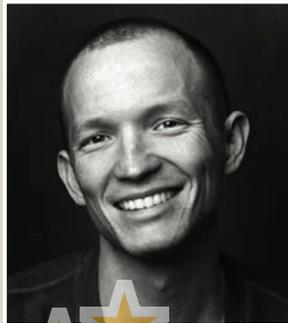


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2021 Alumni Hall of Fame

The Mount Vernon Community School District Alumni Association is pleased to announce the following alums were selected as 2021 Alumni Hall of Fame winners. Pictured above left to right:

- Achievement - Phoebe Ball 1991
- Fine Arts - Jefferson White 2008
- Athletic - Shelby Kintzel 2009
- Service - Crystal Cardon Eskelsen 1993
- Community Impact - Gwen Stewart Drahos 1970

They received their awards during Homecoming weekend on Friday, Oct 8, 2021, along with the 2020 winners; Fine Arts recipient Braden Pospisil Rood '93, Athletic recipient Steve Andrew '68 (d), Service recipient Scot Christiansen '78, Community Impact recipient Sonia Essex Redmond '82, and Achievement recipient Peter Kollman '62 (d). Turn to page 6 for recipient bios and photos.

2022 Alumni-Friend Events

January 1-December 31 – A reminder that we have changed our calendar year for donations/support/dues to January 1 through December 31. So, now is a great time to think about supporting one of your favorite organizations – the MV Alumni Association! See back page or visit mvalumni.org to log in and donate online.

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! Who can nominate? ANYONE – you do not have to be an alum to nominate. Page 16.

July 9 – Heritage Days in Mount Vernon with alumni events and reunions.

Fall 2022 tba – Homecoming and Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony. More information about events in the Spring 2022 Alumni News issue.

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- May - Chalk the Walk
 - June - Chocolate Stroll
 - July - Antique Extravaganza
 - July - Heritage Days
 - Oct - Chili Cookoff
 - December - Magical Night
- other events: Lincoln Hwy Arts Festival and more

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Andrew Morf '94
Alumni Association
President

Happy New Year!

We hope 2021 was a good year for you despite the many challenges covid continues to bring to our world. We were thankful as an association to return to a mostly normal schedule. In many respects we were catching up on 2020's unfinished business which made for a very busy year.

In 2020 we had to forego the Hall of Fame Awards, so this fall we had double the number of recipients to honor. We also honored Tristan Wirfs with a Mustang Outstanding Achievement Award over Heritage Days. This is an award that had not before been given, but the board felt was deserved after Tristan started in and helped his team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, win a Super Bowl just three and a half years after graduating from high school!

As always we want to thank you for your continued contributions to the Alumni Association. In 2022 we will be reaching out to those alumni who are not currently contributing. Your gifts are essential to the work we do and after an expensive 2021 we are looking to replenish our funds.

I want to personally thank Kathy Staskal for the work and leadership she provides every year to help our Association run smoothly. Our newsletters are truly the envy of school districts around the state. We hope you agree as you enjoy this latest edition!

This fall our board said goodbye to three valuable board members - Dennis Jordan, Michele Meyer Grudzinski, and Jean Kuntz Bowman. Over the years they have each made very valuable contributions to our organization and we can't thank them enough. All together they add up to thirty-five years of service they have given to help alumni. Each will be missed.

We are excited to welcome two new board members. Those of you who know Cathy Hufford and Sarah Rife Patten will agree that these two individuals will step into our board as contributing and insightful members. On page 4 you can read more about both our outgoing and incoming board members.

Wishing you and yours much health and happiness in 2022!



Pictured at right, outgoing Alumni Association Board member and secretary Michele Meyer Grudzinski at a past board meeting seated by President Andrew Morf

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2012 - 10 YEARS - TBA

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1992 - 30 YEARS - - Heritage Days weekend

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1972 - 50 YEARS - Heritage Days weekend

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1971 - 50+1 YEARS - - Heritage Days weekend

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Left to right, Jean Bowman, Michelle Grudzinski, Dennis Jordan

years, president for two years, and chair of the Hall of Fame event for ten years.

...and Welcome to our new Association board members...

Join us in welcoming two new board members, Cathy Hufford from the Class of 1983 and Sarah Rife Patten from the Class of 1993.

CATHY HUFFORD 1983

What have you been doing since you left Mount Vernon High School?

I graduated with the Class of 1983 and after college and law school, spent 30 years as an assistant state's attorney in Chicago. I spent the first 9 months in the appellate division writing appellate briefs and arguing in the brief in the appellate court. I spent the remaining 29 years and 3 months in the criminal division prosecuting all felony crimes. I specialized in sex crime investigations for 18 months, gang-related murders and shootings for 30 months, and narcotic dealing and money laundering for 12 years. My last 10 or so years I supervised young attorneys in the trial division.

My hobbies outside of work became running, cycling and volunteer work. In June 2021, I completed the 50-state marathon / half-marathon challenge by running the half marathon in Anchorage. In total, 13 marathons, 54 half marathons and 13 knee / shoulder / hip surgeries. I was involved with the Ronald McDonald House in Chicago as a volunteer for 21 years and served as a council member for 10 of these years.

What do you do now?

I happily retired on June 30, 2020. I moved back to Mount Vernon in August, 2020. Although I still teach an online criminal procedure class, after spending 30 years obsessed with time and deadlines, I enjoy my retirement. Daily trips to the dog park and long walks around town have allowed me to connect with old friends and meet new friends. I am able to spend time with my mom who now lives in Cedar Rapids. Retirement is a wonderful thing.

A favorite memory or two of your time at Mount Vernon Schools -- or of a favorite teacher perhaps?

I remember the school spirit during my high school years when the basketball teams were so successful. The whole school got behind the girls' basketball team when the team was so close to getting to the state tournament two years in a row. The games were crazy loud and Mr. Stine's pep bands always kept the fans psyched up. Mr. Peters and Mrs. Michaud were some of my favorite teachers. Two totally different personalities but they each taught me a lot.

Do you have any comments about your upcoming service on the board?

I have always appreciated the work and efforts of the Alumni Board and now that I am back in town, it's a good opportunity to give back. I have the time to give and hopefully I can bring some fresh ideas to the Board.



SARAH RIFE PATTEN 1993

What have you been doing since you left Mount Vernon High School?

After graduating from MVHS in 1993, I attended Central College in Pella, Iowa. In 1997, I graduated from Central with a BA in Elementary Education. I married Randy Patten in July of 1997, and started my first teaching job at Regina Preschool in Iowa City in August. In August of 1998, I accepted a new position at St. Patrick School in Anamosa, Iowa as a Preschool/5th/6th grade teacher. The next school year I was hired as a first grade teacher at Lisbon Community School. Marilyn Pleasant, who was a sub at MVMS in my English class when I was in 6th grade, was my teaching partner for four years. I have been a Title I Reading teacher at Lisbon for the last 19 years. During that time, my children were born-- Abigail '19 who is a junior at Cornell College, Emily '24 who is a sophomore at MVHS, and Sophia '28 who is a 6th grader at MVMS. In addition, I earned a M.Ed from Graceland University in Literacy Instruction in 2018.



What do you do now?

I am a Title I Reading teacher for first and second grade students at Lisbon Community School. I spend a lot of time attending my children's activities and volunteering when I can. I am also a member of the Food for Thought

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Jean Houstman Ellison 1941, Stevensville, MT
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HOW MANY ALUMNI DO WE HAVE?

6,218 in our database from 1930 to 2020 with additional alumni dating back to 1879 with our first graduate, George Garson

WHERE DO OUR ALUMNI LIVE?

All over the world...with 60% living in Iowa

HOW MANY YEARS HAS THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BEEN ACTIVE?

Since 2005... Celebrating 18 years in 2022

committee, which focuses on food insecurity in our communities.

A favorite memory or two of your time at Mount Vernon Schools -- or of a favorite teacher perhaps?

One of my favorite memories, (probably because I am a teacher) was staying overnight at the school in kindergarten with my entire class. Mrs. Kohl was so brave to have all of us sleep in the library!

Do you have any comments about your upcoming service on the board?

I am honored to be serving on the board, having the opportunity to connect with alumni, and supporting our school. My children are third generation Mustangs, and I truly value the experience Mount Vernon Community Schools provides.



Annually, the Alumni Association sponsors the National Honor Society Induction reception by providing hosts and cake. Above in center is organizer and Board member Susan Mounts Fisher '65, along with board members Sarah Rife Patten '93 on the left and Kim Zangger Tucker '94 at right at the November ceremony.

