



2019 Candidate for the Office of President-Elect

Name: John Battista
School/Org: Adjunct Professor, Central Connecticut State University

John Battista is a retired Physical Educator whose career has spanned over 36 years. He is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University from which he holds both a B.S. in Physical Education and an M.S. in Administration and Supervision. John is currently an Adjunct Professor at CCSU and a PE Student Teacher Supervisor. He taught Physical Education in the Westbrook and Farmington CT Public Schools and in the Fitness and Wellness department at Quinnipiac University.

Mr. Battista volunteered at SHAPE America Boston 2017 and is a regular attendee at SHAPE America SPEAK Out! Day in Washington, D.C. He served as a Member-at-Large on the SHAPE America Eastern District Leadership Council, was a member of the Eastern District State Advisory Commission, and served on the Eastern District Conference Planning Committee. At the state level John is a Past-President of CTAHPERD and has held the office of CTAHPERD Vice-President for Physical Education and for Recreation. He served on the CTAHPERD Teacher of the Year Committee, the Outstanding Program Award Committee, and as CTAHPERD Conference Chairperson. He has been a presenter at both the CTAHPERD Fall Conference and the NJAHPERD Winter Conference. Mr. Battista was a BEST Cooperating Teacher, BEST Portfolio Scorer, and JRFH Coordinator. He currently serves on the CEA-R Legislative Committee. Mr. Battista is a long-standing member of SHAPE America, SHAPE America Eastern District, CTAHPERD, NEA-Retired and CEA-Retired.

During his educational career John received several awards including the CTAHPERD Professional Service Award, the Elementary Exemplary Program Award from the Connecticut Association of Schools, and the Westbrook Elementary School Award of Distinction.

Prior to pursuing higher education, John served his country in the Armed Forces. He and his wife Cathy live in Meriden and have three adult children and two grandchildren.

What leadership qualities will you bring to the Eastern District Leadership Council?

A leadership quality I will bring to the Eastern DLC is my continued passion for the goals and ideals of our profession has always guided me on the state level. I will continue to enhance the professional growth and development of our members on the district level as well. It has also provided me opportunities to advocate on local, state, and national levels on the importance of leading active, healthy lifestyles. My abilities to be a team player, to listen to others, to support our leadership, to maintain a sense of humor, and to inspire others to action will help keep our district focused on the challenging issues we face today and to help accomplish our goals and expectations together in the true spirit of collaboration. This will be key in moving our organization and profession forward.

I believe ED should be the premier organization in the Northeast for providing professional development, leadership opportunities, and educational services in the areas of health and physical education.