

# Dr. Fran Cleland



Dr. Fran Cleland is a professor in the Department of Kinesiology at West Chester University in West Chester, PA. She has been teaching at WCU for seventeen years and is also the Assistant Chair of the Health and Physical Education Teacher Certification program. Fran also taught at the University of New Hampshire and East Stroudsburg University (PA). Prior to teaching at the college level, Fran taught K-12 health and physical education in Indiana, Virginia and Oregon. "Dr. C" has received numerous state, district and national awards. This fall, Fran will be honored by the Indiana University School of HPER (Bloomington, IN) as the 2010 William Patty Distinguished Alumni award recipient. In November she will receive the highest award

the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (PSAHPERD) gives, the 2010 Elmer B. Cottrell award. Fran also received a national AAHPERD Honor award in 2005. Dr. Cleland is a Past-President of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education and served on NASPE's former Council of Physical Education for Children (COPEC). She also served as President of the PSAHPERD and has held several offices on the NHAHPERD, PSAHPERD and EDA/AAHPERD executive boards. "Dr. C's" research has focused on implementing critical thinking in K-12 physical education and in 2003 she co-authored an elementary textbook, *Developmental Physical Education for All Children*, with her mentor, Dr. David Gallahue. Fran is married to a health and physical educator. She loves to move and her special interests are modern dance, biking, tennis, gardening, cross-country skiing, hiking and swimming.

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