



# MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# ALUMNI NEWS



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**Ann Koppenhaver from the class of 1978 and Mount Vernon Foundation president.**

### A NEW YEAR, AND WE ARE CHANGING...

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## 2019 Alumni Events

**January 1-Dec 31** - Hey...we have changed our calendar year for donations/support/dues to January 1 through Dec 31. So, now is a great time to think about supporting one of your favorite organizations - the MV Alumni Association! See back page.

**May 1** - DON'T DELAY - NOMINATE AN ALUM YOU THINK IS DESERVING OF A SERVICE, ACHIEVEMENT, MV COMMUNITY IMPACT, FINE ARTS, OR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AWARD NOW! SEE PAGE 12.

Who can nominate? ANYONE - you do not have to be an alum to nominate.

**July 12 and 13** - Heritage Days in Mount Vernon along with alumni events & reunions

**Fall 2019 tba** - Homecoming and Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony.

More information about events in the Spring 2019 Alumni News issue.

## 2018 Alumni Hall of Fame

The Mount Vernon Community School District Alumni Association is pleased to announce the following alums were selected as 2018 Alumni Hall of Fame winners:

Fine Arts - Dewane Hughes '88

Athletic - Carol Woods-Boren '75

Service - Matthew Borg '90

Community Impact - Mike Smith '68

Achievement - Michael Bowers '87

They received their awards on Homecoming weekend, September 28, 2018.

Turn to page 4 for recipient bios and photos of this year's Hall of Fame events.

From left to right:  
Mike Smith '68,  
Michael Bowers '87,  
Carol Woods-Boren '75,  
Matthew Borg '90,  
Dewane Hughes '88





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### MV Community Events www.visitmvl.com

2019

- Antiques Extravaganza July 4
- July 11-13 Heritage Days
- Magical Night in Dec
- other events: Lincoln Hwy Arts Festival
- Chili Cookoff, and more

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## 2019 REUNIONS

### ALL-ALUMNI-COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Heritage Days Weekend 2019

-Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 Reception  
-Saturday, July 13 Breakfast

#### 2014 - 5 years - date tba

Contact: Cory Brannaman  
Phone: 319-895-8291, 319-551-6189  
Email: brannaman.cory@gmail.com  
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#### 2009 - 10 years - Heritage Days weekend 2019

Contact: Emily Ryan Stamp  
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Email: estamp@mvcsd.org  
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#### 2004 - 15 years - date tba

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Email: stoner.jonathan@gmail.com

#### 1999 - 20 years - date tba

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Email: mrs.betsybrown@gmail.com  
Contact: Michael 'Mike' Ireland  
Phone: 319-533-4086  
Email: irelandmc@gmail.com  
Contact: Jennifer Kleinsmith O'Donnell  
Phone: 319-360-1052

#### 1994 - 25 years - Heritage Days weekend 2019

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Email: amorf@acumenadvisors.com  
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Phone: 319-363-2077  
Email: ebe4zippy@msn.com

#### 1989 - 30 years - date tba

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#### 1984 - 35 years - date tba

On facebook at:  
Mt Vernon Class of 1984  
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Phone: 563-263-4695  
Email: laptopdoc@machlink.com  
Contact: Wendy Ballstaedt Wright  
Phone: 801-553-7266  
Email: wkbwright@hotmail.com

#### 1979 - 40 years - date tba

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Email: stews3@aol.com

#### 1974 - 45 years - Heritage Days weekend 2019

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#### 1969 - 50 years - Heritage Days weekend 2019

Contact: Cathy Humphries Stoner  
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#### 1964 - 55 years - Heritage Days weekend 2019

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Email: texclay@iowatelecom.net  
Phone: 319-573-4888

#### 1959 - 60 years Heritage Days weekend 2019

Sat eve July 13 - meeting room at Gwen's in Lisbon  
Contact: Richard Glatly  
Phone: 218-372-3973  
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#### 1954 - 65 years Heritage Days Breakfast

Contact: Norma Reyhons Abbott  
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Contact: Fae and Larry Edwards  
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Email: edwards5025@gmail.com

#### 1949 - 70 years Heritage Days Breakfast

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Contact: Bev Nation Behrens  
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Email: behr49@hotmail.com

#### 1944 - 75 years Heritage Days Breakfast

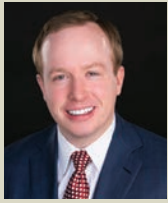
Contact: John Wolfe  
Phone: 319-895-8125

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Your class may not be having a reunion, but come on Heritage Days weekend, July 12-13, to enjoy seeing classmates, other alums, teachers, and your friends from the community.

**You are a student once, but an alum for a lifetime.**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Andrew Morf '94  
Alumni Association  
President

It is hard to believe 2018 is in the books. The Mount Vernon Alumni Association had another great year. Congratulations to this year's panel of Hall of Fame inductees. While every year I marvel at the stories, accomplishments, and talent of those inducted, I am also reminded that Mount Vernon is simply a wonderful community and incubator for raising and producing talented individuals that go out into the world and make a difference.

Thanks to all who were able to attend the Heritage Days breakfast in July. We had another great turnout and it was exciting to witness the ceremonial groundbreaking of the new Performing Art Center that was part of the \$12.8 million bond referendum approved on April 3rd of this year.

Thank you for your continued financial support of our Association. It pays for the issue you are enjoying in front of you now! Also, a big thank you to Kathy Staskal, our board, and the many volunteers that work tirelessly on this newsletter and the association events held throughout the year.

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and we will be in touch again Spring of 2019.

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# 2018 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



Community, alums, family, and high school students attended the 2018 Alumni Association Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony in the High School gym on Friday, September 28.



Hall of Fame recipients: Community Impact Hall of Fame recipient Mike Smith 1968, Achievement Hall of Fame recipient Michael Bowers 1987, Athletic Hall of Fame recipient Carol Woods-Boren 1975, Service Hall of Fame recipient Matthew Borg 1990, and Fine Arts Hall of Fame recipient Dewane Hughes 1988.

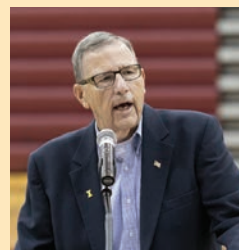


Community, alums, family, and high school students attended the 2018 Alumni Association Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony in the High School gym on Friday, September 28. Group picture of Alumni Hall of Fame winners with nominators and special guests:  
Front row from left to right, Community Impact Hall of Fame recipient Mike Smith '68, Achievement Hall of Fame recipient Michael Bowers '87, Athletic Hall of Fame recipient Carol Woods-Boren '75, Service Hall of Fame recipient Matthew Borg '90, and Fine Arts Hall of Fame recipient Dewane Hughes '88.  
Middle row from left to right, Barb Thomsen Neal '68, Foundation President Ann Koppenhaver '78, Myrt Clark Bowers '57, Lisa Capaccioli '87, Diane Zinkula '72, Linda Peters representing Richard Peters(d), Eldean Borg, Richard Scarce, Alumni Association President Andrew Morf '94, High School Student Council President Alina Merlak '19. Back row from left to right, School Board Representative Nannette Gunn, Foundation Executive Director Ben Brannaman '05, Superintendent Dr. Greg Batenhorst, Master of Ceremonies John Rife '60, Alumni Association Hall of Fame Chair Dennis Jordan '87.

Hall of Fame Events took place on Friday, September 28. The public was invited to attend the Alumni Association Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony at 9:00 am in the Mount Vernon High School Gym. Following the ceremony, a Reception was held in the High School Library. The public was also invited to attend the afternoon Homecoming Pep Rally.

Friday evening, September 28 was the President's Hall of Fame Reception, the Homecoming Game and presentation of Alumni Hall of Fame recipients during halftime at the Football Field, and the All-Alumni-Community Reception 'Tailgating Under The Tent' at the top of the bleachers. The Mustangs won over Tipton. The Alumni-Community Reception tent was open from approximately 6 pm until after the game.

In addition, student events included the Thursday evening Parade and Crowning of the Homecoming Queen and King and the Powderpuff Game, and their Saturday Homecoming Dance.



John Rife from the Class of 1960 was master of ceremony at the 2018 Hall of Fame Award event. This was John's 11th year as host.



2018



## achievement

**Achievement Award Winner Michael Bowers from the class of 1987** was nominated for this award by both his classmate Lisa Capaccioli and his mother, Myrt Clark Bowers '57 on behalf of the Bowers & Clark families. Lisa says "Michael is true humanitarian by any definition. He has dedicated most of his life to serving others in need." Myrt says "His commitment to improving the lives of the most vulnerable peoples around the world has been demonstrated throughout his career."

