



## **Kayleen Browning**

Yukon Public Schools

■ **FINALIST** | **2010 Oklahoma  
Teacher of the Year**

*“Counselor, nurse, secretary, friend, mentor, encourager, parent, disciplinarian, and coach are just some of the titles a teacher holds ... I am honored to think that I have played such an amazing role in students’ lives.”*

### **Where?**

Kayleen Browning teaches 5th grade social studies, spelling and writing at Yukon Skyview Elementary.

### **How Long?**

Has been in her current position four years and has a total of 13 years experience in education with previous employment at Putnam City schools and Yakima schools in Washington state.

### **Why Education?**

Since a child, she has had a passion for history and the desire to learn more. Plus, being a “PK, short for preacher’s kid,” likely led to her being comfortable center stage and for wanting to help and be of service to others. When a congregant of her father’s once remarked that she should be a teacher, the light bulb turned on and has never been switched off.

### **Her Philosophy?**

Just as the fathers of the Declaration of Independence believed of citizens, she believes all students have certain “unalienable rights: the rights of caring, confidence and pursuit of learning.” Teachers must develop personal relationships with their students and build their pupils’ confidence. Effective teachers are creative, develop teaching strategies around student interests, and aren’t afraid of non-traditional environments.

### **Her Education?**

Bachelor of elementary education from Southern Nazarene University.

### **If Selected?**

With so many societal ills, the need for teachers to minister to hurting students with fragile or no support at home has never been more important. After-school programs, though costly, would make an impact.



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