

Dr. Joan Miracle

Distinguished Emeritus



Dr. Joan S. Miracle was born in Jelico, Tennessee. She received an Associate of Science from Warren Wilson Junior College, a Bachelor of Science from Cumberland College with a major in English and a minor in Social Studies, Library Science certification from Miami University, a Master of Arts from Xavier University in Education, and an Ed.D, from Miami University in Educational Administration Curriculum. Her teaching career began at Boone County High School where she taught English. She also taught English and served as librarian at Kings Mills High School. The majority of her career was spent at Princeton High School where she taught English, chaired the English Department, and served as assistant principal for eight years. While there, she was named Ohio Assistant Principal of the Year and was honored by her college alma mater as a Warren Wilson College Distinguished Alumni.

As Dr. Miracle began her retirement, she was convinced to spend a few years helping out a young Christian school, Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy. The few years turned into nine as Dr. Miracle became the first CHCA High School principal. Her standard of academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment along with her profound care and attention to every student in the building became her hallmark. Students always knew that Dr. Miracle could be found in the Commons that now bears her name. When speaking about her life in education, she states: "I was in education for forty-three years and loved every minute of my time with the students!"

Since retiring in 2004, she and her husband Bruce have been spending winters in Key West, Florida, fishing, boating, participating in yoga, bible studies, church board and helping with homeless and underprivileged children. When in Cincinnati, she enjoys helping others wherever needed, spending time with family and friends, volunteering at The Healing Center and serving at The Vineyard Church.