

## The Class of 1986 Selects... Margaret C. Puff (Class of 1922)



A former Butler "Teacher of the Year," Puff was instrumental in the development of an expanded modern geography curriculum for the Butler Area School District. She created a high-level strategic geography course that she taught without a textbook. "I tried to show why geography, economics, and history are inseparable," Puff said.

She also wrote a senior high school geography pilot program at the request of the University of Pittsburgh Geography Department. Puff's teaching skills served Butler students for over 40 years. She taught at Center Avenue School from 1926 to 1945 and at Butler Senior High School from 1945 to 1969. She attended Slippery Rock Normal School and then received her teaching certification and a bachelor of science degree in education from Kent State College. Later studies at Pitt earned Puff a master of education degree in geography.

The 1922 class valedictorian, she attended Center Avenue Elementary School. At age 91, Puff continues to be active and pursue her hobby of studying wildlife, especially birds. She lives in Butler, her hometown.