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Teacher Feature

1. Your full name

•Robert Dale Blosser

2. What do you teach and where?

•I am a business education teacher at Huron High School. Currently I am teaching Marketing and Accounting and am the School Store Advisor

3. How long have you been at that school?

•I have taught at Huron High School for 14 years.

4. Where did you grow up and where were you educated?

•I grew up in Flat Rock. I have attended Monroe Community College, the University of Toledo and Wayne State University.

5. Main reasons you decided to become a teacher.

•I was a general manager for nine years for a company that employed many young adults that lacked basic employability and technical skills. Hopefully I can impress upon my students the value of obtaining a degree or a technical skill when they leave high school.

6. Who was your greatest inspiration when you were a child and why?

•My parents raised six kids and did a wonderful job of instilling important values like dedication, commitment, and hard work. They were very supportive and helpful. I also had some great teachers and coaches at Flat Rock High School.

7. Best thing about your job?

•This is an easy one. Huron High School is a great place to work. We have a great staff of quality teachers, administrators, and support people. But the kids are the best part. I truly look forward going to school every day.

8. Worst thing about your job?

•A stunning amount of paperwork and planning that cuts into family time.

9. Best recent development in education?

•Individualized educational plans, career pathways, and more students coming into career and technical education programs. Getting kids to make decisions about careers after high school.

10. Worst recent development in education?

•Too much emphasis on standardized testing and teaching to them.



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11. If you had a magic wand, what would you provide for your students?

•The best in facilities, funding, and technology for any teacher or program. The ability to always make good choices while in high school.

12. Finish this statement: Kids today need to _____.

•...take responsibility for their own learning.

13. If you had to choose another profession, what would it be and why?

•I can truly say that teaching is my sole passion for a career. But, if I had to choose I would probably say something in sports and entertainment marketing. I would like to coach, scout, be an athletic director, or work in college or professional sports in some capacity.

14. What are your hobbies and interests outside of school?

•Spending time with my family, reading, watching college and professional sports, coaching at the high school level. Currently, I am the boy's junior varsity basketball coach at Woodhaven. I have collected baseball cards since kindergarten.

15. Best advice to pass along to beginning teachers?

•Take a sincere interest in every student or child — don't stereotype. You can truly make a difference in their life. Be patient and flexible don't be afraid to try something new and don't worry about failing. Every thing you do won't work don't be afraid to admit to your students that you are wrong, and seek help and advice from your mentor teacher.

16. How can parents best prepare their children to go back to school in the fall?

•Convey to your kids the value of education — read to and with them. Spend time with them in the summer doing some fun things that they may not know are educational activities. Take them to a library, a museum, a play, an art show, anything to broaden and expand their interests.

17. Look into your crystal ball and tell us what you see in the future for American education.

•Maybe more distant learning and virtual classrooms in a high school, more cooperative education and hands on learning. More diversity among students and parents and more schools that specialize in specific careers or skills.

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