

BISHOP BROSSART'S JANET JOHNSON WINS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mrs. JANET JOHNSON, the Bishop Brossart High School Academic Enhancement Program teacher, was selected Teacher of the Year by the local VFW & Ladies Auxiliary Post 3205 headquartered in Alexandria, according to Marietta Knuehl, President of VFW Ladies Auxiliary 3205.

As the local winner Mrs. JOHNSON, represented Post 3205 and placed first in the state's 9th district. Mrs. JOHNSON then represented the district in the Department of Kentucky's contest where she was chosen to represent the state at the national competition.

As a sixteen year member of the Bishop Brossart faculty, JOHNSON has taught English, Journalism, Communication, Religion, as well as her "current passion" of overseeing the highly successful Academic Enhancement Program for students with mild learning disabilities.

After adopting two children with special needs, JOHNSON decided to continue her education by obtaining her Kentucky Certification in Education, specializing in Special Education. She has become an advocate of Children with Special Needs and has been involved in Special Olympics for eight years.

Her interest in supporting veteran affairs became second nature while supporting her husband Greg during his final tour in Iraq and over the 27 years he served in the armed forces retiring as a Master Sergeant in the United States Army. With her four children, JOHNSON has supported the military through letter writing campaigns, care packages and coordinated the local Girl Scouts to send cookies to the troops overseas.

While teaching Journalism, she utilized the local cable company to teach her students video and created the school's first senior video. While teaching Religion, JOHNSON organized a student tour to Rome where they were given an audience with the Pope.

Knuehl added, "Mrs. JOHNSON works hard with her students to learn their subject matter as well as to teach them the importance of our veterans. When walking in her room you realize you are moving into a special learning environment...that her students love coming into."

A recipient of the Army Achievement Medal, JOHNSON is presently the Military Family Support Liaison for Bishop Brossart and resides in Alexandria.