

The Nacogdoches Alumni Association is proud to honor Mark Easley as our Distinguished Alumnus of 2026.



Mark Easley, son of the late Wilbern and LaNorma Easley, is 1982 graduate of Nacogdoches High School. All his siblings are NHS graduates as well, beginning with LaWanna Easley Smith, class of 1969, Beckye Easley Wilson, class of 1971 and Price Easley class of 1974.

Mark entered Fredonia Elementary in the fall of 1970, loaded down with school supplies, a Snoopy lunchbox and a bit of nervous energy and walked into the first-grade classroom of Mrs. Judy Brown. From that day until he graduated from NHS in 1982, his school years in NISD were some of the happiest years of his life! In high school, Mark was a member of the last freshman class at the old high school on Mound Street. The best pep rallies ever were held in the high school auditorium with the freshman in the “peanut gallery”, otherwise known as the balcony. Every Friday during football season, that auditorium was electrifying and spectacular! The freshman surprised everyone winning the spirit stick during the second pep rally because we yelled the loudest during the class yell and battle cry! Mark finished his NISD education at the new high school where he was active in the NHS Chorale and Theater Arts Production. Many teachers had an impact on him such as Donna Lovett, Janet Clark, Rosa Foster, Octavia Champagne and Claudette Brown, but none were more special than Jody Worsham and Barbara Reid. In the fall of 1982, Mark enrolled in Wesley College, a Bible college of the Congregational Methodist Church,

in Florence, Mississippi. He was active in the Wesley College choir and the Wesley Singers ensemble group and traveled throughout the south during the summers as a youth camp counselor and singer. After obtaining a two-year general education certificate in 1984, he transferred to SFA and completed his Elementary Education degree in 1986. After teaching 3 years in Hudson ISD, he moved to the Fort Worth area and taught the rest of his career in the Hurst Euless Bedford ISD. While there, he was voted Teacher of the Year for Meadow

Creek Elementary and was also recognized with a Distinguished Educator Award from Graduating senior who Mark taught in the fourth grade at Lakewood Elementary. Every year in his career was special to Mark, and he was proud to have taught in grades 2,3,4,5, elementary music and one year in 8th grade. He strived to be a positive and influential teacher to all his students and a good employee to the schools where he taught. After teaching for 30 years, Mark retired and returned to his hometown of Nacogdoches to help take care of his aging parents; who at the time of their passing were married for 73 and 1/2 years. They passed away within 3 months of each other in 2021.