

2016 Conservation Educator of the Year



Abigail Cappel
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Environmental Science
Educator**
**Sylvania Southview
High School**

Abigail Cappel is a Life and Environmental Science Educator and Science Department Chair at Sylvania Southview High School in Sylvania, Ohio. This is Abigail's fifteenth year teaching science for the district, and her fifth year serving as Department chair. Abigail is also the advisor of the school's Envirothon team, which placed first at the 2016 Area 1 contest, and moved on to place first in Soils at the Ohio State Envirothon, and to come in third in the State overall. Abigail has taken teams to the State Envirothon contest for the last three consecutive years.

Abigail has been a lifelong resident of the Toledo Area and lives with her husband, Joseph, and their two daughters in Whitehouse, Ohio. She earned her bachelor's degree in Biology from Eastern Michigan University, and holds a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Toledo. She believes strongly in connecting state science content to native, local ecosystems like the Oak Openings and Great Lakes Regions. In her free time, she enjoys camping and traveling with her family.

~ Congratulations on a job well done! ~

2016 Outstanding Conservation Cooperator Award:



The 2016 award for Outstanding Conservation Cooperator in Lucas County goes to Kurt Ackerman, who farms several hundred acres in the eastern part of the county. He's worked with the district on planning conservation practices from cover crops to drainage water management structures. Kurt also manages sales and delivery for a family business, started in 1939, that currently carries both specialized agricultural equipment and environmentally friendly cleaning products. Kurt and his wife Beth were also nominated for the 2016 Ohio Farm Family Award, run through the Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.



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