

Watchdog Hall of Fame

Class of 2023



Banquet and Induction Ceremony

Saturday, September 23, 2023,

6:00 p.m. — Banquet

7:00 p.m. — Program & Induction Ceremony

Bridges at Beresford

**WATCHDOG
HALL OF FAME**

TOGETHER, WE ASPIRE, ACT AND ACHIEVE.

ACADEMICS - ACHIEVEMENT

FINE ARTS

ATHLETICS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Beresford School District

Program

Welcome.....Dustin Degen
Prayer.....BHS Senior
Dinner.....Catering by Cleavers
Presentation of Watchdog Hall of Fame Inductees.....BHS Seniors

Academics & Achievement

Dr. Robin (Lindblom) Brown (1979)

Fine Arts

Ove Hanson (1968)

Edward (Ed) Westberg (1961)

Athletics

David Dolan (1977)

1956 Watchdog Football Team

Distinguished Service

Susan (Sue) Christensen

Robert (Bob) Kennedy (1951)

Gordon (Gordy) Tornberg (1948)

Closing Remarks.....Dustin Degen
Social.....Bridges at Beresford



Dinner



Romaine Salad with assorted dressings

5 oz. Sous Vide New York Strip Carving Station
served with horseradish sauce

3 oz. Smoked and Chopped Chicken served with
a Boursin cream sauce

Garlic Roasted Baby Red Potatoes

Veg D'Jour

Assorted Bread & Butter

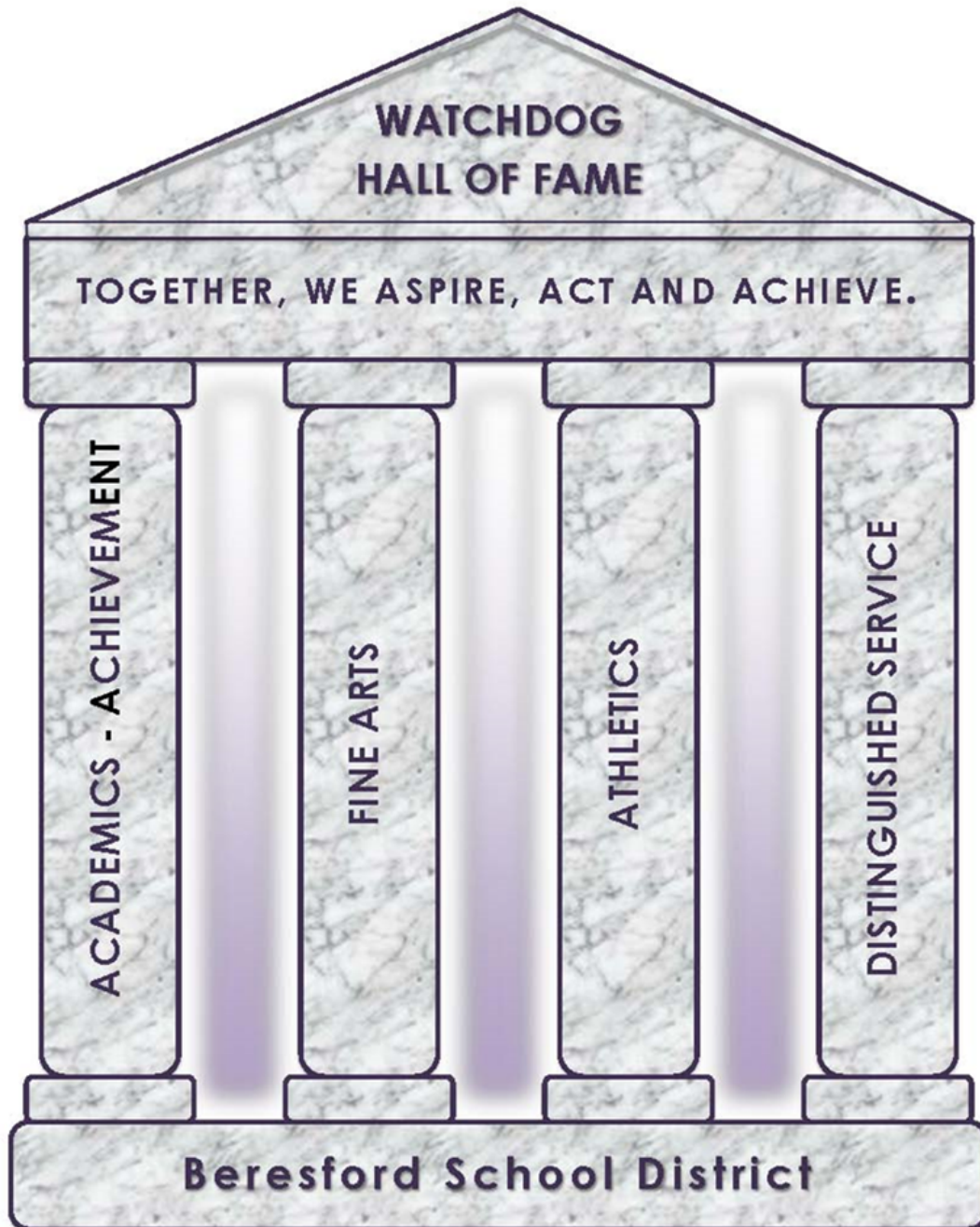
Cake Towers

White Chocolate, Dark Chocolate, or Raspberry

Lemonade, Iced Tea, & Water

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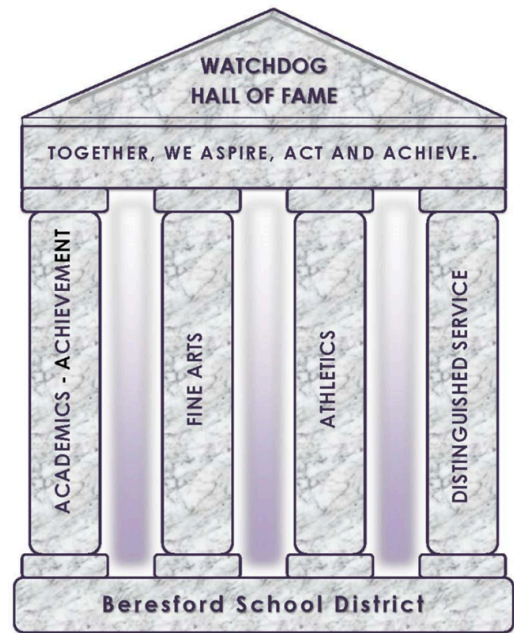
Academics/Achievement



Robin Brown

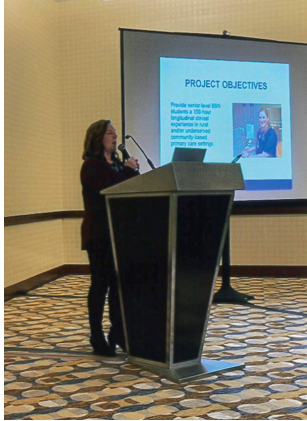
2023 Watchdog Hall of Fame Inductee

Dr. Robin (Lindblom) Brown graduated from Beresford High School in 1979. Dr. Brown grew up on a farm five miles northeast of Beresford, South Dakota. During high school, she was in band, chorus, cheerleading (girls basketball, boys basketball and football), she participated in junior varsity golf, all-state chorus, all-state band, she was selected as a delegate to Girls State, she was a member of the homecoming royalty, and Dr. Brown was a member of the Beresford High School National Honor Society (NHS). Her fondest High School memory was taking a band trip to Winnipeg, Canada.



