

TOPEKA WEST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE HALL OF FAME



Randy Kitch
Class of 1972



Randy Kitch is one of the founding members of the disability movement in Sonoma County, California. Born with cerebral palsy, Randy has used various assisted technology devices all his life. He is the Client Advocate for the North Bay Regional Center in Napa, California, and has presented at many state, national, and international conferences on Assistive Technology. Randy has been an advocate for people with disabilities for over 30 years. He gives much of the credit for his success to Topeka West's first principal, Dr. Owen Henson. Special education as we know it today did not exist when Dr. Henson agreed to enroll Randy at West in the early 70's. He was a resident of the Capper Foundation at that time, and he was hindered by severe physical challenges. Dr. Henson later wrote that Randy "was a bright, beautiful human being and our school – students, teachers, administrators, everyone – helped him to achieve, to be accepted, and to have a good life." Randy went on to graduate from Washburn University and begin a career helping others with disabling conditions make the most of their lives. We are proud to induct him into the Topeka West Graduate Hall of Fame.

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