

Our Beloved Faculty

Raber Receives Outstanding Music Educator Award



2008-09 Outstanding Music Educator, Rebecca Raber

Shanley choral conductor, Rebecca Raber, was recently selected by the National Federation of High School (NFHS) Music Association to be one of only twenty individuals to receive the 2008-09 Outstanding Music Educator Award.

The Music Advisory Committee selected the recipients based on their significant contributions to high school music activities. The awards recognize high school or college band, choral or orchestral directors, supervisors and adjudicators.

Before joining the staff at Shanley in 2002, Rebecca began her career as a choral and instrumental conductor of K-12 students. Her time as Shanley choral conductor has greatly influenced music education. In just six years, she has increased choir membership from 14 to 132 members.

With a philosophy of doing more than what is required of her, Raber continues to maintain such aspects as both an educator and a musician. She has received the “Who’s Who” in America’s Teacher Award and has published articles in the state and regional American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) journals.

Under her leadership, Shanley High School choirs have been selected to perform for the governor and were named the North Dakota Governor’s Choir in 2005. Raber has been the North Dakota girls state choir conductor for nine years and has been actively involved in the ACDA while teaching. As a president-elect nominee for the upcoming ACDA election, she believes in making music a lifetime skill for students.

“I hold a passionate personal vision for the role that music and the ‘creation of art on a daily basis’ has in the lives of students and I surrender myself wholly to it. It is essential that in a world of increasing ugliness, students recognize, experience and create beauty within it. I feel that these important ideals are enhanced for the students under my care with the dedicated and passionate attention I am able to offer them through school music classes or the extra or enhanced opportunities I strive to offer my students,” states Raber.

Congratulations to you, Rebecca, on the honor of receiving this award! We are proud and fortunate to have you as a member of the Fargo Catholic School family.