

Facebook posts made by former students and colleagues [and my daughter, of course] when they read the post made one of my former students or otherwise heard that I had retired from teaching at Omaha North High Magnet School.

**Christian James** shared her photo — with Jane Erdenberger.

May 20 at 11:55am ·

15 years ago my mom left her corporate lawyer job (after 20yrs) to become a high school teacher. Today is her last day as a teacher. She has put her heart, soul, and many over time hours into her teaching. As her very first student I know the love she has put into this position. I am so proud of you and know many of your students are better citizens because of your passion. Congratulations mom, you deserve the rest.

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Kaitlin Hartnett Is she retiring?! Congrats "mom"!!! 🙌 Like · Reply · May 20 at 12:01pm



Jackie Dorsey Congratulations Jane you will be missed at Omaha North High School You are a fantastic person and teacher Like · Reply · 1 · May 20 at 12:06pm



Carre Trude Well done janie. Congrats xoxoxo Like · Reply · May 20 at 12:09pm



Ruth Eldredge Thomas Congratulations, Jane! You've been a valued colleague and friend to me through OxTrad and I am absolutely positive you've made a difference for thousands of kids across the world. All the best for what's next! Like · Reply · May 20 at 12:12pm



Patty Farley Karthaus Oh my! Congrats! You've always been so inspiring, Jane!!

Like · Reply · May 20 at 12:13pm



Brenda J. Council Jane has been my Shero from the day she started taking classes to earn her certification and then stepped out of KR to enter the classroom. Anyone who has ever doubted the passion and commitment of teachers, has never met Jane. Your families gain is a big loss for a generation of students who will not experience the joy of learning with Jane. Best Wishes!! Like · Reply · 2 · May 20 at 12:15pm



Brenda J. Council I hate autocorrect!' Like · Reply · May 20 at 12:15pm



Mark Howard Schulze Proud to say that I worked with you. You took your classes to a higher level. We will have to have lunch at J Coco sometime soon. Like · Reply · 1 · May 20 at 12:17pm



Angela DeMarco Leise I have a feeling this tribute from her daughter means the world to her! Gotta love a good shout out to a momma from her proud daughter :) Like · Reply · 1 · May 20 at 12:24pm



Susan K Kalina Thank you, Jane! ❤️ North High will not be the same without you. And I know you'll never stop wearing your blue & gold! Like · Reply · May 20 at 12:24pm



Kody Goodrich One of my favorite teachers! Definitely true inspiration! Like · Reply · May 20 at 12:34pm



John Yoakum Congratulations. You made an impact for many children. Like · Reply · May 20 at 12:36pm



Ryan Barrett Congratulations Mrs. E!! You the best! Like · Reply · May 20 at 12:40pm



Vanessa Romano Yay!! Congrats, Jane!! Like · Reply · 1 · May 20 at 12:49pm



Linda Evans-Herrington Enjoy your retirement! Congrats! Like · Reply · May 20 at 12:52pm



Ronald Clingenpeel Wow! Congratulations Jane! Like · Reply · May 20 at 12:53pm



Crystal Kropf Congrats Jane Erdenberger ... You are one of my favorite memories at North!!! Hope you have an awesome last day!!! Like · Reply · May 20 at 12:58pm



Caitlin Knutson As a fellow professional, thank you. I am indebted to you and others for setting such a strong example of how to be an advocate for your students and profession. You will be greatly missed! Like · Reply · May 20 at 1:02pm



Sharon Menke I know you were everyone's favorite teacher 🙌 Like · Reply · May 20 at 1:05pm



Carol Farha McGlade OMG congrats Jane! Like · Reply · May 20 at 1:07pm



Rachel Huggins Congrats!!! Like · Reply · 1 · May 20 at 1:15pm



Freddie Valdes Congrats to your mom!! Like · Reply · 1 · May 20 at 1:16pm



Sarah Gallagher Congratulations to you, Jane!!! Like · Reply · May 20 at 1:17pm



Anne Marfisi Congratulations Jane Erdenberger! You were a big influence on Sarah Marfisi and me. Thank you for everything. Like · Reply · 2 · May 20 at 1:18pm



Mary Davey Wilson Congratulations,Jane!! Like · Reply · May 20 at 1:24pm



Courtney Lynn Cooper & She makes the BEST COOKIES!!!!!! 🍪 Like · Reply · 3 · May 20 at 1:28pm



Michelle Williamson Congrats Jane Like · Reply · 1 · May 20 at 1:38pm



Paul Tosio I'm sure you'll be hugely missed Jane Erdenberger!

