

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: EMILY HAYES

Emily Hayes of Fond du Lac has been a full-time instructor for only two years at Moraine Park but has already made a huge impact on the students she teaches. In fact, she recently won the Outstanding New Instructor award from the Wisconsin Association for Career and Technical Education.

“So many of our students at MPTC are struggling to overcome obstacles in order to better their own lives and the lives of those they love and care for,” Hayes said. “I really enjoy forming relationships with those students and encouraging their confidence and growth over the course of the semester, or more if I’m lucky and they take more than one class with me! Being a positive part of their stories and successes is definitely the best part of my job.”



It is evident that Hayes has a passion for teaching. Not only is she a reading/writing instructor at the College, she is a Sunday school teacher at her church and teaches a group cycling class at the YMCA in Fond du Lac. Additionally, she and her husband serve as co-treasurers for the Roberts Elementary PTO, as well as serve on the parent advisory committee for the Marian Early Childhood Center.

Through Moraine Park, Hayes says she is privileged to be part of the Northeast Wisconsin Educational Resource Alliance (NEW ERA) Faculty Dialog group, which brings together representatives from the 12 NEW ERA education institutions in Northeast Wisconsin.

“This has been a great opportunity to meet and gain valuable perspectives from a diverse group of educators, as well as learn more about the economic and career contexts that impact our institutions,” said Hayes about her experience with the group.

She is also on the International Education committee for Moraine Park.

Before coming to Moraine Park, Hayes earned her bachelor’s degree from UW-Whitewater in secondary English education. After graduating, she taught English at Slinger High School and, while she was there, earned a master’s degree in English from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. After her three sons were born, she switched to teaching part-time at various colleges, including becoming an adjunct instructor at Moraine Park. When given the opportunity to be a full-time instructor at the College, she seized it.

“It provides me an opportunity to spend every day working with great people and focusing on content and skills I love.”