

Dorthea B. Nevils

Dorthea B. Nevils began teaching English at University City High School in August 1988. In her 31-year career, she made countless contributions to the school and the lives of her students.

She actively engaged with students, dedicating time outside of the classroom as a class sponsor, club sponsor and choir sponsor, supporting numerous extracurricular activities. She initiated Dress for Success days, revitalized Friday Black and Gold Days and organized events, including the “Love Jones” Poetry Night and talent shows featuring both students and staff members. Additionally, she

founded and directed the UCHS Alumni Gospel Choir which raised funds for student scholarships.

Dedicated to the betterment of the high school culture, she served as a character education building representative, building representative for the University City Federation of Teachers and building liaison for the University City School District Council. In these roles, she effectively communicated building concerns and advocated for student and faculty needs.

Nevils engaged in school/community initiatives, including planning and performing in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. She sang the national anthem at the UCHS Air Force Junior Officers Training Corps Veterans’ Day programs and at other school and community performances.

Her dedication and contributions were recognized when she received the Excellence in Education Award in 2018 through the St. Louis American Foundation. Retiring in 2019, Nevils remains an active presence at University City High School and in the community.



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Class of 1984