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2020 & 2021 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



The award ceremony took place Friday morning, October 8, in the new High School Performing Arts Center auditorium, followed by a reception in the lobby. The audience, filled with high school students and staff, alumni, family and friends, cheered the ten recipients as they received their awards. Pictured above, front row, left to right: Amy White representing 2021 Fine Arts Hall of Fame recipient Jefferson White '08, 2020 Fine Arts Hall of Fame recipient Braden Pospisil Rood '93, 2021 Service recipient Crystal Cardon Eskelsen '93, 2020 Service recipient Scot Christiansen '78, 2021 Community Impact recipient Gwen Stewart Drahos '70, 2020 Community Impact recipient Sonia Essex Redmond '82, 2021 Athletic recipient Shelby Kintzel '09, Josie Andrew and Jeanette Andrew Anderson '66 representing 2020 Athletic recipient Steve Andrew '68 (d), 2021 Achievement recipient Phoebe Ball '91, and Michael Biderman '62 representing 2020 Achievement recipient Peter Kollman '62 (d). Back row, left to right: MV Alumni Association President Andrew Morf '94, Nominators Diane Zinkula '72, Kim Zangger Tucker '94 (also Alumni Association Board member), Sherene Player, Sarah Allard Covington '99, Foundation President Ann Koppenhaver '78 representing Don Stine, Sara Gaarde '70, Sheri Russell Kahl '82, Maggie Lessmeier Willems '97, Mike Smith '68, Barb Thomsen Neal '68, Ken Pospisil '68, and MV Alumni Association Hall of Fame Chair Dennis Jordan '87, Lena Gilbert representing Karen Thornton '74, Hall of Fame Master of Ceremonies John Rife '60, MV Alumni Association Vice President John Pospisil '66, Superintendent Dr. Greg Batenhorst, MV High School Student Council President Aden Grudzinski, and MV High School Principal Steve Brand. Not pictured or not able to attend: Gerda Kollman Bennett '59, Miriam Kollman '67, Sarah Kollman Regnier, Eli Kollman, and nominators Donna Jacob, Karen Miller Thornton '74, Don Stine, and Dick Miner '61.



2021

From left to right: Athletic recipient Shelby Kintzel '09, Amy White representing Fine Arts recipient Jefferson White '08, Service recipient Crystal Cardon Eskelsen '93, Community Impact recipient Gwen Stewart Drahos '70, and Achievement recipient Phoebe Ball '91



2020

From left to right: Community Impact recipient Sonia Essex Redmond '82, Fine Arts recipient Braden Pospisil Rood '93, Service Hall of Fame recipient Scot Christiansen '78, Jeannette Andrew Anderson '66 and Josie Andrew representing Athletic Hall of Fame recipient Steve Andrew '68, (d) Michael Biderman '62 representing Achievement recipient Peter Kollman 1962 (d)

Oct 8 Hall of Fame ceremony
 video 1 https://youtu.be/TL9GFIVa_5I
 video 2 <https://youtu.be/jMKwy5JzdbA>

Hall of Fame pictures on the alumni website at www.mvalumni.org
<http://www.mvalumni.org/page-1742032>

achievement

Achievement Hall of Fame recipient Phoebe Ball '91

was nominated by alum Karen Miller Thornton '74. Phoebe is an attorney and currently lives in Oakton, VA. She has spent her professional career working on issues relating to disability law. She is a published policy researcher in the areas of employment, asset development, work incentives, self-determination, and benefits programs for individuals with disabilities, and has gained a national reputation as an expert in the area of guardianship.



Her nominator, Karen Thornton, says:

"It is with great respect and awe that I nominate Phoebe. She has spent her entire life overcoming spinal bifida and the host of issues resulting from her disability. Her high school career was plagued with doctors, surgeries, infections, and struggling with braces to walk. Phoebe has not allowed her wheelchair to limit her achievements. Through her own experiences and struggles, she has become an effective advocate for people facing a variety of disabilities. Her intelligence, wit and determination have been successful at promoting systemic changes that increase opportunities for economic self-improvement, expanded civic participation and capacity for self-advocacy. Over great odds and by her own sheer grit she has been successful. Phoebe is an inspiration to me. Her achievements are magnified by what she had to overcome in her journey."

After high school she earned her BA from the University of Iowa where she had a full-tuition scholarship for academic achievement. At Iowa she co-founded and chaired a student disability rights group, Disability Action Resource and Culture, and participated in related activities. She went on to earn her Juris Doctorate from Northeastern University School of Law (NUSL) in Boston.

Phoebe was a staff attorney with Disability Rights Florida for seven years. She moved to the Washington D.C. area in 2014 to become the Legislative Affairs Specialist with the National Council on Disability (NCD), an independent federal agency that advises the President, Congress, and other federal officials and entities on policies and programs affecting Americans with disabilities.



She left NCD to join the staff of the U.S. Education and Labor Committee in 2019 and frequently meets with stakeholders and advocates on issues related to disability policy. Much of her work for the Committee is focused on policies that ensure access to high-quality education for disabled students and competitive integrated employment for disabled adults.

She is the author or co-author of several articles that have appeared in national publications, including *Breaking the Cycle of Poverty: Asset Accumulation by People with Disabilities*, *Disability as Diversity in Fortune 100 Companies*, and *The Restoration of Capacity for Persons under Guardianship with Developmental Disabilities in Florida*.

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About our 2020 recipients

Find complete bios for our 2020 recipients in the Fall 2020 issue or online at mvalumni.org

Fine Arts Hall of Fame recipient Braden Pospisil

Rood from the class of 1993 has become a popular mainstay on Mount Vernon stages with her drama and musical talents. The list of productions she has been a part of are pages long, but include roles from acting and dancing to set design, producer, and director - both in New York and in Mount Vernon. She is a current member of the Balderdash Ditty band, Leah Woosley and the Mother Chuckers, the MV Uke Squad and the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Theatre Board.

Service Hall of Fame recipient Dr. Scot Christiansen

from the class of 1978 is a family practice physician at the Edgewood Satellite Clinic for the Regional Family Health in Manchester, Iowa. In addition, he is Medical Director for the Oelwein Healthcare Center, the Grandview Healthcare Center, the Regional Medical Center Inpatient care unit, and the RMC Wound clinic. He has served as assistant director of the Ed-Co fall play for 13 years. Scot was named a Presidential Scholar in high school - the only one Mount Vernon has ever had.

Community Impact Hall of Fame recipient Sonia Essex

Redmond from the class of 1982 has worked at Mount Vernon Bank & Trust Company for 33 years, where she is currently an Assistant Vice President. Sonia has organized or assisted with many bank-sponsored community events, and has been a prolific community service volunteer. Sonia received Mount Vernon's 2016 Main Street Leadership award, the State of Iowa Volunteer of the Year Award, and recognized as CDG volunteer of the month twice.

Achievement Hall of Fame recipient Peter Kollman

from the class of 1962 (d) had an astounding career in the science field. His contributions were prodigious over his 31-year career and he was the 11th most-cited chemist between 1981 and 1997. A Professor of Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Chemistry at UCSF, his contributions to quantum and molecular mechanics calculations to address important chemical and biological problems will live on in the students he trained and the AMBER suite of (computer) programs that he produced.

Athletic Hall of Fame recipient Steve Andrew from the class of 1968 (d)

is a legend in many circles. Steve was a four-sport athlete who received 15 varsity letters. His greatest success as a ball player surpassed high school as he became a highly recruited and amazing softball player. Andrew played in six national tournaments, six world tournaments and three Olympic Festivals. A two-time Major league batting champ, he was one of the best third basemen in the country, winning All-World selection twice and All-American honors once.



fine arts

Fine Arts Hall of Fame recipient Jefferson

'Jeff' White '08 was nominated by alum Diane Zinkula '72 and represented at the Hall of Fame events by his mother Amy White. Every now and then we have a Hall of Fame member that has reached such public fame that you can only reach them through an agent or their mom. Jeff is one of these. Now a popular actor who lives in New York, City, you can see Jeff in a few television series, including *The Americans*, *Manhattan*, *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, *Elementary*, *How to Get Away with Murder*, *Blue Bloods*, *House of Cards*, *Blindspot*, *The Alienist*, *Aquarius*, *The Good Fight*, *The Bite* and currently *Yellowstone* where he is a regular listed in the opening credits and has become a fan favorite. The series begins its fourth season November 7 on the Paramount network.

Jeff participated in speech and theatre every year of high school and took advantage of local community theatre opportunities as well. He enjoyed all the plays and musicals he was involved in but the MVHS comedy *Lend Me a Tenor* his sophomore year was a favorite. He received All-State nominations every year for both individual and group speech events under coach Maggie Ellison's tutelage. The highlight for him was being a part of the group improvisation team—along with 2007 classmates Ben Klaus and Greg Mlynarczyk and alum Jon Stoner '04 as coach—that brought home the state banner in 2007. He participated in the band's drum line for two years and in chorus all four years.

Jeff attended Iowa State on a National Merit Scholarship and majored in Theatre and Performing Arts. In 2012, the ISU production of *Six Characters* won national recognition in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, giving Jeff and another cast member the opportunity for an internship at Actors' Theatre in Louisville, Kentucky. That opportunity helped him to get his first professional break.

Currently playing Jimmy on the popular television show *Yellowstone*, 'Wide Open Country' says:

"The character of Jimmy Hurdstrom on the hit Paramount Network series *Yellowstone* is honestly one of the highlights of the show. Actor Jefferson White has done an incredible job over the past three seasons capturing the role of Jimmy on screen, a young man who went from a junkie criminal to a cowboy, all thanks to Rip Wheeler bringing him to the Dutton family ranch to work as a ranch hand. He (Jeff) says that booking the role of Jimmy really changed his life. It's understandable considering the character has a lot of depth."