Like · Reply · May 20 at 1:38pm



David Kerr You are wonderful Jane. It's been a pleasure getting to know you 😊 Like · Reply · May 20 at 1:47pm



Janna Bullington Wise 🧠 Sooo happy for you Jane! Congratulations to one awesome educator, dedicated advocate, beautiful human being (the list is endless)! 🎉 Like · Reply · May 20 at 2:00pm



Isaac Ward Much love for you Mrs. Erdenberger! I learned so much from you! You'll be missed dearly <3 Like · Reply · 2 · May 20 at 2:14pm



Gabrielle Gaines Liwaru Your hard work and dedication to students has meant a lot to North High family--Thank you for leaving one career in law to serve a long time in a needed position of advocacy. Liwarus thank you personally, Jane Erdenberger ❤️ Like · Reply · 1 · May 20 at 2:17pm



Randall Adams Congratulations! You have many friends who celebrate with you. You have made a difference. Now on to the next adventure! Like · Reply · May 20 at 2:32pm



Samantha Altstadt You're amazing (: you have touched so many heart. Forever thankful

Like · Reply · May 20 at 3:08pm



Ben Lampman Well.... I remember when she was just a young whipper snapper of a student teacher! ;) Pretty cool. Like · Reply · May 20 at 3:40pm



Tamara Doingmyownthing Congrats Jane Erdenberger thanks for what you did for our kids  
Like · Reply · May 20 at 3:48pm



Art Alexander An amazin' lady indeed! Like · Reply · May 20 at 3:49pm



Hillary Aerts DeVoss Seriously, I just don't know how to deal. You have no idea how much respect and admiration I have for you. Thanks for all that you've done for our kids and colleagues; we'll be forever in your debt. Like · Reply · May 20 at 3:58pm



Jennifer Ryan Sageser Congrats Mrs E sure do miss you Like · Reply · May 20 at 4:03pm



Alan Fanning I'm so old I still remember making fun of your decision to become a teacher! Took a lot of guts, willpower, tenacity and a certain amount of lunacy to do what you did and I admire you for it! Good luck. Like · Reply · 1 · May 20 at 4:39pm



Kate Wiig She was AMAZING to work with. Like · Reply · May 20 at 5:02pm



Allison Russo This may be her last day as a public school teacher, but Jane will be teaching all of us how to live better lives, be better citizens, be compassionate and generous with our time and resources forever. Like · Reply · 2 · May 20 at 5:21pm



Candace Gould Congrats!!! You are so AWESOME!!! Like · Reply · 1 · May 20 at 5:26pm



Mary Hoeger Volz Congratulations, Jane. So proud! Xo Like · Reply · 1 · May 20 at 5:28pm



Dawn Paulson Congratulations, Jane Erdenberger! I loved working with you at North High, and I wish you all the best!! You rock!! Like · Reply · May 20 at 5:46pm



Jamie D. Honke Wow! Congratulations! Like · Reply · May 20 at 6:24pm



Colleen Sariscsany I had no idea you were even in the age range to retire! Just a job well done for kids, including one of my own who loved you, and for teachers in OEA. Have fun:)

Like · Reply · May 20 at 6:41pm



Maria Walinski-Peterson Well done....now...about that job in Lincoln.....\*grin\*

Like · Reply · May 20 at 6:50pm



Jan Enstrom Very nice, Christian. Congratulations, Jane. So glad you decided to retire. Well deserved.

Like · Reply · 1 · May 20 at 9:10pm



Tanya Berry Aarice S Berry Like · Reply · May 20 at 11:55pm



Lydia Marie I was a student of yours the 1st year at North during student teaching and Ethnic Studies. Jane Erdenberger you were my favorite teacher ever and I learned a lot from you! Thank you & congrats!

Like · Reply · May 21 at 1:14pm · Edited

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**Calvin Saunders** shared [Christian James's photo](#).