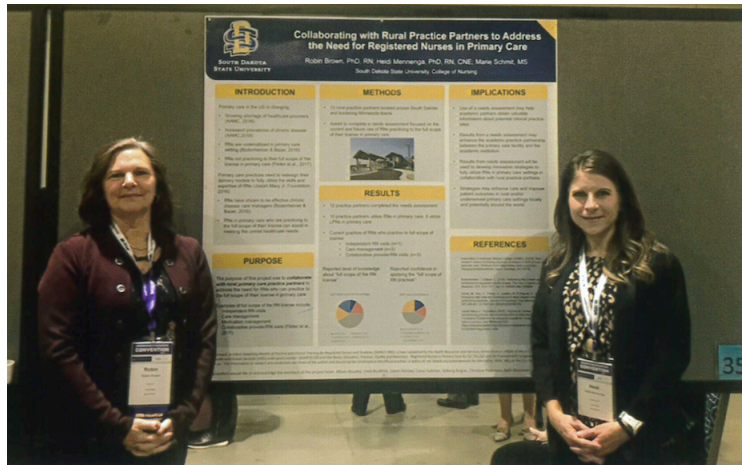
After high school, Dr. Brown attended South Dakota State University (SDSU) to become a Registered Nurse and she received a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 1983. After graduation, she worked as an RN on the neurology unit at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In addition, she worked part-time at the Sioux Falls Free Clinic. In 1985, she moved with her husband to Clark, South Dakota. Dr. Brown continued her RN career at the Clark Care Center and Prairie Lakes Hospital in Watertown, South Dakota. From 1985-1987, she was the Director of Nursing at the Clark Care Center.

Dr. Brown's first teaching position was in 1991 for the University of South Dakota (USD) outreach program in Watertown, South Dakota. In 1993, she became the Nursing Director of the 1+1 program with Lake Area Technical Institute and the University of South Dakota in Watertown, SD. She also worked with the Good Samaritan Society and received a million-dollar grant to develop an online practical nursing program, so rural students could have an opportunity to obtain a Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) degree and to increase the number of LPNs in South Dakota. While at Lake Area Tech, Dr. Brown decided to further her education and received her Master's in Nursing in 1999 from SDSU.



In 2012, she started the Ph.D. nursing program at SDSU. The same year, she accepted a position at SDSU as a nursing instructor and began teaching in the undergraduate program. Dr. Brown graduated with her Ph.D. in Nursing in 2016 and became an Assistant Professor. During graduation, she received the Outstanding Nursing Graduate Award. Currently, she teaches in the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs at SDSU and was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in 2023.

Dr. Brown's Ph.D. dissertation has positively influenced the profession of nursing both nationally and internationally. Her dissertation was "Determining the Relationship among Change Fatigue, Resilience, and Job Satisfaction of Staff Nurses." The dissertation was published in 2016 and has been cited in over 100 other journal articles. Dr. Brown continues her research in the area of improving the profession of nursing. She has conducted multiple research studies and has been published in 14 peer-reviewed journals, and has multiple presentations at both local and national conferences. Dr. Brown co-authored a chapter in the book *Rural Nursing Concepts, Theory and Practice*. The chapter was titled *Using RNS in Primary Care: Opportunities and Challenges for Rural Clinics*.



Dr. Brown has obtained grants to help further her research. One grant was a \$2.7 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention (NEPQR). Dr. Brown served as the Project Manager of the grant. The project aimed to educate BSN students and registered nurses (RNs) to practice to the full scope of the RN license and expand their scope of influence on the interprofessional community-based primary care team and address their role in the opioid epidemic. As a result of this grant, she served as the project manager of a second grant to purchase telepresence robots to use in simulation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



In addition, Dr. Brown received a \$2,500 internal grant and served as the Project Investigator to conduct a research study on nursing faculty. The study was titled, *Determining the Relationship among Change Fatigue, Self-Efficacy, and Physical Activity of Nursing Faculty*. To assess the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on nurses, Dr. Brown worked with an interdisciplinary team to conduct two research studies. The first study was titled *Factors Associated with Nurses Emotional Distress During the COVID-19 Pandemic*. The second study was a follow-up study to assess changes in emotional distress as the number of COVID-19 patients increased.



Dr. Brown assists students in becoming successful in their research. She served as the Van D. and Barbara B. Fishback Honors Nursing Coordinator and advised undergraduate nursing honor students with their Independent Study Project, which is a requirement to graduate with Honors College Distinction. Two students she advised resulted in publication of their project in a peer-reviewed nursing journal. In addition, she has advised numerous SDSU Masters, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), and Ph.D. nursing students with their thesis/dissertation or final project.