You can view a video about Jeff that was created by the Mount Vernon High School journalism class in 2019 titled 'From High School to Hollywood' at <https://youtu.be/JnfQCUG67cl>

Jeff can be reached at jeffersonwhite@gmail.com. He has a listing on IMDb under Jefferson White.



Editor's Note: Update

Jeff is now hosting *Yellowstone's* Official 'Behind-the-Scenes' Podcast. The podcast, covering "everything from rodeo to ranching to reservation," premiered on December 9. Jeff says "I am excited to announce that I am hosting the official *Yellowstone* podcast. As you dig into all things *Yellowstone* on all your screens, I'm going to be bringing you behind the scenes stories from all of your favorite cast, crew and more." Find this podcast anywhere you get your podcasts. (Source and complete article in *People Magazine* Dec 6, 2021)



Amy White accepts Jefferson's entry into the Fine Arts Hall of Fame. Nominator Diane Zinkula '72 is to the right.



ACTOR DENIM RICHARDS BRAGS ON HIS CO-STAR

(Excerpt from *Outsider.com*, by written by Atlanta Northcutt, Feb 18, 2021)

Denim Richards plays another Bunkhouse member on the Dutton Ranch (on "Yellowstone"). His character is named Colby, and he shares the same form of kindness that Jimmy radiates.

Here are five things that Richards has to say about his co-star Jefferson White. Since White is such a sweet-natured man, it's not surprising to learn he is an animal-lover. One special breed has his heart.

"He loves pugs to the point that if we see a pug on the street while we're driving, we must pull over and greet this pug in person," says Richards. "It's ridiculous."

White is a coffee connoisseur, with a love of cold brews, in particular.

"Every single morning it's his ritual to wake up, and go to a coffee shop, and do edits on all of his friends' comedy stuff," says Richards. "He gives a lot to a lot of productions of his friends because his biggest thing is making sure that his friends feel empowered."

Denim Richards can't stop bragging on the goodness of Jefferson White as he says,

"Everything that he does comes from a place of wanting to make people laugh."

Richards ends his praise by adding, "And so you cannot beat that."

It's nice to know that the actor behind the lovable Jimmy is just as lovable in real life. Although that fact isn't too surprising. Here's to Jefferson White for being an outstanding human being.

Service Hall of Fame recipient Crystal Cardon

Eskelsen '93 was nominated by both Sherene Player and alum Sarah Allard Covington '99. Crystal lives in Lisbon, and has been Mount Vernon high school's tennis coach for eighteen years as well as creator of the Monsters Running Club for K-8 students. In addition she is an assistant coach for middle school cross country, organizer of the Mustache Mafia, a half-marathon training group, plans and orchestrates the December Project every year for the last 10 years and is the mastermind behind the Covid quarantine group Airheads that encouraged people to get outdoors and moving.



he graduated from Idaho State University. Then they moved back to Iowa with their tiny baby and no clue what they were going to do. They lived in Coralville and Crystal started her 22-year career with the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun newspaper, covering basketball first and taking pictures with a 35mm camera. Before ending her time at the newspaper, she was the sports editor, covering all teams from both Mount Vernon and Lisbon, using a digital camera. Currently Crystal works at Blooming Acres in Mount Vernon and is learning new skills.

About her high school days, Crystal says "My favorite teacher at Mount Vernon High School was Al Craig. He taught the math classes at the high school and most students were intimidated by Mr. Craig and his grading curve. I was usually the one who messed up the curve for everyone else, which might explain why I liked him. He taught math and he taught it effectively. I was prepared for college level math when I arrived.

I spent much of my high school days feeling invisible at MVHS. I think that is how I preferred it. I was quiet. I was a good student. And I tried to stay out of people's way. When I was an underclassman, I even took a volleyball to the face in PE, hit by one of the senior athletes. Sounds like something right out of a Disney movie. All of this to say that one of my best days at MVHS happened at graduation when my name was announced to receive a large scholarship for which I was chosen by the teachers. I felt seen. But still hated PE volleyball."

Crystal can be reached at 300 Roosevelt St, Lisbon, IA 52253 or by email at crystalesk@msn.com



At left Sherene Player and alum Sarah Allard Covington '99 are on hand for Crystal's big day. At right, Crystal was showered with flowers for her ride in the Homecoming parade.

service

your child go through her running club, reading her positive articles in the sports section of the Sun, or staying motivated from participating in one of her winter challenges, you have more than likely been impacted by Crystal's service. People like Crystal make Mount Vernon the precious jewel that it is."

Crystal says "My goal when I started the Monsters program was to make the mile run in PE class less painful for a larger population. I hated the aspect of the physical fitness test when I was in school and now hundreds of Mount Vernon kids go into that test knowing they CAN run a mile. I always thought I would pass the club off to another when my kids outgrew it, but I can't give it up. I love getting to know the kids in our community and hopefully showing them my love of being outdoors and moving."

After high school Crystal attended Utah State University and studied statistics. She and her husband, Rich, lived in Idaho until

Nominator Sara Covington says "It is so important that you consider awarding Crystal this award. She is a model of selfless giving, loyalty, and dedication to our community. I first encountered Crystal's selflessness when my children participated in Monsters Running Club which she began in 2006. Crystal, along with her husband Rich, coordinate a laid back but rewarding opportunity for children to come to the track before school and run with their friends. Her goal is to encourage youth to see the fun in exercise. She does this completely of her own good will.

She makes no profit off of the fifty-two mornings a year (two seasons) that she shows up at the track from 7:35 am until the start of the school day to encourage the K-8 runners and help keep track of their attendance and lap count. Crystal is there in any weather condition. She does not miss. She does so much more than just 'show up.' She knows the children well and finds treasure in their uniqueness, oftentimes creating fun awards to hand out for their character at the end of the season. I can't help but insist that there is a strong correlation between Crystal's running club and the strong cross country and track program at Mount Vernon today. She was named an Ed Thomas Coach of the Week

In addition, she takes time to help organize various races, including the Middle School's annual 5K. She is an active member of the board for the Mount Vernon Community Preschool located at the Methodist Church, and an active member at her church where she works with 12-18 year olds. The youth of this community benefit so much from Crystal's service.

Most of you have been touched by Crystal's kindness. Whether it's having





Community Impact Hall of Fame recipient Gwen Stewart Drahos '70

was nominated by classmate Sara Gaarde. A Lisbon resident and 40-year owner of Gwen's Restaurant, Gwen is well known in the Mount Vernon-Lisbon community.

Her nominator Sara Gaarde says: "Gwen's story has been one of endurance, determination, and commitment. It's very unusual these days for anyone to run an independent business, and especially a restaurant, in a small town for that long a period of time. And Gwen's has not just been a restaurant. It has been a community center for both Mount Vernon and Lisbon. Service groups, weddings, anniversaries, class reunions, memorial gatherings, and many other events have been held at Gwen's for many years. During the difficult times of the pandemic Gwen delivered meals to people she knew needed help."

Community member Deb George says "Gwen Drahos has had so much community impact! The restaurant has been a social center for Mount Vernon and Lisbon for decades. I went there for breakfast or lunch so routinely while I was practicing in Mount Vernon at Mount Vernon Family Practice that my office would get a phone call when I was on vacation to make sure I was OK! Gwen has served hundreds of feasts for holiday meals and brunches at Christmas, Thanksgiving, Mother's Day, and others. Her restaurant served as a dinner theatre venue, Lion's Club location, Lisbon Library fundraiser trivia contests, spelling bees. This past year Gwen has delivered meals to folks during the pandemic who couldn't come to the restaurant themselves. She has been so important to our communities."

Classmate Judy Hess Greco says "But what makes the restaurant special is Gwen herself. Food is her love language. She makes people feel special and cared for with her quick smile and easy laugh. Even if you're feeling low or having a bad day, seeing Gwen will lift your spirit and her food will fill you up, not just with food but love."

Gwen grew up on a farm on Ivanhoe Road south of Mount Vernon, on the edge of the Mount Vernon School District, with an Ely telephone. Her parents were Caroline and Don Stewart. They farmed 40 acres and Don also worked as an electrician. Her siblings were Dennis Stewart of Cedar Rapids and Linnette Stewart Geissler of Lisbon. "I remember that Laverne Herbst (long time Mount Vernon bus driver) was my first driver when I was a little girl," Gwen recalled.

She got involved in 4-H early. Not



community impact

surprisingly she said that cooking was her favorite 4-H activity. She also wanted to show animals at the county fair, "but to do that I had to join Boys 4-H, so I did." As much as she loved cooking she hated sewing and "I remember that in home economics at school with Mrs. Colon, "I passed a skirt I was sewing under the table to my good friend Rita Pospisil and whispered "put the zipper in for me, okay?"

Her years in the Mount Vernon schools were enjoyable to her. She and her fellow members of the MVHS class of 1970 started out in kindergarten at the brand new Washington Elementary building. But 'junior high' was in the district's oldest building, Ward School on Third Avenue North. By the time they reached high school the class of '70 was next to the last class to graduate from what is now the First Street Community Center at the east edge of Main Street.