May 20 at 4:23pm · To my favorite teacher [Jane Erdenberger](#) congratulations! North high will miss you

**Marlon Harrison** shared [Christian James's photo](#).

May 23 at 10:25pm · Going miss you [Jane Erdenberger](#)

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**Aaryon Lau Rance Williams** with Aaryon Bird Williams and Jane Erdenberger.

May 26 at 12:41pm ·

309 Likes

TO JANE ERDENBERGER:

*12 years ago, a tall, awkward, angry 17 year old kid walked into your class at Omaha North High School with no experience with academic success, in fact he was a straight F student for his first 3 years of high school and transferred to your school.*

*He was heartbroken from the death of his older sister 6 months prior to meeting you--he was bitter and argumentative, starting arguments in your class, struggling to complete your assignments due to a lack of faith in his own intelligence.*

*You pulled him out of class within the first month of knowing him.*

*You told him you wouldn't let him fail...*

*You told him he was somebody...*

*Picked up for school...*

*Invited him into your HUGE HOUSE and made him family...*

*You sat front row of all his basketball games cheering the loudest when you've never attended games before...*

*Argued with him about him being a morally correct man.*

*That tall, awkward, angry kid now has international status, a career, and a program helping young kids like himself....and also produced a 3.5 gpa that same semester.*

*That kid heard you retired today and*

*I just want to say....*

*I couldn't have done any of this without you pulling me into the hallway that day.*

*I love you*

*Happy Retirement.*

*Congrats, you've made a difference in a kids life.*

*May he do half of what you've done for him.*

*Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*



Jeremy Anderson This is great! Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 12:49pm



Ayanna Williams Beautiful tesimony! Love you cuz! Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 12:56pm



Aaryon Lau Rance Williams Love you too cuz Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 12:56pm



Vinnie Lainson This is totally wonderful....for both of you and for all the people you both have and will touch in the world. Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 1:03pm



Kate Dussault Just wow! This is what it's about people! Like · Reply · 2 · May 26 at 1:09pm



Arlene Gendler Endebrook How wonderful!!! Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 1:13pm



Ayyo Angela I love her!! Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 1:20pm



Tracy Mitchell How cool is that! Beautiful...and this is why we teach! Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 1:21pm



Peg O'Dea Lippert Tears, Jane. Thank you for making a difference. Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 1:23pm



Jan Enstrom How incredibly touching. Hang onto statements like this, Jane. Let everything else go. You made a big difference in many students' lives. Be proud! Like · Reply · 2 · May 26 at 1:41pm



Jodeci Gillmore I wonder if she still drives that little ol slug bug lol Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 1:43pm



Aaryon Lau Rance Williams Yep Like · Reply · May 26 at 1:43pm



Jodeci Gillmore She hasn't changed a bit lol Like · Reply · May 26 at 1:44pm



Tiffany TiffTiff Jones 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷 Like · Reply · May 26 at 1:51pm



Lindsey Jonelle Love! Like · Reply · May 26 at 2:03pm



Towaan Deng Wow, I'm touched! May she be blessed for ever and you pass on the same blessings she shared with you. ❤️ Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 2:15pm



Paul Bryant That was beautiful...

Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 2:17pm



Nicole Tremel Juranek There's no way to read this post without crying. Jane Erdenberger, you are amazing!

Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 2:26pm



Scott Svoboda Jane, this note is what every teacher strives for (or should)...to make a positive impact that lasts a lifetime! Congrats on a career well done!

Like · Reply · 2 · May 26 at 2:32pm



James Major Wonder(ful) woman!

Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 2:45pm



Lucretia Williams Thank god for wonderful Teachers! Proud of you Aaryon Lau Rance Williams 🙌

Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 2:53pm



China Chyltown Finch This was awesome

Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 2:53pm



Paul Tosio Take a bow Jane Erdenberger

Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 3:14pm



Kate Falkowski 🙌😊🙌 Thank you for sharing this.

Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 3:26pm · Edited



Juneteenth Nebraska Aaryon brought this wonderful woman in our lives. She has been a blessing to me and my family. Thank you for all you do and have done for children and education.

Like · Reply · 3 · May 26 at 3:42pm



Pamela Douglas Awesome congrats on your retirement. Enjoy

Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 4:18pm



Cathy Nelson Jane, you are fabulous. I aspire to be like you.

Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 4:23pm



Elizabeth Eynon-Kokrda What a gift. You to him, him to you, both of you to the world.

