

IAJHSC Advisor Longevity Awards

Each year at convention, the IAJHSC recognizes the dedication and years of service of all its member school advisors. It is only because of that dedication and years of service that our member school students enjoy excellent leadership, training, and skills development through the example the advisors set for them. These advisors not only work hard to provide their councils with the best activities and events possible, but they also spend countless hours planning, gathering materials, and making the arrangements needed to be sure everything goes as smoothly as possible. IAJHSC student council advisors also attend our Advisor Leadership Workshops each September as often as possible so they can get the latest information, ideas, events, activities, and skills development needed to improve their leadership abilities to benefit their students.

A special award of recognition and a years of service pin is presented to those IAJHSC student council advisors who have achieved five-year increments of service as an advisor. This year we are pleased and proud to recognize the following advisors for achieving their ten-year (10) pin:

- **Justin Bronson ~ Heritage Middle School**
- **Ann Corrigan ~ St. Mary's School**
- **Lora Puckett ~ PORTA Junior High School**

Special congratulations go to **Anna M. Lenhardt from The Avery Coonley School** who is recognized this year for an achievement very few advisors have accomplished. She has completed thirty-five years (35) as a student council advisor for her school. Anna started The Avery Coonley School student council during the 1984 – 1985 school year and has been active in the IAJHSC ever since.



*Mary Sharp
Bradley Central Middle School
Advisor ~ 40 years*

Extra special congratulations and recognition goes to one of our advisors who has achieved a milestone which no one else in the IAJHSC has achieved before now. **Mary Sharp from Bradley Central Middle School** takes top honors for this year as well as for the history of the IAJHSC. She is the very first to achieve the forty (40) year award pin. Mary has not only been the advisor of her own school's student council for all these years, but she has also served several terms on the IAJHSC Executive Board as the Mideast Adult Director. Mary is currently one of the longest serving IAJHSC Executive Board members.

When asked to sum up her student council career experiences, Mary stated ... "I was asked to be the student council advisor at Bradley Central when I got my first job out of college in 1980. I had no experience with anything like this, but at 22 was excited to get involved with any part of my educational career. Our school had been part of the IAJHSC for years before this but was not very active. I made the very wise decision to start going to workshops and eventually convention because that opened up a whole new world for me in the area of student leadership. The IAJHSC provided a framework for building a student council that my school and community is very proud of. Being part of the IAJHSC executive board as an adult director has been given me even more insight into what great things students at the middle school level can

accomplish. It's been a pleasure working with district reps from various schools. I love that my own school's student council members can learn from, and with, leaders in other schools through workshops, convention, and camp. I feel blessed to have formed so many friendships with other advisors in Mideast District as well as others across the state. I am honored to be part of the executive board that collectively does such amazing things for our student leaders.”

A huge congratulations goes to all our award winners this year. We also want to give a great big “**Thank You**” to all IAJHSC advisors no matter their number of years of service. It is only through their continued dedication and extra effort that middle level student leadership in the State of Illinois will remain top quality and an example for other states in our country. Middle level students in our member schools are so lucky to have each and every one of these IAJHSC advisors as role models to lead them as they learn and develop the leadership skills which will guide them to success for the rest of their life.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU ADVISORS!!