Gwen participated in a lot of activities in high school. She was president of the home ec club (despite the sewing dislike) and president of GRA, the Girls Recreation Association. When Gwen was in high school the only girls sport was golf, but GRA offered some fun with volleyball and other sports. "If there had been more girls sports at school I definitely would have participated in them," Gwen said. Some of her favorite teachers in high school were home economics teacher Helen Colon, social studies teacher Dick Peters, and math teacher Al Craig.

After graduation Gwen enrolled at UNI with plans to become a first-grade teacher. But she changed her mind and entered the workforce. She was a nurse's aide at

Hallmark Care Center. "That was where I learned that you had to work with each person, individually." She cooked at Hallmark and at the Holiday House restaurant. In the kitchen she learned from and worked with Tom Kleineck, John Moser, and Bob Niederhauser. In 1975 she went to work at The Last Straw restaurant, north of the railroad tracks on Hwy. 1, and cooked for Rusty Phillips there.

She met and married Butch Ferguson and they had two children: Korey and Jodi. Gwen and Butch later divorced and Gwen married Gary Drahos. In 1981 Gwen's parents bought the building that was then housing Johnny Krob's furniture store on Lisbon Main Street. "People told me that a restaurant would never work in Lisbon, and I told them that I HAD to make it work because my Dad bought the building and I needed to pay him back." Gary Drahos did all the renovations needed to turn a furniture store into a restaurant. "I could never have done this without Gary," Gwen said.

Finally on Feb. 11, 1981, Gwen and Gary opened for business. Two years later they also bought the empty lot just west of the restaurant and expanded to double the original size. The mid-80's were lean years on account of the farm recession. But Gwen and Gary persevered and Gwen's Restaurant has been going strong ever since, celebrating 40 years in business earlier in 2021.

The list of events and meetings held at Gwen's is very long indeed. The Lions Club, Rotary Club, and Optimists Club have all met at Gwen's. There are regular card groups, teacher groups, the "Saturday morning breakfast group" which has included many Mount Vernon teachers and administrators. The local AA chapter has met regularly for supper at Gwen's. For many years the annual Homecoming "Stompers" rock and roll dance was held

at Gwen's, with Gwen whipping up breakfast for the band and the whole crowd in the wee hours.

Gwen also has had a direct impact on the Lisbon and Mount Vernon schools. In 1982 Gary and Gwen's daughter Caroline was born with Down's Syndrome. At that time the special needs students were bused to Cedar Rapids. "When I put Caroline on that bus as a very little girl I knew that wasn't the best thing for her," Gwen said. Dr. Kim Brandt approached Gwen and Gary along with Ralph and Cathy Jordan of Mount Vernon, about proposing to the Mount Vernon and Lisbon school boards that the school move to "full inclusion" of all students living within the districts. Eventually they succeeded, but not without a lot of persuading. Full inclusion has been the policy in both school districts ever since.

All of Gwen's grandchildren have worked at the restaurant at one time or another, as have many Mount Vernon high school students and alums. "They start at 14 years of age and learn how to work hard. They learn responsibility and how to work with coworkers and customers. I have also been honored to have many Mount Vernon class reunions at the restaurant," Gwen said. Gwen reaches out to many in our community, for instance taking kolaches to the nursing home and people that are shut in, as well as some chicken soup on occasion. Gwen says "If I can make someone smile, then I've done my job."

Gwen can be reached at PO Box 125, Lisbon IA 52253.



Shelby accepts her award from her nominator, Mount Vernon High School teacher and Head Volleyball Coach Maggie Lessmeier Willems '96

Athletic Hall of Fame recipient Shelby Kintzel '09

was nominated by Mount Vernon High School teacher and Head Volleyball Coach Maggie Lessmeier Willems '96. Willems says "Not only was Shelby an absolute powerhouse in three sports at MVHS, she was at the top of her class as an exceptional student. This tall, graceful young woman was such a positive contributor to her class of 2009, and an absolute force in a graduating class of outstanding female athletes. Her legacy as an outstanding student-athlete at Mount Vernon is that of one all future Mustangs might strive to be!"

Shelby was a member of Coach Willem's volleyball team that earned Class 3A State Runner-Up in both 2007 and 2008. Shelby was named Team Captain both of those years, and was voted Team MVP by teammates in her soph, junior and senior years.

In high school, Shelby was a multi-sport athlete, a letter-winner in volleyball, basketball and track. But more than that, she was a leader and star on teams filled with talented athletes. In volleyball she earned First Team All-Conference as a junior and senior, Class 3A First Team All-District for 3 years, Class 3A All-State Honorable Mention 2006, First Team 2007 and 2008, and then Elite Team in 2008, was named a member of the Class 3A All-Tournament Team 2007 and 2008, 3A Volleyball Player of the Year as a senior, and was named to the Des Moines Register Elite Team (all classes) and 3A First Team as a senior. Shelby was named an Iowa Senior All-Star, and earned a spot on the Prep Volleyball Top 250 (National) listing. In 2016 she was inducted into the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Volleyball Hall of Fame.

Her accomplishments in basketball and track are impressive. In basketball she was named to the Unanimous First-Team All-Conference for three years, and then selected as a Senior Select All-Star and Class 3A All-District as a senior.

In track she was a state qualifier in 2006, 2008, 2009, earning several state awards. As a senior she was a member of the 1st place distance medley (3A Elite All-State) team and 1st place sprint medley team. The team went on to place first in State. Shelby was a Drake Relays qualifier as a junior and senior.

Among her honors are Linn County Female Athlete of the Year in 2009, Des Moines Register '50 Greatest Iowa High School Volleyball Players of All Time' (Nov. 5, 2018) and Academic All-State member.

Shelby went on to play volleyball for the University of Northern Iowa where she was named to the conference All-Freshman Team

athletics



and earned the Elite 18 Award, then to the MVC First Team in 2012 and 2013. In 2013 she also earned honors by being named to the Capital One Academic All-District Volleyball Team and the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Region First Team. She completed her time in college as sixth all-time in sets played at UNI and tenth all-time leader in block solos and total blocks. Shelby was a team member at four NCAA tournament appearances, three of which went into the second round. She was team captain in 2013.

Also a scholar, Shelby earned college honors on the MVC Scholar-Athlete First Team in 2011, 2012, and 2013. She graduated with a 4.0 GPA, Summa Cum Laude, and was awarded UNI's Purple and Old Gold Award in both volleyball and elementary education. Shelby says she is most proud of her NCAA Division 1st First Team Academic All-American award because it encompasses accomplishments both on and off the court.

Shelby went on to play professional volleyball in Spain for one year. She has spent five years teaching and coaching volleyball (two years for Ankeny High School, one state tournament appearance), and earned a Masters' degree in Education while working full-time. She moved to Denver where she was a kindergarten teacher and pre-kindergarten teacher, and currently works for Procure Software, an educational software company.

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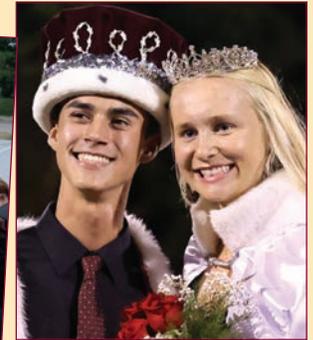
Reception hosts 1983 classmates
Cathy Hufford and Mitch Corcoran.



THE PARADE, STUDENTS, & PEP ASSEMBLY



Student Anna Moore takes pictures at the Award Ceremony.



Homecoming King Jacob Russell and Homecoming Queen Anna Hoffman

AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD





On Friday after the Awards Ceremony, Hall of Fame winners enjoyed lunch in the high school cafeteria followed by visiting high school students in class and attending the Homecoming pep assembly. Middle school students also attended the assembly. On Thursday evening recipients enjoyed riding in Corvettes during the Homecoming parade followed by the Coronation and Powder Puff game.

THANK YOU -- The Alumni Association Board is thankful to Superintendent Dr. Greg Batenhorst, Principal Steve Brand, Assistant Principal Matt Thede and secretaries Mary Hale, Stephanie Timm, and Amy Weber for their facilitation of events, and to teachers JoAnn Gage, Heather Allen, Maggie Willems and Stephanie Olney for hosting the Hall of Fame recipients in their classrooms. The Board would like to thank instructor JoAnn Gage and her Journalism students, in particular Anna Moore, for assisting with photos, along with Librarian Suzette Kragebrink for video taping, reception hosts Cathy Hufford '83 and Mitch Corcoran '83, High School custodian Steve Miller, Bldg & Grounds Marty Williams '82, and High School instructor and auditorium technical director Thad Wilkins. Thank you to the following people for bring cookies or pastries for the reception: Mark '73 and Lucy Hylbak, Linda Nost '63, Sarah Rife Patten '93, and Kathy Staskal. In addition thank you to Carol Woods-Boren '75 for assisting with setup and a variety of tasks, Mary Thomsen '75 and her grand daughter, eighth-grader Ella Shook, for hosting at the President's Reception, Ben Neal '96 for assisting with set-up and tear-down of reception food, Rick and Trude Elliott along with First Street Building staff and occupants, John Rife '60 for being our Master of Ceremony, and to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee members for their ongoing work.



Alumni Hall of Fame winners Braden Rood, Sonia Redmond, Phoebe Ball, Shelby Kintzel, Crystal Eskelsen, and Gwen Drahos collaborate on a podcast about MVHS. See article by the High School Journalism class and link to listen to the podcast they created at

<https://themustangmoon.com/16568/news/mount-vernon-alumni-collaborate-on-podcast/#>

Photo above by JoAnn Gage.