Michael, now a resident of the Bay Area in California, earned a BA in Art History and Political Science from the University of Iowa, and completed advanced studies in intercultural management at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, VT. During his college years, Michael spent a year abroad in Europe and interning in Washington D.C. at the U.S. Senate for Senator Tom Harkin and with the Atlantic Council, a NATO think-tank. Currently Vice President of Humanitarian Leadership and Response at Mercy Corps, Michael possesses over 20 years of international relief and development experience. Headquartered in Portland, OR, Mercy Corps operates in more than 40 countries. Michael is responsible for leading and supporting Mercy Corps' global emergency operations, enhancing their quality and accountability and ensuring that they

bring the greatest benefit to people in need.

He participates in global forums, seeking to impact and influence policy development and decision-making involving key United Nation organizations and global humanitarian partners. He has testified in hearings with the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on issues relating to famine, as well as hearings with the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on Iraq and Syria.

Prior to his current role, Michael lived and served as Mercy Corps' country director in Afghanistan, Albania, Croatia and Kyrgyzstan and Zimbabwe.

His first-hand experiences of many conflict induced crises has been recognized by leaders in the private sector, global philanthropic foundations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Rockefeller Foundation, and news outlets around the world. He has been asked to speak before United States House of Representative & Senate Foreign Relations Committees. Two of his most recent testimonies were for the Human Rights Commission Tom Lantos hearing on Yemen November 17, 2016 and March 28, 2017 House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee hearing on "East Africa's Quiet Famine." Michael has been invited to meet with White House Staff members in the Clinton, Bush,

and Obama White House regarding a number of tragedies and crisis for millions of people around the World.

Lisa says "His achievements go beyond what he has done for Mercy Corps and his career. He has brought the attention of famine, war, and refugees to world leaders and spoke for those who couldn't speak for themselves. Michael's dedication to humanitarian efforts is an inspiration to his colleagues, to his family, and to his friends. He has seen the worst this world can offer, but he has shown how compassion, dedication and true determination can make a difference."

Michael believes his work ethic, passion for helping others, willingness to take risks in un-known areas, and the ability to adapt to changing realities is due to teachers and community leaders in Mount Vernon who challenged his thinking and family who provided a strong moral, faith and values-based foundation.

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# *fine arts*



**Fine Arts winner Dewane Hughes from the Class of 1988** was nominated for this award by former high school instructor Richard Searce.

Currently a resident of Troup, Texas, Dewane is Professor of Studio Art, Studio Art Graduate Program Coordinator at the University of Tyler. He graduated from Buena Vista College in 1992 with an emphasis in sculpture, and received his MFA from Montana State University in 1996. Dewane started his career as the Sculpture Lab Technician at the University of Iowa where he built the bronze casting foundry, as well as Assistant Professor at Graceland University, and Missouri Southern State University. Dewane is also president of the Texas Sculpture Group.

His sculptures have always dealt with language. Dewane explains "Influenced heavily by the poets of the Beat Generation, as well as subsequent

linguistic scholars such as Noam Chomsky and Marshall McLuhan, I try to create a formal reality that speaks to the essence of communication. It is my contention that "art" happens in the space between the object and the viewer. It is from this perspective that I try to create sculpture that is a manifestation of the space between language, and how we perceive a message. We understand from McLuhan that the method of delivery is as important as the message that is delivered, and it is this concept that directs my many creative decisions, such as material, compositional considerations, etc. However, my creative impetus is more closely akin to the raw and visceral perspective of writers like Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Herbert Hunke, or of course Allen Ginsberg. This generation used its linguistic skill, with a drive to touch the heart of what was real to them, and created a new lexicon, a perspective of slang, that energizes my creative process."

Dewane has recently been dividing his time between fabricating large scale steel sculptures, and creating intimate psychological landscapes using found objects, painting and plastic resins. In addition to his continuous sculptural pursuits, he was also recently the curator of the "Sculpture on the Green" exhibition at the Kemp Center for the Arts, as well as the President and coordinator of the 2011 SNTX Conference at The University of Texas at Tyler. Other endeavors include several solo and group exhibitions and the creation of numerous prototypes for an "Artist Signature" series of lighting fixtures.

His work has been featured in dozens of galleries internationally. He is a sought-after instructor who has done residencies at over 20 universities, for instance one of them an International Residency for Creative People in Iceland. In addition he has been invited to judge, lecture, and enter his sculptures in juried art competitions around the world. He has been featured in many publications, including 'Top Twenty-Five International Student Sculptors,' Sculpture Magazine in 1996.

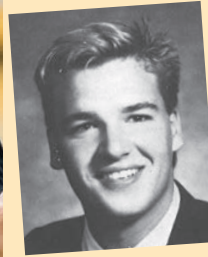
His exhibitions have been held all over the world, and he currently is on exhibit at Susan Kirchman Gallery in Johnson City, Texas, Shidoni Gallery in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Modern Dallas in Dallas, Texas.

Dewane describes himself in high school as a disinterested average student who drifted aimlessly until he took a class with Mrs. Michaud who turned him onto the Ferlinghetti book, 'Coney Island of the Mind.' Her mentorship demonstrated to Dewane that it was alright to be his creative self, and in fact, even a positive thing.

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Troup, TX 75789  
or by email at  
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# service



**Service Hall of Fame winner Matthew Borg from the class of 1990** was nominated by his father Eldean Borg.

Matthew is a graduate of Baylor University and earned his Masters in Business Administration in Cambridge, England where he currently lives. Matt served as an officer in the US Air Force, and from 1996-2001 served as Director of Media Relations and Deputy Director of Public Affairs at Altus Air Force Base and then RAF Mildenhall, England. In 2001 he joined Acteon Communication, an award-winning communication consulting firm he now co-owns and manages in Cambridge.

Since graduating from Baylor, Matt has served his communities in a variety of ways. While stationed at Altus Air Force Base, he volunteered as a mentor and tutor to local school children, formed an athletic booster club for the local high school, and started an annual 10k charity run and annual golf tournament, both raising money for local education programs. While stationed at Mildenhall, he volunteered with the local schools to tutor in mathematics and writing, and he tutored airmen studying calculus at the university on the air base.

Matt has now lived in England for more than 20 years and has served as President of the Parent-Teacher Association and served a four-year-term on the local school board. During his board term he was involved in the school's recruitment and selection of new senior leadership and replacement of the

school's catering service.

As a member of the JCs, he was named member of the year and won national awards for his communication work for the non-profit organization. Matthew was personally responsible for developing the JC marketing and publicity plan, new membership plan, and training plan for 2000. His activities with the JCs included professional leadership and management seminars, charity fund-raising activities and European exchange programs. He served on the executive council and was the monthly publication editor, earning 'Jay Cees Most Outstanding Local Publication' in the UK. As a result of the innovative work Matt did for the Cambridge Junior Chamber, he was presented the Nigel Jones Innovation Award, presented annually to the JCs member whose innovation and initiative have greatly benefited the community of Cambridge.

Matt currently volunteers at his local job center, running workshops for job-seekers, helping people who are struggling to find employment prepare for interviews. He and his family regularly host students from all over the world who come to England to learn to speak English.

Matt also serves as a lay pastor and a member of the leadership team at a new church he helped to start in Cambridge. Matt and others participate in volunteer service programs helping to clean, paint and restore living accommodation for disadvantaged local residents.

"This award gives credit to the people in Mount Vernon - teachers and community members - who have influenced student lives in so many ways," Matthew said. "As I have reflected on this, I think there are two factors that have prepared me for a life of service in my community, whether in the panhandle of Oklahoma or across the Atlantic in England. First, observing service in others and second, a sense of gratitude for the investment made in me. Growing up in Mount Vernon and in Mount Vernon Schools, I saw service lived out. From my earliest memories, I saw people volunteering all around me: on Saturday mornings at 'little kids' wrestling, on school boards, in concession stands, on scoring tables. I saw my teachers giving of their time in order to give us a broader and deeper education. I learned through the example of Mount Vernon parents and teachers that programs for children and young people don't happen without willing volunteers."

"And second, I - and many of my classmates - are inspired to serve out of gratitude for all that has been invested in us... I saw parents and teachers giving of their time so that children and young people could grow."

"Small schools and small communities are great because 'everyone can do everything.' If you want to go out for a sport or other activity and you're willing to put in the time and practice, you can. However, small schools and small communities can only offer what people - on the staff and in the community - are willing to organize and lead. At Mount Vernon, I had the opportunity to take part in many diverse activities because people gave of their time. I am very grateful."

Matthew can be reached at 10 Hurst Park Avenue, Cambridge, CB4 2AE, United Kingdom, or by email at [mkborg@mac.com](mailto:mkborg@mac.com).





