

Influential Women Spotlights Shay Wintz: A Beacon of Education and Wellness in Kalamazoo

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Influential Women is thrilled to announce the recognition of Shay Wintz. As a passionate educator and fitness coach with over 21 years of experience, Shay has dedicated her career to shaping the minds and lives of her students at Kalamazoo Central High School, where she currently holds the roles of Teacher and Fitness Coach. Her journey is a testament to resilience, inspiring countless individuals along the way.

Shay's story is not just one of professional achievement; it is woven with personal determination and a commitment to excellence. Overcoming challenges has fueled her drive to bring her best to the classroom each day. Her students benefit not only from her knowledge and expertise but also from her unwavering commitment to their growth—both academically and personally. Shay's approach to education extends beyond traditional boundaries, infusing her lessons with the values of health, wellness, and personal responsibility.

In her role as a fitness coach, Shay has become a lifelong advocate for health and wellness. For the past five years, she has maintained an impressive fitness routine, not missing a single workout. This dedication informs her work with clients, particularly those over 40, whom she supports in reclaiming their health through tailored strategies, workouts, supplementation guidance, and tough-love accountability. Shay combines discipline and encouragement, providing her clients with practical tools to achieve meaningful and lasting results.



Shay's professional excellence has not gone unnoticed. She has received numerous honors, including the coveted Teacher of the Year Award, and has actively contributed to education initiatives through partnerships with the Michigan Lottery and KAMSC-influencia education programs. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Shay is a staunch advocate for educators, participating as an active member of her teachers' union to champion the causes of both students and educators alike.

At the heart of Shay's success are the people and purposes that inspire her each day. Her children motivate her to strive for excellence, while her students are the driving force behind her early morning routines. Shay draws inspiration from her father, an educator who instilled in her the value of knowledge, and her mother, whose daily prayers uplift her spirit. Her sister serves as her unwavering supporter, encouraging her to keep moving forward. Shay's mission is clear: to help young people understand that their voices matter and that with hard work and belief in themselves, they can achieve their dreams.

The best career advice Shay has ever received is to be better than she was yesterday: to be honest, humble, accountable, and always willing to learn. When offering guidance to young women entering the education field, she emphasizes the importance of building genuine relationships with students. Shay encourages educators to take the time to truly know their students—their interests, strengths, and challenges. "Once you understand your students on a personal level, you can connect with them in meaningful ways and tailor your teaching to meet their individual needs. Relationships are the foundation of effective teaching; when students feel seen, valued, and understood, authentic learning follows."

Shay identifies a significant challenge in education today as helping students recognize that learning is the most powerful tool they can possess. "Once you obtain an education, it becomes something no one can ever take away from you," she explains. "My goal is to help every student understand the lifelong value of learning and the empowerment that comes with it."

Both personally and professionally, Shay holds honesty, integrity, accountability, loyalty, and unconditional love at the core of who she is. Honesty and integrity guide her decisions and ensure she leads with authenticity and fairness. Accountability keeps her grounded and responsible for her actions and commitments, while loyalty drives her dedication to her students, colleagues, and community. Above all, Shay believes in loving unconditionally—showing compassion, patience, and understanding in every interaction. These values shape how she teaches, leads, and lives each day.

Beyond her professional commitments, Shay is deeply devoted to mentoring students, guiding them to realize their potential and navigate challenges with confidence and integrity. In her spare time, she enjoys walking, lifting weights, and fostering strong, supportive relationships with those around her.

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