



DEANNA LEINO

Deanna Leino taught Business Education at Jefferson High School in Edgewater for 33 ¹/₄ years. She began as a substitute teacher in 1959. She has also taught at several area community colleges and Colorado University at Denver. She sponsored the Office Occupation Program at her high school, supervising students in part time positions; inaugurating the Future Business Leaders Club, the Future Nurses Club, the Red Cross Club, and the Domestic Exchange Club. The Exchange Club raised funds each year to send 30 students to other parts of the nation to study. Many students who came to Jefferson High from the East Coast still stay in contact with Ms. Leino.

Deanna participated in 28 professional and service clubs, including Delta Pi Epsilon, an honorary business fraternity, Opera Colorado Guild, and Professional Secretaries International.

She has been on her high school Wall of Fame since 1982, has been nominated Colorado Teacher of the Year three times and is listed in "5,000 Notable Personalities of the World." She has had four Who's Who selections, including "Who's Who Among American Women." In 1990 she received the designation "Teacher Who Makes a Difference" from the "Rocky Mountain News, the Distinguished Teacher Award from Jefferson County School Board in 1980, and in 1993 the Youth Leader Award from the Lakewood Optimist Club. She has a bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Denver. She has published several newspaper features and a short story. One article, about note taking, was adapted from a popular program she developed which prepared students for college.

She has raised an adopted son, Michael Bonan, and her hobbies include world travel, cake decorating, embroidery, and enjoying classical music. She has had a significant influence on hundreds of students who have gone on to accomplished careers.

Deanna Leino was elected to the Jefferson County Hall of Fame in 2000.