Recipients and alumni enjoy the Homecoming Pep Assembly.



Recipients enjoyed an evening meal at the President's Reception held in the First Street Building Library, hosted by the Alumni Association. They went on to enjoy the Homecoming festivities and football game win over Maquoketa. Recipients took the field and were introduced at halftime.



MUSTANG OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME AWARD

Community members, alums, family, friends and students attended the July 10, 2021 Mount Vernon Alumni Association Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony to honor Tristan Wirfs '17 with a newly minted 'Mustang Outstanding Achievement Hall of Fame Award.



Association President Andrew Morf explains, "Tristan is a big deal to both Mount Vernon alumni and the entire Mount Vernon community. Throughout Tristan's success during his time at Mount Vernon Community Schools, the University of Iowa, and now the NFL, he has never forgotten about Mount Vernon; and, Mount Vernon fans are Tristan's biggest fans!" He explained that the Association board "determined no current Hall of Fame Award appropriately recognized the success of Tristan and his accomplishments a mere three and a half years after graduating from Mount Vernon High School, and that special recognition beyond anything we had given was both necessary and deserved."

The first and main event on Saturday was a morning award ceremony in the Performing Arts Center at Mount Vernon High School. The ceremony included a video recapping Tristan's story from Mount Vernon to the NFL and comments from Tristan about his life and career. You can see this video and both ceremony videos online at www.mvalumni.org.

A second event took place on the main stage in uptown Mount Vernon in early evening at the city's summer festival, Heritage Days. The Association presented Tristan's award, and honorary speakers shared favorite memories of Tristan.



"It means a lot to me to see so much of the community of Mount Vernon out here to celebrate me," Tristan said. "This town will remain my hometown forever, and I'll think of it fondly. From the times I got kicked out of the pool as a little kid, to when they were cheering me on in my first Super Bowl. Your support means a lot to me, and I'm grateful to have it."
Source: MVL Sun



At left, a crowd gathers for the afternoon presentation at Heritage Days on the Main Stage. Above, honorary speakers at the Main Stage afternoon event pictured with Tristan, from left to right: Rich Wirfs '87, Tom Bootsmiller, Ryan Whitman '03, Ed Timm, Tristan, Aaron Truitt, Lance Pedersen, and Landon Paulsen



Mount Vernon Alumni Association President Andrew Morf '94



Association Hall of Fame Chair Dennis Jordan noted how much of Tristan's success was due to his mother, Sarah '93. He asked Sarah to stand and be recognized before the award was handed to Tristan. Also pictured above to the right of Sarah is Tristan's sister Kaylia '20. Below, Chair Dennis Jordan congratulating Tristan.



Tristan with MV High School Head Football Coach Lance Petersen

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Thank you to the Alumni Association and the Foundation for all the time and effort you put forth to make so many good things happy for so many. All that you do is truly remarkable. I greatly admire and respect all of you at the Foundation and your colleagues at the MV Alumni Association. I've never seen nor have I heard of any high school foundation or alumni association groups that can compare to the many things you accomplish. And I confess — I really look forward to receiving the *Alumni News*. My wife Gail is always amused when I find the *News* in the mail since I loudly shout out 'YES!!! GO MUSTANGS!!!'

One last thing... although Gail and I have resided in SW Florida for more than 20 years, I've never been a big fan of any of the pro football teams in Florida... that is not until this past year. I followed the incredible career of Tristan Wirfs at MVHS, his accomplishments as a Hawkeye and when he was drafted in the NFL's 1st round I watched him play so remarkably effective and consistent for the Buccaneers all season long. Well, I'm now a big Bucs fan and it wasn't because of Tom Brady — it's because of Tristan Wirfs! I actually missed parts of some great offensive plays made by the Bucs since I was focused on the line of scrimmage watching the amazing job Tristan was doing at tackle. I do wish I could have been in Mount Vernon on July 10th to help honor and salute Tristan in person. What an all-around truly remarkable young man!

Thanks again for all you do. And but of course... GO MUSTANGS!!!

Gary Knutsen '65

Mark Benesh '83, 2011 MV Hall of Fame recipient and Lisbon resident, is now working as a full-time artist. Mark is known for his murals and watercolors, but he works in a variety of mediums including acrylics and alcohol markers. He is currently teaching water color classes at Mount Vernon Creates (see picture at right, source Mount Vernon Creates facebook page). You can find Mark on Instagram @mbenesh2019. Many of his creations are on display and for sale at Mount Vernon Creates in Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon Creates is an art gallery, event center and wine shop, on facebook at #mountvernoncreates, and on the web at <https://www.shopiowa.com/product/iowa-landscape-paintings-by-mark-benesh/>



Are the Alumni Association and the Foundation the SAME thing? NO

The **Alumni Association** was formed to coordinate all-alumni activities. Donations to the Alumni Association are used to support the alumni newsletter, data base, awards and Association activities.

The **Foundation** is a charitable non-profit organization that partners with alumni, businesses, parents, and friends to help support a higher level of educational excellence for students of Mount Vernon Schools. Donations to the Foundation are used to support the school district in ways such as student scholarships and teacher education grants. The Foundation financially supported the Alumni Association in its first years, and continues with financial support of one alumni newsletter annually.

DONATIONS TO BOTH ASSOCIATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

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 Selection Committee sweat about that -- just get in your nominations!

Hall of Fame 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.

**DEADLINE IS A MAY 1, 2022
POSTMARK -- GET YOURS IN THE MAIL NOW!**

'The Spirit Lives On In You

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

All nominees must be an alumna 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 Hall of Fame

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

Criteria:

Criteria:

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

MVCSD Alumni Service Hall of Fame

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.

2022 MOUNT VERNON ALUMNI HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



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

His/Her address (if known) _____

His/Her phone (if known) _____

Select Desired MVCSD Alumni Hall of Fame Award(s):

- 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: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Telephone (_____) _____ Home Telephone (_____) _____

Email _____

All awards will be granted based on nominations, which can be submitted by mail using this form, or online at www.mvalumni.org. Nominations will be reviewed and selected by the Selection Committee, and approved by the Alumni Association Board. Nominations are held. Questions - 319-389-8602 Kathy, or alumni@mvczd.org
Send this form postmarked by May 1 to: Alumni Association, 525 Palisades Rd SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314.

**Elected or appointed members of the Alumni Association Board are not eligible during their term of service.

HALL OF FAME HISTORY

2008

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

2015

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

2009

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
Richard Bowman '58	Treva Moore Heiser '50	Paul Hufford '80	Kristin Stewart '99

2016

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

COMMUNITY IMPACT

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

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 Zenishek '47	Randy Hoidahl '61	Mark Benesh '83

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

2012

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

2018

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS	COMMUNITY IMPACT
Michael Bowers '87	Matthew Borg '90	Carol Woods-Boren '75	Dewane Hughes '88	Mike Smith '68

2013

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

2019

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS	COMMUNITY IMPACT
Lloyd Duffe '51	Michael Seiler '67	Robert Bowman '58	Sadie Busse '90 (Sarah Martin)	Richard Moore '52

2014

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

2020

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS	COMMUNITY IMPACT
Peter Kollman '62	Scot Christensen '78	Steve Andrew '68	Braden Pospisil Rood '95	Sonia Essex Redmond '82



Mustangs...what are they doing now?

■ ZACH WOLFE '96



After building a career photographing rappers, Zach is now a much sought-after cinematographer

Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteers to help at Alumni Association events -- we couldn't do it without YOU!

Since I graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 1996 I attended the Colorado Institute of Art in Denver, CO. Graduated with an Associates in Photography. Ended up doing an internship at Smashbox Studios in LA for approximately eight months. Moved back to Colorado as LA just felt too big for a small town Iowa boy, LOL. Ended up moving again to Atlanta, GA in 2001 with the hopes of photographing the group Outkast and the Atlanta Hip-Hop scene in general. Ended up accomplishing those goals and around 2010 started to focus more on becoming a cinematographer. As it stands today I am both a photographer and cinematographer working on a wide range of commercial projects.

A couple years ago I got a call from Adobe saying they would like to produce a small film about me and my career as a photographer/cinematographer. Coming from Mount Vernon, Iowa this felt like a "I Made It" moment, lol. I know times have changed but when I was growing up in Mount Vernon I didn't have too many people who truly believed I could turn my love of the camera into a career. Having Adobe profile me just felt like a bit of validation.

I have a lot of great memories growing up in Mount Vernon. I would say something that sticks out is my gratitude for my Photography teacher the late Donna Swenson. I can remember to this day the enthusiasm she had for teaching. If I'm honest I wasn't the best student in high school, a bit of a trouble maker in some ways. Donna never once made me feel judged and helped me understand there were schools for art and that I could do it for a living. Without Donna I don't see how I would have ever had the idea to be a professional photographer. Donna and my mother Kim both put in some work to get me into the Colorado Institute of Art via a portfolio I made while in school. My life forever changed because of Donna.

