

Barbara Hill

Distinguished Alumna

Barbara Hill graduated fifth in her class in 1957 from Herculaneum High School. She played intramural basketball & volleyball & received the “Best Athlete” award from her classmates. Barbara went on to complete her Bachelor’s degree in Biology & a minor in secondary education from Southeast Missouri State University.

Barbara began her teaching career at Fox High School, teaching Biology and General Science. One day on her way to work, Barbara heard a radio interview that said that the United States military needed teachers overseas to teach the children of service members, she applied & was accepted.

Her first assignment overseas was in Bermuda. She then went on to teach in Azores & Germany before taking a year's sabbatical after being awarded grants from the National Defense Education Act & the

National Science Foundation to get her master's degree in biology at Ball State University in Indiana.

After completing her master's degree, Barbara worked in Iceland. While there, she became the Overseas Education Association's Faculty Representative Spokesperson. Next, she worked in Okinawa, Japan, Labrador, Canada, & then in several cities across England. She transitioned from teaching to administration while in England, spending several years as an assistant principal and then a business manager, responsible for budgeting and procurement.

Barbara returned to Herculaneum in 1993 and moved back into her family home. Barbara wanted to continue serving her community, and in 1998 she ran for the Herculaneum Municipal Judge and won.

Barabar now resides in Festus. She is an accomplished artist, photographer, and writer. In 2020, she wrote a memoir, Shout Gratitude!, with stories of her life, work, and travels.