Like · Reply · 2 · May 26 at 5:31pm



Suzi Busby TJ Well said, Aaryon Lau Rance Williams, well said. 🙌

Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 5:33pm





Christian James Tears in my eyes. Thank you for this letter to my mom. She loved being your teacher. Like · Reply · 3 · May 26 at 5:58pm



Cathy Nelson To Aaryon: I hope all of our students who have challenges find that Jane in their school who helps them find their next good place. Thanks for sharing your goodness, your story.

Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 6:50pm



Aaryon Lau Rance Williams Truth--Thank you Like · Reply · May 26 at 7:37pm · Edited



Cam Carter Definitely in the top 2 teachers I've ever had Like · Reply · 3 · May 26 at 7:51pm



Patty Farley Karthaus Love love love love love. Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 8:48pm



Nubia Piel Morena Aaryon Bird Williams you worded that so beautifully I almost cried, no bs!! That was beautiful! I'm proud of you hun. Like · Reply · 2 · May 26 at 10:11pm



Leslie Wiseman This makes me cry Like · Reply · May 26 at 10:19pm



Nancy Kube What a heartfelt tribute... Happy retirement Jane! Like · Reply · May 26 at 10:27pm



Sharon Carther Beautiful! Like · Reply · May 26 at 10:54pm



Michael Lathan Jr. White Woman Teaching Black History...Oh The Days At North High...Lol Like · Reply · 1 · May 26 at 11:15pm



Dan Hoeger So proud of you Jane! Like · Reply · 1 · May 27 at 12:39am



Neil Stoloff Funny, Janie, back in '78 when we were RAs at GW, I knew for sure you would make a big splash. I had no idea how right I was. Nice job. Like · Reply · 1 · May 27 at 4:09am



Sequoia Lynn Grayson Jane Erdenberger you are a wonderful person inside and out. Glad to see I'm not the only person who benefited from your awesomeness! Congrats on retiring! Like · Reply · 2 · May 27 at 7:57am



Brenda J. Council What a fitting tribute to my dear friend and Shero! Like · Reply · 2 · May 27 at 11:04am



Brittney Wells Honestly the best teacher i had! Congrats ms erdenberger!!! Like · Reply · 1 · May 27 at 4:02pm



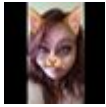
Leo Louis II ! Like · Reply · 1 · May 27 at 6:21pm

224 Shares [some of the comments made by people who shared Aaryon's post]



**Meg Garnett** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 29 at 12:23am ·

This woman is amazing. . happy retirement!



**Annie Willis** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 27 at 3:24pm ·

I never got the chance to be in this teacher's class, but her reputation preceded her for this exact reason. Congratulations on changing a life and making a positive difference in the world.



**Nena Bena** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 27 at 1:18pm ·

One of the greatest teachers at north high school!!! The best ❤️❤️❤️😊😊



**DaRion Archie** May 26 at 10:18pm ·

So nice. I love mrs. Jane Erdenberger. Happy retirement.



**Christian James** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at 6:01pm ·

This is a letter to my amazing mother from a former student. But in many ways it is a letter to all teachers who work hard and are often under appreciated (and under funded).



**Mehgan Nolan** shared Edutopia's photo. May 26 at 9:48pm ·

Especially GREAT teachers like [Jane Erdenberger](#). Congratulations on your retirement! I love you!



**Brianna McGhee** May 26 at 5:39pm ·

I don't think there's anything more amazing than when people have nothing but positive things to say about you. Some teachers leave such an impact on you that you'll never forget just because they simply cared. I still speak highly of you today. Thank you for just being all around awesome!!!!  
♡♡♡♡♡ [Jane Erdenberger](#)



**LaQue Moen-Davis** May 26 at 3:01pm ·

Yo this was awesome and even then I'm sure he couldn't even get out how great of a person [Jane Erdenberger](#) in so many words ,a wonderful woman thank you for everything you've done



**Jaylin James Jones** May 26 at 2:36pm ·

Just like this Young Man you literally change my life- the reason I'm Political Science Major with a Minor in Music... You helped me to be practical. You cursed me out. You embarrassed me. You scolded me. You pushed me. But most of all you LOVED ME! Congrats on your retirement, the dopest white lady to ever step foot into North Omaha lol thank you for being a change agent not only in our community but also in this world! Thank you for not being a teacher but an educator! I love you [Jane Erdenberger](#)!



