



September 18, 2018

To: Dr. Riggle, Superintendent
Board of Education

Fr: Karen Geddeis

Re: Glenbrook Stories - September 24, 2018

MEMO

For our Glenbrook Stories segment on September 24, we will get to know GBN English Department Instructional Supervisor Ms. Karen Cunningham.

Ms. Cunningham was selected as one of DePaul University's Celebrated Teachers this year, after being nominated by a former GBN student. Each year, DePaul's College of Education invites all DePaul juniors and seniors university-wide to nominate a former K-12 instructor whom they feel significantly impacted his or her life.

Class of 2015 graduate Sebastian Garzon was so moved by his Honors Humanities class with Ms. Cunningham that he wrote a two-page letter to DePaul.

"High school is a difficult time, and only a truly special teacher can show students how they can begin to live in this world," he wrote. "Ms. Cunningham's class gave me so many opportunities ... to reflect on myself, who I was, what I loved, and how I was feeling, and all under the watchful eyes of a teacher who genuinely cared."

This Glenbrook Story recognizes a teacher who places a great emphasis on student wellness and personal reflection.