

Stephen H. Arnold
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Contributor

Stephen Arnold began teaching math to Marathon high school students in 1947, shortly after flying perilous bomber missions over Europe in World War II, and had a strong, positive influence on all aspects of student life for the next 33 years. He modeled a right-way of thinking, behavior and pursuit of excellence, not only in the classroom, but as a member of the local semi-pro baseball team and as an avid outdoor sportsman. His love of hunting and fishing is legend, and the values he represented both fostered and complimented the goals of the MCS athletic program. He was a founding member and continues to serve on the MCS Hall of Fame Committee.

Steve Arnold encouraged friendly competition among students, as he recognized its intrinsic value in their development. He fostered healthy academic competition in the classroom, which helped cause him to be a strong supporter of competitive athletics. This wedding of academics and athletics is often remembered with fondness by former student-athletes as they recall "Mr. Arnold's" contributions to their success.

From his early days of teaching Steve Arnold held no differences in his expectations for students or his treatment of them based on whether they were male or female. He never thought, and his record disproves, the notion that "girls can't do math". He was ahead of the Title IX law, and he encouraged and fostered its full implementation in the athletic program.

Scores of former Marathon High School students willingly credit Stephen H. Arnold for much of their success on the courts, fields and tracks and in the greater arenas of life.