



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 Service Award **Darcie Barman**

Darcie (Schnipkoweit) Barman is a 1983 graduate of Lincoln High School. As a high school student she was active in speech and drama. She also spent much time caring for her grandparents and worked weekends at her aunt Doris' flower shop in Stanwood.



Following graduation, she attended Northland College, Ashland, Wis., and then Kean College, Union, N.J., where she earned a bachelor's degree in special education. She embarked on a

career of service to others, first working with multiple handicapped students at Bergen Center for Child Development, Haworth, N.J. In 1994, she finished a master's degree in reading from Long Island University, N.Y. She then began working for Sugar Loaf Union Free School District, Chester, N.Y., where she taught science and reading to male adolescents in residential placement due to their behavior and misconduct. While there, she chaired the special education department and was accepted as a member of the New York State Academy for Teaching and Learning after peer review in 2000. When the school unexpectedly closed later that year, she began her current position teaching students with emotional disturbance and learning disabilities at J.A. Flannery High School, Goshen, N.Y.

She is involved in the community where she is active in her church, Grace Lutheran Church,

Greenwood Lake, N.Y. There she has served on the church council and as council president. She has coordinated several fundraising events and meals for the church and community. For the past 14 years she has also been involved in the local food pantry serving as vice president and is responsible for grant writing and data collection for the organization that serves more than 500 patrons each month. She and other volunteers have worked diligently to expand the food pantry to include fresh produce and other staples.

Darcie and her husband, Erik, married in 2002. They blended their family of four children, Tina, Scott, Ben and Rachel and have since welcomed four grandchildren. While New York is now her home, Darcie is proud of her Iowa roots and comes back "home" nearly every year to visit her mother, Deanna Schnipkoweit, step-mother, Barbara Schnipkoweit, and many family members still living in eastern Iowa.

When not busy teaching or volunteering, Darcie and Erik enjoy traveling and spending time with their families.

Alumni Athletics Award **Arlynn Hasselbusch**

Arlynn (Kintzel) Hasselbusch graduated from Clarence High School in 1958. As a Cardinal, she was a four-year basketball player and pianist accompanying choirs and student solos. She was also involved in 4-H, gave piano lessons and began a long tenure as church organist and accompanist at St. John's United Church of Christ, Clarence.

She made three state basketball tournament appearances and accumulated 1,209 total points over four seasons. She led the Wapsi Conference in scoring with an average of 25.6 points per game for the 1957-58 season; including a

40-point game in 1957 and five games of 30 or more points. She received first-team all conference recognition her senior year and honorable mention the year prior.



Arlynn attended Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, and later, in 1969, received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. In college, she continued to take

piano lessons and accompanied a men's quartet. She taught fifth grade for three years in Tipton before joining her husband, Robert, in their farming operation. In addition to keeping the farm books, she did some substitute teaching and was a teacher's aide. She also worked at Latta Harris in Tipton for a few years.

She continues to share her love of music with others. This year marks her 58th year as an organist and accompanist at St. John's. Throughout the years, she accompanied many student solos for school music contests, gave piano and organ lessons, and continues to accompany church services at Clarence Senior Living. In addition to being involved in her church, Arlynn has also served the community as a member of the Cedar County Cattlewomen, Clarence Development Board, Clarence Library Board and the school's parent teacher association.

Bob and Arlynn have two sons, Mike and Eric, along with six granddaughters and two great granddaughters. They both enjoy traveling and have taken seven trips to Europe. She also enjoys playing the piano, golf, playing bridge and attending their granddaughters' activities.

2023-24 Alumni Award Recipients

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Marcia Syring

Alumni Athletics Award

Ann Jameson

Ann (Cavey) Jameson graduated from North Cedar High School in 1998. She was a three-sport athlete participating in volleyball, basketball and track and field. She was also involved in band, choir, musicals, speech and served as a class officer.



As a four-year varsity volleyball player, she joined the Knights in three state tournament appearances and earned all-state honors as a junior and senior. On the basketball court, as a four-time var-

sity letterwinner and all-conference athlete, she earned all-state honors as a junior and senior and was named to the 1996 and 1998 state all-tournament teams. In 1998, she was recognized as Iowa's career rebounding leader with 1,196 rebounds. She also made three state tournament appearances for shot put.

Alumni Community Impact Award

Marcia Syring

Marcia (Hormann) Syring graduated from Clarence High School in 1972. During high school, she participated in band, choir, track, basketball and was in school plays.



