

Tracy began her teaching career in 1982. Recognized for her leadership qualities, she became head building representative at Grand Island High School with strong member support. She was later elected vice-president, a position that she held for ten years.

In 2002, Tracy ran for president with a vision to strengthen the union and improve its reputation. She led with transparency, integrity and honesty, securing numerous benefits for both active members and retirees. She skillfully navigated the challenges of APPR implementation and was continually reelected due to members' confidence in her tenacious advocacy for improved working conditions. Tracy also collaborated effectively with other union affiliates, including SRP's.

After retirement, Tracy became an active board member of Retiree Council 1. Encouraged by her former LRS, she later became a Retiree Services Consultant. For over seven years in that role, Tracy continued to advocate for both active and retired members, providing guidance to Retiree Councils 1,2,3 and 44 in addition to organizing the popular annual retirees' conference.

On behalf of the NYSUT Retirees of WNY, it is our privilege to honor Tracy for her outstanding leadership, unwavering commitment, and lasting contributions to both her local and NYSUT as the recipient of the 2026 Legends Award.



