



## Dr. Henry (Hank) Kepner

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Dr. Kepner has been a strong advocate for progressive mathematics education in the state of Wisconsin for over five decades. Countless mathematics educators have been impacted directly by his face-to-face teaching, mentoring, coaching, and writing. Dr. Kepner's leadership at the national level has indirectly impacted countless others. He served on the board of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) during the creation of the 1989 *Curriculum and Evaluation Standards for School Mathematics* and served as NCTM President during the development of the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics. He served as president of the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics (NCSM), an organization that supports teacher leadership in mathematics. Dr. Kepner was instrumental in the development of the Association of Mathematics Teachers Educators (AMTE) and served as its first president. He also served on the board and as the president of the Wisconsin Mathematics Council (WMC). He was a Program Officer at the National Science Foundation for five years reviewing and supporting innovative projects that brought high-quality mathematical professional development opportunities to school districts throughout the United States.

Prior to coming to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), he taught middle and high school mathematics for 10 years in Iowa and later in Milwaukee. The majority of Hank's career was spent teaching and advising perspective mathematics teachers at UWM and serving as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at UWM.

Dr. Kepner also made significant contributions in computer science education. He taught computer programming at the high school level in Iowa in the late 1960s. He designed and taught computer science courses to support teachers learning both computer science content and how to teach computer science culminating in one of the first computer science methods courses in the nation to support the then new Wisconsin computer science certification license. He also taught a course at Washington High School that helped teachers in all subjects to develop units that stressed the use of computers in their classes.

In 2003, Dr. Kepner received the School Science and Mathematics Association Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his accomplishments and contributions to mathematics education over the past 40 years. In 2004, he received the UWM School of Education Teaching Award. He is the 2008 recipient of the North Shore United Educators' Award of Excellence. Dr. Kepner earned his B.S. and M.S. degree in mathematics and Ph.D. in mathematics education at the University of Iowa.