

Myrtle Young Clifton
1999 Friend of Education

Myrtle Clifton has been highly instrumental in the growth and development of partnership programs in the Beaver Dam Unified School District. As a member of steering committees, she actively supported several successful referendums for district program and building improvements. Clifton was a member of the planning committee for the Charter School, a component of the referendum proposal for at-risk students. As the Executive Vice-President of the Beaver Dam Area Chamber of Commerce, Clifton nominated the Beaver Dam District for several Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce Foundation state awards. The district received the School Management Award, the Staff Development Award, and the School District of the Year Award. She played a leadership role for the Business and Education partnership. That partnership led to the reinstatement of a welding course; SUCCESSQUEST, a school organization linking students to the business world; the state certified Youth Apprenticeship program at BDHS; and a school-to-work coordinator to serve Beaver Dam and the surrounding areas. As an after-school tutor for the Partners in Learning program, Clifton demonstrated a personal commitment to students. District Superintendent Richard Fitzpatrick says, "As a leading community ambassador Myrtle Clifton conveys her belief in the quality of the Beaver Dam Unified School District at every opportunity." Nominators Margaret Thomas and Pat Frinak feel that "It is her genuine love for this community and its perpetuation towards growth through education for all that makes her truly deserving."