**MVCSD Community Impact winner Mike Smith from the Class of 1968** was nominated for this award by classmate Barb Thomsen Neal. She says "I have known Mike my entire life. When I think of Mike I immediately think "Mr. Mount Vernon". Of the many alumni who have continued to live and work in Mount Vernon, I can think of no one more deserving of this honor."

Her application recognizes Mike's love our Mount Vernon:

Mike's roots run deep in this town. He is a 3rd generation native and the love he has for Mount Vernon is apparent in everything he has done, and will continue to do.

Mike is a recognized face on Main Street as the owner of Bauman's & Company. He remembers everyone he meets and always greets everyone with a smile and a positive comment. He welcomes to Bauman's basement, the daily gatherings of the "Coffee Club".

Mike and his wife, Val, recently completed the historical renovation of the area above Bauman's, where they now live, and have even opened their home for the annual Mount Vernon After Dark event.

Mike is an upstanding citizen and devoted husband, father, son and brother. His character is above question. Mike's love for, and dedication to, our town is palpable. He promotes the community and school in every way possible. He has Mount Vernon merchandise available in his store. He regularly puts a wooden mustang sign on his street corner to advertise athletic events and he is a frequent fan in the stands. If there was a "spirit" award, he would certainly be a contender.

Mike is the epitome of "Mr. Mount Vernon". He more than qualifies as someone who has dedicated his life to making Mount Vernon a great place to live and raise a family, always promoting the town and the schools.

Named a 'Volunteer of the Month' by the MV-Lisbon Community Development Group, they describe Mike as a valued part of the Mount Vernon-Lisbon community:

His work with helping began when he helped to start Heritage Days



many years ago, but more recently organizing 'Music on Main' and helping with the Chocolate Stroll have been noted by many. Mike has lived in the area for his entire life, and he is proud to say he is of the 3rd generation of 4 in his family to live here. Many know him from Bauman & Company in Mount Vernon. He has been associated with the store for over 44 years. He has worked there since 1969 and became the owner in the early 1990s.

When asked why he volunteers, Mike remarked that he enjoys it and got more out of it than he put in. He encourages everyone to volunteer. Not only do you meet interesting people but you can pursue your passions. In his case, his interests lie in music so he has organized and headed the 'Music on Main' events for many years.

Mike received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce in 1991, and Honorable Mention for 'Best Business of the Year' in the Main Street Iowa Program in 2010. He is a Past President of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

Mike continues to follow and support Mount Vernon high school sports. Through Bauman & Company, he contributes annually to numerous school activities and fund raisers.

The Class of 1968 held their 50th Class Reunion during Homecoming 2018, and many attended the Hall of Fame Award Ceremony to help Mike celebrate his award.

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# athletics



**Athletic Hall of Fame winner Carol Woods-Boren from the Class of 1975** was nominated for this award by both Diane Zinkula '72 and former instructor Richard Peters. Diane says "Carol was a phenomenal high school basketball player when girls finally got sports at Mount Vernon, but her years as a volleyball coach and mentor at Mount Vernon has done more for girls athletics than any other graduate."

Richard Peters explains how Carol played a major role in girls athletics at Mount Vernon:

In the early 1970s Mount Vernon did not have competitive girls interscholastic sports in fields such as softball, basketball, track, and cross country. With the passage of what we now call Title Nine of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, schools were required to adopt similar athletic programs for boys and girls. Carol was at the forefront of voices calling for a complete athletic program for girls including, the adoption of Volleyball.

Carol was the original key player in all girls' sports – the shortstop in softball, post guard in basketball, and middle hitter in Volleyball. Her first-team participation in several sports was certainly instrumental in the success of girl's athletics; she was a

pioneer for girls' sports in our school. This was a difficult position to take in 1974. With little or no administrative support, opposition from the boy's programs, insignificant community backing, and of course institutional prejudice against girls' sports, establishing a girls' sports program was difficult to say the least. But Carol had been attentive to class work and current affairs, as well as her heart, and she knew the requirements and what was right.

Perhaps her most significant contribution was her enthusiasm. She influenced dozens of young women to participate and support athletics. I know that these conditions and events are absolutely true because I was a classroom teacher at this time and the first coach of the Mount Vernon Mustang's Softball team. Carol Woods helped us break new ground and guarantee the current success of all girls' sports programs.

Carol tells of her high school athletics: "My freshman and sophomore year there were no girls sports programs offered at Mount Vernon except for girls golf. I had played on town softball teams since the 5th grade and I loved the team work, friendships and competition involved in playing sports. A movement began between

my sophomore and junior year to have a complete girls sports programs at Mount Vernon Schools. I'm sure current players cannot imagine not playing competitive school team sports for the 6 years they can now. I remember going around town asking for signatures on a petition to have girls sports at Mount Vernon. There wasn't a huge amount of support from the school but school board members were approached by parents and students who wanted this opportunity. Not everyone I asked would sign the petition. I'm not sure the petition would have gained us what we wanted, but the passage of Title Nine didn't give the school an option.

Perseverance paid off and Mount Vernon added girls sports. I was thrilled to participate in any way I could. In my junior year we played an extracurricular program of sorts, playing schools wherever we could beg, borrow or steal a playing date in basketball. We wore our gym uniforms and a vest with a number on it. My senior year we were officially in the Eastern Iowa Hawkeye conference, playing a full schedule for basketball, softball and track. Volleyball was still not an "official" conference sport and not all EIHC schools offered volleyball. We still played a busy schedule for volleyball in the fall and were one of the first schools to have a volleyball program in the State. I was the only female athlete in my class to play the four sports. We got uniforms when I was

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a senior, but we had to use the same ones for volleyball, basketball and maybe track too. Wouldn't the current athletes and coaches throw a fit about that! Some of our first coaches weren't given an option to coach us or not. Coach Shirley Ryan wasn't even paid, but volunteered, while male coaches were paid. Another unacceptable situation that wouldn't fly in today's sports scene.

Carol also says the addition of competitive sports to her school life was a confidence builder. Her confidence level rose to an all time high and suddenly school seemed easier. Some key teachers, Dick Peters, Charles Halsey and Donna Jacob, to name a few, kept telling her she could do more in the classroom, and her success in sports translated to her academics as well. Adrian Ringold, the high school principal, also encouraged her to try out for track, something she hadn't considered before he expressed his confidence in her. She says "They believed in me and I started to believe what they were telling me. I can never thank them enough for their encouraging words."

Among her honors are letters in basketball, track, volleyball and softball. In basketball she earned First Team All-Conference, unanimous choice in basketball as a guard, and was Mount Vernon's first female All-Conference player. In addition she earned Honorable Mention All-State basketball. She led the conference in total rebounds, had the school record in total rebounds and single game rebounds (20 in one game), led the team in total blocked shots and single game blocked shots (9 in one game). In track she was a member of the 4x220 relay team which was Conference and District champion and also qualified for Mount Vernon's first state track appearance. In volleyball her team won a good share of their volleyball meets. In softball, their first year, she remembers "we got absolutely pummeled in softball by perennial state champions Clear Creek Clippers, but I loved playing for Dick Peters win or lose."

Carol is currently retired (2014) after working for 33 years in the District Office at Mount Vernon Schools. She coached basketball (1981-1987) at Mount Vernon for six years with Jim Bellamy. She was an assistant coach for the first Mount Vernon Girls basketball team to reach the State tournament in 1984. Carol coached volleyball (1988-2010) with Shirley Ryan for 23 years and was an assistant coach when they were State Runner up in 2007 and 2008 and when they won State Championships in 2009 and 2010. Carol was named 'State Assistant Coach of the Year' by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association in 2010.

Carol says "I truly love Mount Vernon athletics, boys or girls but I have a special place for the girls program...watching them grow to state power-houses throughout the years. I loved representing Mount Vernon as an athlete and later as a coach. Some seasons we struggled, but working with coaches like Jim Bellamy and Shirley Ryan makes you work harder to live up to their high expectations. You learn to play for the love of the game, not always the wins and losses. I'd never thought of myself as an advocate and I'm surprised I was brave enough to go door to door to get the whole thing started as a teenager, but I had a burning desire to perform, not just be a spectator. During my years of coaching girls' sports I occasionally had to point out to administrators, athletic directors, parents and coaches the inequities between how the boys programs and girls teams were treated. I'm happy to say the issues were almost always corrected; some took more time than others - growing pains. There is always a first time for everything and it takes a long time to try and perfect a program. I hope there will always be a fire for Mustang girls' athletics, and that current athletes will respect those early struggles. Being the mother of three boys I enjoyed my years of coaching teenage girls and felt I had lots of daughters. In 2017 I started coaching volleyball again beginning with the oldest of my six granddaughters. Here we go again."