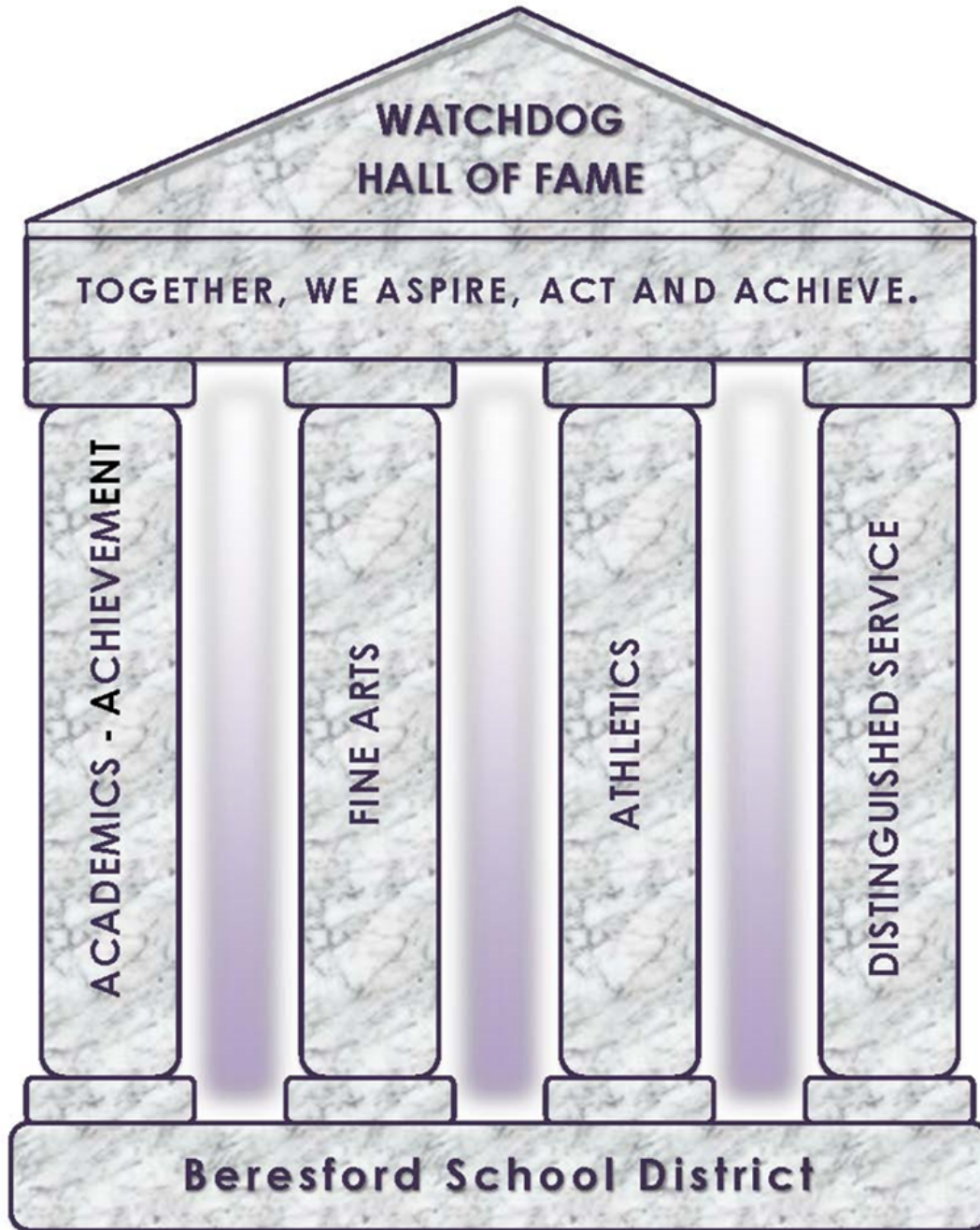
Dr. Brown received faculty recognition for Outstanding Contributions to the Van D. and Barbara B. Fishback Honors College for educational experiences from five nursing honor students. She received the Fishback Honors College Honors Advocate Award. Dr. Brown serves on multiple nursing committees, she is an active member of Sigma Theta Tau (an international honor society of nurses), she is a member of the Midwest Nursing Research Society and the South Dakota Nurses Association. In 2021, Dr. Brown received the South Dakota Nurses Association Nurse Educator Award.

Dr. Brown is married to her husband, John Brown. Robin and John have two children (Michael and Derek) and two grandchildren (Willow and Indy).



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Fine Arts



Ove Hanson

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Mr. Ove Hanson graduated from Beresford High School in 1968. He enjoyed playing oboe in high school and was in All-State Band for three years. Ove was the first chair oboe during his senior year. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education at Augustana College, sitting first chair oboe in band and orchestra for the four years he attended.

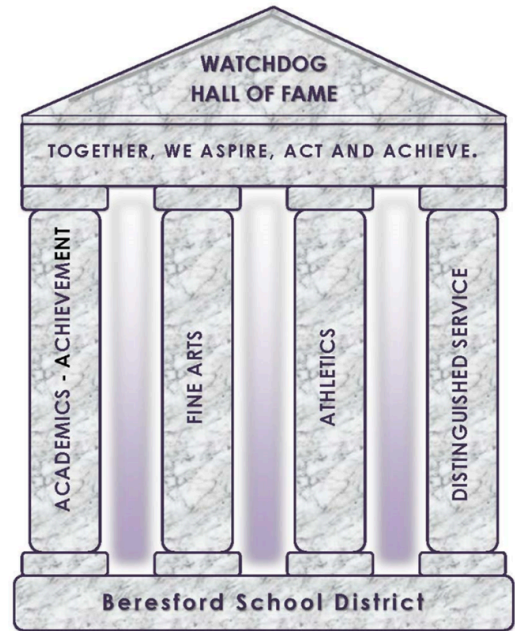


Mr. Hanson joined the Air Force in 1977, playing oboe in the McChord Band, later transferring to the Air Force Academy band in Colorado Springs. He married Peggy Kelly, Beresford class of 1970, and moved to Seattle in 1977. After receiving his Masters in Oboe Performance from the University of Washington, where he studied with Laila Storch, he began working as a freelance musician.

Ove toured Europe with the Camerata of Los Angeles, played at the 5th Avenue and Paramount Theatres in Seattle, and as an extra with the Seattle Symphony and Opera. He was the principal oboist of the Pacific Northwest Ballet Orchestra for approximately 30 years. Mr. Hanson was the oboist in the Northwoods Wind Quintet, playing in grade schools for over 20 years, introducing the students to the instruments with an

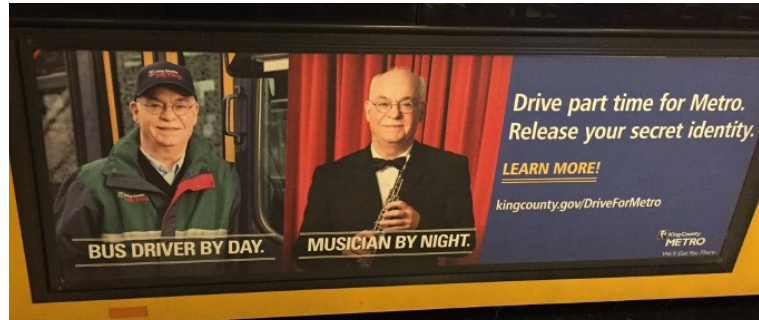
informative, entertaining concert.

He has played live shows in Seattle with Linda Ronstadt, Luciano Pavarotti, Ray Charles, Weird Al Yankovic, Rod Stewart, Moody Blues, Mannheim Steamroller, Yes, and others.



Ove drove the Metro bus part-time for 11 years while playing and teaching. They started a campaign to hire part-time drivers, and he got his photograph on some of the buses.

