

**Julie Woodburn Named one of
December 2010 TEACHERS of EXCELLENCE**

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ABOUT JULIE WOODBURN:

Graduate of Crown Point High School, Class of 1977.
Bachelor's degree from Indiana University Northwest in
Elementary Education. Master of Library Science degree from Indianan University,
Bloomington.

Employed by the Crown Point Community School Corporation for 22 years. She and
her husband, Don, have a daughter Alexis.

"I have been involved in greyhound rescue – the rescue of retired, racing greyhounds
– for over 15 years. Greyhounds are gentle giants that require a warm bed and lots
of love after living in a crate all their lives."



EXPERIENCE:

Media Specialist at Crown Point High School for 18 years, before transferring to Taft
Middle School. Webmaster for the Taft Web site; also serves on the Reading
Committee and is Student Council Sponsor.

WHY I AM A TEACHER:

"My dad, Al Gruber, taught at Crown Point High School until passing in 1987. He was
my inspiration to pursue a teaching degree. He enjoyed working with the students
and sharing his knowledge. I love working with the middle school students because
they are eager to learn, very creative, and fun to be around. Each day is a new
challenge as students are researching and completing assignments, navigating
through computer programs, and trying to do their best. As a teacher you always
hope that you can make a difference in a child's life; my hope is that students
develop a love of reading and learning that will last a lifetime."

*"Teachers provide a foundation for life as we know it. Without them there would be no doctors, police officers,
authors, scientists, engineers...virtually every vocation. We appreciate and acknowledge their commitment to
making our world a better place."*

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