

HAMMER: Teacher took on a variety of roles in school district

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connected to the students, sharing in the milestones of their lives, marriages, the births of their children, seeing them become amazing adults," she said. "I loved working with students who had made poor choices and we would work together to come up with alternatives. It meant a lot when I have had past students tell me 'You were tough but you were always fair.'

"Having students tell me I had an impact means the world to me," she said.

Tim Roth, who worked alongside Hammer at Sisters Middle School and is about to start his first year as principal, said, "Michele also finds a way to create great experiences for kids and is a highly skilled and effective teacher."

Roth also appreciated Hammer's straightforward manner on things that

mattered. "She will tell you the truth with no sugarcoating it, which I appreciated since she has such a wealth of experience and is a voice I needed to listen to hear."

Completing a long career that included over 30 years working with youth, Hammer is glad she wound up her professional life in Sisters.

"I can honestly say it's been such a privilege to work in the district," she said. "The staff I have had the honor to work with these years has been extraordinary. I have learned so much from them and the collaborative environment I got to be a part of. Sisters is an amazing place where the community supports its schools. If we needed something the community made it happen. Working with great administrators like Marshall Jackson, who taught me so much about leadership of a team, was just an honor."

As to what her future plans include, Hammer said, "That's a tough one. I know for certain that I will continue with my part-time job at Fika Sisters Coffeehouse because

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I love the environment there, and I love working with the public and connecting with the community there.

"I plan to spend a lot more time with my family and grandkids and am hoping to become more involved in dog rescue, which has been a passion of mine. I would love to become more involved in the community as well."

With her trailer loaded up and ready, Hammer has plans for some travel in Oregon this summer, and she is looking forward to what it will be like to be free in the fall.

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Commentary...

Saying goodbye to an amazing teacher

By **Kale Gardner**
Guest Columnist

I attended Sisters Middle School (SMS) last year and my U.S. History teacher was Michelle Hammer.

Hammer was an amazing teacher from the first day she taught me, along with hundreds and hundreds of other students she has taught. She brought joy into the classroom every day. She brought kids together each and every day she stepped foot in the classroom and was determined to make the school and local community a better place.

She had an amazing impact on my fellow students at the Sisters Middle School, always caring. Teaching us about what has happened in our nation and how our county was founded, she was truly a remarkable educator. Take it from my fellow classmate Jack Turpen, who said, "Michelle Hammer had a

great impact on a lot of kids at middle school. She cared for everyone, that's the person she was. She was never [anything] but great to every student. That's what made her so special."

My classmate Hudson Beckwith also said, "She was an amazing teacher, always helping us out on homework assignments and projects. The projects we did in class were hard at times, but were a lot better with a teacher like Michelle always helping us, and being there for us."

Hammer's impact was the reason everyone enjoyed being taught by her. She would always give students a chuckle when she would make funny jokes like, "Hey students, what did they do at the Boston Tea Party? I don't know, I wasn't invited!"

Students adored her so much. She always put a smile on all of our faces. I remember the first day of

school, I walked into her classroom and I talked to her and she really showed that she cared about what I was saying. She always put her students' needs above hers. That's the unbreakable spirit that Michelle Hammer carried with herself each and every day as an educator and great person.

We (Sisters) as a community were so blessed to have a teacher like Michelle Hammer, who was always there for her students. She truly was a once-in-a-generation leader. Michelle Hammer means hope — that no matter what we go through, how big or how small, anything is possible. With COVID-19 this past year, it was really hard, but she stuck with it and helped students every day. She gave us inspiration and that's what made her so special.

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