

# SR. CLARE DUNN POLITICAL FORUM

## Presented by Carondelet High School

### **Sr. Clare's Time in Assembly**

Sister Clare Dunn served in the Arizona State Assembly from 1975 to 1981 before being killed in an automobile accident. Focusing on civil liberties and equality became hallmarks of her tenure with national implications. Her tenacity, cleverness, and appeal resonated with many in a tumultuous 1970s culture of Civil Rights.

### **Sr. Clare's Early Political Run**

Many mocked the early political run of Sister Clare Dunn, making allusion to the character Sister Bertrille, played by actress Sally Fields *The Flying Nun*. To their chagrin, Sr. Clare Dunn's political acumen informed and changed the political landscape of American consciousness and action.

### [Sr. Clare Dunn Video](#)



### **Sister Clare Dunn, CSJ**

When Arizona inducted Sister Clare Dunn, CSJ, into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame in 2017, it recognized one of the most progressive women, if not unlikely professionals, to enter politics in the state of Arizona and the country. A nun in State Assembly is still so unimaginable.

That legacy lives on at Carondelet High School where *the Sister Clare Dunn Political Forum* will tackle Prison Reform in an engaging dialogue with four experienced leaders in the field.

- Vikrant Reddy, Senior Research Fellow at the Charles Koch Institute
- Kenly Brown,<sup>1</sup> PhD Candidate, Department of African American Studies, UC Berkeley
- Mark Drevno, *Jails to Jobs*, a nonprofit organization “dedicated to equipping previously incarcerated...with the tools and resources needed to...re-enter the workforce.”
- Danny Thongsy advocated for the passage of SB 260 and 261, a decision that resulted in his parole along with hundreds of youth sentenced to life in prison. After being paroled last year, Danny was sent to an immigration detention center and won his freedom earlier this year.

These special guest speakers bring some of the most informed and experienced thought leaders together to discuss a controversial social topic, *Prison: To Punish or to Reform*.

*The Sister Clare Dunn Political Forum* at Carondelet High School keeps political debate and civil liberties at the forefront of American thought and informs the next generation of civic leaders.

<sup>1</sup> Ms. Brown needed to step in for Dr. Nikki Jones.