Reach Zach at zach@zachwolfe.com, find his website at zachwolfe.com, and find him on Instagram @zachwolfe

Editor's Note: After looking into Zach's online presence, his update is very humble and I think you should all read more about his phenomenal career. From 'Shine and Polish' I find 'Zach came up with the rise of Southern hip-hop, chronicling the movement and personalities of the industry's heaviest hitters, including Andre 300, Three Six

Mafia, Lil Wayne, Big Boi, T.I. and Birdman. His iconic work in this space and knowledge of urban culture quickly translated to the sports world, with successful campaigns for EA Sports, the Atlanta Hawks, SLAM Magazine and Michael Phelps for Krave, among others. As a Director and DP, he has shot the award-winning documentaries Dust & Dirt and Better Man, and most recently the feature film Whisper to the Thunder. Zach's work has been featured and recognized by multiple film festivals including Slamdance and the American Documentary Film Festival. He has been profiled by Billboard, Adobe Create, FADER and The Source.'

Find the Adobe film at <https://creativecommonscloud.adobe.com/discover/article/hip-hop-photographer-zach-wolfe-is-still-hungry>. Here is an excerpt from the Adobe story:

"Atlanta became his playground. The city's rawness and edginess inspired Wolfe, and he used the entire city as a backdrop for his iconic images. Not a huge fan of the studio, Wolfe says the street is where his photographs come alive, because on the street there's room for magic and the unexpected. Wolfe is not a conceptual photographer; he's not interested in changing reality with props and big sets. He wants to interpret the reality in front of him, to freeze time, and to create classic authentic images that will never go out of style.

Wolfe was profoundly changed by Southern hip-hop. The music got into his soul, and the people he met got into his soul, too. "To be on the ground and see someone go from having no chance at life to signing a three-million-dollar record deal in a matter of six months was mind-blowing to me," Wolfe says. "This music is bigger than just music. This music changes lives." And it certainly changed Wolfe's.

"I was young and hungry, just like these guys. My passion to make it as a hip-hop photographer matched the passion of these guys wanting to be nationally known as rappers. There was this common bond. I adopted a similar intensity as some of the artists that I shot." The respect and accolades he's getting for his work now feel that much sweeter because of all the hard work. "I would not change a thing," he says.

Find an interview by Beth Wachtel at <https://creativeinsights.gettyimages.com/en/spotlight/creative-spotlight/photographer-and-filmmaker-zach-wolfe>. Beth says of Zach:

'Growing up in Iowa, photographer and filmmaker, Zach Wolfe developed a love of music and photography. Combining

his passions, he moved to Atlanta in the early 2000s and unknowingly landed at the forefront of the burgeoning Southern hip hop scene. After building a career photographing rappers, he is now a much sought-after cinematographer shooting commercials for TV and brands, such as Top Gear America and New Era apparel. As most of the world slowed down during quarantine, my work with Zach started to ramp up. With an unaffected, laid back demeanor and an overt love for what he does, we discussed his pivot from stills to video, looking at life through more than one lens and the need to tell people's stories accurately.'

Here is an excerpt from Beth's interview with Zach:

[BW]: Your photography career grew out of a love of music but when did you decide you wanted to be a professional photographer?

[ZW]: Really by accident. I was not motivated in school. I wanted to get out of Iowa however possible. I took a photo class sophomore year high school purely because I thought it would be good for easy credit and literally from my first roll of film it was, "I love this! This is what I'm going to do." I think I saw everything that has happened already to me in that moment. I know that sounds crazy, but I instantaneously knew I could make a career and get out of Iowa with this camera. I said to my teacher "I don't care what it takes, I'm going to a photo school, can you help me?" She took me under her wing and let me stay after school in the dark room to get some extra work in. I ended up getting my own dark room at my house and was obsessed for the rest of high school. I built a good enough portfolio I guess for a photo school to take my money (laughs).

[BW]: Would you say you are more of a cinematographer than photographer now?

[ZW]: I look at myself as really just an image maker. I love to make images that stand still, or move, it doesn't really matter to me, I love both. My goal is to tell people's stories accurately - I just love humans, and whatever story they have.



■ AMY FRIEDL STONER 2001



Amy Friedl-Stoner performing her holiday show at Paramount Theater

Excerpt from MVL Sun article by Nathan Countryman Dec 2, 2021

Amy Friedl-Stoner returned to the Paramount Theater stage in Cedar Rapids with her holiday show Friday, Dec. 10. When she returned to the stage she was not the only Mount Vernon person on the stage. Friedl-Stoner brought students from Mount Vernon choir and Mount Vernon jazz choir to perform on the stage with her (see photo above). Friedl-Stoner has used several Cedar Rapids choirs in her shows in the past. "I've always wanted to offer this opportunity to Mount Vernon High School students," Friedl-Stoner said. "It was last year when the Mount Vernon jazz band performed with the Corridor Jazz Band that I asked Scott Weber if it would be out of line for me to ask the Mount Vernon choirs to perform with me as part of my Christmas show. He encouraged me to contact Thad Wilkins."



Wilkins and Friedl-Stoner worked at the end of summer to select the chart numbers that will need a choral backing, and made sure students had the music to learn ahead of the concert. "I have visited with the Mount Vernon choir a few times," Friedl-Stoner said. "We've spoken about song interpretation, lyrics and performance. I've been blown away by these students' talent and their attentiveness during the practices we've had."

When it comes to the jazz choir performance, she notes that performance is one where that group is performing a madrigal piece with her on stage. "It's an opportunity I would have loved to have in my own time at Mount Vernon Schools," Friedl-Stoner said. "Hopefully these students are just as honored and excited about this show as I am." She also noted that this is her first show she's had at the Paramount since 2019, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Friedl-Stoner said the other thing she has truly enjoyed is having a reason to come back to her hometown and visit. "That's been really cool to have a reason that brings me back to Mount Vernon."

Amy can be reached at amysuefriedl@msn.com, or friend her on Facebook to keep up with her performance schedule.



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JULY 8 and 9

In Memory of classmates we have lost

Marguerite Johnson Morey 1939

August 14, 2021 Iowa City, IA

Elizabeth 'Lizzy' Wolfe Kroul 1943

June 20, 2021 Mount Vernon, IA

Opal Paul Gish 1945

July 21, 2021 Cedar Rapids, IA

Robert Ruble 1945

May 23, 2021 Cedar Rapids, IA

Donald 'Ski' Kilen 1947

October 20, 2021 Hot Springs, AK

Robert 'Bob' Wolfe 1948

November 24, 2021 Mount Vernon, IA

Paul Vislisl 1952

December 9, 2021 Cedar Rapids, IA

Bonita Forest Schoff 1954

October 23, 2021, Mount Vernon, IA

Audrey Barrett Yarbrough 1956

December 7, 2021 Ely, IA

Judy Wilson Woods 1957

deceased 2017 Tulsa, OK

Mary Bensmiller Armstrong 1958

February 1, 2021 Saginaw, TX

Lynn Sutliff 1959

September 1, 2021 Oro Valley, AZ

James 'Jim' Vislisl 1961

November 11, 2021 Cedar Rapids, IA

Robert 'Bob' Colon 1962

May 5, 2020 Worcester, MA

Patricia Biderman 1963

August 4, 2021 Mount Vernon, IA

Vicki Edleman Cochrane 1964

September 18, 2021 Lynnfield, Ma.

Roger Rife 1967

June 18, 2021 Mount Vernon, IA

Gary Clark 1972

December 17, 2020 Mount Vernon, IA

Tyler Bontrager 1981

July 11, 2021 Cedar Rapids, IA

Misty Hartung Henle 1986

November 15, 2021 Coralville, IA

Blaine Schumacher 2018

August 23 2021 Mount Vernon, IA

- FRIENDS -

Joan Kohl former elementary teacher

October 18, 2021 Lisbon, IA

(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.)

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BIRTHS

Sean Boren '07 and wife Brooke of Mount Vernon, IA a girl, Westley Kay, October 25, 2021. Grandparents are Terry '77 and Carol '75 Woods-Boren.

Graham Carl '07 and wife Katie of Mount Vernon, a daughter, Evelyn Kay Carl, Sept. 27, 2021

Chelsea Dowdell May '06 and husband Andrew of Cedar Rapids, IA, a daughter, Amelia Marie, July 3, 2021

Karah Goetschius Hoffer '04 and husband Erik of Frankfort, IL, a daughter, Kaycee Elizabeth, November 2nd, 2021.

Ben Brandt '01 and wife Katarina of Olympia, WA, a son, Hudson June, 2021

WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS

Noah Dahlstrom '14 to Ariel Smale on Dec. 31, 2020. Noah is employed as an engineer by Collins Aerospace in Cedar Rapids. The couple resides in Marion.

Jenna Pisarik '11 to B.J. Jensen on June 12, 2021. The couple resides in Coralville, IA.

Jodi Hoke '00 to Samuel Ames, on August 20, 2021. The couple resides in Cedar Rapids.

Michael 'Mike' Ohlfest '72 to Suki Hark on September 25, 2021. Mike's lifelong best friend and classmate, Jim Berends, was best man. The couple resides in Alexandria Virginia.

