

ZELLA DUCHMAN

We don't have to look very hard to find members of the Lewis Central Community who "Bleed Blue". One such person is 92 year old Zella Duchman and a 2017 inductee to the Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Duchman was a district employee for twenty six years. Although she was not an educator, she held a passion for education and believed then, and still believes, that education, above all, improves the quality of life.

In an effort to continue in a support role to the educators following her retirement, she threw her hat into the Lewis Central Community volunteer ring. She was aware of the impact of the board of directors on the working environment of the teachers so she placed her name on the election ballot never before having run for an elected office. Her platform was maintaining trust and integrity in the district. She was elected and then re-elected for a second term.

She continued to support the professional development of American Foreign Exchange Student, Hans Schlegel of Germany after his graduation from LC. He became an astronaut and credits her involvement in his life for his success in the field of space exploration.

At the age of 90, she established the Zella Duchman Scholarship. Three graduation seniors have received the annual award given to a senior pursuing an education in business.