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Above pictures show Hall of Fame recipients in the Homecoming Parade. Below, Alumni Association President Andrew Morf '94 gives a toast at the President's Reception given in honor of the 2018 recipients.



## HALL OF FAME

### May 1, 2019 Deadline for Hall of Fame NOMINATIONS

– **DON'T DELAY** NOMINATE AN ALUM YOU THINK IS DESERVING OF A SERVICE, ACHIEVEMENT, FINE ARTS, COMMUNITY IMPACT OR ATHLETIC AWARD NOW!

# HALL OF FAME HISTORY

## 2008

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
 Dr. James Croft '47	 Jean Minish Stoner '37	 Gary Knutsen '65	 Marcia Russell '89

## 2009

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
 Richard Dowman '58	 Treva Moore Heiser '30	 Paul Hufford '80	 Kristin Stewart '99

## 2010

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
 Leo Beranek '31	 David Van Metre '55	 Joy Jordan '87	 Elizabeth Stoner '97

## 2011

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
 John Rife '60	 Millicent Hoggard Zenisek '47	 Randy Hoidal '61	 Mark Benesh '83

## 2012

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
 Graham Harman '86	 Dolores 'De De' Staskal Hicks '50	 John Hearn '75	 Margaret 'Maggie' Quinn Ellison '62

## 2013

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS	COMMUNITY IMPACT
 Darla Stoltz Templeton '64	 Richard McKeen '51	 Dennis Wolrab '64	 William Fringle '72	 Karen Jilovec Martin '57

## 2014

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS	COMMUNITY IMPACT
 Lindsey Borg '83	 Myrt Clark Bowers '57	 Greg Randall '82	 Paula Holcomb '72	 Ann Koppenhaver '78

## 2015

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS	COMMUNITY IMPACT
 Joan Suchome '74	 Chris Lyon '81	 Deb Winchip Douglass '86	 Alex Morf '99	 Dan Gaines '77

## 2016

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
 Reverend Minister Thomas Zinkula '75	 Carol Croft Kent '51	 Vic Wallace '61	 Richard Nelson '50

COMMUNITY IMPACT

					
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The Stompers: Bill Bauman '66, Steve Edwards '65, Brian Harman '69, Greg Harman '65, and Randy Harman '68

## 2017

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS	COMMUNITY IMPACT	
 Mark Hylbak '73	 Janet Johnston McCannon '55	 Matt Kroul '04	 John Gaston '82	 Becky Thumm Whitman '77	 Kevin Whitman '78



Upper left - at the Hall of Fame Award Ceremony  
 Bottom far left - Hostesses JoAnn Kroul Clark 1964 and Margaret Ellison Stoner 1966 at the Hall of Fame reception  
 Above - In the High School gymnasium for the Hall of Fame award ceremony  
 At left - Visit the brand new Hall of Fame display at the High School across from the composites

**MAIL BY MAY 1**

**How will we ever choose just five people out of the many deserving alums of Mount Vernon Schools? We'll let the Awards Committee sweat about that -- just get in your nominations!**

**Award winners will be announced in July and presented during Homecoming weekend, but please don't wait! We encourage you to fill out this nomination form and mail it in.**

**If you don't know all the qualifications for the person you are nominating, fill in as best as you can or work with your nominee. We will also mail a questionnaire to each nominee.**

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# ALUMNI AWARDS

All nominees must be an alumnus of Mount Vernon High School at least 28 years of age.

NOTE: If you have already submitted a nomination, you do not need to resubmit, and your nominee will be considered for an award this year.

## MVCSD Alumni Achievement Award

Given to alumni who have earned recognition for their achievements and contributions 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.

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Given to alumni for specific and meritorious service to the MVCSD 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.

## MVCSD Community Impact Hall of Fame

Awarded to alumni who should be rewarded for their service impact on the Mount Vernon Community.

Criteria:

- Significant service contributions either while in school and/or post-high-school to the Mount Vernon 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.

## MVCSD Fine Arts Hall of Fame

Awarded to alumni with exceptional accomplishment in the fine arts while attending Mount Vernon 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:

- Outstanding character and leadership.
- 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.

## MVCSD Athletic Hall of Fame

Awarded to alumni with exceptional accomplishment in athletics while attending Mount Vernon 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.

## 2019 MOUNT VERNON ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION FORM



**Name of person I would like considered for an award(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her address (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her phone (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

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- Achievement     Service     Mount Vernon Community Impact (service)     Fine Arts     Athletics

**Description of Qualifications (Attach additional pages as necessary):** (Note: a questionnaire will be sent to your nominee)

**Name of Person Submitting the Nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Send this form post marked by May 1, 2019 to: Alumni Association, 525 Palisades Rd SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314

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# Memories from Homecoming 2018..



2018 Hall of Fame recipients are introduced during half-time of the September 28 Homecoming game. From left to right, Alumni Association Hall of Fame Chair Dennis Jordan '87, Alumni Association President Andrew Morf '94, Superintendent Dr. Greg Batenhorst, Richard Scarce, Fine Arts Hall of Fame recipient Dewane Hughes '88, Achievement Hall of Fame recipient Michael Bowers '87, Service Hall of Fame recipient Matthew Borg '90, Dean Borg, Barb Thomsen Neal '68, Community Impact Hall of Fame recipient Mike Smith '68, Valerie Smith, Athletic Hall of Fame recipient Carol Woods-Boren '75, Terry Boren '77



Celebrating their 50th Reunion, the Class of 1968 has a float in the Homecoming Parade



1968 classmates meet up at the Homecoming game – Dick Bensmiller, Tom Miles, Craig Scheetz, and Bob Kolek



Alumni visit at the Homecoming game



Dewane Hughes '88 visits with Laura Peters '87 Lewis and Shawn Lewis



2016 classmates meet at Homecoming...Hunter Hormann, Joe Corcoran, Caiden Hauser (bent over cooler), Carter Rodman, and Chris Chapman



Matthew Borg '90 enjoys greeting others at the Homecoming game



Alumni Association Vice President John Pospisil '66 visits with 1968 classmates Vaughn Schweitzer and Richard Rogers



Marcia Peters '85 visits with retired MV High School teacher Richard Scarce



Left to right: Lisa Blythe, Polly Niederhauser Blythe, Donna Nederhiser Griebel, Macy Griebel, Christopher Grice, Sharon Thuerauf Grice, Barbara Lynch, Julie Russell Lynch

## FULL CIRCLE PART II

Editors Note: from the May 24, 2018 issue of the Sun, by Margaret Stevens

Is 12 years a long time? That depends a lot on your perspective. Twelve years for a 5- or 6-year-old? A very long time. For that child's mother? A blink of the eye.

That is obvious as two generations of Mount Vernon High School students met to recreate a photo that appeared in the Sun Sept. 1, 2005 (shown at right).

"Donna Nederhiser Griebel, Julie Russell Lynch, Polly Niederhauser Blythe and Sharon Thuerauf Grice attended the same kindergarten class in 1973. They remember the bus rides, school picture days and their high school graduation in 1986. Now these Mount Vernon-area residents have something else to add to their memories of going back to school in the community: the first day of school



last week when their 5-year-olds started kindergarten together at Washington Elementary," the story by Sarah Leavenworth begins.

In May of 2018, those children — Macy Griebel, Barbara Lynch, Lisa Blythe and Christopher Grice — graduated from Mount Vernon High School.

"It's hard to believe the time has passed," Polly Ann Blythe said. "It's not that long ago, but when you think about all that is taken place in the kids' life ..."

Leavenworth's story recounted memories of school days — field trips, pianos and painting shirts. They also shared the experience of taking their kids to school the first day. Polly Ann said she was counting down the day until school started for her daughter, though she did linger in the classroom when it was time to say goodbye.

"I did fine until I got out to my van. Then the tears came," Leavenworth quoted Sharon Grice saying.

At the suggestion of a reader, the Sun worked with Blythe to bring the mothers and children together again earlier this month. No one in the second generation remembered the picture.

Their mothers did. And they approached the recreation with trepidation.

"It's nice to get together, but it's hard to believe this much time has passed," Donna Griebel said.

The second generation had little to no memory of the 2005 story. Lisa said she recalls it being a little awkward because she didn't know Christopher.

Lisa is interested in the coincidence of birth that meant the four started school the same year.

"It's crazy after all these years that we're still here," she said.

"I don't think any of us thought 20 years ago we would still be living and working in the same community," Julie said.

"It's amazing because a lot of people have come back," Donna said.

"It says something about our community," Sharon added.

