

John Armbruster

North Crawford Schools, Soldiers Grove, WI

Middle School Humanities Education

7th grade American Civics; 8th grade American History; H.S. Practical Law and AP U.S. History

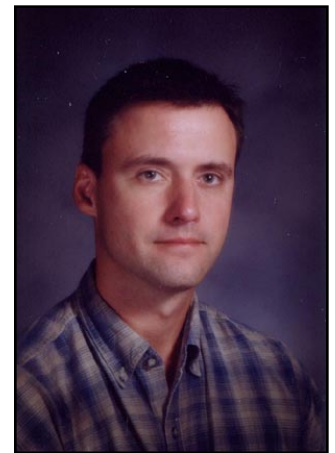


2005 Honorees



“I work to make my lesson plans mirror the uniqueness of my classroom. Not every day is filled with bells and whistles, but I try to approach each day by asking myself how can I employ the five senses in this lesson. To taste history, my students create several historically-themed meals. To feel Valley Forge, I march hearty volunteers in rag-covered feet outside in the winter. To hear the intensity of courtroom battles, my law students conduct mock trials and my seventh-grade Civics students, including nine robed judges, recreate famous Supreme Court hearings. To hear history, I frequently play old music, and my AP U.S. History students create and perform a 1930s radio show with a New Deal theme. To see history, I have dressed and come to class as Aztec leader Montezuma, Abe Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, as well as less famous (and less noble) figures such as haughty 1770 British Parliamentarian “Lord Armbruster” and a sinister slave bounty hunter.” – *John Armbruster*

“As a 24-year veteran educator observing John Armbruster’s teaching styles, I find myself equally as mesmerized by his lessons as the students in his class. Students’ eyes are riveted on him and you can hear the proverbial pin drop. His delivery style leaves his audience wanting to come back for more. As a result of desire to learn that he instills, his classes develop a higher-level thinking and understanding than any other classroom. He dons costumes, he challenges, and he stirs their intellects as he encourages his class to think for themselves.” – *Daniel Davies, district administrator, North Crawford School District*



Other Highlights:

Outstanding Service Award for North Crawford School District (1998)

Two-time selection to Who's Who/American Teachers

Advisor to 2003 championship academic team at St. Mary's University Tri-State High School Challenge

Member, North Crawford Educational Association

Member, Wisconsin Education Association

Longtime high school and middle school coach

Years Teaching: 12

Average Class Size: 20

Classes Taught Per Day: 6

School's Percent of ESL Students: 1

School Type: Public, Rural

Type of Class: Self-contained