On Ove's 68th birthday, he joined 510 other oboe and bassoon players in Granada, Spain, to achieve the Guinness World Record number of double reeds playing in one concert while attending the International Double Reed Society conference.



Currently, Ove teaches private oboe lessons, as well as, coaching oboe classes in Seattle Schools, and plays in Seattle Collaborative Orchestra, Saratoga Orchestra, and Everett Philharmonic.

Ove and Peggy have two children and three granddaughters in the Seattle area.

Mr. Hanson credits his high school music teachers, Milo Winter, Grace Kennedy, and Neil Jacobsen, for inspiring him to take his love of music seriously and to



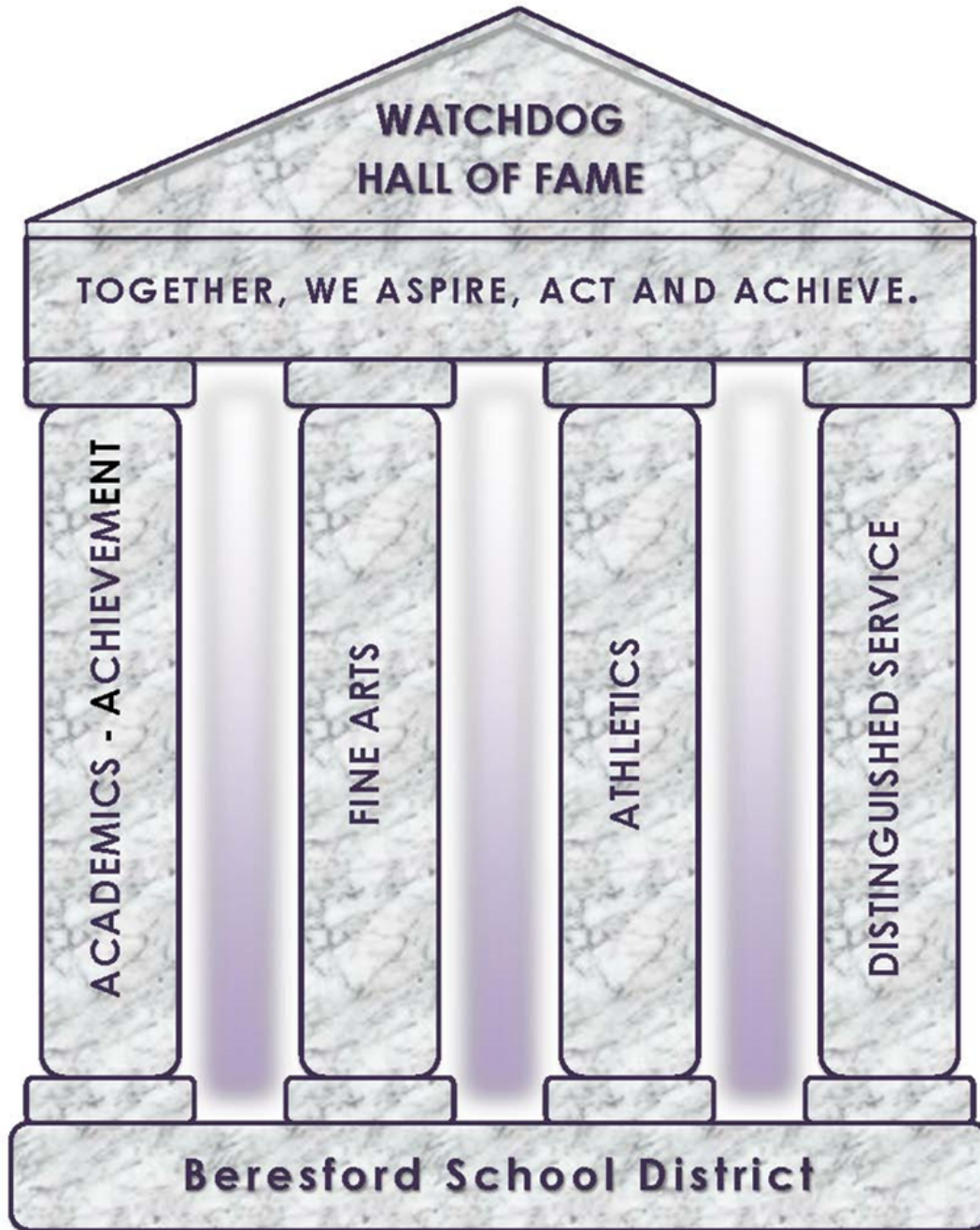
continue working and practicing. He also gained valuable teamwork skills from his football coaches, Wayne Haensel and David Anderson, baseball coach, Darrell Weiland, and peewee league coach, Chuck Van Heck.

Ove Hanson's words of wisdom are for "music students to take their instrument seriously because the sky's the limit!"



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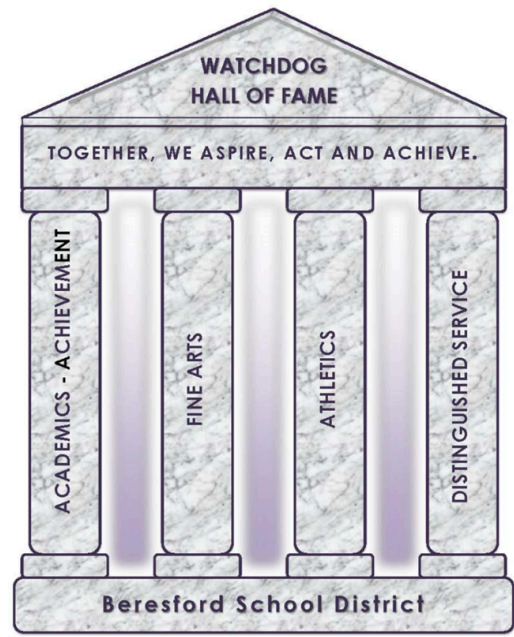
Edward (Ed) Westberg

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Edward (Ed) Westberg graduated from Beresford High School in 1961. During his grade school years, Ed attended Sunnyside Grade School. During high school, Mr. Westberg played in the band and sang in the mixed chorus. Ed was a member of the National Honor Society and attended All-State Chorus for three years.



Mr. Westberg was a member of Beresford's Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter and served as the chapter president. Ed also served as the State FFA Secretary. Mr. Westberg earned the State Farmer Degree and the National American Farmer Award. The April 20, 1961 edition of the Republic noted the following about Ed's accomplishments, "Ed Westberg has been carrying a large well-rounded farming program this year, he had two, cow-calves, five feeding steers, two sows and litters, 20 acres of corn, ten acres of oats and ten acres of sorghum. From these projects, in his four years of high school, his net profit was \$3,815.87. Ed is president of the 58-member local FFA chapter. He has been active in committee work and judging teams. He is very active in 4-H, band, chorus, and M.Y.F." More so, Ed played in the FFA National Band and at the National FFA Convention in 1960. In addition to FFA, Mr. Westberg was a 4-H member for eleven years.