The 2005 story concludes with a look into the future: "Griebel recalls that when Macy came home from her first day, she told her mom that, according to the teacher, all 20 students in the class were going to be one big family. Macy told her mom that she really didn't want to have 20 kids in her family," Leavenworth wrote. "By the time she, Barbara, Christopher and Lisa have graduated from high school, Macy may have changed her mind."

She hadn't.



**You are a student once, but an alum for a lifetime.**



### ■ PHIL HEYWOOD 1973

Editors Note: excerpted and revised from the June 7, 2018 issue of the Sun, by Trent Bowman.

It's always special for Mount Vernon native Phil Heywood '73 to perform in his hometown, but his June 2018 show was even more poignant for the singer-songwriter, coinciding with his 45th high school reunion. The reunion took place Friday and Saturday, capped by Heywood's performance Saturday night at the First Street Community Center's Uptown Theatre.

Heywood said he was "kind of a hermit" by the time he graduated, and hasn't seen most of his former classmates in the years since. However, a couple dozen members of the Mount Vernon High School Class of 1973 was at the Uptown Theatre show.

Heywood, who's been based in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area since the mid-1980s, has returned numerous times to Mount Vernon and Lisbon to play shows, most recently in 2016, which was also at the Uptown Theatre. That show and his June 2018 show are both a part of the LilFest Concert Series.

Heywood's roots in the town are many, and he is far from the only member of his family in the arts. His mother, Vivian, a visual artist, still lives in Mount Vernon. She was an art professor at Cornell College for many years, where his father taught history, and eventually became dean, and "even acting president for a year."

Eric Heywood '80, Phil's brother, is also a musician. Their sister, Ann '76, worked as an art conservator for many years, and Heywood said she has since become "a very serious potter."

Early on, Heywood took an extreme

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interest in music. "I was inspired by the rock and roll thing that was bursting on the scene in the '60s," he said, crediting the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and the Byrds as major influences from this period. Heywood took guitar lessons from a Cornell student when he was 12 and 13 years old, and admitted he is pretty "set in his ways" with his guitar playing technique to this day. He said he has never had "formal training," and learns a lot of songs by ear. "We were never discouraged growing up," he said. "Mom was always pulling out art supplies for us. And we did have a piano early on, and we all tinkered with that."

"I'm sure there was some concern about how we were actually going to make ends meet. But we've always had full support from our parents."

It was when he was in the Minneapolis area that things really began picking up for Heywood. He played on National Public Radio's "A Prairie Home Companion" with famed musician Chet Atkins. In 1986, he won the National Fingerpicking Championship, and the following year he won the American Fingerstyle Guitar Festival Competition. He released his first album, "Some Summer Day," in 1990. Five more followed, with the most recent, "Rollin' On," being released in 2014.

Heywood said he would need to "weigh the financial incentive a little bit" before recording again, due to CD sales being so low. However, he revealed he is currently working on new material.

These days, Heywood works at the Shriner's Hospitals for Children in the Twin Cities, where he has worked for 11 years. He is happy with the balance he has struck between part-time work and that of a touring musician. Heywood said he is "sort of in my little comfort zone here with the way it's worked out."

To this day, though, it is still music that makes him the happiest.



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### ■ RHONDI EWING 1981




Rhondi Ewing '81 is now a volunteer for the National Archives and Records Administration, assigned to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi, California, where she educates guests and leads tours explaining about the life and legacy of President Reagan. The museum celebrates all presidents and includes a piece of the Berlin Wall, the 707 Air Force One jet used by seven presidents, an F-14 fighter jet, a Marine One helicopter, and sections about the history of the Secret Service, American Heroes (with sections of one of the Twin Towers), and much more. There are special exhibits for 6 months at a time, most recently the Titanic and Genghis Khan and now, Pompeii. Recently, she got to give a tour to alumni classmate Ron Corkin '81 and his family when they visited California. Rhondi says "be sure to include the museum on your next visit to CA!"

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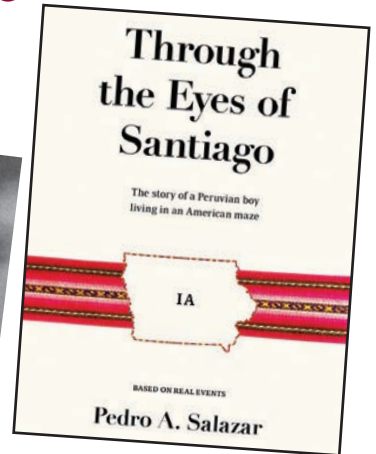
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## ■ PEDRO SALAZAR 2000



Editor's Note: Pedro wrote in to let us know that he was publishing a book he wrote about his life-changing experience as a foreign exchange student in Mount Vernon. It is called 'Through the Eyes of Santiago: The story of a Peruvian boy living in an American Maze.' His publisher, Cayma Books, says it is 'the heartwarming, entertaining, and thought-provoking story of a Peruvian high school exchange student living in the heart of the United States.'

Pedro came to Mount Vernon in January 2000 from Arequipa, Peru, after he decided to spend a year as a Rotary high school exchange student in the United States. He stayed until January 2001, so he was able to be a part of two senior classes. He did not expect that his time in Iowa would change the course of his life forever. After growing up surrounded by concrete structures in Arequipa, the second-largest city in Peru, he moved to Mount Vernon. To him a small Iowa town surrounded by cornfields. During his year at Mount Vernon High School, he adapted to a new world, learned a new language, and made lifelong friendships. Most importantly, he says his year in the United States opened his eyes to a new world of possibilities.

Four years later, his brother, Diego, embarked on a similar trip to Fort Dodge, Iowa. Diego's time in the Midwest also made a significant impact on his life. They say the Rotary International Youth Exchange program

changed their lives in ways they never could have imagined.

Now almost twenty years later, Pedro is sharing his story. The main character of the book, Santiago, describes Pedro's life in the United States, while also incorporating certain details from his brother's time in the Midwest. Cayma Books says "It's the story of two host families and of the many Americans who changed his life and had their lives changed by his time among them. It's the story of an immigrant, of a brown boy living in white America for the first time. Through his experiences and opinions, you will see the United States from the perspective of a young student from Peru. A Spanish-speaking immigrant. A dream-seeker eager to live his dream.'

Pedro's book is available on Amazon in paperback, Kindle edition, and hardcover. For additional info and pictures of his year as an exchange student, visit [www.caymabooks.com](http://www.caymabooks.com)

Today Pedro is an attorney and writer. After his year as a high school exchange student, he then moved to the United States to attend Wartburg College, graduating with a BA in business administration and political science. He earned an MBA and a J.D. from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He now lives in Charlotte, Iowa with his wife Sarah. He can be reached at [salazarpedro@gmail.com](mailto:salazarpedro@gmail.com).

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Following is a portion of the introduction Pedro has written in his book:

### THAT HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM PERU

This is the story of the year that changed the course of my life. We all have at least one experience that, for better or for worse, changed our lives. For some, it can be meeting "The One," having a child, or losing a loved one. For others, it may be learning a new language or discovering an exciting class in college. For me, it was the year I lived in the United States as an exchange student during high school.

It all began when my mother heard about the Rotary International Youth Exchange program, which provides an exceptional educational opportunity for high school students. Many of her friends' children had been part of it. The program required our family to host an exchange student in our home for one year, and in return, Rotary would send me abroad as an exchange student. My family discussed it and agreed that we were up for the challenge. Soon, my family was hosting Marie, an exchange student from France, for a year.... Marie always tried to put a positive spin on things, even when she was struggling. It took me a while to understand why she had been scared to ask me for help and how difficult it must have been for her to leave her family and immerse herself in a new world. In fact, it took me a whole year to understand what she went through—a year of living in the United States, away from my family and friends, and immersed in another language.

When people ask me about my experience as a foreign exchange student, I usually only tell them about superficial details, the good times, and the funny anecdotes. I tell them about my first week in the United States and my initial culture shock. I tell them about the highlights of my "honeymoon" period. Every student goes through one. It's a period of excitement, a continuous high, when everything is new and different. Unfortunately, for most students, this period only lasts a few weeks. I was lucky: mine lasted much longer. Perhaps it was because I was experiencing extreme changes within my new environment. Or perhaps it was because I learned more than I had ever expected.

