

Chris Cavanaugh-brief bio

Was a Social Studies teacher at Plainfield High School, Plainfield, Indiana, located right outside of Indianapolis. I taught at PHS for 28 years. I taught CHAP, (Cultural Heritage of the American People), a weighted junior level humanities class which combines American Literature with American History; US Government using the "We the People..." curriculum and my classes participated in the mock congressional hearings; AP Government; Dual Credit US History. I retired five years ago from PHS and moved to Bismarck where I am currently teaching Global Studies and AP US History. at Bismarck High School.

Coached varsity swimming and diving for 28 years at PHS and am serving as a volunteer assistant with the BHS boys' swimming and diving team this year.

BA in Journalism from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 1984, with a minor in History.

James Madison Memorial Senior Fellow, receiving my award in 1994. MA in History from Butler University in Indianapolis.

Plainfield Community Teacher of the Year, 2008

Indiana Teacher of the Year Finalist, 2008

American Civic Educator Teaching Award in 2006, a national award sponsored by the Center on Congress, the Center for Civic Education, and the National Education Association. American Lawyers Alliance Law Related Education Teacher of the Year, 2018, and the John J. Patrick Award for Civic Education, 2018.

Mentored numerous times at the Indiana Summer We the People Institute, as well as numerous WTP Institutes around the nation, including North Dakota. Attended numerous professional development activities including the John Marshall Institute in Richmond, Va., and the Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, Al., the Navajo Experience in Chinle, Az.