



## Outstanding Rural Teacher - 2017

### **Robyn Shearer**

Cole Camp R-I School District

Robyn Shearer is a “pillar of strength” within the Cole Camp Middle School. She provides exemplary Science instruction for all of the various levels of learners in her 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. She holds herself, her students and the school accountable to the highest of expectations.

Robyn has taught the past eleven years at CCMS. As a graduate of CCHS herself, Robyn openly demonstrates her love for the school, the community and “blue pride.”

Robyn seeks out professional development opportunities to strengthen her methodologies and overall quality of instruction. Robyn takes great pride in preparing her students for classroom and state assessments. Seventy to ninety percent of her eighth students score Proficient and Advanced on the annual MAP Science Assessment.

Robyn is a strong proponent of the use of technology within her classroom. In 2016, she prepared a winning proposal that secured a \$10,000 America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education Monsanto Fund grant. Robyn also takes it upon herself to assist CCMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders in preparing their four-year plans for high school. This extra effort on her behalf ensures that 8<sup>th</sup> graders experience a smoother transition to high school.

Robyn serves as the CTA Chairman for the Professional Rights and Responsibilities Group. She helps with the annual local fair events and prepares meals for the football team after Friday night games. She is very active in her church, serving on the Curriculum Committee. She coordinates the Pink Night Activities during football season to benefit the Benton County Cancer Society.

Robyn is also considered an excellent colleague by many. She has served as a mentor to a number of new teachers. She is there to support and encourage her colleagues. She also demonstrates a strong level of professionalism.

Robyn Shearer is the kind of educator that is desired by all school districts. She always goes above and beyond what is required to make sure that all of her students learn. Her intelligence, leadership abilities, perseverance and commitment to quality education make her deserving of the 2017 MARE “Outstanding Rural Teacher” Award. Congratulations!