Getting to Know Our Faculty
An Interview with Dr. Edna West

What school(s) did you attend and what degree(s) did you earn?
I earned my Doctorate of Educational Leadership from Ashland University.
I earned my Educational Specialist, Master of Arts in Education and my Bachelor of Science degrees from Cleveland State University.

What led you to choosing your field of study/studies?
I have always known that I wanted to make a difference in the lives of children.

Have you had any other careers before teaching at Ursuline? If so, where did you work/what did you do?
Before Ursuline, I was a principal in Bedford, a teacher in Bedford, a guidance counselor in South Euclid/Lyndhurst and a teacher in the Cleveland Municipal School District.

What do you like most about interacting with or teaching students?
I love everything about interacting with my students! 😊

What do you like most about your program?
I like the fact that our program can provide a potential future teacher with a Master of Arts in Education and Ohio Department of Education Licensure in less than one year! 😊

What ultimately led you to choosing a career in teaching?
I was born to be a teacher. I was fortunate enough to know this early in my life.

What has been one of your proudest moments or accomplishments?
Letters and acknowledgements I have received from former students over the years.

What do you like about Ursuline?
Ursuline is a college that is student centered. This aligns with my personal philosophy.

What advice do you have for students while searching for a graduate program?
Find a program that meets both your academic and personal needs.

What advice do you have for your current students?
Keep your eye on the prize!

Favorite classes to teach: Foundations of Education, Professional Development, Teaching Internship

Awards/Recognition:
Educator of the Year, Bedford City Schools PTA Council
Educator of the Year, National Council of Negro Women
Teacher of the Year, Ashland Oil Company
Teacher of the Year, Aurora School, Bedford City Schools
Martha Holden Jennings Scholar
Who’s Who in American Women
Who’s Who in American Education

Areas of Expertise: Closing the Gap in Academic Achievement
Professional Affiliations:
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
Phi Lambda Theta
Phi Beta Kappa
International Reading Association

Fun Facts

Song/music genre: 60’s

Color: Red

Vacation Spot: Canada

Sports Team: Cavaliers

Holiday: Christmas

Season: Spring

Food: I have several favorites! 😊

Quote: Excellence is a journey, not a destination.

Book/Author: Maya Angelou

TV Show/Movie: Steel Magnolias

Animal/pet: Yorkshire terrier

Historical figure: Nelson Mandela