

Carol Bluhm

Class of 1970

Columbia High School

Carol Bluhm, currently serves as a teacher for Students with Special needs at Questar III. She has had twenty-two years experience in this particular field of endeavor where her efforts and dedication to the children entrusted to her have been exemplary. Carol's tireless devotion and nurturing care has enhanced beyond description the quality of life her "charges" have experienced under her tutelage. The total commitment to and immersion into the lives of her "students" is matched only by a similar involvement in the youth-oriented activities of the East Greenbush community where she has also made a difference!

Carol was graduated from Columbia High School in 1970, and received a B.A. in Elementary Education four years later at Curry College in 1974. She earned a Master's in Special Education in 1980 while attending the College of St. Rose. It was evident to all those who were fortunate enough to work with her that Carol had a "calling" and "mission", namely to cultivate and nourish as many very special young people as possible. This she has accomplished in unparalleled fashion. Carol's achievements, as well as honors/awards recognizing her contributions are impressive. Due to her efforts her Questar class received the experience of a lifetime; a visit to Disney World. The fiscal and organizational planning for such an endeavor is testimony to Carol's determination and dedication.

She has served as a member and/or director of the following community organizations: East Greenbush Girls Softball and Basketball; Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts; Sunshine Day Care; Project Stride Bowling (Adaptive P.E. Program) and Booster Club/Fundraising for Softball; Basketball; Volleyball and Cross Country.

Carol has been honored as Questar Employee of the Year for 1995-96; the Greenbush Award for Service (1997); the Boy Scouts Award of Merit for Outstanding Service to Youth of the Community (1998); and nomination by Questar III for the Disney American Teacher Award.

It is for the preceding accomplishments and unqualified commitment to the betterment of her students' lives and community's progress that we honor Carol Bluhm as an inductee into the Columbia Alumni Hall of Fame.