ANNIVERSARIES/SPECIAL DAYS

Linda Armstrong Janko '59 and husband Raymond of Palo, IA, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary September 1, 2021

William 'Bill' Bowers '57 and Myrt Clark Bowers '57 of Mount Vernon, IA, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary September 9, 2021

Larry '67 and Kathy Rilett Pisarik '69 of Cascade, IA, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, August 18, 2021.

EDUCATION & MILITARY SERVICE

Erin Fend '19 with a liberal arts degree from the Des Moines Area Community College, spring graduate.

Marissa Buck '19 with photography and advanced photography from the Des Moines Area Community College, spring graduate.

Jeremy Krogmann '17 with a bachelor of arts in management information systems supply chain management from the University of Northern Iowa, spring graduate.

Zackary Krogmann '17 with a bachelor of science in biology from the University of Northern Iowa, spring graduate.

Grace Pelley '17 with a bachelor of arts in social work from the University of Northern Iowa, spring graduate.

Hayley Corkin '17, bachelor of science with summa cum laude honors in statistics from Iowa State University, spring graduate.

Jenna Baumler '17, bachelor of science with magna cum laude honors in early childhood education from Iowa State University, spring graduate.

Faith Anton '17, bachelor of science with magna cum laude honors, kinesiology and health and honors program member from Iowa State University, spring graduate.

Aaron Barnhart '17, bachelor of science, finance from Iowa State University, spring graduate.

Ryan Murphy '17, bachelor of science, mechanical engineering from Iowa State University, spring graduate.

Haley Baker '17, bachelor of science in human physiology, from University of Iowa, spring graduate.

Madison Hinrichs '17, bachelor of science in nursing from University of Iowa, spring graduate.

Samuel Krapfl '17 with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from University of Iowa, spring graduate.

Nicole Binsfield '17 with a bachelor of arts in health and human physiology from University of Iowa, spring graduate.

Ella Nortin '17 with a bachelor of arts in computer science from University of Iowa, spring graduate.

Benjamin Alger '16 with a bachelor of arts in elementary education from the

HALL OF FAME

May 1, 2022 Deadline for Hall of Fame NOMINATIONS

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University of Northern Iowa, spring graduate.

Taylor Sherman '16, magna cum laude bachelor of science, microbiology from Iowa State University, spring graduate.

Joseph Feldman '10 with a master of arts in speech-language pathology from the University of Northern Iowa, spring graduate.

AND MORE...

James Campbell '82 took a new teaching position at Lisbon teaching K-12 special education. Photo from MVL-Sun



Bill Thomsen '72, former teacher at Mount Vernon, was elected to the Mount Vernon Community School District School Board in November.

Rori Wiebel '96 of Mount Vernon joined Knutson Construction in September 2021 as senior project manager in the Iowa market. Photo from MVL-Sun



Sgt. Scott Reyhons was honored as Clinton American Legion Post 190's Law Enforcement officer of the year in October. Reyhons, a veteran, serves as a sergeant with the Clinton County Sheriff's Office. He was recognized for his actions in responding to a domestic incident in rural Charlotte in January 2020. Upon arriving and approaching the residence, Reyhons was shot. He received injuries to his arm, hands and face. By putting himself in harm's way, he was given the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year honor. Reyhons has served with the Clinton County law enforcement department since 1993, when he began as a communications operator. He joined the reserve deputy ranks in 1994 and was later hired as a full-time deputy. He worked in Clinton County Jail in 2001 and was transferred to the patrol division in 2003. (source MVL-Sun Dec 16, 2021)

Josh Henik '06, a soybean farmer from Mount Vernon, has been recognized by the Iowa Soybean Association (ISA) through a new conservation initiative, "Iowa's Front Forty," which celebrates conservation champions in the state. Photo from MVL-Sun



Sydney Meeker '17, a 5th year senior volleyball libero at Cornell College

in Mount Vernon, achieved an impressive feat with her 2,000th career dig Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021. Meeker joined elite company as the 14th player in Midwest Conference history to attain 2,000 digs. She stands No. 2 on Cornell's all-time list behind MV alum Kylea Weber '11 (2,508 digs, 2011-14). In addition, Cornell's Midwest Conference recognized Sydney as first-team, All-MWC. She is the fifth player in Cornell volleyball history to gain all-conference status four times in a career.

Karlyn Connolly '20 of Mount Vernon was crowned senior cowgirl queen Aug. 13 at the 2021 Iowa State Fair.

Maggie Dale '16 of Iowa City placed first in all breed trail riders all ages competition at the open western horse show at the Iowa State Fair.

Natalie Hoffman Hand '91 took a new teaching position at Mount Vernon's Washington Elementary teaching 2nd grade this fall. Photo from MVL-Sun



Linda Peterson Nost '63 of Lisbon retired August 1st of 2021 from Ellison Insurance Agency.

Dennis Jordan '87 joined Alliant Energy as Director of Customer, Community and Economic Development. In this role, Dennis leads a team of economic/community development professionals and key account managers through the Alliant Energy service territory in Iowa. Dennis also serves as Adjunct Faculty through the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center at the Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa.



George J. Hill, M.D. '49 has published a new book, 'Health Matters. A New View of Human History.' His book proposes an audacious new concept of human history, that the primary goal of humans, from cave dwellers to those in the modern world, has been the search for good health and a long life.

Jean Lehman '72 won first place in the July 'Portray of Mount Vernon' art show for her digital artwork of uptown Mount Vernon. Photo by Nathan Countryman, MVL Sun



Zach Washburn, MD '98 currently lives in Rochester, MN after several

years living in Kalispell, MT. He is an emergency radiologist for the Cleveland Clinic.

Rachel Bly '89 was re-elected to the Grinnell City Council in November. This will be her 4th term on the council. Rachel was awarded the Emerge Iowa DAWN Local Elected Official Award in 2021.

Luke Staskal '00 recently moved to Plymouth, MA, where he is Vice President of Human Resources at Sysco.

C.J. Eldred '13, former Mount Vernon and Iowa baseball pitcher, played for the Quad Cities River Bandits this past summer. He was assigned to Quad Cities on in August from low-Class A Columbia, making this homecoming possible. Approximately 25 family members and friends, including his mother, brother and sisters, cheered him on. The 26-year-old right-hander is in his third season in the Kansas City Royals organization. He had Tommy John surgery his senior season at Iowa in 2017, got an offer to sign as a non-drafted free agent in August of that year and began his pro career in 2018. (Source Cedar Rapids Gazette)

HALL OF FAME NEWS

Tristan Wirfs '17, 2021 Mustang Outstanding Achievement Award recipient and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, offensive lineman, is headed to the 2022 Pro Bowl. Tristan was designated as a starter for the game, meaning he is regarded as one of the top two offensive tackles in the NFC this season, as determined by a combined vote by fans, coaches and players. Tristan, the 13th-overall selection in the 2020 draft, was a rookie sensation for the Super Bowl champs and needed only two seasons to get the all-star call. Wirfs is just the eighth player in franchise history to make a Pro Bowl in one of his first two seasons.

Gwen Drahos '72 of Lisbon and 2021 Community Impact recipient, was named grand marshall of the Lisbon Sauerkraut Days in August 2021.

Mike Smith '68, 2018 Community Impact recipient, was honored for Mount Vernon's 2021 volunteer of the year Mike Smith, he hasn't seen the work he has done in organizing Music on Main concerts as volunteer work, but rather as just something he loves to do.



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Kristin Stewart Livingston '99, 2009

Fine Arts Hall of Fame recipient, is company manager for Disney's touring musical 'Frozen'. Kristin arranged for Q&A session for the Mount Vernon Marching band members after they viewed the musical on their recent trip to Chicago in November, shown below. Kristin resides in New York. (source, Kim Zangger Tucker)



AND MORE...

Kay Jilovec Lind '55 of Cedar Rapids wrote in to show and tell about the beautiful quilting and art pieces she makes. She says "This is a special queen sized quilt (shown at right) that was hand quilted by a lady near Kalona. I recieved some of the blocks hand sewn and hand appliqued by her. I had to finish the rest by hand. She used her old house dresses and aprons for the piecing fabric and were already cut for me. It's a work of love. I oil painted the picture of the rose about five years ago. I like to stay busy. I made my first king size Christmas theme quilt for a son and his wife for Christmas. For me it was quite an undertaking. I'm working on a scrappy quilt now, and I've made a couple of pot holders, 2 adult bibs, some Christmas decor and many other items over this covid year-and-a-half. I've made forty crocheted stocking caps. I work with others to make quilts for shelters in Cedar Rapids. I have fabric to make some quilts for babies. I can't sit still very long."



Braden Pospisil Rood '93, 2020 Fine Arts

Hall of Fame recipient, has been involved in fund-raising for two Mount Vernon community projects. Over the summer she worked with Dan Campagna '00 and others in a successful fundraiser for \$5,000 to build out a thrust stage for the Memorial Park Gazebo and procure adequate equipment for this unique space in preparation for the summer performance of Shakespeare in the Park. She is currently working with First Street Community Center building owners Rick and Trude Elliot and others to "Raise the Roof!" The Elliots are struggling to maintain the current roof and need \$100,000 for a new one. Braden has started a Gofundme page for 'Raise the Roof' with a goal of raising the \$100,000. To find it, go to gofundme.com and search for 'Raise the Roof'.



