



*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 Athletics Award**  
**Angie Danielson**

Angie (Hulse) Danielson graduated from North Cedar High School in 1999. As a Knight, she was a four-sport athlete participating in volleyball, basketball, track and softball. She was also involved in band, choir, drama, yearbook and National Honor Society.



She earned all-state honors in volleyball, basketball and softball and was named Big East Conference player of the year in volleyball as a senior and in softball as a junior. During her high school

career, she earned first-team all-conference honors in volleyball, basketball and softball and helped the Knights to the state tournament in both volleyball and basketball and made three state track meet appearances. Her senior year she was a nominee for the Quad City Times Athlete of the Year.

Angie attended Wartburg College, Waverly, and joined the Knights' volleyball squad where she earned all-Iowa Conference honors her junior and senior year. In 2002, she was also recognized with the Lynes Award for women's volleyball and NCAA All-Region Honorable Mention. In her senior year she set a new school record for assists in a season and career. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Wartburg in 2003 and was later recognized with the college's "Legends" award for volleyball in 2007.

Following Wartburg, Angie enrolled in the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, Iowa City. While a student, she held offices in her pharmacy class, served on the pharmacy board and interned with Hy-Vee from 2004 to 2007. She graduated with her doctorate in 2007 and is a licensed pharmacist in Iowa and Illinois.

After graduation, she continued with Hy-Vee serving as staff pharmacist at the Davenport West Locust location. She was eventually promoted to pharmacy manager and responsible for daily operations. In 2018, she was appointed supervisor of Hy-Vee Pharmacy's southeast region overseeing managers, new pharmacy openings and long-range planning. She joined the Hy-Vee Hall of Fame as Supervisor of the Year in 2019, was recognized by Drug Store News as 2020 Top Women in Health, Wellness and Beauty and received the Hy-Vee Chairman's Above and Beyond award in 2021.

Angie and her husband Erik reside in Bettendorf. They have two children, Grace and Jaxsen. Her parents are Denny and Candice Hulse of Clarence. She is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, coaches club volleyball and enjoys spending time with her family and being outdoors.

**Alumni Athletics Award**  
**Michelle Heims**

Michelle (Kroemer) Heims is a 1990 graduate of Clarence-Lowden High School where she was a four-sport athlete participating in volleyball, basketball, track and softball.

In softball, she was a three-time first-team Mid East Conference selection and also named MVP in 1989 and 1990. She also received All-District and All-State pitcher honors. On the basketball court, she led the Rebels with 1,524 points in

her three-year varsity career where she received second-team conference honors her junior year and first-team and MVP honors as a senior. She was also selected to the Quad City Times All-Star Team that year. As a volleyball player, she received second-team conference honors her junior and



senior years. She was a district champion and state participant in shot put in 1990. In high school she was also involved in band, choir, speech and drama.

Michelle earned a bachelor's degree in art education from Mt. Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, in 1995. While at Mt. Mercy, she played basketball and was a four-year softball standout. Her senior year she was named to the Midwest Classic all-conference team. As a pitcher, her 1.78 ERA is among the best in Mt. Mercy history.

After college, she coached freshman girls' basketball and softball at West Delaware Community School District, Manchester. She also coached youth baseball, basketball and soccer. For the past 25 years she has served as a substitute teacher at West Delaware and Maquoketa Valley Community School District, Delhi.

In 1996, she married Dale Heims. They live on a dairy farm outside of Delhi and she is involved with caring for the calves, milking cows and working in the field. They have three sons, Eric, Brian and Mitch. Her parents are former Lowden residents Everett and Ruth Ann Kroemer.

Michelle is involved in many church activities, serving as a pianist and organist and Sunday School teacher. Her hobbies include painting, baking and biking.

**2022-23 Alumni Award Recipients**

Alumni Athletics Award  
**Angie Danielson**

Alumni Athletics Award  
**Michelle Heims**

Alumni Achievement Award  
**Bruce Hoffmeier**

Alumni Community Impact Award  
**Julie Hoffmeier**

Alumni Achievement Award  
**Steven Zenishek**

**Applications for the 2023-24 North Cedar Alumni Awards are due Sept. 15, 2023.**  
**The nomination form is available at [www.north-cedar.org](http://www.north-cedar.org)**

## Alumni Achievement Award

### Bruce Hoffmeier

Bruce Hoffmeier was a 1960 graduate of Lowden High School and the oldest son of Herold and Gertrude Hoffmeier of Lowden. He played baseball and basketball and was a member of the 1959 state tournament basketball team. He was also involved in band, choir and drama.



In 1966, he graduated from University of Northern Iowa (then State College of Iowa), Cedar Falls, with a teaching degree. There he played baseball for all four years and

sang in the Varsity Men's Glee Club. He earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo., and later received a specialist administration degree from Iowa State University, Ames, in 1975.

Bruce started his career as a business teacher in Racine, Wisc., and then spent a year as a teacher and coach in Hampton. In 1970, he accepted a position at Berg Middle School, New-

ton, as a guidance counselor. He later was the activities director at Newton High School where he managed middle and high school arts and athletics activities. He was then named assistant principal at Newton High School and held this position until his retirement in 2002.

