## 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Sandra (Sandy) Nelson Marsh

Class of 1973

Sandra (Sandy) Nelson Marsh entered University City schools as a fourth grader at Nathaniel Hawthorne, attended Hanley Junior High and graduated from University City High School in 1973. After receiving her bachelor's and master's degrees from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, Marsh returned home to University City to settle down and

raise her family.

While her professional career included 19 years of teaching writing and literature at St. Louis College of Pharmacy, her passion lies in volunteer work, specifically in University City schools. She began her volunteer work at Delmar-Harvard when her children started school there. Her involvement continued through Brittany Woods and UCHS, serving as fundraising chair countless times, preparing and serving meals for



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teachers, working as PTO president, writing and editing newsletters, proofreading publications, recruiting tutors, serving on district committees – whatever was needed.

She served as an elected member of the Board of Education for the School District of University City from 1994 – 1997 during which time the Board established the University City Education Foundation (UCEF). UCEF provides an outlet for Marsh's passions for education, fundraising and leadership; she currently serves as its president. She has also been a volunteer coordinator at UCHS for the Writer's Room, recruiting and training community volunteers to come in and work one-on-one with students on their written work. The Writer's Room has been in existence since 2000, and Marsh received a PACEsetter Award from the school district for her work in the Writer's Room in 2006.

She is also active at Grace United Methodist Church and has recently gotten involved in Women in Charge, a not-for-profit organization where she helps women prepare their writing skills to pass the GED.

She and her husband, Steve, have been married 26 years. Their son and daughter both attended Delmar-Harvard, McNair and Brittany Woods before graduating from University City High School.