

Bev has been an IAHPERD member for over 12 years. She has taught PE at the secondary level for 26 years in the Keokuk, Spencer, and Grundy Center school districts; served as an Assistant Professor at Buena Vista University for 4 years; and is presently a trainer for Interactive Health Technologies.

Her professional contributions and service to our association have included serving as the Secondary PE Chairperson for multiple years, presenting at multiple conventions which also included being the featured pre-convention presentation, writing journal articles on several occasions, and serving on the Iowa's Governor's Council for Physical Fitness and Nutrition. Bev has spoken to and mentored several future physical education and health professionals not just at Buena Vista but at the University of Northern Iowa as a part of their Polar Scholar graduate program, and also as a guest speaker at other colleges within our state. In 2003, Bev received her first IAHPERD award as our Secondary PE Teacher of the Year and several statements in her introduction for that award are still evident today: "is focused", "has energy, vision, and passion"; "has little time for negativity and passivity"; "respected". Ten years later Bev became our IAHPERD President and followed that role by serving as our interim Executive Director.

Bev shared the following message with me about this award...

*I am very honored to be recognized at this level from this organization. I greatly appreciate the impact that the members of IAHPERD have had on my career. The influence has allowed me to reach students that otherwise I would not have been able to influence. Your support has been important to me and many of my colleagues. Society needs our profession and we need to perform our profession well.*

Bev, I believe it is fair to say that the feeling is mutual and that there is a large number of people in this room tonight who have been impacted by your service to our association and to our profession.

Thank you for your outstanding professional contributions. Please join me in congratulating our 2016 Distinguished Service Award winner, Bev Brown.