Ed served his community by being a school board member for six years. From 1975-1979, Mr. Westberg was the Vice-Chair. During his tenure on the board, the Beresford School District worked to expand its facilities to address the needs of a growing school and community. Building projects included the 1976 classroom additions, the 1978 gym complex addition, and the 1979 track and field/football complex addition.

Ed Westberg has been a Lions Club member for over 58 years. Mr. Westberg served as President and on various other committees during his Lions Club tenure. His service also included delivering Meals on Wheels for his

church and the Lions Club. Over the years, Ed announced home football and basketball games. More so, he has been the President of the Methodist Church Board, in addition to serving on various committees. For 21 years, Mr. Westberg served as the Prairie Township Clerk.

Ed Westberg is known as Beresford's, "Mr. Music." He grew up in a musical family with four sisters who were all exceptional singers/musicians. When Ed was eleven, one of his sisters bought him a guitar, and he taught himself how to play. Ed Westberg has shared his musical gifts ever since. As a freshman, Mr. Westberg joined the church choir and has been a mainstay since high school. In 1967, Ed joined the Misfits Band. With the band, he entertained with Tubby Carlson for over 30 years at dances and parties. Clarence



"Tubby" Carlson was the drummer, and Ed was the guitar player and vocalist. Ed has sung for over 450 area funerals and numerous community programs. Mr. Westberg has volunteered his time to perform at many nursing homes and senior citizen homes. Ed retired from singing at nursing homes in 2023. Ed visited roughly a dozen nursing homes monthly for 35 years. In addition, Ed sang in the Tri-Valley Barbershop Choir and was a member of the Prairie-airs Barbershop Quartet. Mr. Westberg showcased his theatrical talents as a cast member for the play *Guys and Dolls*. In addition to performing, Ed Westberg is an avid collector.



In 1996, Ed Westberg opened his Music Museum. He has over 60,000 records in his museum, 2,000 pieces of sheet music, an assortment of Elvis Presley

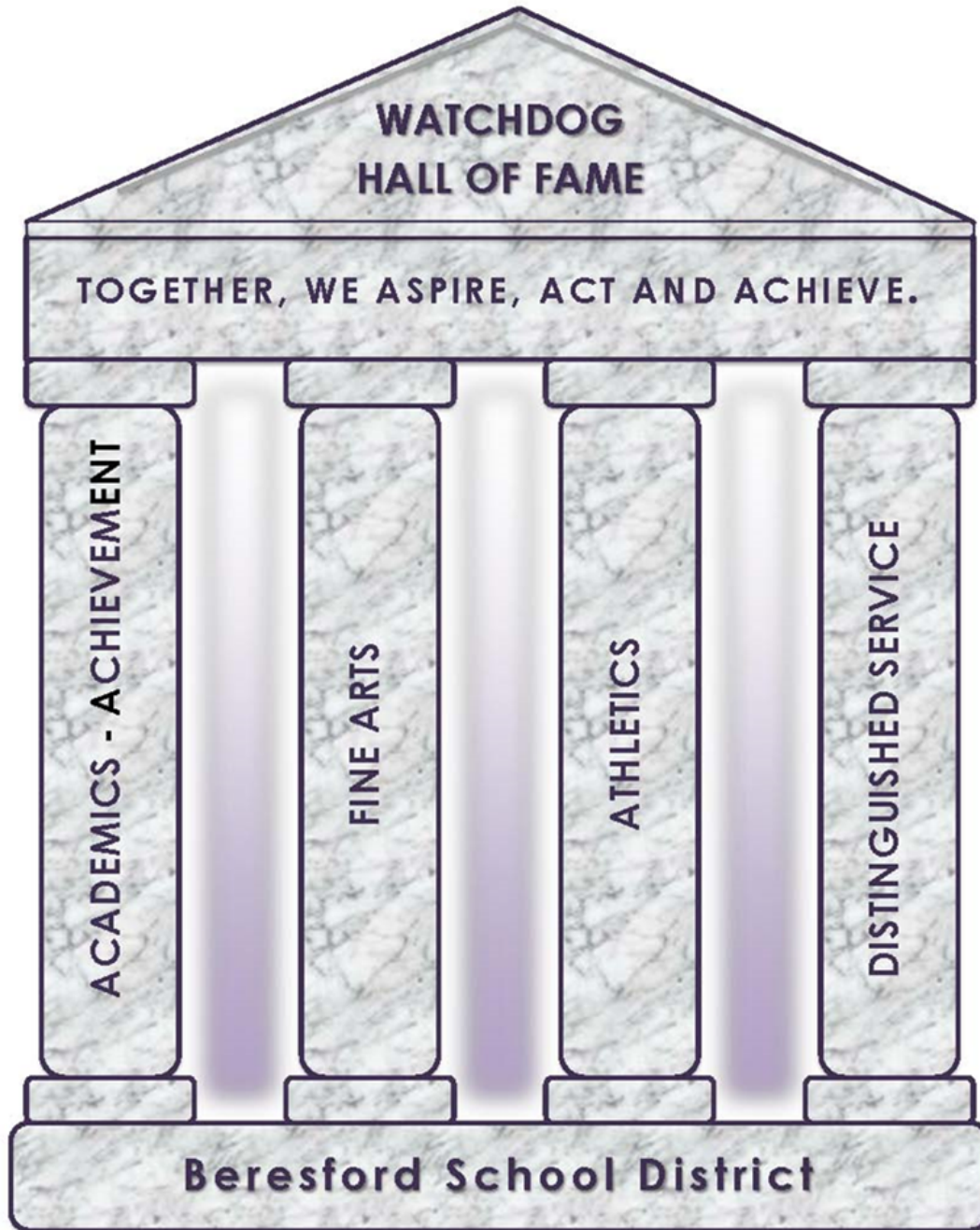
items, and more. South Dakota Public Broadcasting featured Mr. Westberg and his collection on an episode of *Dakota Life, History's Best Records*. The episode first aired on May 1, 2002. On February 29, 2012, the *Sioux City Journal* ran an article titled "*Collection grows from never throwing anything away.*" The article showcased how his museum/collection grew over the years. On February 23, 2023, *Dakota News Now* ran a segment titled "*Someone You Should Know: Entertaining Nursing Home Residents for Decades.*" The segment showcased how Mr. Westberg utilized the gift of music to positively impact others.

Mr. Westberg's musical influence mirrors how he has lived his life—a life of service, sharing gifts, and creating memorable experiences and moments.



