



Sylvia (Saldana) Washburn ('68) was a public, elementary school teacher for more than 34 years. She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Toledo and has received numerous recognitions for her work in the classroom and as a mentor/facilitator for fellow educators.

One of Sylvia's most notable awards came from the Walt Disney Company. In 1989 she received the Disney Outstanding Elementary Teacher from a field of educators from across the country, and then in 1990 was selected as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year by her peers. Sylvia served as a member of Ohio Governor Ted Strickland's Institute on Creativity & Innovation for two-plus years, was an A+ for Energy Ambassador for the British Petroleum Company from 2006-2008, and received an ECHO Award from the Boys and Girls Club of Toledo. She was also an integral part of the Toledo Federation of Teachers for more than 35 years, serving as an officer and on the Board of Directors.

Sylvia cares deeply for Maumee and the surrounding community, serving on numerous boards and participating in many clubs and activities. She was a Maumee City School board member for 12 years, and also on the boards of St. Luke's Hospital and the Maumee Senior Center. Sylvia is an active member of the Maumee Rotary Club, serving on numerous committees and she has been named a Paul Harris Fellow. She is a member of The Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program and assists with educational programs and activities for local residents. Sylvia and her husband Myles live in Maumee and have two sons, Evan (MHS Class of 2005) and Alex (MHS Class of 2007), and one granddaughter, Ellise Marie.