



North Cedar Community School District
ALUMNI AWARDS

Alumni Awards honor graduates of North Cedar High School or one of the former districts that now make up North Cedar. Awards are given to alums in recognition of their professional achievements, service to non-profits, community impact, fine arts accomplishments and/or athletic excellence. Nominees are reviewed and recipients are selected by a committee made up of school and community representatives.

Alumni Achievement Award

Tom Speer



Tom Speer is a 1971 graduate of Lincoln Community High School where he was a National Merit Finalist. He attended Iowa State University and earned a B.S. degree in aerospace engineering. A Reserve Officer

Training Corps (ROTC) graduate, he was then commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force serving in Florida.

He was selected to attend U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base (AFB) in California. Tom graduated at the top of his class in 1980 and was assigned to the Canadian Air Force in Alberta. He then moved to Wright Patterson AFB in Ohio where he earned a master's degree in aeronautical engineering at Air Force Institute of Technology. There he was assigned to Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory as a control systems integration manager. In 1987, Tom served in London for three years as chief of aeronautical engineering for the European Office of Scientific Research. He then returned to Edwards culminating in a final position as Chief, Flying Qualities - Fighter/Advanced Projects Flight at the Flight Test Center. Tom retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1996 after 21 years of engineering service.

He then worked for Boeing Corporation in Seattle, Wash. for 14 years in numerous positions including principal engineer on Tier III-DarkStar unmanned aircraft program, principal engineer for Flight Controls Research with Boeing Phantom Works and lead engineer for the KC-767 aerial refueling boom.

Outside of his professional life, he was an avid sailor. By the time he was working at Boeing, he was publishing technical analyses applying his flight experience to the performance of sailing hydrofoils. This analytical work caught the

attention of the engineering team for the 33rd America's Cup (AC-33), BMW Oracle Racing (BOR) organization. In 2008, Tom was hired as consulting engineer to BOR where he assisted in creating a 113-foot long sailing hydrofoil trimaran, USA-17. As part of the team, Tom designed the 233-foot high wing-sail that was key to beating the Swiss team in 2010. As an Oracle Team USA wing designer for AC-34, his team produced the now-famous AC72 wing-sail foiling catamarans that competed on San Francisco Bay in 2013. They were the fastest sailboats ever to compete for the America's Cup. In the longest AC race series in history, Oracle Team USA defeated Emirates Team New Zealand.

Tom's achievements in wing-sail design resulted in international recognition. He is widely quoted in publications and serves as a presenter on wing-sail aerodynamics. He also received recognition at the White House by President Obama as a member of the AC-33 BOR team. Tom is currently working on his third America's Cup design team for the upcoming AC-35 event in Bermuda.

Tom lives in Poulsbo, Wash., with his wife Kathy where they sail and kayak on the waters of Puget Sound. They have three boys, Brett, Cory and Sean. Tom is the son of Lenora and the late Dr. Edward Speer.

Alumni Service Award

Robert Allamand



Robert (Bob) Allamand, the son of Clarence and Dora, was born in 1946. He grew up in Stanwood and graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1964. A few months later, on Aug. 13, 1964, and just before Bob

was to attend the University of Iowa on a baseball scholarship, he was disabled in a swimming accident that left him a quadriplegic.

2016-17 Alumni Award Recipients

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Susan Orvis

Skilled rehab and training enabled Bob to enroll at University of Nebraska in Omaha receiving a bachelor's degree in English and later a master's degree in counseling. He moved to Berkeley, Calif., in 1976 to train as a paralegal where he began a lifetime of public service. He initially worked for the Center for Independent Living and was subsequently hired by the federal office of Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Service in San Francisco. There he worked to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Bob was a political activist and advocate for the disabled and on April 5, 1977, he participated in the famous sit-in at the San Francisco Federal Building for 25-days that protested the lack of implementation of regulations for disabled persons. The sit-in resulted in the implementation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 where Bob was one of three individuals instrumental in negotiating with federal representatives. Bob was featured in the Power of 504 video documentary that chronicled the sit-in. Thirty-years later in 2007, Bob participated in the anniversary commemoration of the sit-in at the San Francisco Mayor's Disability Council meeting. Here he was commended for his involvement in the event that has been deemed one of the most significant in the history of disability rights.

Committed to Berkeley's disabled community, Bob chaired and served on many boards and committees and was commissioner of Berkeley's Disability Commission. He was also a member and elder at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Berkeley. He continued his love for baseball by assisting Oakland Athletics fans with disabilities. For this work, he received two World Series rings from the Athletics for his service.

Bob passed away in 2015. Although he lived on the west coast, he remained connected to his Iowa roots and remembered his hometown by leaving a financial legacy with gifts to many Stanwood organizations.

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Alumni Community Impact Award King Kelly



King Kelly, a 1953 graduate of Clarence Consolidated Schools, has given back to the North Cedar Community in a variety of ways through the years. His impact has been seen and felt in the following ways:

- As videographer for countless school events since 1985, including plays, concerts, musicals, football games, homecomings, proms and graduations, at both Clarence-Lowden and North Cedar.