Story and photos by Bob Campagna, Excerpt from MVL Sun, October 28, 2021
What compels art? In this case, it was the idea to honor Mount Vernon's firefighters. And a father. **Jody Murphy Stewart '79**, owner of The Hair Salon at 201 First Street West, arranged for the creation of an 8x12-foot mural on the 2nd side of her building. Jody was inspired by memory of her father Joe Murphy and brother RJ Murphy '70 who were firefighters that February night in 1975 when disaster struck the town's centerpiece. Then, the beloved theatre The Strand crumbled in flames. The theatre stood on the present-day site of City Hall and Stewart's salon. Joe Jennison, director of the MVL Community Development Group helped connect Susannah Biondo-Gemmell, associate professor of art at Cornell and her class, to make Stewart's dream true. Local artist Mark Benesh '83 became project consultant. Liberty Iron Works owner Dale Merrill '92 custom designed a frame, binding together the three 4-foot by 8-foot plywood sheets which comprise the mural. Merrill also affixed the creation to the Hair Salon's east wall.



Christine Rebhuhn '07 wrote in to share "a recent solo exhibition I had in New York City this fall, where I currently live and make sculpture. My solo exhibition 'The Breeze Will Kill Me' at Thierry Goldberg Gallery opened on October 15th, 2021, and ran until November 13th, 2021. I am including two photos, a portrait of me in my studio, and an image from the show. The piece in the photo is called 'Words Dry and Riderless,' 2020. (Incidentally, the piano in the image was gifted to me by Zach Bostwick'05 and it was later transformed in my studio in Queens.) You can find the rest of the show images on her website www.christinerebhuhn.com, or the gallery's website <https://thierrygoldberg.com/>



2000 Classmates Gabe Haugland from Storm Lake, IA and **Derek Boren** from Mount Vernon, IA were surprised to see each other at the Opus event in Ames this fall. Their daughters Grace and Madeline performed together in the 7/8th grade treble clef choir.

CLASS OF 1967

Jane Baker Hardin wrote in to report that 'on Dec 10, our Class of 1967 had its ZOOM chat that we have been having every two months for several months. At each meeting we have a different group of people with many of the same people coming each time. At this particular meeting, Mike Seiler had a visitor stop by while we were talking. His friend, 'Simon the Elf' stopped in to check on our 'good' status and just have some fun.



Starting on the top, we have Barb Clarke Oakland, Jane Baker Oakland, Kathleen Brawner Worchester. 2nd row, Simon the elf (Mike Seiler), Marianne Hansen Garrigan, Mick Snodgrass. 3rd Row, Don Colton, Mary Kreicji Burr, Pam Pitlik Byersdorfer. 4th Row: Sandi Erenberger Hanna'



Karen Jilovec Martin '57, 2013 MV Alumni Community Impact Hall of Fame recipient, won a historical 25th Club Championship at Kernoustie's women's club tournament on July 25th, 2021. Karen shot an 86 for the day.

THANK YOU
Kathy Jennings Jamison '61
for the poem written by Phil Rilett.



MULTI-ACTIVITIES COMPLEX COMING TO MOUNT VERNON

Here is information about an exciting project, a new multi-activities complex, for MV Schools.

The proposed project will be located north of the high school and will include the following:

- 1 An eight-lane track and competition space for field events
- 2 A turf field for football, soccer, marching band, and physical education classes
- 3 Seating for approximately 1500 spectators, a concession/restroom building, and a possible team room building

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$4 million, and will be funded through a combination of district funding and private donations. Completion of the project is tentatively scheduled for August of 2023 - just in time for our current 6th graders, the Class of 2027, to begin their high school journey. Our goal with fundraising is to close the funding gap and do all that we can to offset the district's investment in the project, allowing those funds to be directed to other worthwhile school initiatives. Fundraising efforts will continue through completion of the facility, and multi-year commitments are allowed.

We are pleased to announce that we have secured roughly \$700,000 in gifts and commitments thus far. We are excited for this facility to serve our kids and community, and we look forward to working with our Mount Vernon community near and far to help make it a reality. More information about the initiative will be distributed in the new year. In the meantime, please get in touch with Foundation Director Ben Brannaman if you're interested in learning more about supporting this exciting project for MV Schools. Ben can be reached at mobile 319-693-9520 or by email at bbrannaman@mvcvsd.org.

If you would like to make a gift today, you can do so online at www.mvcvsd.org/give (select ACTIVITIES COMPLEX DONATIONS) or by mail with checks made payable to MVCSD Foundation and mailed to 525 Palisades Rd SW, Mt Vernon, IA 52314

*activities complex in the memo line.

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Helen Dvorak Stoner 1946*	Wayne Berry 1955	Douglas Wolrab 1956*	Nancy Pisarik Mulder 1959*
Don 'Skip' Killen 1947	Gilbert AZ	Cedar Rapids IA	Grand Rapids MI
Hot Springs, AR	Barbara Sutliff Hansel 1955*	Barb Neal Hutchins 1957	Ann McCutcheon Niehaus 1959*
Harold Klinsky 1947	Cedar Rapids IA	Marion IA	Martelle IA
Marion, IA	Kay Jilovec Lind 1955*	Paul Kent 1957*	George Pospisil 1959*
Millicent Hoggard Zenishek 1947*	Cedar Rapids IA	Vicksburg MS	Lisbon IA
Mechanicsville IA	Janet Johnston McCannon 1955*	Jan Lowe Whitman Majors 1957	Marie Sippola 1959*
Dr. Stanley Grant 1949*	Highlands Ranch CO	Mount Vernon IA	Cedar Rapids IA
Deer Park WA	Kay Mullen Morrissey 1955*	Karen Jilovec Martin 1957*	Shirley Andrews Sparks 1959
George Hill, M.D., 1949*	Lawley FL	Mount Vernon IA	Ankeny IA
Baltimore MD	Jane Johnston Perry 1955	Mary Bowman Seidler 1957*	Lynn Sutliff 1959
Jack Stanton 1949*	Mattoon IL	Scottsdale AZ	Tucson AZ
Cedar Rapids IA	Larry Ringer 1955	Janet Hess Smith 1957*	Sharon Neal Urich 1959*
James Kent 1950*	College Station TX	Urbandale IA	Iowa City IA
Winchester MA	Jerry Ringer 1955*	Robert Bowman 1958*	Beverly Lange Chunka 1960*
Wiladene Hoggard Willming 1950*	Bloomington IL	Glenview IL	LaVista NE
San Antonio TX	Nargi Rayman Steinbrech 1955	Rodger Brush 1958	Keith Clark 1960*
David Wolfe 1950*	Solon IA	Willow River MN	Mount Vernon IA
Los Angeles CA	Dave Thomson 1955*	Ben Jamison 1958	Susan Dye Hodin 1960*
Carol Croft Kent 1951*	Benton LA	Lisbon IA	Cedar Rapids IA
Winchester MA	David Van Metre 1955*	Larry Kramer 1958*	John Hunter 1960
Georgia Stadler Shilling	Kenilworth IL	Marion IA	Cedar Rapids IA
Cedar Rapids IA	Carol Hartenberger Walder 1955	David Kroeger 1958	Frankie Bensmiller Lanning 1960*
Bill Lenz 1952	Mount Vernon IA	Marion IA	Nevada IA
Manning, SC	Phylis Brecht White 1955*	Robert Kruse 1958	Pat Lynott 1960*
Ann Vislisel Pavik 1952	Solon IA	Engelwood CO	Marshalltown IA
Granite Bay CA	Betty Coon Ammeter 1956*	Bob Lenz 1958	Lumir Nezerka 1960*
Bill Yeisley 1952	Cedar Rapids IA	Marion IA	Savage MN
Marion IA	Barbara Pence Conn 1956	Tom Neal 1958*	Fred Niehaus 1960*
George Brown 1953*	Laurel MD	Cocoa FL	Martelle IA
Kearney NE	David Ennis 1956	Gail Yeisley Rhodes 1958*	Ted Pence 1960
Carlyle Bys 1953	Virginia Beach VA	Clive IA	Tipton IA
Bertram, IA	Ken Kaliban 1956	Marilyn Dean Schnittjer 1958*	Judy Caldwell Penn 1960
Rosemary Brecht Erenberger 1953*	Cedar Rapids IA	Mount Vernon IA	Cedar Rapids IA
Solon IA	Bonnie Clark Keith 1956	David Sparks 1958	John Rife 1960*
Ruth Ackerman Farris 1953	Mount Vernon IA	Ankeny IA	Mount Vernon IA
Eatonton GA	Deanne Dean LeVan 1956	Jim Clark 1959*	Jean Plank Stinehour 1960*
Susan Albright Kehrl 1953	Marion IA	Cedar Rapids IA	Littleton NH
Manchester IA	Roger Schnittjer 1956	Jane Costello Fink 1959*	Dorothy Wolfe Welsh 1960
Barbara Beckhelm Moore 1953*	Mount Vernon IA	Anamosa IA	Rockville MD
Mount Vernon IA	Janet Miner Sessions 1956	Ed Fordyce 1959*	Richard Blew 1961
Don Walden 1953	Kent OH	Mount Vernon IA	Oak Grove MO
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