

Dennis and Pat Smith



Pat Smith began her tenure at Hopewell-Loudon School in 1971, teaching vocational home economics to students in grades 8-12. Over the course of the next 17 years, Pat wore many hats, and she wore them well.

During her teaching career, Pat was named National Home Economics Teacher of the Year, State Home Economics Teacher of the Year and Consumer Education Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Smith was named an Honorary Member of State FHA/HERO, (otherwise known as “Future Homemakers of America/Home Economics Related Occupations”). She also received the Seneca County Outstanding Educator Award. Hundreds of students learned practical life skills in Mrs. Smith’s classroom, from her home economics classes to Adult Living and Multi-Area Job Training.

Pat was the Hopewell-Loudon FHA/HERO advisor and a 5-time State FHA/HERO Officer Advisor. Countless numbers of regional, state and national skill event winners were guided by Mrs. Smith. During her time as FHA/HERO advisor, many of her students in the program held district and state offices, including District Treasurer, State Treasurer and State President. Her chapter also produced an FHA/HERO Miss Ohio finalist.

In addition to her teaching duties, Mrs. Smith was also a junior class advisor and a senior class advisor, taking many class trips over the years.

Inducted posthumously, Dennis Smith supported his wife Pat in every endeavor at Hopewell-Loudon School. One call, and Denny would be there to help. From designing and building props for proms, to building floats for parades, he was ready to do what was needed. Many a dance, field trip, or class trip was chaperoned by Mr. Smith. He helped the agriculture students with the FFA Tractor Trouble contest, and built and installed the victory bell ringer that is now displayed outside of our new building. Mr. Smith also helped coach FHA/HERO members to become Regional, State and National competition winners. Denny was named State FHA/HERO Honorary Member, and a Hopewell-Loudon FHA/HERO Honorary Member.