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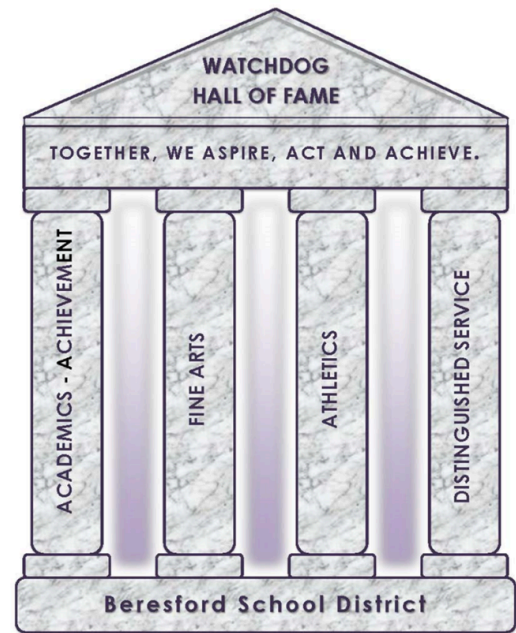
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David Dolan

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David Dolan is a 1977 graduate of Beresford High School. Throughout high school, he was involved in football, basketball, track, FFA, choir, and student government. He was an All-State offensive lineman and an All-Conference basketball player. He was also active in Boy Scouts and became an Eagle Scout in 1975. David went on to attend the University of South Dakota and was a member of the Coyote football team. He received honorable mention All-Conference his senior year. He graduated in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. In 1992, he received his Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from South Dakota State University.



David spent 34 years teaching at the elementary and middle school levels in Rapid City, SD. Most of that time was spent at South Middle School, where he taught English, Physical Education, and Health. David was also involved in coaching at Rapid City Central throughout his teaching career and beyond. He spent 38 years coaching track and field--20 years as an assistant and 18 years as the head coach. During that time, the girls' teams earned two state titles, three state runner-up finishes, and three - 3rd place finishes. The boys' teams finished as state runner-up five times, and two - 3rd place finishes. The girls' and boys' teams also received a combined team state title. David also spent 32 years as an assistant football coach and 17 years as an assistant basketball coach.



Basketball officiating was also a passion of David's after he took an officiating class at USD while in college. He officiated high school basketball from 1980-2015. In his 35 years of officiating, he was selected for 32 state tournaments and had the privilege to officiate 16 state championship games for girls' and boys' basketball. David also had the opportunity to officiate at the college level (NCAA II and NAIA) for 28 years. He spent three years

officiating lower-level professional basketball (IBA/CBA). Since 2015, David has continued to be involved in officiating by being an observer for basketball officials for the South Dakota High School Activities Association. He also serves on the basketball state tournament officials selection committee. David is involved in the Lakota Nation Invitational (LNI) basketball tournament as one of the coordinators for officials. This tournament consists of 48 girls' and boys' teams.

David has been a part of various professional athletic organizations at the local, state, and national levels. He has served in leadership roles in these organizations over the years. Following are some of the professional organizations he has been involved in:

- Black Hills Sports Officials Organization—President & Treasurer
- South Dakota High School Coaches Association (SDHSCA)--President & Board member, as well as Hall of Fame (HOF) committee
- South Dakota High School Cross Country Track & Field Association-- President & Board member, HOF committee; SODAK Cross Country Track & Field clinic director--Girls Top 10 poster organizer for Track & Field; Started Hall of Fame for organization and served as AA representative on SDHSAA Cross Country Track & Field Advisory Committee for eight years
- National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA)—President
- National High School Athletic Coaches Association--Sport Chair Boys Track & Field
- South Dakota Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance--board member

Throughout his teaching and coaching career, David has received recognition for his dedication and service to sports in South Dakota. In addition, he has received many honors at the local, state, and national levels.

Local Honors

- All-Star football coach
- Rapid City Sports Council--Service to Sports Recognition
- Rapid City Sports Hall of Fame
- Greater Dakota Conference--Coach of the Year (two for coaching the boys and three for coaching the girls)
- Black Hills Sports Officials Hall of Fame
- Co-Rotarian of the Year

RC Central's Dolan honored with national coaching award

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Rapid City Central's David Dolan has been named boys assistant coach of the year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Dolan was honored at the National Awards Banquet held at the NHSACA's annual meeting/seminar in Rochester, Minn., on June 17.

The longtime track and field coach and football assistant will also be honored next week – for 30 years of coaching service – at halftime of the SDHSCA's [annual all-star football game](#). In March at the Class A state boys basketball tournament, Dolan was awarded with a 25-year Officials Award by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).



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State Honors

- South Dakota High School Coaches Association (SDHSCA)--Girls Coach of the Year
- SDHSCA--Max Hawk Award
- SDHSCA Hall of Fame
- SDHSAA--Distinguished Service Award
- South Dakota Sports Official Association--Steve Withorne Award
- South Dakota Football Coaches Association--Assistant Football Coach of the Year
- SDHSCCTFCA--Regional Coach of the Year for four times
- South Dakota Cross Country, Track & Field Coaches Hall of Fame
- LNI--Distinguished Service Award
- LNI- Golden Official Award

National Honors

- AFLAC--National Assistant Coach of the Year Award for Distinguished Service
- National Federation Officials Association--Active Official Award
- National High School Athletic Coaches Association--Boys Assistant Coach of The Year
- National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame
- National High School Athletic Coaches Association—Dwight T. Keith Award (the highest award given at the national level)

In Play with Craig Mattick: Dave Dolan



by Nate Wek • Published on October 5, 2021



SPORTS AND RECREATION

Dave Dolan coached high school track and field for nearly four decades at Rapid City Central. During his 18-years as the head coach, he led the Cobblers girls track team to two state championships and four runner-up finishes. He also led the boys team to six runner-up finishes during his time as a head coach. Dolan was also an official in South Dakota for 35-years. His resume includes officiating 16 state championship games.

David is always looking to promote sports, as evidenced by being instrumental in introducing the javelin as a sanctioned event in South Dakota. He has thoroughly enjoyed being a part of various sports activities throughout his life as an athlete, coach, official, and mentor.

