



MVTHS Teacher of the Week

John Kabat

Subject Taught: Agriculture and Cooperative Education

Education and Experience: Associate in applied science in agriculture production at Rend Lake College; a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education with a minor in animal science and mechanization at SIU-Carbondale.

Years as a Teacher: 24

Reason for Becoming a Teacher: "I wanted to be there to help as many students as I could in my life. I also am worried about the future of training our young people for 300 agriculture careers."

Greatest Moment as a Teacher: "I received outstanding agriculture teacher in Illinois at the Illinois State Fair"

Most Embarrassing Moment as a Teacher: "I prepared a very good computer team and we showed up at Rend Lake College a day late."

Favorite Aspect of Being a Teacher: "I have the ability to find the skills and gifts that each student has and I can help to make their dreams come true."

Favorite Movie: "The Ultimate Gift."

Last Book You Read: I read magazines every night to prepare for all the changes in agriculture."

Hobbies: softball, volleyball, watching the sunrise and sunset, working with cattle and hogs, playing and working with my three children, Jacob, Erika and Alicia.

Family: "Marcia, my wife, My children, Jacob Kabat, 17 years old, Erika Kabat, 15 years old and Alicia Kabat, 12 years old, who are students at Waltonville."

If You Were Not a Teacher, What Would You Be? "Farmer or any other of the 300 agriculture careers. Maybe someday I will be governor, representative or senator of Illinois"

Person(s) You Most Admire: "My mother, Louise Kabat and my father, Melvin Kabat."



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