What I don't tell people is that the honeymoon period is only part of the experience. Although I felt loved and

cared for throughout most of my time as an exchange student, I also experienced loneliness and deep sadness. I lived with loving families, but I often felt homesick. At one point, I was so frustrated that I considered leaving the exchange program and going home to Peru. Even though my friends and host families in the United States embraced me, I occasionally felt rejected by some Americans. And although most people accepted me, I also experienced racial discrimination for the first time in my life. When I decided to spend a year as a high school exchange student in the United States in 2000, I did not expect that my time in Iowa would change the course of my life forever. After growing up surrounded by concrete structures in Arequipa, the second-largest city in Peru, I moved to Mount Vernon, a small Iowa town surrounded by cornfields. During my year there, I adapted to this new world, learned a new language, and made lifelong friendships. Most importantly, my year in the United States opened my eyes to a new world of possibilities. Four years later, my brother, Diego, embarked on a similar trip to Fort Dodge, Iowa. This is why, about twenty years later, I decided to share my story....The main character of this book, Santiago, describes my life in Iowa, while also incorporating certain details from my brother's time in the Midwest.

This is the story of an exchange student who lived in the United States for a year. It's the story of two host families and of the many Americans who changed my life and had their lives changed by my time among them. It's the story of an immigrant, of a brown boy living in white America for the first time. And since I proudly chose to become a United States citizen later in life, it's also an American story. Although I have a profound interest in politics, I don't have a political agenda. However, I do have a voice. It's a voice shaped by the struggles of growing up in Peru, a beautiful country with wonderful people, but also plagued by corruption and social injustice. Through my experiences and opinions, you will see the United States from the perspective of a young student from Peru. You will see the United States through the eyes of Santiago.



### ■ HARRIETT MOFFITT SANDER 1942



Some of the class of 1942 gathered to celebrate Harriett Moffitt Sander's 94th birthday in March of 2018. Pictured are:

Seated - Pearl Whitlatch Martin

Standing - Harriett Moffitt Sander, Mary Carol Plattenberger Lambertson, and Clara Merashek Pospisil

Seated - Betty Klineck Johnson (graduated from Martelle 1942)

Harriett's great grandson, Zachary Vig, graduated this year (2018) from Mount Vernon. Harriett's other grandsons who graduated from Mount Vernon are Darin Vig '86 and Dana Vig '92. Interestingly, Dana graduated 50 years after his grandmother Harriett.





Thank you to Harry Edelman '63 who wrote in to share this fun picture, mostly girls from of class of 1963. They are L-R: Jo Ann Kroul '64 Clark, unknown, Mary Jane Thompson '63 Falcon, Sandy Brush '63 McNeal, Devan Morgan '63 Desandis, Joan Hunter '63 Brown, Marilyn Schnittjer '63 Hayes, Diane Richardson '63 Hamed, Rosalie Bowman '63, Joan Biderman '63, Paula Thomson '63, Jeanne Peterson '64 Cork. These dancers were doing the Charleston, most likely in Mrs. Smykil's dance class.

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### ■ JACK KOEHN 2014



PHOTO: DAN ROLLING



Editor's Note: Pictures and article are from 'The Iowa Magazine', December 2018, 'Captains Courageous' written by Leah Klevar. Only a portion appears here. To see the complete article visit <https://magazine.foriowa.org/story.php?ed=true&storyid=1810>

The Kid Captain Program celebrated 10-years this fall, and the celebration is covered by Leah in her article. Our alum Jack Koehn was the FIRST kid captain in 2009.

### CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS By Leah Klevar

Ten seasons of Kid Captains highlight the special bond between the children's hospital and the (University of Iowa ) football team...a remarkable 10-season partnership between the hospital and the Iowa football team that grew out of their close physical proximity and history of informal connections. The Kid Captain program, which honors pediatric patients and connects them with their Hawkeye heroes, kicked off in September 2009, with the first captain, Jack Koehn, making his debut at a matchup against the University of Northern Iowa.

Cheryl Hodgson, director of marketing for UI Stead Family Children's Hospital and Chuck Schroeder, then the general manager of Hawkeye Sports Properties, created the Kid Captain program to honor pediatric patients and celebrate their stories. It is open to any current or former UI Stead Family Children's Hospital patient who is 18 years old or younger, and only parents or legal guardians may nominate a child. Hodgson says she was stunned to receive 350 nominations during Kid Captain's inaugural season, and the program's independent committee has continued to review 300 to 400 submissions per year in the decade since. The group annually selects 13 Kid Captains—sometimes pairing up siblings as joint captains—for every game in the football lineup.

Jack Koehn, who is now 22, kicked off the Kid Captains tradition in 2009. What Koehn, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, remembers most vividly about his "strangely emotional day" as the first Kid Captain in 2009 is that time at midfield. He was a die-hard, 13-year-old Hawk fan, and when he stepped out of the tunnel, the experience felt "huge" to him. "I remember looking out at the swarm of black and gold and hearing the announcer calling my name," he says. "It was just this overwhelming feeling that something amazing was happening to me."

Making it even more incredible, he was standing next to a giant of the Hawkeye pantheon, legendary coach Hayden Fry, who was the honorary captain for that game. "He was the nicest guy," says Koehn, now 22. "When we walked onto the field together, I was screaming, 'Go, Hawks!' the whole time."

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This was a scene that Koehn's mother, Julie Ruden '81, couldn't have imagined for much of his life, though she eventually would write his Kid Captain nomination. During her pregnancy with Koehn, doctors told her the baby was

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## ALL-ALUMNI-COMMUNITY BREAKFAST JULY 13, 2019

Plan to join us next year (and every year!) at the High School on Saturday morning (8-10:30 am, serving from 8-10 am) for our annual breakfast. Several new items have been added to the menu. The event is a popular meeting place, and a unique opportunity to see alumni from the 1940s to 2019 (and even future alums!), current and former teachers and staff, as well as familiar faces from the community.

hydrocephalic and would need immediate surgery after delivery to place a shunt that would relieve the build-up of fluid on his brain. Further complicating matters, they discovered that Koehn also had a severe case of hemophilia, a blood-clotting disorder that made the procedure even more harrowing.

While the initial surgery was a success, Koehn remained a regular at UI Stead Family Children's Hospital throughout the years. He had countless appointments in pediatric neurosurgery, endocrinology, and dentistry, as well as in the hemophilia clinic, and continues to make frequent trips to the hospital, which he considers a second home. In fact, one of Koehn's favorite UI care providers, hemophilia nurse Karla Watkinson, likes to remind him that she was among the first to see him when he was born—even before his mother.

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### MARRIAGES & ENGAGEMENTS

**Michaela Martin '13** to Marshall Sinnwell on October 26, 2018. The couple reside in Cedar Rapids. Michaela is the daughter of Mike Martin '84, and the granddaughter of Karen Jilovec '57 Martin of Mount Vernon.

**Pedro Salazar '00** to Sarah Miller Hendricks in May 2018. The couple reside in Charlotte, IA.

### BIRTHS

**Kylea Weber '11 Brautigam** and husband Nick of Lisbon, IA, a son Nicholas Matthew, on October 17, 2018.

**Samantha Weber '08 Formanek** and husband Kyle of Reinbeck, IA, a son Brooks Lee, on October 2, 2018.

**Kelly Pisarik '03 Johnson** and husband Adam of Aurora, IL, a son, Logan Reid on Oct 5, 2018.

**Crystal Raiber '01** and Matt Wilkey of Iowa City, a son, George Samuel Wilkey, Oct. 5, 2018.

**Nick Rose '98** and wife Michaelann Rose of Brooklyn, NY, a daughter, Thea Millie, on Feb. 9, 2018.

**B.J. Leeper '97** and wife Jodi of Somers, MT, a son, Hugh Raymond, on October 12, 2018.

**Brad Neal '96** and wife Jennifer of Des Moines, IA, a daughter, Myla Lenore, on December 31, 2017. Grandparents include alum Steve Neal '66 and great aunt Barb Neal '57 Hutchins.

**Dan Neal '93** and wife Neeley of Scottsdale, Arizona, triplets, Arthur Price, Bennett Smith, and Henry Willard, on August 31, 2018. Grandparents include alum Steve Neal '66 and great aunt Barb Neal '57 Hutchins.

### EDUCATION & MILITARY SERVICE

**Daniel Abresch '14** earned a BA in physical education from Luther College, spring 2018

**Cory Brannaman '14** earned a BA in business administration, summa cum laude, from Wartburg College, spring 2018.

**Miranda Chapman '14** earned a BA in elementary education, magna cum laude, from Loras College in 2018.

**Alyssa Corcoran '14** earned a BA in elementary education, magna cum laude, from Loras College in 2018.

**Noah Dahlstrom '14**, earned a BS in engineering science, summa cum laude from Wartburg College, spring 2018.

**Taylor Goetschius '14** earned a bachelor of fine arts, interior design, from Iowa State University, spring 2018

**Amanda Grunder '14** earned a BS in animal science, cum laude, from Iowa State University, spring 2018

**Jacob Pisarik '14**, earned a BA in business administration from Wartburg, spring 2018.

**Jake Pisarik '14** graduated from Wartburg College, May 2018.

**Trey Ryan '14** earned a BS in mechanical engineering from the University of Iowa, spring 2018

**Ashley Ruden '14** earned a BS in journalism and mass communication from Iowa State University, spring 2018

**Cassidy Steines '14** earned a BA in marketing from the University of Iowa, spring 2018

**Lucas Hansen '13** earned a BS agricultural

studies from Iowa State University, spring 2018

**Kyle Henik '13** earned a BS degree in industrial technology from Iowa State University, spring 2018

**Annabeth Lucas '12** earned a master's degree in dramaturgy from Harvard University in May, 2018. Lucas studied with the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge, Mass., and the Moscow Art Theatre School in Moscow, Russia.