After graduation, she worked part-time at Le-Hi's restaurant as a waitress before beginning a 20-year career with Casey's as a pizza cook and eventually assistant manager at the Clarence store.

She also worked for Hasenbank Feed Service as a bookkeeper.

In 2010, she and business partner Jamie Wilhau, along with other friends, opened Mill Creek Cafe in Clarence. The made-from-scratch

Ann attended Missouri State University, Springfield, where she played basketball. She was a member of the NCAA-qualifying team for three years and played in the 2001 Final Four. Her senior year she was team captain and averaged 7.3 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in wild-life conservation and management followed by a master's degree in teaching. During her undergraduate studies she was a student athlete advisory committee member and interned at Wonders of Wildlife Museum.

Now in her 16th year of teaching, Ann is a high school science teacher for Cedar Rapids Community School District at the new City View magnet school. Previously she worked at Linn-Mar, Cedar Rapids Jefferson and Iowa BIG and Alburnett schools in Iowa. Following college she taught for eight years in Springfield and participated in AmeriCorps with Iowa DNR. She has also coached middle and high school basketball, volleyball and track as well as helped coach youth sports teams.

Ann and her husband Jack reside in Robins. They have two children, Ella and Maximus. Her parents are Pat and Pam Cavey of Mechanicsville. She enjoys the outdoors, traveling, cooking and all the responsibilities that come along with being a mom to very involved children.

restaurant features special selections each day and has become a popular lunch spot for locals and those touring the historic Lincoln Highway.

The next business venture for the pair was to purchase the nearby abandoned Clarence Motor Company building and transform the space into the Highpoint Event Center for weddings and other special occasions. Upstairs apartments were also renovated to become short-term rentals known as Highpoint Suites. Through involvement in the Clarence Main Street organization, a grant from Iowa Economic Development Authority assisted with renovations. In 2020, the 1,000 Friends of Iowa recognized the duo with the Best Renovated Commercial Development Award.

In addition to serving as vice president of Clarence Main Street, Marcia is a longtime Clarence Community Ambulance Service crew member and serves on the park board.

She and her late husband, Al, have three children, Lori, Scott and Stan. She has five grandchildren. Her hobbies include spending time at the family cabin, bird watching and Nascar.

Alumni Achievement Award

Louis Licht

Louis Licht is a 1968 graduate of Lowden High School. He grew up on a farm north of Lowden and attended Trinity Lutheran grade school before enrolling in public school in eighth grade. He was involved in music, sports, class plays, the school newspaper, 4-H and Luther League.



He graduated from Iowa State University, Ames, in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. This was followed by a master's degree in agricultural engineering and agricultural econom-

ics from Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore., in 1978. He later earned a Ph.D. from University of Iowa, Iowa City, in civil and environmental engineering.

Early in his career, he held engineering positions with E.I. Dupont, Clinton, in the cellophane division and Charmin Paper/Proctor and Gamble, Green Bay, Wis. In 1978, he joined CH2M Hill, Corvallis, where he was a project engineer and project manager working throughout the United States for seven years. At the University of Iowa, he researched and developed concepts in the field of phytoremediation that led to efforts to use plants to clean up contaminants. Today, these planting practices are in use throughout the world to clean up military, industrial and other pollutants.

It is these experiences that led to him further forming concepts of using tree roots to control pollution and the creation of his business, Ecolotree. In 30 years, Ecolotree has designed and installed phytoremediation systems at over 160 sites in 37 states and one in Europe. The total construction value of the projects is greater than \$350 million and the technology is used to cover landfills, treat municipal and industrial wastewater and filter stormwater runoff for farms and towns. Clients include the U.S. Navy, NASA and Fortune 100 companies. His companion business, Ecolofarm, with tree nurseries in Lowden and Washington state, grows the trees planted by Ecolotree.

Lou has been recognized by the academic and engineering communities with several awards throughout his career. He holds four U.S. patents and seven federally registered trademarks for his methods to treat pollutants. In 2018, a University of Iowa researcher named a microbe after him, rhizobium lichtii, and in 2023, International Phyto Society awarded him the Green Impact Award. His current emphasis for Ecolotree includes work to clean up the Ukrainian war.

Lou lives in North Liberty with his wife, Claire. He has two children, Alex and Rustin, and three grandchildren.

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**Applications for the 2024-25 North Cedar Alumni Awards
are due Sept. 15, 2024.**

The nomination form is available at www.north-cedar.org