

Pat Barber

President
Manatee Education Association

Pat Barber, a life-long educator, began her teaching career at Redlands Junior High in Miami, FL in 1973. After teaching for one year, Pat came to Manatee County and taught English at Palmetto High School from 1974-1988.

Pat was first elected as president of MEA in 1986. During her first term she continued to teach. She left Palmetto High in 1988 to serve as the full-time president of the Manatee Education Association. Pat continues to be a teacher on leave from the Manatee County Schools. Her areas of certification include English, reading and journalism.

She has spent many years developing relationships with administrators, Legislators and community leaders in order to advance the goals of the Manatee Education Association and public education. Her duties as MEA president include, but are not limited to, representing teachers and paraprofessionals, participating in contract negotiations, enforcing the contract, lobbying, working on campaigns of endorsed candidates and serving as the spokesperson of the teachers and paraprofessionals of Manatee County.