**Cherie Connors** May 26 at 1:02pm ·

This is such a testament to [Jane Erdenberger](#). What a fantastic person! North will miss her greatly!!!! Thank you [Aaryon](#) for writing this post!



**Misty Marlenee** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at 5:18pm ·

I love showing stuff like this to the people who dawg OPS teachers because "they don't care about their students". I certainly didn't do well in her class but she was a great teacher.



**Taylor Archie** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at 4:56pm ·

Love her. ❤️



**Larves Jones** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at 4:53pm ·

One of my favorite teachers at north! Congrats 🎉🎉🎉 **Jane Erdenberger** PS: I miss those chocolate chip cookies 😊😊😊



**Melanie Henderson** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at 3:45pm · I absolutely loved Jane Erdenberger when I was at North. She and Mr Haynes are the real MVP's of that school. Anyone that can hold North down the way they did, gets all my respect.



**Nick Orris** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at 3:44pm ·

I learned a lot of things from her ethically. She stood behind what she believed in, and it was always the right thing no matter if no one else agreed. I've never seen someone put in so much time and effort to try to end racial wars and the division of people. She wanted equality for all and for all to have a fair chance at life and success no matter where their story began or what twists and turns they had been through. This story proves that 100% Happy retirement Ms.Erdenberger



**Andrew Roberts** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at 3:28pm ·

Ms Erdenberger did some great things for us. I wish my brother would've had the chance to be taught under her wing but I'm happy for her retirement nonetheless.



**Hillary Aerts DeVoss** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at

3:27pm ·

100 [Jane Erdenberger](#) and [Jann Buckley Dappen](#) are two of my greatest teaching mentors and I'll miss them dearly as they retire. They have so many stories of former students coming back and saying "you saved my life." This is a great one.



**Rishard Pelton** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at 3:01pm ·

She was my favorite



**Colin Hollis** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at 2:59pm ·

i be tryna tell yall Ms E the truth 🙌👁️



**Shaelyn Miller** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at 2:56pm ·

Aww, this is so beautiful! I loved Mrs. Erdenberger. She is one of the sweetest people I've ever met! 🙏



**Malik Myles** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at 2:53pm ·

I love Ms. Erdenberger! And her cookies. Lol



**Austin Romo** shared Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post. May 26 at 2:51pm ·

Loved having her as a teacher 😊🙌



**Scott Svoboda** shared [Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post](#). May 26 at 2:42pm ·

I've known Jane almost 43 years. Bright, beautiful and quick-witted. Received her law degree from Georgetown and became a successful lawyer in a prestigious law firm but something was missing. She secretly took night classes to earn a teaching certificate and taught for many years at Omaha North High School. Recently retired but left knowing that she made a difference. The letter below is the bonus anyone would love to receive. Congratulations, Janie.




**Lindsey Brickey** shared [Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post](#). May 26 at 2:23pm ·

Ms. E and I were never on good terms. But she's a hell of a teacher. And I know she's gonna do great things. We will miss you!



**Sade Brewer** shared [Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post](#). May 26 at 2:14pm ·

Love this 



**Don Young** shared [Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post](#). May 26 at 1:47pm ·

I am so proud of my friend Jane I want to post this to all my Facebook friends. Jane gave up her career as a highly paid ass-kicking lawyer to go teach high school Social Studies to minority students. Jane has just retired from teaching and although there were many frustrating, demoralizing and downright scary moments, there were also times of triumph like the story below.

Jane, you are our hero and we love you, and when you and Mark return to Africa with us soon we will throw a big celebration in your honor!



**Jarrell Williams** shared [Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post](#). May 26 at 1:18pm ·

I can't put it any better than my guy Bird has. Ms. Erdenberger will forever be missed at North. Knowing I can't pop in on you anymore sucks tho. More time to baked those cookies tho. [#AaayyeeeBlue](#)



**Liz Love** shared [Aaryon Lau Rance Williams's post](#). May 26 at 1:10pm ·

& this is why she will always be one of my favs!!! I took 3 of her classes (2 by choice) and I don't regret one of them!! She is phenomenal ❤️