

# CAREER TIMELINE

A timeline of Kaplan's career

**1987**  
Graduated from Mizzou with a degree in Special Education

**1987-1997**  
Taught special education in Kansas City school districts

**1997-2018**  
Stayed at home with her kids

**2018-present**  
Came back to SM East as SHARE co-coordinator

# SHERYL

SHARE Co-Coordinator, Sheryl Kaplan, serves as an influential staff member specifically to SHARE execs

# KAPLAN

## What is your role as SHARE co-coordinator?

**"I WOULD SAY** it's more of a leadership training class, and so we kind of set up situations so the the execs can take the leading role of whatever project is going on. We've taken them on field trips to different organizations to see the different programs [and] different organizations around town, so they have a better understanding of the different sides of philanthropy. It's just learning how to lead a project and how to get your friends excited about coming and what it means to help others and getting your hands dirty and doing all these different things that are so needed in the community."

## What's your favorite part of the job?

**"I JUST LOVE** connecting with the kids. I feel like we have a different relationship because we have eight students in our class, rather than 28 students in our class. And I just love kind of showing them the things that are important and then [I hope] that they'll be able to carry for carry these things forward as they go to college. It's my best day when one of my former students will text me from college."

**"I JUST HOPE** that I've made some sort of an impact on the kids that I have had throughout the years, whether they're execs or project chairs or freshmen connection execs. If you touch that many people's lives throughout the year, you hope that they can pay it forward and keep on doing good in the world, and that's all I can hope for."

# MOTHER OF SHARE

What current and past SHARE execs have to say about Kaplan's commitment to SHARE



**VIVIAN FRALEY**  
SHARE exec

**SHERYL IS SOMEONE** that I can always count on. She will help her students achieve anything that they put their minds to and is a role model to all of us.



**FRANCIE GARRISON**  
Former SHARE exec

**SHERYL HAD SUCH** a big impact on me and my time at SM East and she really showed me what authentic leadership looks like.