- As volunteer to run the clock at home North Cedar basketball games, for which he earned the Iowa High School Athletic Association Friend of the School Award in 2013.

- As treasurer for the Clarence-Lowden Athletic Booster Club, a position he served in for over 20 years.

- As a certified volleyball official from 1989 through 2016, when he retired as one of the oldest certified referees in the state of Iowa.

- As a volunteer umpire for the summer youth baseball programs, and as organizer for kids' games at the local park days.

- As a 4-H leader for 30 years, participating in and sharing leadership training throughout Eastern Iowa.

- As church board member, high school Sunday School teacher and videographer for church services so they can be broadcast on local cable.

- As treasurer for Dayton Township and for the Cedar County Corn Growers Association.

King has been the recipient of numerous awards through the years for his volunteering, including:

- Being selected as the first inductee from Cedar County into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

- Being given the Friend of Extension Award by Iowa State Extension for his work in 4-H programs in 1992.

- Being awarded the Friend of Education Award from the Clarence-Lowden Education Association.

King and his wife, Connie, have three grown children. Scott and his wife, Melody, live in Kenosha, Wis. Steve, and his wife, Janice, live in Marion. Shannon and her husband, Brian, live in Hiawatha. The Kellys have eight grandchildren. In talking with King, you will find that young people are very important to him. He believes volunteering is at the heart of a strong community and school district. That is why he has dedicated so many hours to serve the students of the Clarence-Lowden and North Cedar School Districts.

Alumni Fine Arts Award Wesley Broulik



Wesley Broulik, a 1994 graduate of Lincoln Community High School, was involved in speech, band, choir and drama during high school. Wesley earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of

Iowa where he studied writing and received the Nicholas Meyer Award in Dramatic Writing. He holds a Masters in Fine Arts in Acting from Rutgers University/Mason Gross School of the Arts. Wesley is a performer, director, writer, producer and educator.

Currently, Wesley serves as an Assistant Professor of Practice at The Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film at The University of Nebraska – Lincoln. Previously, he directed and taught at the University at Albany as a

Visiting Assistant Professor and served as Affiliate Graduate Faculty, Assistant Professor of Theatre and Senior Acting Teacher at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Wesley has worked as an actor off-Broadway, off-off-Broadway and at such regional theatres as George Street Playhouse and The Shakespeare Theatre DC (including the Helen Hayes nominated *Dog In The Manger*). His television and film work includes *Person of Interest*, *Law & Order: SVU*, *Six Degrees*, *The Onion News Network*, *Guiding Light*, *As The World Turns*, *Experiment 7* and *Three Backyards* (Sundance Award Winner: Best Director). Wesley has also worked on camera and in voice over on numerous national network commercials. His plays have been produced in New York City, the Midwest and the Southwest. He is a Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival finalist for his play *Inanimate Chatter*.

Wesley is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association, Screen Actors Guild-AFTRA, Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, and Dramatist's Guild Inc.

Wesley is a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu enthusiast, lover of all things grappling, and ran the 2011 ING New York City Marathon.

Alumni Athletic Award Susan Orvis



Susan (Koering) Orvis graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1993. While at Lincoln, she was a four-sport athlete participating all four years of her high school career in volleyball, basketball,

track and softball. In volleyball, she made four state tournament appearances and was on the 1992 state championship team and selected a member of the state volleyball all-tournament team. She also earned first-team volleyball honors all four years for the Mid-East Conference and three years all-state volleyball. On the basketball court, she was a four-year first-team member of the Mid-East Conference and a two-year all-state basketball selection. As a softball player, she achieved recognition as Mid-East Conference first-team player for four years and achieved all-state softball honors for two years. Her high school athletic accomplishments earned her the 1993 Quad City Times Athlete of the Year. In addition to athletics, Susan was involved in band, speech, National Honor Society and graduated as salutatorian of her class.

Following high school, Susan attended the University of Iowa where she graduated with

a B.A. in history with sociology minor and secondary education and coaching certifications. As a member of the Hawkeye women's basketball team, she was a four-year letter-winner and made three NCAA tournament appearances culminating her collegiate career as team co-captain and a member of the Big 10 tournament championship team. She also received academic recognition as an Iowa Board of Control of Athletics Academic Award winner, Academic All-Big 10 and dean's list honors.

In 2000, Susan graduated with a master's degree in sport science and sport education from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. During this time she also served as graduate assistant women's basketball coach at Ashland. This was followed by assistant women's coaching basketball positions at University of Missouri-Kansas City and Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill.

Since 2009, she has served as head girls' basketball coach at Muscatine High School (MHS). Here she led the Muskies to a state tournament appearance in 2013 and two Mississippi Athletic Conference (MAC) titles. She has also been named the MAC Coach of the Year three times. In addition to coaching duties, she is co-leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes program at MHS and serves in part-time and volunteer roles at Calvary Church.

Susan grew up in Stanwood and is the daughter of Sally Koering. She also has a twin sister, Amy Jackson. She and her husband Nate reside in Muscatine. Her hobbies include golf, fishing, reading, painting and the Chicago Cubs.

**Applications for the 2017-18 North Cedar Alumni Awards are due Sept. 15, 2017.
The nomination form is available at www.north-cedar.org**