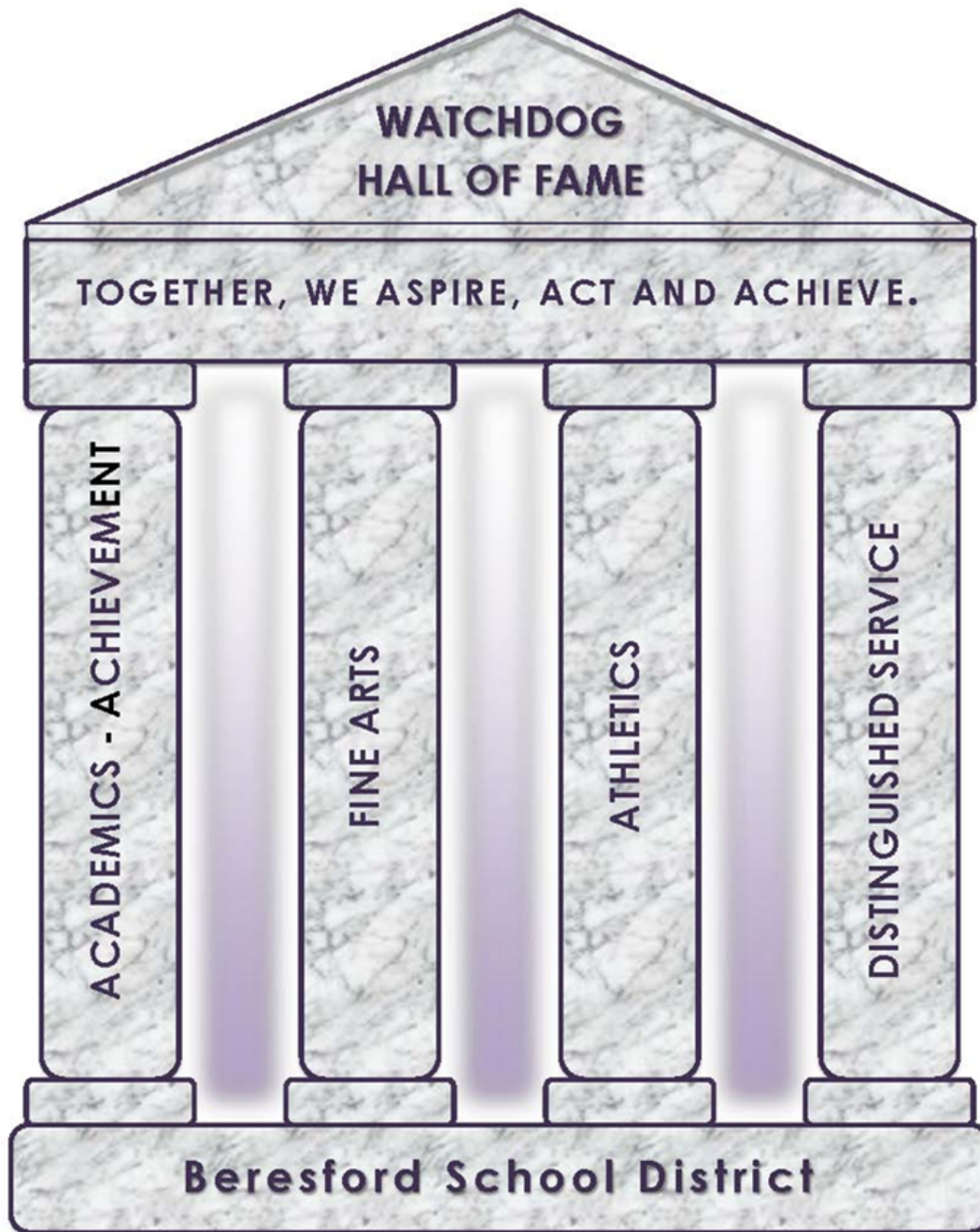
After retiring from teaching, David worked as a Community Relations Specialist for Sanford Health in western South Dakota for three and a half years. He currently works part-time for the new Rapid City Sports Commission.

In his spare time, David loves spending time with his family downhill skiing, golfing, hunting, camping, and riding ATV in the Black Hills. His family consists of his wife of 41 years, Kim, his three children, Ashley (Josh), Matt (Leah), and Steve (Alissa) and his seven grandchildren.



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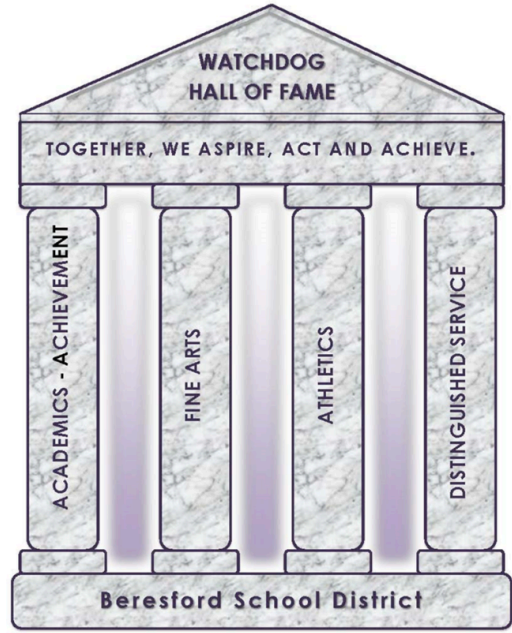


1956 Watchdog Football Team

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The 1956 Watchdog Football Team ended the season with a 7-0-1 record, the Conference Championship, and a claim to the State Championship. Mr. Roger Price coached the 1956 Watchdog Football Team. During the season, the team scored 162 points while allowing 26 points in eight contests. The 1956 Watchdogs did not allow a point against Parker, Alcester, Lennox, and Elk Point. The team tied against Canton during the second game of the season. The team needed a long touchdown pass from Ronan to Thorne to tie the game.

BHS	OPP
13	Garretson 7
7	Canton 7
13	Parker 0
6	Alcester 0
40	Lennox 0
14	Centerville 6
18	Elk Point 0
51	Hurley 6



Team members included J. Ronan, R. Shogren, E. Nelson, R. Mullinex, R. Singer, R. Young, W. Bickett, M. Hass, A. Duerst, R. Dunne, R. Frank, G. VanHecke, L. Wilson, J. Thorne, R. Cable, M. Zeimetz, L. Jackson, N. Bancroft, C. Kowalke, G. Thorson, J. Fitzgerald, D. Willey, L. Lindstrom, R. Lundberg, L. VanderLaan, T. Knudsen Varsity, C. Carnes, J. Burnes, D. Nelson, D. Bickett, R. Larsen, R. Nelson, C. VanHecke, J. Milliken, G. Ivarsen, B. Hansen, G. Fillingsness, A. Ebsen, P. Spillman, B. Peterson, M. O'Connor, and G. Lounsberry



Watchdogs Open Season Friday Night

Practice begins August 14; the 1956 football season gets underway Friday night at the local field when the Watchdogs host a strong Garretson team. The visitors, it is said, are favored to win the Minnesota-Dakota conference.