**Abigail Chihak '11** graduated with a double masters in public health and social work from Washington University in St. Louis. Spring 2018. She is now the Community Health Coordinator for Dallas County Public Health in Adel, IA.

**Anthony Deibner-Hanson '10** earned a MA in art from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, spring 2018.

**Grace Chamberlain '07** earned a certification of book studies/book arts and technologies and a MA in library and information science from the University of Iowa, spring 2018

**Sarah Rife '93 Patten** earned a MA of education in literacy instruction from Graceland University, spring 2018

**Karen Miller Thornton '74, M.S.** occupational and environmental health student at University of Iowa College of Public Health, received a conference scholarship from the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH). This scholarship supported attendance at the 2018 ISASH annual conference held in Halifax, Nova Scotia at the end of June.

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**Francis Pat Wolrab 1936** (100 years old)

Mount Vernon, Iowa October 1, 2018

**Robert Plattenberger 1940**

Martelle, Iowa June 9, 2018

**Marilyn Coppock Carpenter 1945**

January 23, 2018 Ames, IA

**Martha Moses Divishek 1946**

Cedar Rapids, Iowa June 14 2018

**Vernon Erenberger 1947**

Cedar Rapids, Iowa May 12, 2018

**Jeanette Hammond Blessing 1959**

Mountain Home, Arkansas August 2, 2-18

**David Neal 1960**

Davenport, Iowa June 6, 2018

**Tom Bergman 1960**

Glenview, Illinois November 21, 2018

**Darlene Hartl Allard 1969**

Mount Vernon, Iowa October 26, 2018

**Allan Viktor 1969**

Mount Vernon, Iowa October 31, 2018

**Debra Clark Bridgewater 1976**

Blairstown, Iowa July 11, 2018

**Kevin Rogers 1981**

past Mount Vernon Alumni Association President

West Branch, Iowa September 14, 2018

**Megan Cox Klaus 2008**

Mount Vernon, Iowa October 1, 2018

### FRIENDS

**Mary Boudreau**

High School Teacher Associate, retired  
Mount Vernon, Iowa July 10, 2018

(Please excuse us if your classmate or loved one is not listed here for their recent death, but let us know for inclusion in the next newsletter.)

## AND MORE...

**Kay Jilovec '55 Lind** of Marion, Iowa celebrated her 80th birthday

**Helen Petersen '46 Meeks** of Mount Vernon celebrated her 90th birthday

**Marilyn Woods '45 Overman** of Marion celebrated her 90th birthday.

**Jim Gunn '46** of Mount Vernon celebrated his 90th birthday

**Martin Benesh '18**, in his first year at State University of New York-New Paltz, is part of the cast and crew of the school's production of 'Ready Steady Yeti Go'

**Mary Manor '96**, was elected Vice-President of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers, Local 59, which represents the more than 3,500 educators in the Minneapolis Public School District. Manor continues to teach English at South High in Minneapolis. She resides in South Minneapolis with her spouse, Corinth, also a teacher, and dog, Lenny.

**Taylor Dicus '11**, PTA, joined the therapy team at Ability Physical Therapy

in Mount Vernon. She earned her bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Cornell College in 2015 and an associate degree for Physical Therapist Assistant from Kirkwood Community College in 2018.

**Braden Pospisil '93 Rood** opened My Studio, a make-it-yourself art studio, in Mount Vernon. For \$10 an hour, experienced or budding artists and crafters can use the space, plus tools and a wealth of supplies for their creative projects. 'My Studio' is located on the ground floor of the First Street Community center.

**Whitney Arnold '06** played one of the nuns in Dubuque's Grand Opera House production of Nunsense. Arnold graduated from Loras College in 2011 with a major in music/theatre. She's been in numerous shows at the Grand and recently finished a production of 'The Church Basement Ladies' at the Bell Tower Theatre in Dubuque.

**Dr. Randy Timm '84** has been appointed the assistant vice president for campus life and dean of students at San Diego State University, Dec. 13. Timm has more than 25 years of experience in higher education, with 15 years at the San Diego State University, serving as dean of students at SDSU and as an adjunct faculty member in the college of education. Timm received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kansas, where he worked for 11 years before moving to San Diego in 2003. He received his doctorate in educational leadership from San Diego State University in 2015.

**Mary Bowman '57 Seidler** of Des Moines donated a baby grand piano for the school district's new performing arts center.

**Kira Scott '02 Moore** and her husband Chris, owners of The Bijou Movie Theater in Mount Vernon, is the most recent recipient of an Iowa Economic Development Authority Main Street Iowa Challenge Grant for building improvements. The Bijou was awarded \$75,000, the maximum offered for the matching grant. They plan to make several improvements to the business, including adding a second screen.

**Spencer Schmidt '11** joined the Mount Vernon school district as high school custodian

**Kati Gipson '96 Brown** joined the Mount Vernon school district as an associate in the high school Transition Center

**Rachel Bly '89** was honored by the Grinnell College Alumni Council as a changemaker and community builder

## THANK YOU...

To **Charles Halsey** for memorabilia.  
To **Lisa Lewis '83** for donation of yearbooks.

## CORRECTION

The death of **Carmen Neal Musser 1963** was incorrect in the Spring 2018 issue – the correct date is December 25, 2017.

## CLASS OF 2003

Our class has expressed interest in having a "Sweet 16" reunion in 2019.

I am looking for classmates to form a reunion committee for planning future reunions.

Please contact Nikki Port Morgan at:  
nikkip1212@yahoo.com or 319-721-0653

Class of 2003, you can find information about class reunions on the Facebook page titled:  
MVHS Class of 2003

Hope to see everyone next year!

who embodies the college's values of lifetime learning and service. Bly received the award June 2 at Alumni Assembly during Grinnell's 139th alumni reunion weekend. Bly worked for a few years in Washington, D.C., and Des Moines, before returning to Grinnell College for a job in alumni relations. In 2005, she moved into her current role as director of Grinnell College conference operations and events. She led the task of centralizing and standardizing many operations that were once scattered around campus, including the centralization of calendars and room reservations. She has arranged campus visits for everyone from presidential candidates to children attending summer camp. In addition, she helps recruit local host families for international students and serves as a host parent herself. Bly is involved in a broad range of organizations and activities in the town of Grinnell. Now in her third term on the Grinnell City Council, she often leads initiatives that help draw the college and its home community closer together. She also is a board member of the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, which provides financial management support to partner nonprofit agencies and assists individuals with their personal giving objectives. In her spare time, Bly competes in sprint triathlons. She plans

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**ALUMNI NEWS, continued**

to compete in seven of them this year, with the ultimate goal of competing in one triathlon in all 50 states.

**Shelby Kintzel '09** was named to the *Des Moines Register's* '50 greatest Iowa high school volleyball players of all time' They describer her as 'A tall (6-3) and agile middle hitter, Kintzel was a dominant force at the net.'

**Jim Bellamy** was named to the *Des Moines Register's* '50 greatest Iowa high school football coaches of all time.' His record was 320-126-4. State titles: 3. Bellamy won 268 of his games at Mount Vernon. He retired in 2006. His state titles came in 1974, 1993 and 1994.

**Chris Kerr '09** was operations manager for the 100th PGA Championship that was held in St. Louis.

**Bishop Tom Zinkula '75** rode in the 2018 RAGBRAI, delivering Mass every evening at 6 o'clock in each over night town. (photo KCRG 9)



Several local alums had an impromptu get-together when **Tricia Strickland '79** came into Mount Vernon from Arizona in October. Front: **Denise Clark Havill '79, Tricia Strickland '79, Jody Murphy Stewart '79, Linda Gaines**, back: **Cheryl Murphy Studdt '80 and Dan Gaines '77**



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**STINE CELBRATES 50 YEARS AS COMMUNITY BAND LEADER**

Editor's Note: Below is information excerpted from an article in the July 4, 2018 issue of the *The Sun*, written by Trent Bowman. See complete article at [mvlsun.com](http://mvlsun.com)



Congratulations to former band teacher Don Stine who is celebrating more than 50 years as leader of Mount Vernon Community Band.

