

**“SUCCESS BREEDS SUCCESS. WE  
MUST HELP STUDENTS LEARN WHAT  
THEY CAN DO.”**

**“ EDUCATION IN AMERICA IS NOT  
THE PROBLEM. EDUCATION IN  
AMERICA IS THE SOLUTION.”**

**“EVERYONE HAS CULTURE.  
MULTICULTURE EDUCATION IS FOR  
ALL OF US.”**

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# NEBRASKA TEACHER of THE YEAR 2000



## John Heineman

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND THEATRE INSTRUCTOR  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR  
MULTICULTURAL EDUCATOR**

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# John Heineman

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has been teaching speech communication, theatre, and English for 16 years. Presently he is teaching at Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Nebraska but has also taught at the middle school and college levels.

Along with many local and state awards, John was selected by the National Communication Association as the Marcella E. Oberle, Outstanding Speech and Theatre Teacher of the Year, 1998.

John believes that education is the solution to all challenges. Students must be encouraged to become lifelong learners, and teachers must continue to strive for the best practice in every classroom. He feels teaching is the single most important job to shape a future of opportunity and prosperity for all people. He agrees with Christa McAuliffe when she said, "I touch the future, I teach."

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## PRESENTATIONS

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### **POSITIVE TEACHING, SOLVING PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN**

This workshop is designed for teachers about to enter the field of teaching and for beginning teachers. John will bring practical strategies for communicating with students that will break down barriers and solve many discipline problems in the K-12 classroom.

### **FIVE IMPORTANT MULTICULTURAL LESSONS FOR EVERY CLASSROOM**

This workshop uses the five concepts from the REACH Center in Seattle, Washington. Participants will learn how to incorporate multicultural concepts into every lesson and help students to think from different perspectives.

### **EXPLORING CULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM**

John uses his experience in Ghana, Africa to teach culture. This workshop will help teachers bring the world to their classroom and help their students understand their own culture.

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