

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



NELSON DODSON

Class of 1965

After graduating from William Penn Senior High School, Mr. Dodson attended The School of the Art Institute of Chicago to study education. He later earned a master's degree in fine arts from the Rochester Institute of Technology. He then returned to the School District of the City of York, where he taught art for 35 years -- 33 of which he spent at William Penn. Now 71, Mr. Dodson lives in York.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE SUCCESS?

Being happy with your career and who you are as a person.

WHAT LESSONS DID YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL THAT STILL RESONATE IN YOUR LIFE?

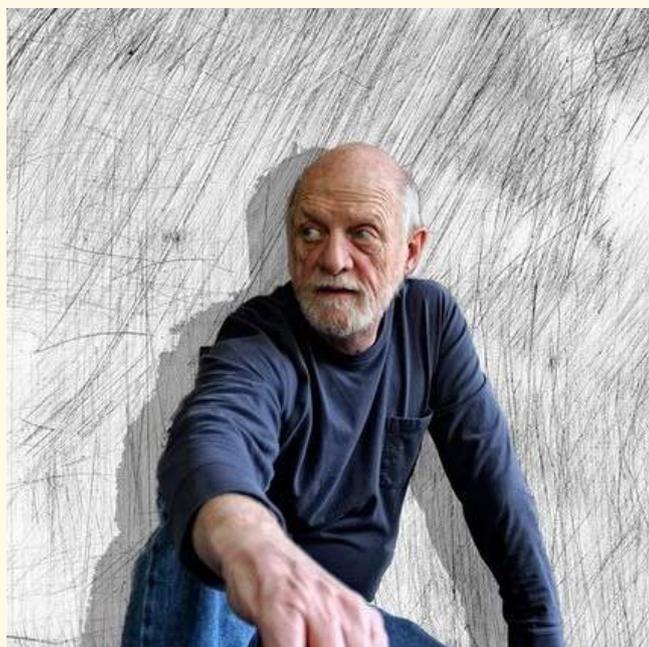
To this day, I remember teachers from elementary school through high school saying to me, "You can do this!" I continued saying the same things to my students over the years. I also learned to respect others and to be kind and fair. These have served me well.

WHO WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER, AND WHY?

Mrs. Crunick, an amazing art teacher, artist and mentor to me. I had so many teachers along the way who encouraged me to succeed. I became a teacher because of them.

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT SO FAR?

Teaching and mentoring so many talented students and having them succeed in their chosen careers. Some of my students have achieved notoriety on a national level in the field of art.



WHY ARE YOU PROUD TO BE A BEARCAT?

The school district gave me a quality education and supported me as a teacher to continue that legacy. Even today, with the challenges students have to keep on track with so many distractions, I tell everyone I talk to about York High. The education is there if you want it and work for it. I will always be a proud Bearcat.