

Katie Benton, Teacher Barrington Elementary Upper Arlington City Schools



Katie Benton brings a unique perspective to Upper Arlington classrooms, as teaching is a second career for this educator at Barrington Elementary School. Benton graduated from Ohio University's Scripps School of Journalism and spent seven years in the public relations field doing communications, media relations, and managing publications for the American Red Cross and Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. In 2001, she returned to the classroom, earned her masters in education from The Ohio State University and has been a teacher at Barrington Elementary School in Upper Arlington for the past 12 years.

During her time as a teacher, she has been a service-learning leader in her building, in the district and has participated in the Growing Together Service-Learning Network. She is passionate about the curricular connections service-learning brings to the classroom and the authentic opportunities it offers for students to learn outside the walls of the classroom.

Katie served on the district's Local Professional Development Committee for 8 years and also on the board of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. She is also the 1996 Ohio University Outstanding Graduate in Public Relations and received the 1997 Rising Star Award from the Central Ohio Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). She is a 1999 winner of Business First's Forty Under 40 Award. With nominations from the community and selections by a committee of business leaders, the Forty Under 40 award recognizes 40 men and women under the age of 40 who have achieved professional success and made significant civic contributions to our community.

Benton is the 2008 recipient of The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology's Young Professional Award. In 2010, she received Upper Arlington's Nancy Losekamp Leadership Award for Outstanding Leadership in Career Development and was featured as one of The Ohio State University's College of Education and Human Ecology's Outstanding Graduates. Benton holds a B.S. from Ohio University and a M.Ed. from The Ohio State University.

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