

Patricia was born in Orlando, Florida, and graduated from Warner Robins High School in 1977. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education from the University of Georgia, followed by a Master of Education from Mercer University. Patricia also earned certifications in Applied Math, Gifted Education, AP Calculus, and a Teacher Support Specialist endorsement. In 1984, with the guidance of Mr. Edward Dyson, Patricia began her teaching career at Northside High School, where she would go on to have an extraordinary 38-year tenure. As the founding instructor of the first Advanced Placement Calculus class at Northside, she exposed her students to the beautiful world of college mathematics. Patricia's commitment to education extended beyond the classroom; she served as the Math Department Chair for many years and helped establish a partnership with Parkwood Elementary School, mentoring at-risk students through an after-school program.

Throughout her career, Patricia was recognized with several prestigious awards, including STAR Teacher, Northside High School Teacher of the Year, Tandy Technology Scholar, and the National Hewlett-Packard Graphic Calculator Grant. In 2022, she was inducted into the Houston County Teacher Hall of Fame, a testament to her dedication to her students and her profession.

Patricia retired from the Houston County School District in 2019 but continued to teach part-time until 2022. Her passion for education and the support she received from the Northside community shaped her into the teacher she is today. Northside High School, where she spent the majority of her adult life and the entirety of her teaching career, became her home, offering lifelong friendships and unwavering support.

Patricia and her husband, Jeffrey, have been married for 42 years. They are proud parents to their son, Zachary, a 2016 Northside High School graduate and 2020 University of Georgia graduate.

What does Northside High School mean to you?

Since I graduated from Warner Robins High School, I did not realize how special Northside High School was until I started teaching at the best school anywhere! Northside epitomizes Tradition, Family and Excellence in every way. Northside High School provided me with outstanding mentors, lifelong friendships, and a strong foundation to be the best teacher that I can be. Northside has always been a place of support for the students, the faculty, and the staff. I would not be the teacher that I am today without the love and the support that was poured into me during my many years at Northside. As a teacher in Houston County, I was able to send my son to any school in the county and I chose to send him to Northside. **It's Great to be a Northside Eagle!**