the Marple-Newtown School District, teaching 5th and 6th grades. After relocating to central Pennsylvania, Sue taught in the Elizabethtown School District where she was named Teacher of the Year in 1990, and was nominated for The Pennsylvania Department of Education Teacher of the Year in 1991. For the last 16 years of her life, Susan taught first and second grades at Gwynedd Square Elementary in the North Penn School District. A beloved educator for 35 years, Susan was known for her dedication to her students.

I believe the easiest way to understand Susan and her commitment to education is through the words of those who knew her best: A Superintendent in the Elizabethtown School District, a Principal in the North Penn School District, the parent of one of Susan's students, and finally in the words of the Senior who will be the first recipient of the scholarship established in Susan's name.

"Mrs. Susan Hollenbach is the kind of teacher you would hope your child has in his/her elementary experience. She possesses that natural ability to reach every student in her class; nurturing, prodding, and praising each one to his/her fullest potential, year after year. Although the curriculum is constant, Sue adapts and creates every lesson to fit the needs of her students in an exciting and attainable manner. She sees each child as a unique and valuable individual and treats them accordingly, thereby raising self-esteem, confidence, and academic skills." Robert Kratz, EASD

"Every time I walked into your classroom in the past five years, I saw children that love learning. They were excited to be there because you showed that love of teaching and love of children. You made the classroom their "learning home" with brightly colored classroom and many wonderful hallway displays. You were the most organized of any teacher I had ever met!.... You always had everything planned and organized so far in advance. You also shared these ideas with all of your colleagues.... Every child in your classroom was met with the warm, caring, and delightful

Mrs. Hollenbach."

Lou Ann Justice, NPSD

"You were truly a blessing in Mike's life as he began his academic career and to me as I learned about being a mom of school age children. You even looked out for Jenny's future before she was old enough for first grade. You have touched our family so much, as I know you have touched countless families over the years. I watched you teach, nurture and love all your students...and I am in awe of you." Sandy Brace, NPSD

"I remember when I was in your first grade class so many years ago and I was chosen to be Star of the Week. Looking back, it may not have been the most exciting thing, but as a young, shy, first grader I was thrilled. You made me feel so special. Now that I am entering my Senior Year in high school and looking forward to pursuing a career as an elementary school teacher, I will remember all the methods you used to get your students excited about learning. Thank you for sharing your love of learning with me!" Katelyn Lawn, NPSD

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Please submit completed application and one teacher letter of recommendation By April 14, 2023 to Mrs. Borchers - borchjm@npenn.org

Name _____

NP Student ID# _____

Address _____

Name of College/University that I will be attending: _____

Describe yourself using three words:

List activities that you are involved with outside of school and why they are important to you.

Why have you decided to pursue a career in Elementary Education?

Write about a teacher that you had in elementary school who had an impact on your life.