

Hall of Fame

Lou Ethel Nauden



Lou Ethel Nauden is a National Board Certified Teacher who has worked tirelessly for the Peake High School foundation to secure funding for the restoration of the Rosenwald School. For a while she served as vice president and interim president of the alumni organization. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Philander Smith College, Little Rock, AR; MSE - Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR; Specialist Degree - University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR; Elementary Principal Certification - University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR and Advanced Studies - University of Missouri, Perdue University. Nauden received a Degree in General Studies with emphasis in Business and Communications - University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, May 10, 2014. Mrs. Nauden's print credits are "Math Patterning," Teacher Magazine 2010: "How to Increase the Number of African American Teachers in America's Schools," The Krinon, Spring 2017, The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

She boasts a stellar professional career including:

- Early Childhood Educator
- Served as AR State Farm Liaison to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standard-recruiting, training, acquiring grant funding for program support for the State, and raising awareness
- Leader and Founder of the First National Board Summit for the state of Arkansas
- Established the first National Board Training Program in Phillips County, AR with grant funds from the Delta Bridge Program, Darraugh and State Farm Insurance Company (2006-2011.)
- Recognized by Little Rock School District (LRSD) for outstanding service THREE different times
- Honored by the Arkansas Times Newspaper as Outstanding Educator to the Month, November 2002
- Teacher of the Year Recognition from the Clemetine Mathis Rouse Foundation for academic improvement
- Unsung Hero Award in the field of Education, 2012 from the Gamma Nu Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa
- Community Advocates for Public Education Membership Chairperson
- Volunteer Tutor in the LRSD

Nauden serves on the Fair Park Neighborhood Association steering committee, and she established and coordinates a Juvenile Library Program at Mercy Seat Baptist Church where she is a member. Lou Ethel has had numerous opportunities to explore other professions, however, her love of teaching and learning kept her devoted to the teaching profession. As an educator, Nauden believes superior performance requires superior training. She was always searching, exploring, experimenting and reflecting on ways to improve her craft. Although she is officially retired, she is still engaged in the teaching and learning processes working in an ACT Support Training Program at the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, and North Little Rock Center.

- Because Nauden has such great passion for teaching and learning
- Because she recognizes there is a diminishing number of Black college students entering the teaching profession
- Because she understands the importance of Black students having some exposure to Black educators in their educational experience

She recently established and endowed the Lou Ethel Nauden Minority Teacher Education Scholarship at Philander Smith College in the amount of \$50,000. Junior and senior minority students with at least a 3.0 grade point average in the Division of Teacher Education are eligible for the scholarship. The scholarship represents Nauden's legacy to a profession she loves and found so rewarding.

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