

2013 Torchbearer Recipient - Lifetime Achievement

Sister Jeanne Hagelskamp

Each year one special individual is honored for her significant and fundamental contributions to moving *Indiana women forward*. These contributions have had a lasting impact on the State of Indiana and demonstrated a lifelong commitment to women's progress in society. Sister Jeanne Hagelskamp has made these contributions as a lifelong educator who has chosen to use her gifts to greatly improve the lives of urban youth. Sr. Jeanne has served in numerous education roles from grass roots teaching to consulting. Her tireless efforts to push for social justice and service to others have made her a deserving recipient of the *Torchbearer Lifetime Achievement Award*.

In 2007, at the request of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and her Sisters of Providence congregation, she established Providence Cristo Rey High School in the Hawthorne neighborhood. She played a key role in the feasibility studies and structuring the school's curriculum. Providence Cristo Rey HS provides a college prep education harnessed to a distinctive Corporate Work Study program to students who are economically disadvantaged. Sr. Jeanne was the founding president and will retire from her current position as principal following the 2013 school year. The six year old school has had every one of its graduates accepted into college.

Sr. Jeanne believes that with the proper structure and opportunities underprivileged inner city children could achieve academic success. She was able to take action and demonstrate that through her work with Providence Cristo Rey HS. Sr. Jeanne also worked with two girls' schools where she implemented the values of her congregation and integrated technology into their curriculum. She has engaged businesses and leaders to increase community support and involvement in education.



She is also on the Board of Trustees of Brebeuf Jesuit College Preparatory School and is a former trustee of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. In addition to these positions she has been an integral part of several school accreditation and assessment teams, and has publications to share her knowledge and expertise. As a member of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods she works throughout various Indiana communities focusing on education, healthcare and social services. The Sisters' ministry pays special attention to developing and empowering young women.

She has faced many challenges during her time as an educator and has achieved success with great energy, love and dedication. Sister Jeanne Hagelskamp's efforts have served to equalize the access to education to all students. She has inspired and improved the lives of countless underserved children, showing them that they can achieve whatever they put their minds to.

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