



**NYSUT RETIREES OF WNY
THE LEGENDS AWARD
2024**



SARA RODLAND

Sara began her thirty-nine year teaching career in the Buffalo Public Schools in 1971. She worked as an elementary teacher, a gifted and talented teacher, a district mentor teacher and Co-Director of the Buffalo Teacher Resource Center.

Sara was an active union member. She held positions as BTF delegate, BTF Executive Committee member and BTF Secretary. Sara served as Co-Chair of the Public Relations Committee, Action Committee member, and Chair of the Teacher Center Policy Board. She also was an NEANY Board member and delegate, NYSUT Board member and delegate, NEA, AFT and NYSTRS delegate.

In her role as Co-Director of the Buffalo Teacher Resource Center, she was instrumental in developing a support program for teachers in WNY pursuing National Board Certification.

Upon retirement in 2010, Sara continues her union involvement. She served as Vice President of Retiree Council #44 upon its inception in 2011 and has served as President since 2017. Sara is a member of the WNY Retirees Coalition Board of Trustees, NYSUT Retiree Advisory Committee and is a delegate to the NYSUT, NEA, and AFT conventions.

In the community, Sara is actively involved as the school liaison for The Teacher's Desk and represents retirees at the Making Strides Walk.

Time and time again, in talking to teachers and retirees, they remark about her leadership, organization, energy and enthusiasm.

An outstanding leader, we are indeed proud to honor Sara with the 2024 NYSUT Retirees Legend Award.



**Kathy Brown, Nancy Keller Stark,
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