He was named Assistant Principal of the Year in 1996. He was also inducted into the Newton Cardinals Hall of Fame. The Iowa High School Athletic Association honored him for serving 30 years as a scorer for the state wrestling tournament and presented him with the Iowa Administrator Award in 2002. The Iowa High School Athletic Directors Association inducted him into their Hall of Fame in 2003.

In retirement, Bruce served as director of Newton's hospital foundation spearheading a major fundraising campaign. He was also on the YMCA and library boards as well as Rotary president and Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus. In addition, he served in leadership roles at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Newton.

He met Karen Kelley while working in food service in a women's dorm at SCI and they later married. They had two daughters, Kelley and Natalie. He and Karen traveled to all 50 states and several European countries. He was a die-hard Dodgers fan, sang in barbershop groups and enjoyed following his girls and grandchildren in all of their activities. Bruce passed away in 2020 at age 77.

## Alumni Community Impact Award

### Julie Hoffmeier

Julie (Fox) Hoffmeier graduated from Lowden High School in 1973. During high school, she participated in basketball, softball, golf, Student Council and National Honor Society. Following graduation, she attended University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, earning a bachelor's degree in physical education and minor in mathematics.



After a one-year teaching position in Ridgeway, Mo., she returned to Lowden in 1978 and accepted a junior high math position at Clarence-Lowden. While teaching, she was a junior high girls' basketball coach, high school volleyball coach and later high school girls' golf coach and junior high volleyball coach. She was the recipient of the conference Coach of the Year award twice in volleyball and once in golf. In 1989, she received the National High School Silver Coaching Award for volleyball. She also coached little league softball. For many years she kept the official scorebook for varsity and junior varsity basketball home

and away games. Julie retired from teaching at North Cedar in 2011 and was then a substitute teacher.

Julie is a 30-year member of the Lowden Lions where she has served 13 years as secretary. She has participated in the KidSight vision screening program and chairs the Iowa Lions Exchange program for the 9EC district and serves on the 9EC cabinet. She assists with the transport of corneas, is on the planning committee for the Virdi Eye Clinic Golf Tournament and is an active volunteer for the Lowden Lions food trailer. She is a Melvin Jones and Warren Coleman award recipient. In 2020, she received the International President's Appreciation Award.

She is also an active volunteer at the 3/30 Golf and Country Club. She currently serves on and is secretary of the Development Board and assists with mowing and maintaining the course. She is an active leader and golfer in the 3/30 Women's Golf Association and coordinates couples' golf.

Julie serves in a variety of positions at Zion United Church of Christ, Lowden, most recently as a member of the church council, treasurer of the Evening Circle women's group and assists with the food pantry and volunteers her time for other church projects. She also serves on the board of the Lowden Charitable Trust.

Julie is married to her high school classmate, Barry Hoffmeier, and they have two daughters, Shandon and Alexis along with five grandchildren. Julie's parents are Marlene and the late Roland Fox.

## Alumni Achievement Award

### Steven Zenishek

Steven Zenishek is the son of Millicent and the late Richard Zenishek of Mechanicsville. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1973 and attended Iowa State University, Ames, and was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). He graduated with a B.S. in engineering



operations and worked for the Iowa Department of Transportation on the I-380 project until called to active duty.

He was assigned to the 91st Strategic Missile Wing, Minot AFB, operating ten operational intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM). He received the highest ratings on five evaluations earning the 15th Air Force Combat Crew Excellence Award. In 1983, he reported to the 501st Tactical Missile Wing, RAF Greenham Common, United Kingdom, responsible for launch of 16 Tomahawk missiles against pre-selected tactical targets as part of the first deployment of Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) in Europe. He briefed U.S. Senators and British members of Parliament to include Winston Spencer-Churchill on the alert facility and missile equipment.

In 1985, he was assigned to Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) as an IG inspector and staff planner. Following signature of the INF Treaty in 1987, he oversaw removal of GLCM equipment from Europe.

He transitioned in 1989 into the acquisition field to develop computer systems. His systems supported logistics for Desert Shield/Desert Storm. In 1994, he was designated the Theater Battle Management Interoperability Manager for the integration of over \$500 million in development and fielding. He was directed by the Program Executive Officer for Battle Management, Pentagon, Washington D.C., to deploy to Vicenza, Italy, to integrate command and control equipment to improve NATO Bosnian operations. He was assigned to the Pentagon for managing battle management systems and then as Chief, Global Combat Support System Division. Following 9/11, he became the Program Manager for the Air Force Distributed Common Ground Station (AF DCGS) processing intelligence from U-2, Predator and Global Hawk aircraft.

He was hired by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) in 2006 as a project manager. In 2012, he attended the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University and did research with students in Paris, France. His class paper by Small Wars Journal.

Currently, he is the Deputy Director for Engineering and Architecture in the Needs and Collection Management Office. He is married to Sandra Frankham of Longcot, England. They have three children, Richard, Elizabeth and Maria.

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