

2023 Alumni Appreciation Award Recipient: Sharleen Ball

Shar was born in Ogallala, NE and raised in the Grant area. She attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln where she graduated with a degree in Business Education. After teaching in Grant for a few years, she would go onto Colorado State University to earn a master's in computer science education. Shar met her husband, Howard, after graduating from CSU while teaching in Pueblo. They moved several places and along the way they adopted their daughter, Veronica, and their son, Howard III. In 1990, they made their last stop to their permanent home of Omaha. That summer Shar applied for an open teaching position at Mount Michael Benedictine School.



Shar taught keyboarding, yearbook, computer programming, and journalism during her 22 years at Mount Michael. She had a strong commitment to the Mount Michael community and truly cared about her students. She helped her students excel in the classroom and while teaching journalism she helped lead Mount Michael's Journalism teams to state runner up finishes in 2007 and 2012 and to state titles in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011. In 2009 her team collected nine all-class gold medals, the most of any team in the state that year.

Upon retirement Shar and Howard enjoyed riding his beloved Harley Davidson motorcycle and riding in 1966 Mustang. Sadly, Howard passed away in 2021 from a stroke. Shar continues to live in Omaha. She enjoys spending time with her two children and three grandchildren.