

Dee Stout (2018)



I am a retired Middle School teacher and Supervisor of student teachers. Growing up on the north side of Pittsburgh helped to prepare me with many experiences of working with children. My Dad was a refrigeration manager for Coca Cola and my Mom was a seamstress. We had a strong Catholic family, and I attended 12 years of parochial school. My brother joined my father in the Steamfitters Union and my sister became a nurse. My sister and I were the first two in our extended family to graduate from college. I received my bachelor's and master's in education from Penn State and that is where I met Lee, my husband of 57 years. We have two wonderful children and four delightful grandchildren.

In the sixties, as a woman, your choices for professional careers were limited and I was encouraged to become a teacher. It was definitely a good decision for me. I taught for 33 years in the Bellefonte School District and was the science department head at the Middle School when I retired. Following that, I went on to supervise student teachers for five years with Penn State. Many of my interests have been largely related to space and energy education. I was selected to be the NEWEST (NASA Education Workshop for Elementary Science Teachers) teacher for Pennsylvania in 1992 and worked with scientists for 2 weeks at Langley Space Center in Virginia. Following that I was invited to attend Space Camp for teachers in Huntsville, Alabama in 1995.

In Energy Education, I led my school in recognized projects for many years. These received a number of state awards and, in 1994, our energy education program was named the most outstanding program in the United States at the junior level by NEED (National Energy Education Day). With my students and fellow educators, I attended awards ceremonies in Washington DC every summer for years. In 2001, I was the first teacher in the school district to be recognized with the "Teacher of the Year" award by the Bellefonte Education Foundation.

Upon retirement from Bellefonte (2002) and Penn State (2007), I served six years on the Penn State College of Education Alumni Society Board of Directors and five years for the Art Alliance Board in State College. Presently I volunteer at CVIM (Centre Volunteers in Medicine), Good Shepherd Catholic Church, The Centre County Historical Society, and Rockview State Prison. I also crochet hats for women going through Chemo as well as the Tiny Angels project where we make hats for premature babies who do not survive. Gardening and watercolor painting have also continued to keep me out of trouble.

I am an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an organization for women in education where I have served as an officer in all positions. I value my membership in the University Women's Club and Torch Club as well.

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