At first (late 1960s), said Stine, students were "basically blackmailed" into participation (to the community band) over a lack of offered activities. Girls, said Stine, especially had few options as "Mount Vernon had no girls' sports, period." If the students were not tending to farm work or chores, "they were pretty much free to come to what was the summer band," Stine said. As more activities were offered to youth in the area, the band started to skew a little older, losing some of its more youthful contributors seemingly for good.

Today the band has roughly 36 members (students and adults) coming from Mount Vernon, Lisbon, Coralville, Cedar Rapids, Bertram, North Cedar and beyond. The band plays on Tuneful Tuesdays, rehearsing for about two hours on Monday nights for their one-hour Tuesday performance at the Memorial Park gazebo. Stine praised Memorial Park's gazebo, which is thriving, and recently received a new

paint job, courtesy of the Lions Club. While many other towns are losing such amenities to old age, "Mount Vernon built one."

"This is a rare and impressive accomplishment," said Dennis Modracek, a member of both the Mount Vernon band and the Eastern Iowa Brass Band. "He (Don) is a fascinatingly interesting man whose love of music has covered directing high school bands, founding The Eastern Iowa Brass Band and entertaining and educating the public during the Tuneful Tuesday Series in the summer."

Don graduated from Adell High School, and after graduating from the University of Northern Iowa as the principal horn player in the school's band, Stine took on a teaching role in East Buchanan. It wasn't long before Stine met Judy Johnson, who also played the French horn, and the two were soon comfortable enough with each other to play French horn duets. The pair went on their first official date when Stine found himself with tickets to "Hello, Dolly" in Des Moines when Judy was in her first year at UNI. Don and Judy, a retired music teacher from Mount Vernon Middle School, will have been married 50 years in 2019.

Don can be reached at [ashparkassoc@aol.com](mailto:ashparkassoc@aol.com)



**Labeling the Newsletter**

It is always a LOT of fun when it is time to label the alumni newsletter. Here are several pictures from the spring issue labeling 'party' where this group labeled over 4,500 newsletters in one hour!



Musings

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# Back-to-school great time to brush up on Lisbon-Mount Vernon history

Oh, back to school is a wonderful time.

We're about two weeks into the 2018-19 school year in Lisbon and Mount Vernon.

Normalcy, consistency and busy schedules have returned.

I like to peruse the history of all things Mount Vernon-Lisbon, so recently dove into the archives from back-to-school days of the past.

In 1975, Mount Vernon was concerned about enrollment. The school district's first-day pupil count showed 1,080 kids going to school. That was down from 1,101 the prior school year. Superintendent Winston Addis called it "a sharp reversal in the trend of the past several years." He surmised more kids moved out than moved in.

Lisbon had steady enrollment in 1975, with 23 new students that school year.

Today, many of our teachers don't live in our communities. That's the reality of the world we live in.

In 1982, it sounds like we had a local, tight-knit group. The school board and entire staff of Mount Vernon schools

had a picnic at Palisades-Kepler State Park a couple of days before classes began.

We contribute to a public school system, so all of our taxes help support the education of our youth. That's how it should be.

But, of course, parents pay a bit more, in the form of fees.

In 1959, the book fees in Mount Vernon were \$5 a semester for high schoolers, \$4 for those in grades sixth through eighth, and \$2 for fourth- and fifth-graders. Lower elementary kids paid nothing.

Most interesting: That fee also meant kids got free entrance into athletic events.

Cost for lunch in Mount Vernon and Lisbon was pretty cheap. For seven bucks, you could eat 20 hot lunches in Mount Vernon.

Lisbon also provided a special opportunity in 1959: For \$1.75 you could get accident insurance for your child.

In 1946, there were three bus routes for rural kids in the Mount Vernon School District. The district was pretty excited that year to have a new 42-passenger bus for one of the routes. A couple of local guys brought it home from Des Moines; after, of course, they spent a few days at the State Fair.

The most interesting story I stumbled upon was from January 1947, when an entire page of the newspaper was dedicated to a big issue: the proposed consolidation of Mount Vernon and Lisbon Schools.

"Why consolidate?" the first question asked.

The author's main reason: A teacher shortage. "During the war, teachers could get better wages in the essential industries, and now teachers are not going back into school work in sufficient numbers."

The minimum wage for teachers that year was \$2,400 a year.

The author also cited the changing world of education, particularly since the "pioneer days." The argument wasn't clear, but was in generalities like "now we must have alert minds."

There were clear plans in the article about where kids would be educated. Lisbon and Mount Vernon would have their own elementaries, and a new high school would be built between the two towns, as early as 1947.

Of course, that consolidation never happened.

And history tells us we have two great, separate school districts right here.



Jake Krob  
Sun publisher

## Mount Vernon enrollment

Grade level	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-2019
PK/K*	107	128.1	131	112	165*	143*	143*	xx	xx	xx
Pre-K								52	70	74
Kindergarten								102	97	112
1st	89	80	95.2	100	92	103	98	79	98	79
2nd	100.1	100	85	96.1	100	90	111	101	87	97
3rd	90.1	106.1	92.2	90	98.1	90	94	112	111	82
4th	95.1	92.1	105.1	93	93	100.1	96	102	112	113
5th	99.1	98.2	98.2	104.1	98.1	88	106.1	103	108	117
6th	106.2	102.1	99.2	101.1	104.2	96.1	89	106	104	113
7th	77	107.2	112.1	98.3	102	105.3	97.1	98	114	104
8th	90.4	77	105.2	109.2	104.1	93	107.2	99	97	118
9th	94.2	91.5	80.1	101.3	114.5	92.3	102	104	106	103
10th	92.6	94.9	88.4	79.3	102.3	110.2	92.3	104	109	107
11th	105	92.8	98.4	93.4	81.1	102.3	109.2	95	99	108
12th	97	110	97.2	105.3	95.3	83.2	107.3	118	108	111
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,242.8</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>1,287.3</b>	<b>1,283.1</b>	<b>1,349.7</b>	<b>1,296.5</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>1,438</b>

## MV HISTORICAL AUDIO TOURS NOW AVAILABLE (Sun Oct 24, 2018)

Mount Vernon History Tours are now available to the public via phone at 319-535-2301. The project was designed and brought to life by the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group, the Mount Vernon Historic Preservation Commission and Cornell College. There are three tours available, with 31 locations available to be explored. Tours cover the Commercial District, Cornell College, and the Ash Park area of historical homes.

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Following are names of alums who have supported us for the 2017-18 year (when our finances were accounted for July 1-July 1) and for 2018 (as we changed to January 1-January 1). **See back page for the 2019 Support Form.**

**Does your name have an asterisk\* behind it? This means you have already contributed for the 2019 year (as of December 15, 2018). Additional donations are always appreciated.**

Is your name missing? Call Kathy at 319-389-8602 or email to alumni@mvcasd.org

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Ward Hemenway 1944* Monroe, CT	George Brown 1953* Kearney, NE	Nancy Anderson Ladehoff 1956 Marshalltown, IA	Bruce Mullen 1958 Salome, AZ
Norma Bartosh Kubichek 1944 Iowa City, IA	Ruth Ackerman Farris 1953 Eatonton, GA	Deanne Dean LeVan 1956* St Ansgar, IA	Tom Neal 1958 Cocoa, FL
Robert Lux 1945* Scottsdale, AZ	Susan Albright Kehrl 1953* Manchester, IA	Roger Schnittjer 1956 Mount Vernon, IA	Gail Yeisley Rhodes 1958 Clive, IA
Marilyn Woods Overman 1945 Cedar Rapids, IA	Jean Pavelka Litts 1953 Mount Vernon, IA	Janet Miner Sessions 1956* Kent, OH	Helen Sproston Schneider 1958* Center Point, IA
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Helen Dvorak Stoner 1946 Amana, IA	Don Walden 1953 Mount Vernon, IA	Myrt Clark Bowers 1957 Mount Vernon, IA	Jim Clark 1959* Cedar Rapids, IA
Millicent Hoggard Zenishek 1947 Mechanicsville, IA	Fae Sparks Edwards 1954 Cedar Rapids, IA	William Bowers 1957 Mount Vernon, IA	Jane Costello Fink 1959* Anamosa, IA
Harold Klinsky 1947 Cedar Rapids, IA	Larry and Fae Edwards 1954 Cedar Rapids, IA	Barb Neal Hutchins 1957* Marion, IA	Ed Fordyce 1959 Mount Vernon, IA
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