
Randy Hart To Receive 2024 Service to Children Award



Randy Hart, a former educator, local philanthropist and supporter of public schools from Zelienople, Pennsylvania, is the **2024 recipient of the Pennsylvania Principals Association’s Service to Children Award.**

This award is presented annually to individuals, groups or organizations that have had a broad, positive impact on all children in our

elementary, middle and high schools. This year’s award recipient was selected from the West Region (intermediate units: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 27, 28).

Even in his retirement, Mr. Hart’s passion for education remains steadfast. From his former school board member role to his current position as a local philanthropist, he champions public education with contributions ranging from financial donations to emotional investments. Mr. Hart has funded mini-grants to enrich students’ education experiences through resources for curriculum enhancements, exercise equipment for physical education

and nature trails for exploration, just to name a few. He and his wife have dedicated their lives to supporting public schools and safety within their community.

Seneca Valley Academy of Choice Principal Denise Manganello, who nominated Mr. Hart for this award, shared, “Randy Hart truly deserves recognition for his unwavering dedication to supporting our community. As a former high school educator, he deeply understands the importance of community involvement and support for our schools. He goes beyond mere acknowledgment of projects or wish lists; instead, he actively engages with the district, demonstrating a commitment to our school and students by providing financial and emotional support.”

“I am overwhelmed with this award coming to me,” Mr. Hart remarked. “This year marks 50 years of being in the classroom as a 21-year-old teacher and 18 years of being a retired educator. I have continued to share my experiences in the field of education to assist the next generation of educators, and I am extremely proud of the administrators’ pursuit of excellence at Seneca Valley. In my opinion, the entire Seneca Valley staff ranks among the top 10% of all educators in the country,” he stated.
