



Fred Kiser, a 1962 graduate of Greenville High School and 1966 graduate of Thiel College has spent his life in service to youth. As a guidance counselor at Greenville High School, Fred interacted with students over thirty-seven years, helping them to make life choices and serving as their mentor. In addition, he was also a basketball, football and track coach. His basketball teams had 200 wins to include the 1976 team that made it to states. Fred had a hand in directing an entire generation of athletes with his expertise in coaching as well as his ability to relate to each individual student.

There have been many honors that Fred received to include being named the PSCA State Counselor of the year in 2019. Thiel College also recognized his achievements by giving him the Thiel Athletic Alumni Commendation. As a member of Rotary International, Fred was credited with creating the annual ROVA (Rotary Outstanding Vocational Award) that provides leadership training for students at Mercer County Career Center each year. For this he was given the Paul Harris Award that encourages and shows appreciation for contributions made by club members. One of the long standing accomplishments that is credited to Fred is the initiation of the Sophomore Retreat that just celebrated its fortieth anniversary in 2023 at GHS. Fred was one of the founding organizers of this event and has worked with the program continuously over those forty years.

Fred and his wife Bev are members of the First Presbyterian Church where he is very active. He is the President of the Kiwanis Club, volunteers at St Paul's and is on the Board of the Baughman Family Center. An avid bicyclist, Fred has been very involved in Mercer County Trails Association, served on Mercer County Children and Youth Board, was the head of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and has been very active in Greenville Heritage Days.

Because of his involvement with kids for all of his life, when asked what he is most proud of, Fred states " When I became a guidance counselor, my mission was to create a safe space, like others had done for me. I wanted kids to feel comfortable discussing any and all topics with me." As a counselor, coach and role model for kids, Fred Kiser has met his goal.

Fred and Bev share five children: Kim, Todd, Keith, Jodi, and Mindy, twenty four grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren.