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Association has great momentum

All School Reunion scheduled in 2020

Welcome to the second issue of the Mid-Prairie Alumni & Friends Newsletter! We are thrilled about your excitement to the start of the Mid-Prairie Alumni & Friends Association. We'd love to keep that momentum moving forward and we need your help in doing so!

First off we'd like for you to save the date for the next All School Reunion that will take place the summer of 2020 during the 4th of July weekend in Wellman. For classes planning reunions that summer, please consider incorporating your events with the entire school alumni as we celebrate Mid-Prairie's 60th Anniversary.

In this issue you'll find information about the Alumni Achievement Awards and Recognition. The Mid-Prairie Foundation has previously awarded several alumni, staff or benefactors for their roles and contributions to our school. Several recipients per year were honored and publicly recognized for their contributions, service and/or leadership. Their pictures were displayed at the high school for one year and their names are listed on a permanent plaque. To continue honoring alumni that have served and represented Mid-Prairie well, the Mid-Prairie Alumni & Friends Association will now organize the Alumni Achievement Awards & Recognition process. You'll find details about nominating our deserving alumni on pages 26 and 27.

A lot of work is happening behind the scenes of the association. The board and class representatives met recently to review the newsletter, finalize bylaws and elect officers. Officers are Whitney Patterson, president; Angie Goodwin, vice president; and Heather Trimpe, secretary. Class representatives are still needed for the following classes: 1980, 1981, 1982, 1985, 2016. Class reps are a contact for the alumni association

to ask about addresses, classmates and story ideas. At times, your name and contact info would be listed in the newsletter for classmates and alumni to get in touch with you and the class. You would be invited to attend alumni meetings or kept up to date with meeting minutes. With the help of class representatives and reunion planners, we've increased addresses from about 2,500 to 3,000. We'd love to see that number continue to grow.

We also discussed the need of your continued interaction with the newsletter to provide announcements, feature story ideas, photos and keep addresses updated. There are amazing stories out there and we depend on alumni to suggest stories with as much detail as possible. We want to give a big thank you to Becky Curtis for writing feature stories about great teachers at Mid-Prairie. Let us know if you'd like to do some writing too!

As you think ahead to planning reunions, let the alumni office know if you need some help. We can provide the addresses we have in the database and give you an information planning packet, which includes a timeline and various venues to consider. Of course we'd also put an announcement in the spring newsletter and on the website.

We want to thank those who have contributed with donations and subscription dues. We appreciate your support to produce the newsletter, website and keep our contact database updated. It was decided at the alumni meeting that dues shall be renewed July 1 of each year. This timing aligns with the school district's fiscal year.

Enjoy this issue of news and features about Mid-Prairie alumni! Contact us with questions, ideas and all of your family's updates! Email Kristi Strickland at kstrickland@mphawks.org

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Class Reunion Photos



Pictured above are, from left, Allen Motosicky, Bob Bauer, Dave Murphy, Pat Durian, Dale Lampe, James Johnson, Connie Ehrenfelt Hamilton, Tom Patterson, Julie Hartzler Zahs, Virginia Beckman Haynes, Lonnie Yoder, Mary Schaefer Goettsch, Dan Clark, Becki Yoder Miller, Sonja Boyd Triggs, Lynn Gingerich, Edie Yoder McCurdy*, Sue Kiesey Sheridan, Mary Zahs Marek, Pam Norman Green, Randy Miller, Janice Millice Grigsby, Ruth Hochstedler Kelley, Howie Pewitt, Trudy Kos Grout, Kathy Bauer Kramer, Linda Kern Sellers, Ellen Swartzendruber Kapp, Brenda Reece Miller*, Emma Swartzendruber Werner, Kathy Grout, Nancy Slemmons Stagner and Bill Stagner.

Not pictured are Wendee Beranek, Larry Cuddeback, Jerry Groff, Donna Livsey Green, Steve Mellinger, Kay Miller Langenberg, Greg Strabala, Rich Miller*, Doug Lackender* and Marietta Miller-Yoder*. (*graduated from other high schools). Teachers in attendance were Tim Grady, Jim and Jan Truelson and Gary Murphy.

Eight of the original 84 graduating seniors are deceased: Elizabeth Allensworth Lowry, David Droz, Bill Grout, Randy Jirsa, Bill Kindred, Jan Kron, Ed Schauf and Mark Schenk.

Class of 1968 celebrates 50th reunion

The Mid-Prairie Class of 1968 held their 50th class reunion Saturday, July 7, with festivities held in the Wellman Park and Kalona Brewery. Thirty-eight graduates, as well as several spouses, four former teachers and five classmates who went on to graduate from other schools attended the various events. Lunch was served by the reunion committee, with contributions by other classmates, at noon in the Wellman Park, followed by a tour of the high school with Superintendent Mark Schneider. A meal at the Kalona Brewery capped off the day.

Reunion committee members were Pam Norman Green, Dan Clark, James Johnson, Mary Zahs Marek, Julie Hartzler Zahs, Lynn Gingerich and Linda Kern Sellers.

Check out more photos online at mphawksalumni.org.



Randy Miller, Tim Grady and Jim Truelson have a good time catching up.

Top photo: Pam Norman Green, Linda Kern Sellers, Jean G. Clark and Ellen Swartzendruber Kapp chat around the table. Above: Ruth Hochstedler Kelley, Virginia Beckman Haynes, Trudy Kos Grout and Kathy Grout gather for a photo.

Class of 1969



Photos provided

The Mid-Prairie class of 1969 celebrated 49 years on Aug. 4, 2018 at the Kalona Brewing Company. The class has made the reunion an annual event on the first weekend in August.

Above: Pam Curtis Hatfield and Pam Goschke chat while looking over the menu. Top right: Sandra Grout Gingerich, Nancy Grout Nissley, Linda Grout Talcott and Tracy Janecek gather around for the evening. Bottom right: Fred Mishler, Dick Greiner and Nancy Grout Nissley enjoy catching up.



55th reunion ends abruptly

The Mid Prairie Class of 1963 had its 55th reunion on Saturday, September 1 at Hal Colliver's Farmstead, near West Chester. As everyone was enjoying an evening picnic, the skies darkened and a tornado warning was issued. They were unable to take a class photo before everyone was forced to make a hasty retreat! All twenty in attendance won't forget this one!

Class of 1973



Photo provided

The class of 1973 had a great reunion turnout. Several classmates attended a late afternoon high school tour given by Superintendent Mark Schneider. It proved to be informative and quite interesting to see the major changes since graduation day in 1973! Following the tour, the reunion moved to Kalona Brewing Company for a pizza and appetizer buffet. Everyone enjoyed visiting with each other and reminiscing about high school days. Row 1: (left to right) Glen Bontrager, Randy Miller, Barb Harvey Aldeman, Steve Snyder. Row 2: Dean Moore, Darlene Bender Gingerich, Doreen Koshatka Strabala, Steve Wright. Row 3: Kevin Kleopfer, Jeri Forinash McIntire, Jody Goodwin Miller, Sue Hoff Sampson, Carol Anderson Bontrager. Row 4: Mark Schlabaugh, Marion Hayes, Dennis Griffith, Greg Harland, Shirley Schilling Harland, Nancy Stumpf Flynn, Tom Duwa, Randy Berg, Jim Malichky, Steve Stutzman.

Class of 1978



The Mid-Prairie class of 1978 gathered together to celebrate their 40th reunion. On Friday, Oct. 5, some classmates attended the Homecoming game before joining others at Kalona Brewing Company. Saturday night the class met at Keith and Barb Schweitzer's cabin to eat and fellowship together.

Standing (left to right): Craig Kaalberg, Lisa Miller-Allen, Kelly Miller Yoder, Terry Stransky, Mike Ferguson, Ed Chabal, Lonnie Ropp, Lambert Neill, Gary Bontrager, Kevin Swartzendruber, James Erb, Doug Yoder, Bill McArtor, Donna Yoder Kasper, John Gent. *Sitting (left to right):* Deanna Bohr Meyer, Cindy Malichky, Lori Reece, Barb Gingerich Schweitzer, Judy Reed Corcoran, Lori Wehr Lettington, Diane Smith Kreiss, Vicki Flynn Erwin, Becky Stumpf Hurt, Elizabeth Reha.

Class of 1983



The class of 1983 celebrated their 35th reunion on June 30, 2018 with a social gathering at a classmate's farm. A meal was served along with lots of reminiscing and laughs. *Front row (left to right):* Bill King, Donna Wright King, Karen Vincent Kaalberg, Glenda Gent McWilliams, Dina Meyer McFarland, Jodi Teets Peer, Sandra Reed, Deana Teets Canny, Deb Bohr Vittetoe, Joan Huntsburger Schwarz, Sue Shalla Wollrab, Dennis Kron. *Back row (left to right):* Mitchell Crawford, Scott Griffith, Shawn Jones, Julie Kron Duwa, Ken Davis, Angie Greiner Friese, Don McGaffey, Gary Miller, Pat Horesowsky, Dwayne Duwa, Rick Karnes, Jeff Bohr.

Class of 1993



The class of 1993 met up on Saturday, Oct. 13 for a family potluck in Kalona. Later that evening classmate Shannon McCain and his wife Donna hosted an evening meal for classmates and spouses.

Left Photo: Front row (left to right): Ben Peck, Casey TeBockhorst Peck, Emily Oldfield-Villhauer, Charlene West Jones, Cate Chapman, Jenn Brophy Wulff. Back row: Jason Moeller, Gene Winters, Brian Peck, Jared Schneider, Shannon McCain, Adam Greiner, Carisa Driscol, Jenn Tinker Briscoe, Tim Mattes, Shane Kos.

Right photo: Front row (left to right): Emily Oldfield-Villhauer, Cate Chapman, Casey TeBockhorst Peck, Carisa Driscol. Back row: Jenn Brophy Wulff, Charlene West Jones, Jenn Tinker Briscoe

Class of 1988



Save the date!

The class of 1989 will celebrate its 30 year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019. Watch for more details in an upcoming issue of the alumni newsletter. For more information, contact Nancy Reif Roth at nancyroth2658@gmail.com

The class of 1988 began the reunion weekend with a handful of golfers playing Friday afternoon at Brown Deer Golf Course in Coralville. They met up with more classmates at Kalona Brewing Company Friday evening.

Top Photo: Back row (left to right): Diane Hochstedler Callahan, Wanda Ropp, Trent Yoder, Lori Leichy Coulter, John Wehr, Tim Miller, Jamie Boyse, Necole Chalupa Miller. Front row (left to right): Jill Miller Kinnaird, Joe Floss, Bill Miller (Necole's husband), Dee Miller (Tim Miller's wife), Tom Miller.

On Saturday morning, eight classmates played at Blue Top Ridge Golf Course in Riverside. In the evening, the class gathered at the Riverside Casino banquet room. *Back row (left to right): Trent Yoder, Tim Miller, Dallas Norman, Steve Bohr, Jason Dumont, John Wehr, Joe Floss, Jamie Boyse, Collin Stewart. Front row (left to right): Necole Chalupa Miller, Lori Leichy Coulter, Jill Miller Kinnaird, Brenda Burroughs Overholt, Wanda Ropp, Tom Miller.*

Class of 1998



Back row (left to right): Jon Hartzler, Jr Seaba, Andrew Shalla, Gabrielle Payne Frederick, Nathan Klostermann, Trent West, Sol Miller, Deanne Martin Townsend, Angela Miller Wasson.
Front row: Mindy Graper Ruiz, Betty Stockstell Hartman, Heather Hervey Trimpe, Teresa Butterbaugh Hartley, Shelli Tobin Stafford, Travis Hartley.



A floral display honored classmates who have passed away: Andrew Miller, Eric Campbell, Chris Wagamon and Lori Rich



The class of 1998 celebrated 20 years together with a weekend full of activities. On June 30th, the group gathered at the Wellman Golf Course for an afternoon of golfing followed by a catered dinner by Stone Wall Brick Oven Pizza. On Sunday, the class had a family potluck at the Wellman Park and completed the reunion with a tour of the high school.



Back Row (left to right) JR Seaba, Travis Hartley, Matt Haman, Cody Brenneman, Gabrielle Payne Frederick, Kyle Troyer, Mindy Graper Ruiz, Shawn Driscoll, Angela Miller Wasson, Shelli Tobin Stafford, Sarah Berg Shields, Melissa Hartzler Lacina, Andrew Shalla, Rachel Stoffa Stych, Tyler Hough, Deanne Martin Townsend, Zion Statler Leaton, Sol Miller, Abby Greiner Rediger, Naphtali Rediger.

Middle Row: Barbie Norman Ford, Lee Gardner, Nathan Klostermann, Heather Hervey Trimpe.

Front Row: Teresa Butterbaugh Hartley, Sarah Fischer Rutt, Lynneah Christiansen Rios, Micah Marsh.

Class of 2013



The Class of 2013 held their 5-year class reunion on August 3, 2018 at the Wellman Golf Course.

Front Row: (left to right) Hannah Ball, Tangier Miller Suddeth, Kattie Redlinger, Meghan Redlinger, and Mariah Swartzentruber.

Middle Row: Kristy Clouse, Olivia Lugar, Whitney Patterson, Kari Horesowsky, Greta Kos, Michelle Erwin, and Carolyn Frantz.

Back Row: Jonas Coblenz, Ian McDowell, Megan Sweeting, Reid Kaalberg, Mallory McArtor, and Jessi Butters.

In attendance but not pictured: Drew & Taylor Albright, Jayse Horning, Nathan Thomann, Ryan Hoffman, and David Aldeman.

Class of 2003



The class of 2003 reunited at the Kalona Park on Sept. 1 for a noon family picnic. Twenty-eight alumni attended with their families for about 70 people total. Following the picnic, 12 alumni and some family members toured the high school. The day continued with classmates and their spouses/significant others meeting at The Well, downtown Wellman, for drinks and conversation. Top: Classmates at the family picnic. *Front Row (left to right):* Chelsey Davidson Cornwell, Sarah Yoder Smith, Amber Watkinson Snider. *Second Row (left to right):* Julie Schweinfurth Swartzendruber, Justin Swartzendruber, Audrey Berg Clark, Katie Peck Detweiler, Andrea Yoder Hahn, Jenna Brenneman Grout, Hanna Schneider McDowell, Randie Fisher Frieden, Jessica Sojka Hubler. *Back row (left to right):* Alex Shalla, Rick Beckley, Cody Marek, Tyler Grout, Kyle Johnson, Seth Cornwell, Heath Frieden, Sean McCoy.

Above left: Heath Frieden, Seth Cornwell, Tyler Grout and Chelsey Davidson Cornwell enjoy evening activities. *Above right:* Jessica Sojka Hubler and Alex Shalla check out a new seating area in the high school library during the afternoon tour.

Class of 2008



The class of 2008 met up this summer at Big Grove Brewery in Iowa City to celebrate 10 years.

Pictured (left to right):

Joey Shumake (spouse of Mackenzie Kiefer Shumake), Eric Parrott, Zach Byrnes, Joe Gent, Hannah Troyer Gent, Mackenzie Kiefer Schumake, Jared Adam, Chelsea Anderson Parrott, Morgan Schneider, Colton Mast, Akeyla Choate, Jessie Kinneer, Seth Choate, Janelle Redlinger, Erik Schneider, Megan Yoder, Kayla Swartzendruber Tadlock, Tyler Cue, Brittany Glosser Blake, Kevin Schlaubaugh, Colin Tadlock, Kelsey Adam.

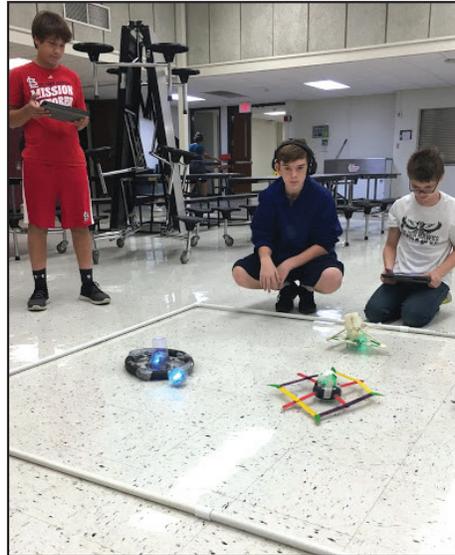
Fund creates innovative opportunities

As another school year begins, teachers at Mid-Prairie have a new resource to support their efforts. School budgets are at the mercy of inflation and funding cuts and often can't keep up with challenges – and possibilities -- of today's classrooms. Now, thanks to a growing number of alumni, teachers can apply for a Mid-Prairie Foundation grant for help.

The Fund for Academic Excellence was created to help Mid-Prairie's teachers respond to the changing needs of their students now and far into the future. It gives "innovation" grants across the curriculum – in the sciences and humanities, vocational programs, robotics, music, and more – based on need, number of students served, and benefits to students' educational achievements.

The Fund was created in 2016 by MP's Class of 1966 as part of their 50th anniversary celebration. The class raised \$66,066 to give to the Foundation with the stipulation that the money stay in the MPCSD, be focused on educational programs, and benefit the maximum number of students. After conversations with administrators and teachers, the class decided to create a "forever" fund -- an endowment that spins off annual earnings – to disperse to teachers through a competitive grants program at the beginning of each school year. "We didn't want to guess where money would be most needed five years – or 50 years -- from now," said Cheryl Miller, a member of the Class of 1966 and the steering committee overseeing the program. "We opted for an annual grants program to give teachers maximum flexibility in meeting the educational challenges of their times."

In its first two years, ten grants, totaling \$5,800, have been awarded for projects in high school and middle school classrooms. Single teachers or collaborations of teachers can apply and make their case to a committee of parents, former teachers and administrators, alumni, and student representatives. Some examples of awarded



Left photo: Warren Scarff, Zaiden Reschly and Demetrius Christensen were able to learn and practice coding of virtual robots through an FAE grant. Right: Abby Frantz is focused in algebra class while using Algebra Tiles. The tiles were purchased as a way to balance equations and make abstract concepts more understandable.



projects so far:

- A new class in financial literacy gives all juniors real-world experience in researching, making, and tracking micro-loans around the world;
- New tools in algebra classes make abstract mathematical concepts more understandable and assist in bridging the language gaps of English-learning students;
- New training materials develop both technical accuracy and expressive qualities among middle school musicians;
- Expansion of robotics and coding programs give middle schoolers enhanced experience with coding software and how these codes play out in the physical world;
- A collaborative project among high school and middle school created a model watershed enhanced with computer simulation that demonstrates how precipitation and water flows impact landscapes, people, and animals.

The Fund for Academic Excellence is structured as an endowment that spins off annual earnings to support grants to teachers and to be reinvested to grow the Fund over time. Although the grants program was initially focused on high school

To learn more about the Fund for Academic Excellence or to contribute to the endowment, visit www.mphawksalumni.org/Fund-for-Academic-Excellence or contact Jeff Swartzentruber, MP Business Manager at 646-6093.

classrooms, an effort to expand it to all teachers in the district has been quickly organized. A fundraising campaign was launched in 2017 with a \$30,000 contribution from Doug Goschke, a graduate in the Class of 1965. Other alumni – graduates of the classes of 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1974, 1994, 1998, and 2001-- have spread the word to their classmates and in the first year of the campaign, helped double the size of the initial endowment. Other gifts have come from school board members, teachers and administrators, and other friends of the school and its graduates.

The goal is to eventually raise \$300,000 to fully fund the grants program for all teachers in the district. The goal for the 2018-2019 school year is to raise an additional \$50,000 and reach the \$180,000 threshold believed necessary to expand to Mid-Prairie's two elementary schools.

From Hawks to Hawkeyes

Five alumni continue at Iowa; One at Northern Iowa

Dan Dickel '70

Parents: Don and Barbara

Siblings: Jeanine Dickel Redlinger '74, Doug Dickel '87.

Family: Married to high school sweetheart Denise Ralston Dickel '70. We have four boys and now have 5 grandchildren.

Memories:

At Mid-Prairie we never lost a game at home in football or basketball. As seniors we were undefeated in football (no playoffs then) and finished 2nd in the state in basketball. Our head coaches were Tim Grady for football and Cal Hickman for basketball.

When I started at Iowa, freshmen were ineligible. I started at Iowa as a sophomore defensive end. In my junior year I was named Iowa MVP and led the Big Ten in sacks and tackles for loss. My senior year I was one of three captains and we had the worst record in Iowa history finishing 0-11. I was drafted in the 7th round by the Baltimore Colts and played 5 years in the NFL as a linebacker and on special teams. My proudest memory was never missing a game or a practice from my sophomore year in high school clear through the end of my NFL career.

James Erb '78

Family: Married 27 years to Tina. She has worked for Rockwell Collins for the last 30 years. My daughter, Jessica, is a Washington University graduate in Occupational Therapy in St. Louis. My son, Tyler, is a senior Finance major at Iowa State and son, Trevor, is a sophomore at Cedar Rapids Washington High School. I have managed the 164 year old family 'Green Meadows' farm since 1995.

Waldorf Junior

College: Played a year and half and was inducted into the Waldorf Hall of Fame several years ago.

Iowa Football:

Played at Iowa as a middle linebacker (Linebacker Coach Barry Alvarez) for Hayden Fry, for his 2nd, 3rd and 4th seasons. Redshirted in 1980. Earned a Rose Bowl trip the next year followed by a Peach Bowl victory my final year. I went to the Atlanta Falcons camp in 1983, but left due to a knee injury.

Memories: My first game as a Hawkeye in 1981 was against Nebraska. We won that game and helped establish the Hawkeye winning tradition that continues today. I lost 13 pounds that game, but managed to have enough energy to carry Mid-Prairie alum, Rick Brenneman, off the field on my shoulders.

Junior High Football coaches: Jim Truelson, Warren Olson and Clarence Stull.

Mid Prairie High School Coaches: Dennis Harms, Phil Conaway, Jack Sell, Dave Johnston and John Strain.

Mid-Prairie has a great sports program that taught and prepared us well.

Jason Dumont '88



Photo by Kyle Sears

Mid-Prairie and Iowa Hawkeye Alumni, **Dan Dickel '70**, **James Erb '78**, current Hawkeye football player, **Levi Duwa '17**, and **Jason Dumont '88** represent Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks who continued their career at the University of Iowa. Also a Hawkeye, but not pictured is **Tanner Miller '10**.

Family: Married to Suzanne. We have four children. Daughter Shelby is a senior at Iowa State University; daughter Greyson is a freshman at Iowa; daughter Hayden is a freshman at Regina and son Gentry is a 7th grader at Regina.

I own an investment management firm with a partner I have had for 22 years and also do some land development projects around Iowa

City. I have also been the associate head coach and defensive coordinator at Regina for the last 12 years.

Memories:

I have several but two of the best are the following.

On Nov. 1, 1991 we were on a plane to Ohio State to play the Buckeyes in the Shoe. Little did we know that while we were in the air there was a mass shooting on the campus at Iowa. It killed five and gravely injured another. This was before the internet, cell phones and the like. We didn't know any of it until we got to the hotel in Columbus and turned on our TV's. Coach Fry called a team meeting to address the situation. After some initial talk about cancelling the game, the decision was made to go forward with the game and to dedicate the game to the UI community and those we lost that day. Or as Coach Fry said "the people back home." When we dressed for the game, we stripped our helmets of all the stripes and decals to honor those that were lost. Anytime you go play in the Shoe you are going to be an underdog but we won 16-9 and it wasn't that close. We dominated them in every statistical category and to this day playing in that game is one of my best memories of being a Hawk. We ended up ranked number 5 in the nation that year and runners up in the Big Ten.

The 1990 season was full of memories with wins at Michigan, and at Michigan State along with a heartbreaking last play of the game loss to Ohio State at home. But it all ended up in a Big Ten Championship and a trip to the Rose Bowl. I got to see Bob Hope, met Hugh Hefner, and had the honor of having legendary coach George Allen hang around our practices all week as he was then the head coach at Long Beach State where we practiced. Playing in the Rose Bowl was one of the best highlights any player could have.

Playing for Coach Hayden Fry was the highest honor and privilege



Photo by Bill Neibergall/The Register

A momentum changer - With Northwestern driving the ball down the field at will in a close game on Oct. 15, 2011, the Iowa bench erupted as #5 Tanner Miller returned an interception for a 98-yard touchdown and Iowa's first touchdown in the first half.

I have had in my life. He was so much more than a football coach. He taught us more about life, working hard, setting goals, and becoming the best you can become than any other person I know. When you look back at his lifetime of work, from breaking the color barrier at SMU and recruiting the first African American to the southwest conference, to turning around the Iowa program, or endearing himself and the Hawkeyes to every farmer in Iowa with the famous ANF sticker. There are few his equal, and it was the highlight of my career to take the field every day with the man I grew up idolizing. A true honor.

Iowa is a special place and there is a special bond between all of us

that have worn the black and gold. To have 5 players come from such a small community is truly special.

Tanner Miller '10

Parents: Raelynn and the late Brian Miller

Siblings: Reid Miller '14, Hannah Miller, currently a sophomore, Ciarra, 6th grade.

High school honors:

First team all-state honors as a junior and senior. He was named first team all-district as a sophomore and was District Most Valuable Player as



Tanner Miller



Photos by Jeff Yoder

Top: Levi Duwa, #67, warms up during the Hawkeyes vs. UNI Panthers game.

a junior and senior. He earned four varsity letters as defensive back and running back and helped lead the team to a 19-5 record in his final two seasons while reaching state quarter-finals as a junior and falling in the first round as a senior.

Tanner holds school records for rushing yards in a season (2,050) and career (4,100) and touchdowns in a game (six) and a season (32 as a junior).

Miller was also a four-letter winner in track as a hurdler and sprinter. As a junior, he won the state title in the 400-meter hurdles. As a senior, he took second in the 400-meter hurdles at the Drake Relays and placed sixth with teammates in the 4x800. He also earned three letters in basketball.

College:

Miller recorded 222 career tackles, which ties him for 50th on the career list. As a sophomore, he also tied the record for his 98-yard interception return for a touchdown in the win against Northwestern. Also, as a sophomore, he tied for eighth in the Big Ten with three interceptions.

As a senior, he earned the Coaches Appreciation Award for Defense and was also named honorable mention all-Big Ten by league coaches and the media.

Levi Duwa '17

Parents: Jared and Margo Duwa

Siblings: Alexis, Olivia, Lanee, Laken

High School:

As a senior, Duwa earned first-team all state honors from the Iowa Newspaper Association. As a junior, he earned second team honors. Also as a junior, he led Class 2A in sacks. He was first team all conference for three years.

Duwa earned three letters as defensive and tight end and helped his team to the state playoffs both in his junior and senior year.

He holds school records for sacks in a season (11.5) and career (19). He recorded 20 solo tackles and 19 assists with 10 tackles for loss and three sacks while playing in just five games as a senior (due to injury). He also had 13 receptions for 128 yards and two touchdowns.

As a junior, he recorded 75 tackles, including 37 solo stops and 38 assists, with 22.5 tackles for loss and 11.5 sacks. He also had 20 receptions for 359 yards and three touchdowns.



Levi Duwa

Duwa was a four-time letter winner in wrestling and track. He took second place at the state wrestling championships. He was third in the shot put at the Drake Relays and the state championships as a junior.

College: Elementary Education Major. Redshirted in 2017.

Following the 2017 season, Duwa moved from defensive line to offensive line.

Austin Errthum '14

University of Northern Iowa

Parents: Jamey and Katie Errthum, Kalona

Siblings: brother, Ryan, a junior at Purdue University studying engineering.



Austin Errthum

Family: They are great. They go to every game even if it is on the other side of the country. I wouldn't be here without them no doubt. My parents, Jamey and Katie, still live in Kalona and my brother Ryan is a junior at Purdue University studying engineering. I love to tell people about him and what he is doing because he loves it there and is so passionate about his schooling.

High School Memories:

I loved going to Mid-Prairie and I am still in contact with some close friends to this day, many of which were teammates.

I was a three time All State athlete in both football and soccer. Some highlights of football were making a 58-yard field goal during my junior year, locker room fun, and eating together at a senior's house after the game. I love the fall weather, cool dew on the grass and coming out of the locker room with the sun setting. There is nothing like Friday night lights in small town Iowa!

In soccer, going to state was a really cool experience and I learned a lot from it. I also loved our team chemistry and bus rides. We had a



Photos by Jeff Yoder

Austin Errthum, #43, is a senior place kicker at the University of Northern Iowa. Errthum has been named to the Fred Mitchell watch list. The award is given to the best kicker in FCS, Division II, Division III, and the NAIA. Below: Errthum kicks a field goal against the Hawkeyes.



ton of fun together.

In the classroom, Mrs. Jones was a huge influence both personally and academically at Mid-Prairie. She was passionate and personable, but also challenged me. Our seminar called her our second mom. Seminar was a great highlight of high school and our seminar still gets together each year around Christmas time.

College:

After high school I went to Drake to play soccer on scholarship. I started every game for the Bulldogs as a freshman and liked

soccer, but felt the urge to play football. I didn't want to regret not trying it in college. I searched around and ended up trying out for the UNI football team. It was an odd process, but I ended up making the team and started the next year. I had a lot of ups and downs that year and the following year.

This year is my final year of college football and I am also student teaching. I have my Bachelor's Degree in Biology and will be a certified secondary teacher after graduation in December.

I really don't have any good

highlights in college football like I had in high school, but I own the UNI record for most touch backs in a season and career. So far this year, I have 50% touchbacks and am 75% on field goals. I have also won the Missouri Valley Conference's top academic award for football.

Lessons Learned:

I have learned a lot about myself and others these past 4 years and really believe in God's path for me, whether it is playing sports, coaching them, or using my gifts in another way to impact people. Not a lot of people can say they started in two D1 sports and I feel I am supposed to use that and other experiences in some way.

Something I know now that I wish I realized in high school is that family is everything. We need to learn to appreciate our family because one day we will be begging for some company or someone to do our laundry.

Another lesson is to enjoy each experience, good or bad, because it helps make you who you are.

Third, it is challenging to be both confident and humble sometimes.

Fourth, your habits and mindset create your beliefs and vice versa.

Lastly and the most importantly is I have learned that there is a lot more to life than sports. Life is more about relationships than what you do. Don't get me wrong; I want to play at the next level and play until I can't walk, not just football or soccer but any sport, but my identity is not in sports, but being the best me I can be and impacting people while following God's path for myself.

An inspirational quote I like is what is on my wristband "get 1% better each day" and by that I don't mean just kicking a ball, but mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. If you gained 1% in all those areas, just think how much closer you are to reaching your full potential.

MP's Jessica Faselt wins prestigious award

From Iowa to the Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center in NYC

Coming from a small school in Iowa was an unlikely start for singing at the largest opera house in the United States, rated #1 in the U.S. and second in the world. This dream came true for



Jessica Faselt

Mid-Prairie graduate, **Jessica Faselt '10**. Jessica wants to share her love of singing with the world and now this incredible opportunity will allow her to do that.

Mid-Prairie offered her a great start to explore her new found love of singing. This first came in Junior High (Middle School) choir then onto singing with the Mid-Prairie High School chorus for four years.

Her sophomore year she was thrilled to go on the Mid-Prairie music trip to New York City. While there they visited Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Chinatown, but one of the biggest thrills for Jessica was to sing at St. Patrick's Cathedral. She remembers how beautiful the acoustics sounded. Jessica also recalls attending the Broadway show "The Little Mermaid."

Jessica greatly appreciated having the early opportunity to sing at music events such as Pops and Pie, Christmas programs, and music contests. Singing her first solo at a Mid-Prairie music program was a defining moment for her. After her performance, she received many compliments that her singing had moved people to tears. Jessica remembers that it really made a big impact on her. "It made me realize that my voice could connect with people on an emotional level," she said. She discovered that this is the power of the human voice.

Jessica participated in All State Choir and is grateful to all the hours Mid-Prairie Music teacher, Collette McClellan, put in to make sure they were prepared.

The Madrigal Dinner at Mid-Prairie was one of the most memorable singing events during her four years. "So many



people put in so many hours to put on such an amazing performance that is truly a gift to the community during the Christmas season. I felt so lucky to have been a part of a school that offered something so unique as the Madrigal," Jessica recalls.

Jessica attended the University of Iowa where she graduated with Honors and was asked to sing the National Anthem at Carver Hawkeye Arena for the graduation ceremony.

While at the University of Iowa, Jessica was introduced to opera. Learning as much as she could about the new art form she was shown the documentary, "The Audition." The documentary follows young opera singers participating in an opera contest sponsored by the Metropolitan Opera called The Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. The same path would soon become a reality for Jessica. Its goal is to look for talent in all 50 states and Canada. Opera singers send in preliminary audition tapes and resumes to hopefully get picked for one of approximately 30 auditions spots for each district which is then narrowed down from the initial 1,500 plus singers in 42 districts to approximately nine singers that sing on the stage with orchestra and Jessica made it all the

way! The singers initially bring five arias (excerpts from operas) memorized and typically in various foreign languages for the contest. On stage they sing their first choice of aria, then on the spot are asked by the judges to sing one of the other four arias.

Each district sends one or two singers to advance on to the Regional contest. There they are put through a similar process to then narrow the field to be sent to New York City to the Semi Finals. On the Metropolitan stage they again are narrowed to the finals. The Grand Finals are performed to a full house of over 4,000 opera fans, professionals and coaches accompanied by the world famous Metropolitan Orchestra. Five winners are selected for the very prestigious honor. Jessica was selected as one of the 2018 winners on the stage this year.

After undergraduate studies at Iowa, she received a full ride scholarship to the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. During her studies there she received the very prestigious Corbett Award her first year as well as two lead roles in operas. After graduating with Highest Honors she performed with many opera companies, some during the summers: The Des Moines Opera, Saint Louis Opera, and the Florida Grand Opera. She was asked to attend the Delora Zadrick conference for Dramatic voices in Reno, Nevada for two years. Jessica sang in many international competitions finishing in the top realms of each.

The biggest thrill for Jessica was to land the most coveted job in the Opera world, the Lindemann Young Artist Program. Each year the MET picks approximately four new singers from the world to receive extensive training. Jessica received the offer for the very coveted Soprano position on the spot . . . Immediately after her audition . . . one of only two offered immediately in the 38 year history.

She now lives in Manhattan singing with the Metropolitan Opera for the

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Other Alumni Pursue Music

Additional alumni have continued their passion and have pursued careers or hobbies in music in a variety of forms. We would love to know about anyone else who has gone on to use their music in "real life," whether as a teacher, performer, church choir director, accompanist, composer, or music tech (lights and sound). Send them to kstrickland@mphawks.org

► **Jane Houseal '96**, Recently earned her degree and is a Speech Language Pathologist. She is a music teacher at Elizabethtown Christian Academy in Elizabethtown, North Carolina. She gives private lessons for voice and piano and occasionally for guitar and saxophone. She's performed professionally, singing and playing the piano, for the last 20 years.

► **Collette McClellen '97**, Mid-Prairie High School Vocal Music Teacher. She has a Bachelor's in Music Education from the University of Iowa and her Master's in Education from Graceland.

► **Matt McClellen '98**, MP All Stater on bari sax and presently a professional piano tuner for West Music.

► **Carissa Stout '02**, Southeast Polk Community School District 5th Grade Band Director. She is also an accompanist for Omaha Children's Choir and plays flute in the Central Iowa Wind Ensemble. She has a Bachelor's in Music Education from the University of Northern Iowa and is finishing her Master's in Music Education from the VanderCook College of Music.

► **Amanda Rodgers Stevenson '02**, Founder and Managing Artistic Director of the Omaha Children's Choir. She teaches Middle School Choral Methods at University of Nebraska at Omaha and is a teaching artist for WeBop, an early childhood jazz program, through Omaha Performing Arts. She sings with NEXus Vocal Jazz Ensemble and the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Choir. She has a Bachelor's of Music Education from Iowa Wesleyan University and a Master's of Music with an emphasis in choral music education from Western Illinois University.

► **Luke Johnson Lovegood '03**, Iowa Western Community College Director of Vocal Music. He has a Bachelor's of Music in Vocal Music Education from Coe College and a Master's in Music Education with a choral emphasis at the VanderCook College of Music.

► **Amanda Stout '12**, teaches music and art at Iowa Christian Academy in West Des Moines and plays the Tenor Horn for the Eastern Iowa Brass Band. She also plays in Iowa Chamber Players, Central Iowa Wind Ensemble, Paradox Wind Quintet, Des Moines Community Orchestra, and DTKK Polka Band.

She has degrees in music, arts management and graphic design from the University of Iowa. She's currently working on her Master's from Drake in Art and Music Education.

► **Taylor Troyer '12**, Bachelor's in Music Vocal Performance at Iowa State University under mezzo-soprano, Mary Creswell. Taylor is currently at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh for her Master's degree in Voice/Opera Performance under internationally renowned soprano, Maria Spacagna. She will give her master's recital and graduate in May 2019.

► **Travis Ford '12**, Maquoketa Valley Director of Bands, grades 6-12.

► **Greg Gaston '76**, (son of former MPHS band director, Bob Gaston, and Kalona Elementary teacher, Marlene) – Two year MP All Stater on percussions, Greg has made music his life performing in bands, teaching privately, composing, and most recently Head of Percussion Studies at Bemidji State University. He plays in the faculty jazz group at Bemidji as well as in their electronic music group, "The Idiots." He is also in a band called "The Diamonds" who perform annually at the Mississippi Valley Fair playing favorites like "Little Darlin'" and "Silhouettes in the Shade." In his free time he is in high demand as a back up musician for recording studios.

► **John Woodin '72**, Graduated from Drake University, came "home" to MP to teach JH/HS vocal music and a few years of elementary band for 13 years. Moved

to Dubuque where he was Fine Arts Director over all music, art, and theater teachers/directors. As part of this position he occasionally filled in for district educators/staff when necessary and directed several honor bands and choirs. He was also active in the community serving on the Dubuque Symphony Board, the Arts Council, the Colts Drum and Bugle Corps chairperson, Artists in Our Schools, acted and directed in community theater, and directed three church choirs. John and his wife, Nancy, now live in Cincinnati, Ohio where they each teach 40+ private lessons at the Cincinnati School of Music.

► **Justin Adam '08**, New Hampton High School band director. He has a Bachelor's in Music Education from UNI.

► **Tami Hale Miller '71**, Bachelor's of Music Education from UNI. She taught four years at Tri-County Community Schools. While starting her piano teaching business, she subbed often for Dr. Louise Frakes at MP. She's taught piano for 30 years and currently has 15 students, four of which are grandchildren. She also enjoys contributing to the music at her church, First Baptist Church in Wellman, by singing, playing piano and teaching music to children.

► **Mike Houseal '74** and **Jim Adam '70**, Mike and Jim are cousins who formed the band "Country Cousins" with various other guys rotating in and out of the group between 1980-1994. They played for numerous community events, roadhouses, county fairs, benefits, and family celebrations. After country cousins disbanded (no pun intended!), Jim played in a group called "Cactus Moon" for a while before quitting for more family time.

► **David Zollo '87**, singer/song writer/ keyboardist who loved listening to and picking out melodies from his dad's vintage American music collection from the age of four. Although he played a little sax in elementary and junior high, Dave's first love has always been the piano. He formed the band "High and Lonesome" in 1992 and toured the country with them for a couple years, performing over 200

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next three years. She will be making her MET Debut this year in two operas. The first opera is *Il Trittico* (as a Novice in *Suor Angelica*) with famous opera singer Placido Domingo and this spring

she will sing the role of Helmwige in Wagner's very dramatic *Die Walkure*.

Jessica would like to thank all her Mid-Prairie family for following and supporting her through the years. She

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would love to host Mid-Prairie music students on their next visit to New York City to show them The Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center and to encourage them to dream big.

Math Counts! - a tribute to Dick Oyer

By Becky Curtis (with input from others)

Dick Oyer, beloved and respected math teacher at Kalona HS and Mid-Prairie Junior High from 1955-1992, was waaaaay ahead of his time! Long before any of the gifted math competitions (Math Counts, Math Whiz, Math Olympiad, Math Magic, Math League, Math Bowl, Trimathalon, etc.) existed around the country, Dick Oyer had his own ways of motivating students and convincing them that math mattered.

Math Challenges!

Dick is probably most remembered by students for his weekly math challenges. He would write a difficult math problem on the board and give extra credit to any students who were able to solve it by the end of the week. It was optional and not required, but almost all his students tried to solve it -- as much to win the approval of their revered teacher as to improve their grade! Students would claim to have forgotten lunch money, PE clothes, band instruments, or other assignments because of staying up late working on Mr. Oyer's challenge. Math did indeed matter to them! Dick humbly recalls, "My biggest surprise was when one of my extra credit problems went viral (as we would say today)! I was mentioned on CNN, appeared on the two TV stations in Cedar Rapids (Channels 2 - WMT and 9-KCRG), and heard from people all over the US and even some foreign countries! One radio station called me from California begging me for the answer, but I did not give it to them!"

Tight Ship!

Dick was often held up as an example to other staff by principal, Ray Schrepfer, as a teacher who taught "bell-to-bell" (although we didn't have bells back then!). In other words, Dick used every minute of his class time productively from beginning to end. He also had a good attitude about teaching whatever was needed. Over the years he taught English, Arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Geometry,

and Trigonometry. Fellow math colleague, Pam Nelson, relates, "I liked to go into Mr. Oyer's classroom and just watch him teach. He had total command of his classroom, and he kept his students on their toes by calling on them constantly. They had to pay attention because they knew he would call on them eventually and they'd better be ready! Mr. Oyer's explanations were absolutely clear, but questions were welcomed. All four of our daughters were lucky enough to have Mr. Oyer for math. One of them says that to this day when she is trying to solve a story-problem-type question she uses the techniques he taught them. On occasion I would sub for Mr. Oyer and that's when I really appreciated that he ran a tight ship! There was no funny business!"

Well, maybe a little funny business . . .

Dick could make and take a good joke. He loved the last day of school in the spring. But not totally for the same reasons the other staff and students did. Dick got a big kick out of writing on his chalkboard in LARGE numbers how many days it would be until school started again in the fall! As each class filed into his room on that last day of school you could expect to hear a collective groan coming through the door just minutes later!

Dick was also a good sport about being teased! His handwriting was pretty hard to read and we all kidded him that he should have been a doctor instead of a math teacher! (With his intelligence, he probably could have been a great one.)

Dapper Dresser (and other details!)

Dick was always neatly and colorfully dressed in a shirt, tie, dress pants, dress shoes, and sport jacket (if it wasn't too hot -- there was no air conditioning in the schools back then). He also knew he "was never fully dressed without a smile!" We could always count on Dick for a smile that would light up our day!



Dick's attention to detail wasn't limited to his classroom or his appearance. He was always a professional and a gentleman. He carried out any responsibility assigned to him with positivity, meticulous preparation, and follow through -- from Junior Class Sponsor to Prom Advisor, to assistant principal, to interviewing new staff, to SSRW, to NCA building team leader! He was polite, kind, and considerate. If Dick was around, you never had to open a door, carry a heavy load, or find your own chair. He frequently left thoughtful notes of appreciation, inspiration, or well wishes for colleagues. He was the first to bring in daffodils, tulips, and pussy willows in the spring for us all to enjoy! Joyce Mattes (long time MPJH secretary) was the most frequent recipient of his lovely bouquets. When we would tease her about Dick liking her best, she would kid that he was just buttering her up for deciphering his handwriting!

Others Noticed!

Through the years, others noticed Dick's professionalism and attention to detail. Many honors were bestowed upon him and he was invited to serve in many positions of leadership. The 1960 Kalona HS Yearbook ("Kalona Klatter") was dedicated to Dick, he was nominated MP Teacher of the Year by his colleagues, was awarded two National Science and Math Foundation Scholarships (to NY Columbia University and CA University of Redlands), was elected president of the MP Education Association, served on the board for the SE District of the Iowa Council of Math Teachers, was a

charter member of Friends of Kalona Public Library in 1989 and headed up the annual book sale every year until he moved to Goshen, Ind. (still contributes financially), was a charter member of the Kalona Public Library Foundation in 1999 and instrumental in building the new library which opened in 2005, and volunteered at the Kalona Food Pantry (still contributes financially)!

What/Who Brought Dick to Kalona?

Dick was drafted into the Army right out of college and served his time in Fort Carson, Colo. After he was discharged, he spent the summer of 1955 as a camp counselor at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado, praying for a math job. As luck (or Divine Providence) would have it, Dr. Orié Gingerich, a dentist and school board member from Kalona, attended RMMC for a family camp. Dick recounts, "Dr. Gingerich was looking for a math teacher and I was looking for a job — so I hopped the train to Iowa City! When I asked at the Iowa City Depot if there was a bus to Kalona, I was told no, but that the Star truck would soon be leaving. (The Star truck delivered mail to the small towns around Iowa City.) I caught a ride and remember thinking Kalona looked pretty good after going through Hills and Riverside! I got the job, thanks to the Star truck driver. That would never be allowed now!"

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Dick + Margie = Win/Win for MP

In the summer of 1957 Dick met Margie Yoder from Wooster, Ohio at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. They got engaged at The Lark in Tiffin in Feb. 1958 and married Aug. 16, 1958 in Denver, Colo. between Dick finishing summer school in Boulder and returning to Kalona for the 1958-59 school year!

Margie became the Kalona Elementary secretary and made her own valuable contributions to the district. According to former Kalona Elementary teachers Jan Truelson, Pat



Anderson, Norma Wright, Lois Gugel, Barb Brennehan, Phyllis Casper, and Kathy Shellady, Margie was every teaching staff and administrator's dream office manager! She was small in stature, but mighty in influence. She was very efficient and dependable. Her work was always done on time and correctly. She could answer any question, and her organization helped everyone do their jobs better. Margie never appeared flustered or angry, and always treated staff and students with kindness and respect. However, she was not afraid to set students straight in her calm manner if they needed it, or be firm with those who had forgotten their lunch money for the sixth day in a row! Margie had a dry sense of humor and it was sometimes hard to tell if she was teasing or serious. Lois Gugel still remembers a time when she sent the lunch count down to the office with a student, and Margie's voice came over the intercom asking, "Lois, are you the only one eating today?" Lois had forgotten to write down the number of students eating!

Speaking of lunch, Margie had her own lunch routine. After making sure the student lunch helpers were at their stations, hand punching lunch and milk tickets for 350-ish students, and returning the classroom ticket pouches to teachers' mailboxes, Margie sat down for her own lunch at her desk. Everyday she had a cup of tea, fruit, Nutella, and crackers. While eating she tuned in a small radio to NPR and listened to someone reading a book for 30 min. Without actually being told, the staff recognized that 12:30-1:00 was Margie's self-designated (and well-deserved!) lunch time and knew better than to interrupt her.

Christmas at the Oyers!

All Kalona Elementary and MPJH staff have fond memories of Christmas at the Oyers! On separate afternoons after school, a few days before Christmas break, the staff from both buildings were invited to Oyers' for delectable treats, fellowship and unbelievable décor! Every fall, shortly after school started, Dick and Margie would decide on a theme for their Christmas season and start making tree ornaments and

decorations for every corner of their house! Some themes we recall are calico, crystal, crochet, color block, angels and gingerbread! Their home was a cozy Christmas wonderland with the fireplace glowing, scents of cinnamon and cider, and warm hospitality!

Two of a Kind!

Dick and Margie were meant to be together! They loved the same things!

They both valued exercise and being trim and fit. They walked to school no matter what the weather – sun, rain, or snow – dressed appropriately wearing brimmed hats, carrying umbrellas, or bundled up in boots, heavy hooded coats, scarves and gloves.

They both loved being outside in the summer nurturing their flower and vegetable gardens in which they took great pride.

Traveling was another passion of the Oyers during the summers and in retirement. They cruised Alaska and the Caribbean, went to all 50 states except Louisiana, visited 15 foreign countries, and took countless trips to visit family and friends!

In their spare time, they volunteered and attended all sorts of lectures, concerts, and theatrical productions at HS, college, and professional levels.

Sadly, Margie passed away in April 2013 after a four-year battle with Alzheimer's and before they were able to celebrate their 55th anniversary.

Life Goes On...

Since then Dick has made the best of things without his dear soul mate. He keeps in touch with many former students, faculty, and administrators at Christmas, and spends two months in Mesa, Ariz. each winter. He's still growing vegetables and flowers, and volunteering at his church, Goshen College, his retirement facility, and Goshen MCC Thrift Store.

Humbled and Honored!

Dick feels humbled and honored to be featured in the second edition of the MP Alumni Newsletter! Sharing details of his time in Kalona has brought back many happy memories for him! Dick would love to hear from former students and staff via email! dickoyer@gmail.com

Stagner brothers stick together

As appeared in **Hawkscripts**, publication of the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy

When Bill ('73 B.S., '77 M.S., '79 Ph.D) and Bob Stagner ('79 B.S.) went off to college, they thought they had their careers all planned out. Bill was going to be a math and chemistry teacher, and Bob was going to pursue a career in electronic music. Little did they know that 20 years later, they'd both be in pharmaceutical development working just a few miles away from each other in North Carolina.

The Stagners grew up in Kalona, Iowa. Their father, Vernon Stagner ('49 B.S.), was a pharmacist, so both boys grew up doing small jobs around the drug store.

"I guess I always had pharmacy in the back of my mind," Bill said. "But nothing in my career was planned."

Bill went to Iowa Wesleyan College and completed two years as a math and chemistry major before deciding to enter the pharmacy program at The University of Iowa. After finishing his bachelor's degree in pharmacy at the UI, Bill worked for six months at Cunningham Drug in Grinnell, Iowa, before Dale Wurster, dean of the College at that time, asked Bill to come back to help expand student clinical programs at the College. Bill took the position, and eventually went on to complete a graduate degree in physical pharmacy working with Keith Guillory.

Meanwhile, Bob had decided to add another, more traditional career to his electronic music goals. With his interest in math and science, pharmacy was a natural choice. He enrolled in the UI as an undergraduate, while

his brother worked on completing his graduate degree.

"Going to college together was great," Bob said. "I would stop by his lab after class and chat or we would do lunch together. One summer we worked more closely together, as I had a National Science Foundation research grant through Drs. Guillory and Cannon, so we worked on the same floor for awhile."



Bob and Bill Stagner

Bill remembers that summer as one of the highlights of their years together at Iowa. "We had a great time," he said.

"We were able to do lots of things together. I remember going off and playing pool and just spending time together."

At times, however, the situation proved to be a little bit tricky.

"At the time, I was a TA, and I had Bob's class," Bill remembers. "We tried to arrange it so I wasn't grading Bob's work, because that was a little bit sensitive."

The brothers were able to graduate at the same time, Bob with a bachelor's degree and Bill with a Ph.D.

After graduation, Bob worked in retail pharmacy for about two years and then went on to work for Burroughs Wellcome. Bill took a position with Dow Chemical Company's health and human products division, developing drugs for human use. Bill decided to move on to the Glaxo company, where he was responsible for starting up the pharmaceuticals department. When Glaxo merged with Burroughs Wellcome, the two brothers found themselves working for the same company.

For awhile, both brothers worked in Research Triangle Park in North Carolina. Bill was general manager

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Bill Stagner earns 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented annually to individuals who have made distinguished contributions to the theory and practice of pharmacy or have demonstrated major accomplishments in a professional pharmacy practice, or in pharmaceutical research and development.



Bill Stagner

William C. Stagner is a professor emeritus in the Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. He has authored or co-authored 95 peer-reviewed abstracts and research articles, 15 book chapters, and two textbooks.

Stagner has also spent 26 years in the pharmaceutical industry with scientific and technical responsibility for 24 New Drug Applications. As senior vice president and general manager at Cardinal Health, he founded the Pharmaceuticals Division at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina (formerly Magellan Laboratories) and was responsible for the profitability of sites in the U.S. and Europe. He served as the site manager for the Somerset, New Jersey facility.

During his tenure at Glaxo Dermatology Research and Development, Stagner served as group director, responsible for discovery, product development, and regulatory affairs. Under his leadership, the unit was recognized by the Scott-Levin Survey as having the "Best US Dermatology Research and Development Program." He also established the Glaxo Pharmaceuticals Department, where he was director for nine years.



Bob Stagner and his family.

Name: Bob Stagner
Graduation Year: 1974
Children: Children: Lindsay (33) Christopher (29) Heather (27)
Grandchildren: Lydia (3) Jacob (9 wks) Jonah (9 wks)

What have you been doing since you graduated from Mid-Prairie?

I enjoyed a career in the pharmaceutical industry (and consulting) for formulation and process development of solid dosage forms for AIDS and Epilepsy, Migraine and Bi-polar diseases.

What do you do now?

I am retired. I enjoy golf, traveling, concerts, and dining. I enjoy spoiling my grand children.

What's an accomplishment you're proud of?

My accomplishments for which I take pride include graduating and being a registered pharmacist for 40 years, being an inventor of several patents, being roadie for a band, golfing many unusual golf courses, and

being a daddy and PaPa.

What did you enjoy about Mid-Prairie community?

I enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie of a small small school. I also enjoyed extracurricular activities such as sports, band, chorus, science club and thespians.

What's a favorite school memory?

Jazz Band playing at the girls state tournament. Junior/Senior Prom.

What are your future goals, hobbies or bucket list items?

My bucket list includes traveling to places I have not been before and playing golf. Also, on my list is to see my kids grow their families as well the grandkids. Live long enough to see my grandkids become young and respected adults.

Other Comments:

I am a Lifetime MP Golden Hawk and Iowa Hawkeye supporter.

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and senior vice president of Magellan Pharmaceuticals Division, a contract product development corporation. Bob worked for GlaxoSmithKline as a formulator and project leader of a team working to develop the dosage forms of new drugs for epilepsy and AIDS.

The two brothers live near each other and are able to participate in each other's lives, vacationing together, going to their children's school events and games, and attending the same church. Both brothers look back on their time at Iowa with fondness and pride.

Name: William C. Stagner
Graduation Year: 1968
Spouse: Nancy Slemmons Stagner
Wedding Date: 7/24/1971
Children: Ryan, Kelly, Justin
Grandchildren: Amelia, Ethan, Henry

What have you been doing since you graduated from Mid-Prairie?

Traveled; worked as a Pharmacist, Executive and Scientist for the Pharmaceutical Industry, Industrial Pharmacy Professor

What do you do now?

Retired

What's an accomplishment you're proud of?

Having a family who enjoys getting together. I received the 2017 University of Iowa College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni in Science Award.

What did you enjoy about Mid-Prairie and the community?

Kalona and Mid-Prairie were great places to grow up: the community modeled ethical and moral standards; teachers had a passion to mentor and educate; the majority of the students had humble beginnings and were industrious, and friendly; extracurricular activities were numerous, free, and inclusive.

What's a favorite school memory?

Graduation week. There was a heightened sense of camaraderie knowing that we would most likely never be together again.

What are your future goals, hobbies or bucket list items?

Nancy and I want to take a major bicycle trip each year and travel the world. I want to visit Africa. It will be my last continent. I also want to visit the Holy Land. Would like to visit Prince Edward Island. This will be Nancy's and my last Canadian Providence to visit.



Bill and Nancy traveling in Ghent

Other Comments:

Nancy and I have visited all 50 states and all the Canadian Providences except Prince Edward Island.

Alumni Report



Robert (Bob) Huber

North English, Iowa

Name: Robert (Bob) Huber

Graduation Year: 1967

Spouse: Kathy (Renaud) Huber

Wedding Date: 11/11/1972

Children: A daughter Erin (An elementary teacher at English Valleys) and husband Caleb Koehn of rural North English

Grandchildren: Madison Koehn (9th grade) at English Valleys

Mallory Koehn (5th grade) English Valleys

Brody Koehn (7th grade) English Valleys



1967 MP Yearbook
Senior picture

What have you been doing since you graduated from MP?

After high school I graduated from college and served an internship with Powell Funeral Home in Wellman. I received my Funeral Director's License in September 1971 and was drafted in November. I served in the US Army in Berlin, Germany, which at the time, was 110 miles inside East Germany.

I married my wife Kathy in 1972, and she joined me in Berlin for a year.

After my military service we moved to North English where I was the Funeral Director with Powell Funeral Homes. I retired in 2014.

What do you do now?

Today I enjoy attending our grandchildren's sports activities, watching them show their cattle around the state and at the County and State Fairs. Kathy and I also enjoy traveling and relaxing at our cabin on Lake Ponderosa.

What's an accomplishment you're proud of?

I guess I'm most proud of my community service. Thirty-two years on the local volunteer fire department, 18 years on the North English City Council, plus serving on many church, telephone and community boards. I obtained my private pilot license when I was 21, and I was a Emergency Medical Technician (Ambulance) for 6 years.

What did you enjoy about Mid-Prairie and the community?

I remember and enjoyed the school spirit at Mid-Prairie and how all the communities supported school activities and everyone showed pride in being a Mid-Prairie Golden Hawk.

What's a favorite school memory?

Oh, that's been a long time ago! I always had fun on the basketball and band bus trips. Band with Mr. Gaston, was one of the first classes in the morning, and always seemed to be good way to start the day. Now I enjoy our class reunions. We had our 50th last year and they get better every time.

What are your future goals, hobbies or bucket list items?

My future goal is to travel more in the United States, continue to follow and support my grandchildren, and just enjoy life (which might include more fishing time).

Other Comments:

I've enjoyed my vocation of serving families, some that I had just met, those I've known for what seems like forever and everyone in-between. It's been a good life.

I was selected to take an Honor Flight to Washington, DC in April, 2018, and my daughter accompanied me. It was a very special day for me. Something I'll never forget. Mid-Prairie prepared me well for my life, and I'm proud to be a Mid-Prairie Golden Hawk.

Golden Hawk Highlights



MP Track Teams take 1st and 2nd

It was a great track season last spring. The Mid-Prairie girls were the 2018 2A State Track Champions while the boys were Runner-Up.

Golden Hawks finish 3rd in All-Sports Award

Mid-Prairie took third place in the small school division of the Des Moines Register's 2017-18 All-Sports Standings. Point totals are awarded to state participating teams. State champions earn ten points, runners-up earn eight, third and fourth place earn six and five, etc.

The Golden Hawks finished with a score of 36 points from state place finishes. Point tallies are as follows: Boys' Cross Country 8; Girls' Cross Country 10; Boys' Track and Field 8, and Girls' Track and Field 10.

Marie Hostetler named CC All Sport Athlete of the Year

Marie Hostetler is named the 2018 Des Moines Register's Girls Cross Country All Sport Athlete of the Year. Marie, the younger sister on the left, captured the 2A Cross Country crown, producing a time of 17:51.2 that was the fastest among females across all classes. Her success helped lead the Hawks to the state title.



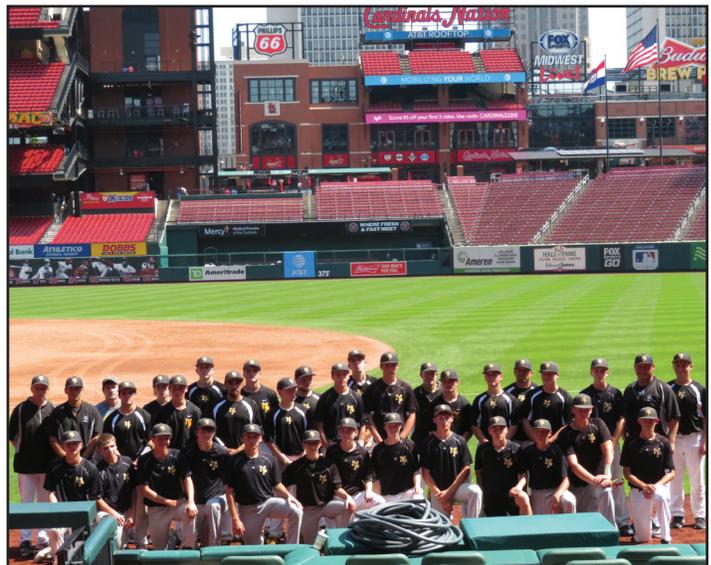
Marching Band wins awards at Wilton Festival of Bands

The Mid-Prairie Marching Band won 4th place out of 11 bands and won Outstanding Drum Major award at the Wilton Festival of Bands.



Alumni connect with current students

Alumni & Friends now have the opportunity to connect with current students in the classroom. Kurtis Broeg, Career Exploration Coordinator at MPHS has started the Virtual Guest Speaker Program in which adults connect with students virtually over FaceTime, Hangouts, Skype etc. The purpose of the program is to connect students to real world careers without the burden of travel and scheduling. We would like to have speakers from a variety of occupations. Speakers are asked to donate ten minutes of their time on their schedule. Pictured above are students listening to **Tyler Schneider '04**, Johnson County Sheriff Deputy Narcotics Investigator. Contact Kurtis at kbrog@mphawks.org for questions and to get involved.



MP Baseball team plays at Busch Stadium

Photo by Sherry Tornow

The Mid-Prairie baseball team had the opportunity to play at the St. Louis Cardinals' Busch Stadium this summer. The Hawks took on the Washington Demons on Saturday morning. Fans of both communities purchased tickets to watch their favorite high school team and return to the stadium to watch the Cubs vs. Cardinals that night.

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Births, Weddings, In Memory



Alissa Ollinger Kron '08 and **Curtis Kron '10**, Riverside, celebrated the birth of Colton John on Jan. 20, 2018.



Stephanie Beeler Sears '02 and **Kyle Sears**, Robins, IA, celebrated the birth of Sophia Nicole on Aug. 16, 2018. She joins brothers Luke, 5, and Ben, 3.



Jamie Cady '06 and **Trevor Cady '07**, Wellman, celebrated the birth of Parker Rachele on April 4, 2018. She joins Rylee, 10, Alexa, 7 and Hoyt, 4.



Sara Stevenson and **Ian McDowell '13** were married June 2, 2018 at Midnight Farm in Maquoketa, Iowa. They now reside in San Francisco, Calif. where Sara is a Signage Program Coordinator at Hines for Amazon and Ian is a software engineer on the Siri Shortcuts team at Apple.



Titeus Miller '14 and **Kyrra Wenger-Miller '14**, Washington, celebrated the birth of Cole Edward-Lon on Oct. 17, 2016.



Chelsea Anderson Parrott '08 and **Eric Parrot '08**, Kalona, celebrated the birth of Jemma Noelle on May 17, 2018. She was 5 lbs. 2 oz. and 21 in. long.



Katie Hoey and **Jeremiah Gingerich '96** were married July 22, 2018 at Celebration Farm in Iowa City. The couple resides outside of Kalona.

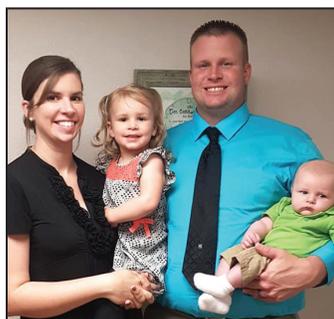


Betsy Nohavitzka and **Jason Kern '07** were married May 19, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond, Texas. They now reside in Coralville. Betsy works for the University of Iowa Athletic Department as a Retention Academic Coordinator. Jason is the Head Boys' Basketball Coach at West Branch High School, where he also coaches football and teaches.

Sarah Larsen Kos '02 and **Adam Kos '02**, Kalona, celebrated the birth of Ahvey on May 29, 2018. She joins brothers Kendrick, 8, Ryker, 6 and Callen, 3.



Travis Kern '05 and **Whitney Kern** of West Des Moines, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, born on August 30, 2018. She was welcomed home by her brothers Cameron, 4, and Quincy, almost 2.



Olivia Stutzman Kahler '07 and **Andrew Kahler**, Wellman, celebrated the birth of Hudson Noble on March 13, 2018. He was 8 lbs. 9 oz. and 20 in. long. He was welcomed home by big sister, Jocelyn Jo, who is 2.5 years old.



Jordan Duwa '09 and **Alex Tranbarger** of Sumner were married on April 28, 2018 in Richmond. The couple resides in Denver, Iowa.

Wellman Fire Department celebrates 125 years



Photo by John Butters / The Washington Journal

Front row (left to right): Jesse Gingerich '00, James Millice, Tracy Owens '84, Training Officer II, Kenny Miller, Assistant Chief I, Jim Seward '77, Assistant Chief II, Jeremy Peck '94, Chief, John Kauffman, Treasurer, Jack Seward Sr.
 Back row: Merle Bontrager, Jared Kinsinger, Shelly Gardner, Trever Owens '14, Gregg Nagel, Glen Rowe, Jeremy Miller '07, Randy Rodgers, Bob Moberly, Perry McGaffey, Matt Latcham, Tony Rios, Zach Baughman, Steve Etheridge, Members not pictured, Zach Owens '17, Rex Peck'19, Mike Kral.

Weddings



Olivia Lugar '13 and Cody Bontrager '10 were married Oct. 5, 2018 at Holy Trinity Church in Richmond.

Cody has a degree in Web Technologies from Kirkwood and is employed by Vortex Business Solutions in Iowa City, as well as freelance developments.

Olivia graduated from UNI with a Bachelor's of Accounting and Minor in Economics. She has completed her CPA exams and will begin working for RSM in November.

The couple resides in Kalona.



Brandee Bohr '09 and Jesse Kleopfer were married on Aug. 25, 2018 in Riverside. The couple resides in Riverside.

In Memory

Gary Rowe '68, died Aug. 19, 2018

Edward Miller '69, died June 26, 2018

Mike Yoder '74 died March 28, 2018

Mark Zollo '85 died July 31, 2018.

Kenneth Wade '86, died Aug. 29, 2018

Madonna Droz staff '66-88, died Sept. 2, 2018.

Music . . .

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gigs annually. Then in 1994 he had pre-cancerous tumors removed from his vocal cords. While recuperating, he established Trailer Records. Dave was off to Nashville in 1996 where he performed with Todd Snider. Finally it was back to Iowa City a few years later and has been ever since, performing with Bo Ramsey and Greg Brown in his band "Body Electric."

► **Tiffany Curtis Strande '99 and Lacey Curtis Iverson '02** (daughters of former MPMS band director Becky Curtis, and MPMS counselor, Gary)-- After being MP's first 4 and 3 year-All-Staters on violin and cello respectively, as well as being proficient on their band instruments, piano, voice, and the stage, the Curtis sisters went on to study music at Luther College in Decorah.

► **Tiffany** ended up with a music performance degree. While her sustaining paycheck comes from her pulmonary tech position at Mayo Clinic, she also plays in the Rochester, Winona, and LaCrosse Symphonies. She has played in several bands –

most recently, a band called "Almost Amish." She has played in two Linda Ronstadt Tribute concerts, and gives periodic recitals with fellow musicians at Chatfield Center for the Arts. She also "gives back" by performing benefit concerts and sharing her music at church. She enjoys composing when she has the time and/or inspiration.

► **Lacey** earned a BA in elementary music, and went on to get a Master's degree with all three levels of Orff and Kodaly at St. Thomas University. She taught elementary music for two years at Monona, Iowa (coincidentally, under Principal **Jessica Burroughs Burger '95**); four years at the American School of Dubai, UAE; one year in Annapolis, Maryland; five years at Oak Hill Montessori in Shoreview, Minnesota; and is now teaching at Academia Cotopaxi in Quito, Ecuador.

► **Jared Adam '00** (son of previously mentioned, Jim Adam) – Has played in bands since high school, most recently, "Vandello." Check out their Facebook page for upcoming gigs.

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OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER



Don Showalter '70 completed his 10th year of coaching the USA Junior National Team going 62-0 in 10 years coaching both U16 and U17 teams. He also led the teams to 10 gold medals. His teams have played internationally in Argentina, Mexico, Uruguay, Spain, Germany, Dubai and Lithuania.



Don & Vicki Showalter

Showalter works full time for USA Basketball as the Director of Coach and Player Development in Colorado Springs, where he and his wife, **Vicky Bauer Showalter '70**, live. He is in charge of running clinics for coaches around the country and setting up regional camps and clinics for youth. For the Junior National Team, he leads four training camps a year for top players in the country in each class. He's responsible for choosing coaches and picking players involved in the training camps. Conducting coaching clinics and working camps have allowed him to travel nationally and internationally to places like Israel, Moscow, Cuba, Qatar, Egypt, Hong Kong and Japan.

More than 60 players he's coached in the U16-U17 have later been drafted to the NBA. For example, Jayson Tatum, Justice Winslow, Jabari Parker, Tyus Jones, Bradley Beal, Andrea Drummond and more.



Rob and Char Gent Brenneman '79 were named Wergin Good Farm Neighbor award winners. The Brenneman family runs a swine and grain operation in Washington County.

"The Brenneman's are real leaders in animal care, environmental protection and community involvement and it is an honor to present them with the Gary Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award. It is important we recognize and highlight livestock farms like the Brenneman's who contribute so much to our state and rural communities," Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig said.

Brenneman Pork, Inc is a fully integrated, family run swine and grain farm. In addition to Rob and Char, their children **Tim '00** and Erin Brenneman, **Amy '06** and **Kyle Ihrig '04**, **Cari '09** and **Nate Strabala '05**, and **Jenna '03** and **Tyler Grout '03** are involved in their operation.

The family's focus is on raising quality pork in an efficient, humane, and environmentally responsible manner. They are also very involved in the community and regularly host visitors, including students from local elementary schools.



Kalona Volunteer Fire Department Chief **Steve Yotty '71** presents **Keith Davisson '71**, who recently retired from the department, with a plaque for 28 years of service.



While at Central College as an athletic training major, **Seth Eash '14**, had the opportunity to internship with the Green Bay Packers. Eash is currently pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at the University of Iowa.

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Aaron Stockstell '08 was Inducted into the Iowa Association of Track Coaches Hall of Fame.

Above is Stockstell as he crosses the finish line at the state meet in 2007. Stockstell was a 11-time state champion while at Mid-Prairie.

His marks include: 800m at a best time of 1:50.18. 2A state meet record: 1:51.17. 11-time state champion: 3 time champ in the 400, 3-time champ in the 800, 3-time champ in the medley, the 200 and the 4x4.

The IATC Hall of Fame showcases outstanding individuals that have given so much to Track and Field and Cross Country. Each year the IATC and the IATO induct new members into the Hall of Fame. These individuals may be coaches who have shown extraordinary achievements in coaching in Iowa high schools, athletes who had outstanding high school and college careers, and beyond, contributors to the sports and outstanding officials.

Following Mid-Prairie, Stockstell ran track at the University of Alabama in 2009 and 2010. He finished his track career at the University of Northern Iowa.

While at Alabama, he had a best of 1:49.57 in the 800 and a 48.27 in the 400. He earned All Conference honors in 2011 and 2012.

Sage Becker '15 was awarded the 2018 Goldwater Scholarship, one of the most prestigious national honors recognizing high-achievers who seek research careers in the natural sciences, mathematics and engineering.



Becker is a senior at Oklahoma State University. She is majoring in animal science with a concentration in animal biotechnology and a minor in biochemistry. She plans to pursue a doctorate in animal immunology to focus on improving animal (and potentially human) health.

Becker was selected from nearly 1,300 nominated students from 455 institutions in the U.S.



Photo by Erin Kirchoff, The Locket

Steve Berger '82 and his wife Julie's four-generation family farm were named one of four 2018 Master Farmers by the Iowa publication, Wallace's Farmer.

"It means a lot, and we're humbled by it," Steve Berger said. "Dad would be very proud."

His father, Dennis Berger, who died in 2015, received the same recognition in 1996.

Berger focuses on soil care through the use of no-till and planting cover crops. He devotes time educating other farmers too.



Caleb Runquist '16 (left side, in the back) had the honor of being a pallbearer for Senator John McCain on Sept. 2. Specialist Runquist is an infantryman stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia tasked out as a body bearer.



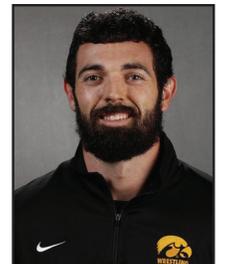
Luke Johnson Lovegood '03, continues the Mid-Prairie Madrigal Dinner tradition.



Set to debut its Inaugural Madrigal Feaste is Iowa Western Community College where Lovegood has been the Director of Vocal Music for seven years. The sold out show is scheduled Oct. 25th and 27th. Lovegood also started the Madrigal tradition at Atlantic High School in Atlantic, Iowa in 2011 where he taught for five years.

Quinn Hollan '10 is the interim strength and conditioning coach for the Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team for the 2018-19 season. Hollan most recently served as a performance analyst for the Iowa football program on Chris Doyle's strength and conditioning staff.

Following Mid-Prairie, Hollan earned his exercise science degree from UNI and his master's degree in pedagogy from Mississippi State.



Highlighting Mid-Prairie's Finest

MP Alumni & Friend's Association continues MP Foundation's achievement recognition

The Mid-Prairie Foundation has previously awarded several alumni, staff or benefactors for their roles and contributions to our school. Several recipients per year were honored and publicly recognized for their contributions, service and/or leadership. Their pictures were displayed at the high school for one year and their names are listed on a permanent plaque. To continue honoring alumni that have served and represented Mid-Prairie well, the Mid-Prairie Alumni & Friends Association will now organize the Alumni Achievement Awards & Recognition process.

The Alumni Board and class representatives have expanded the categories for recognition to feature more deserving alumni for these honors. Please consider nominating alumni for their achievements. For nominations, fill out the form on p. 27 and return to Mid-Prairie Central Office, PO Box 150 Wellman; or fill out the form online - www.mphawksalumni.org

or email to kstrickland@mphawks.org

The nominations will be reviewed by a committee of board members, class reps and teachers. The deadline to submit a nomination is February 1. The first six recipients will be selected in March and recognized in the spring alumni newsletter and at the Kalona Days parade this summer. This will alternate to Wellman during the summer of 2020. Once nominated, the individual will stay on the list for consideration each year.

Previous winners: 2009: Warren Olson, Pat Anderson, John Orr, Doug Goschke, Tim Grady, Dan Dickel, Bill Marks, Nick Peck. 2010: Boyd & Wilma Emde, Robert Gaston, Willis Miller, Donald Randol, Paul Swank. 2011: Stan & Corinne Barber, Rose Dillard Belk, Elsie Zook Blosser, Velma & Ferd Skola. 2012: Dwight & Junell Duwa, Don & Wilma Gingerich, Ken & Sue Kempf, Kenneth & Katheryn Kos.

Alumni Achievement Award Categories

➤➤ MPCSD Alumni Achievement Award

Given to alumni who have earned recognition for their achievements and attributions in their professional life.

Criteria:

- Demonstrates a high level of achievement in his/her field and makes significant contributions to that field.
- Exhibits high moral character.

➤➤ MPCSD Vocational Hall of Fame

Awarded to alumni with exceptional accomplishment in the area of vocational education while attending Mid-Prairie High School and/or have made an outstanding impact in their professional vocation.

Criteria:

- Significant contributions in a vocational area.
- Received recognition for leadership or service in their vocational area while in high school.
- Received recognition or honors in their vocational area after high school.
- Makes significant contributions and has sought out leadership in their professional vocation.

➤➤ MPCSD Community Impact Hall of Fame

Awarded to alumni who should be rewarded for their service impact on the Mid-Prairie Community.

Criteria:

- Significant service contributions either while in school and/or post-high-school to the Mid-Prairie Community.
- Service may be for any purpose.
- Service may be in a non-compensated or a compensated capacity.

Other considerations:

- Outstanding character and leadership.
- Exhibits high moral character.

➤➤ MPCSD Alumni Service Award

Given to alumni for specific and meritorious service to the MPCSD Alumni Association, or any other not-for-profit organization.

Criteria:

- Service must be for a not-for-profit organization in a non-compensated capacity.
- Exhibits high moral character.

➤➤ MPCSD Fine Arts Hall of Fame

Awarded to alumni with exceptional accomplishment in the fine arts while attending Mid-Prairie High School.

Criteria:

- Significant contributions in his/her fine arts area.
- Conference honors and /or all-state recognition, or equivalent.
- Superior ratings earned in competition.
- Major roles in theater productions, solos, etc.

Other considerations:

- Successful participation in college and/or post-college.
- Major roles in theater productions, solos, etc. after high school.
- College scholarships in the fine arts disciplines.

➤➤ MPCSD Athletic Hall of Fame

Awarded to alumni with exceptional accomplishment in athletics while attending Mid-Prairie High School.

Criteria:

- Statistical records and/or awards received.
- All-conference, all-state and/or state championships earned.

Other considerations:

- Outstanding character and leadership.
- Successful participation in college and/or professional athletics.

2018 Mid-Prairie Alumni Awards Nomination Form

Name of person I would like considered for an award(s): _____

His/Her graduation year (if known): _____

His/Her address (if known): _____

His/Her phone and email (if known): _____

Select Desired Alumni Award Category:

Achievement

Service

Community Impact

Fine Arts

Athletics

Vocational

Description of qualifications (attach additional pages as necessary):

(Note: a questionnaire will be sent to your nominee)



Name of person submitting the nomination: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

All awards will be granted based on nominations, which can be submitted by mail (Mid-Prairie Central Office PO Box 150, Wellman) or online at www.mphawksalumni.org or emailed to kstrickland@mphawks.org. Nominations will be reviewed and selected by the awards committee and approved by the Alumni & Friends Association Board.

Questions:

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