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Sharon Ragan Selected as YCS Teacher of the Year

October 5, 2011: Youngstown City School District is pleased to announce that **Sharon Stellmar Ragan** is the 2011-12 Teacher of the Year. The district will honor Ragan in a school assembly at the Chaney Campus on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 2 p.m.

Ragan, a graduate of Youngstown State University, earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1988 and a Master of Science in Elementary Curriculum in 2003. She was awarded the Governor's Award for Excellence in Math and Science, Governor's Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities, was acknowledged by Phi Kappa Pi and the Ohio Industrial Institute for Education, and nominated Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

"I was meant to be a teacher," said Ragan who has been teaching since 1989. "I knew this since I was a little girl; and it became my lifelong goal, my calling, and my purpose."

Ragan is currently an 8th grade Math teachers and a 6-8 grade pre-Engineering teacher at the new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program where she uses 3 GTT (Gateway to Technology) Modules in her instruction including: Design and Modeling

(CAD), Energy and the Environment, and Robotics and Automation. She has taught in the Youngstown district for eleven years.

“To educate is to light a fire and make students aware of the differences they can make to the world,” Ragan remarked. “I believe that the finest gift you can give yourself or anyone else is a good education. Our students need great role models to teach them and care for them.”

Sharon Ragan lives in Struthers, OH with her husband Bob, and two sons, RJ and Nick. She is the daughter of James and Dorothy Stellmar.

Chaney Campus of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and Visual and Performing Arts is located at 731 S. Hazelwood Avenue. For more information, contact [Jacquelyn Gawron](#) at 330-744-2785.