Coach Price stated, "It will be hard to replace the side lost through graduation. However, the team spirit and co-operation is at a high level and we feel we will be able to give all the teams we play a good game. With the fine center of future teams at Beresford High."

Members of the 57 man squad are listed below. Those wearing numbers are starters and appearing in bold type are returning lettermen.

Quarterback: Alan Duerst, halfbacks: Earl Kowalke, Bill Frank, Harold Langatz, Bob Miller, Clifford Coombs, Lee J. Ronan, J. Milliken, Crum Wilson, Robert Young, Tom and Goodwin, and for line: Junior Donald Bickett, Bob Jones are Jackson, Hass, Jeff Oble, Robert Dunne, Steve and Singer, Marvin Hass, Steve and Shogren, Van Hecke, and C. Carnes.

Defensive: Ronald Haglin, Bob Nelson, Dennis Nelson, Larry Jackson, Jerry Van Hecke, Ken Karstana, Larry Lindstrom, Burdette Hanson, John Franziska.

Watchdogs Gain Edge Over Alcester Eleven

Invitation night's Watchdogs defeated the Alcester team by a score of 44 to 11 in Friday night's game.

Coach Price stated, "It was a very good game. The quality was not only improved but we were able to win the game. The team spirit and co-operation is at a high level and we feel we will be able to give all the teams we play a good game. With the fine center of future teams at Beresford High."

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Unbeaten Watchdogs Oppose Hurley Friday

The undefeated Beresford Watchdogs will travel to Hurley tomorrow night to face the Hurley Bulldogs at 8 p.m. on their gridiron for Hurley's homecoming.

Last year the Watchdogs topped the Bulldogs 45-50 on BHS's field.

This game will be the last conference game for BHS and also the last high school football game of the eleven seniors on the squad. Baseroff on will participate in. If BHS wins this they will secure the last letter of the word CHAMPS and be co-champs with Canton.





1st row l. to r. J. Ronan, R. Shogren, E. Nelson, R. Mullinix, R. Singer, R. Young, W. Bickett, M. Hass, A. Duerst, R. Dunne, 2nd row l. to r. R. Frank, G. VanHecke, L. Wilson, J. Thorne, R. Cable, M. Ziemetz, L. Jackson, N. Bancroft, C. Kowalke, G. Thorson, 3rd row l. to r. J. Fitzgerald, D. Willey, L. Lindstrom, R. Lundberg, L. VanderLaan, T. Knudsen, C. Carnes, J. Burns, D. Nelson, D. Bickett, 4th row l. to r. R. Larsen, R. Nelson, C. VanHecke, J. Milliken, G. Ivarsen, B. Hansen, G. Fillingsness, A. Ebsen, P. Spillman, B. Peterson, M. O'Connor, G. Lounsberry. 41

18 Elk Point 0
51 Hurley 6

The Class of 2022 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

Athletic Hall of Fame

Nominee:

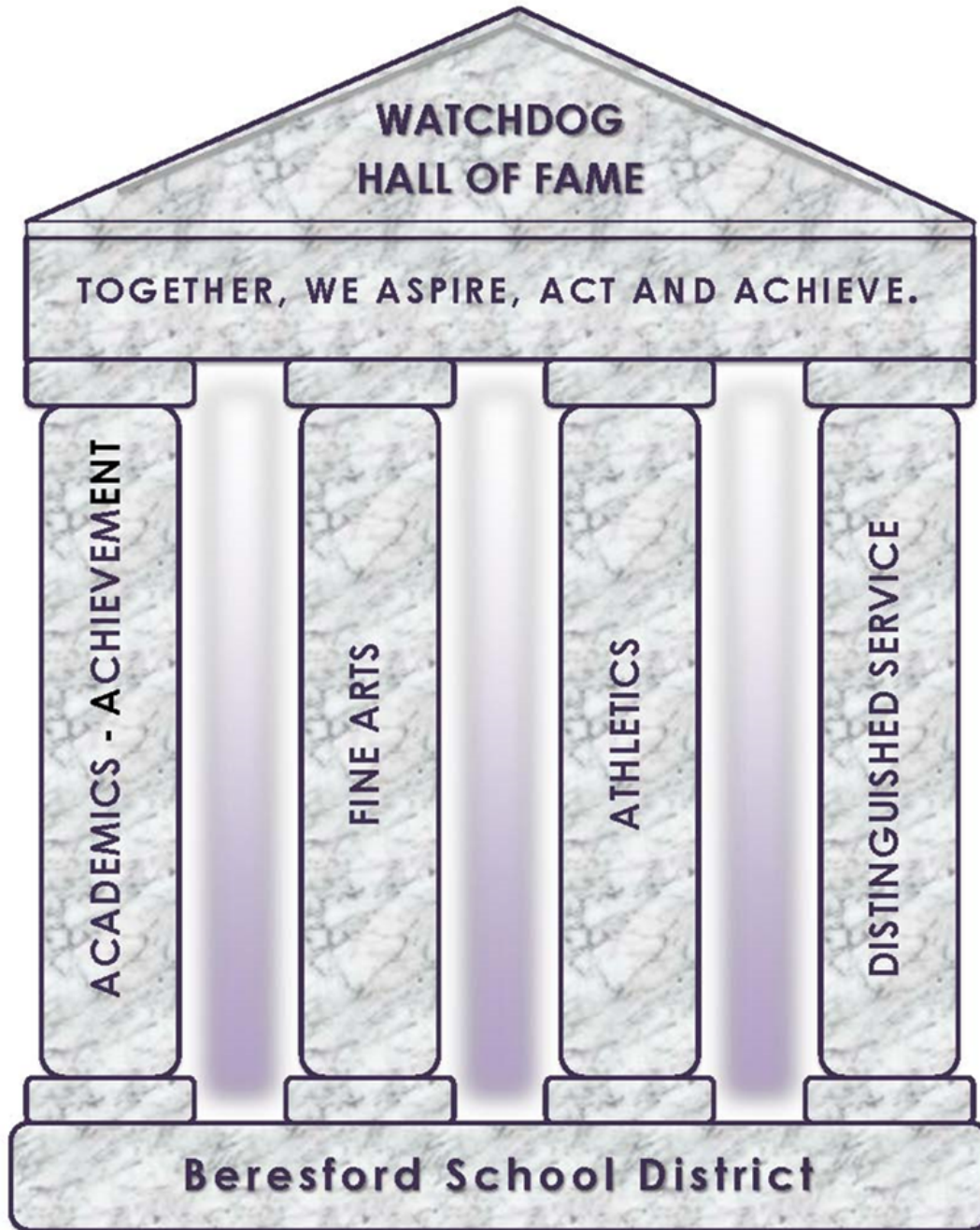
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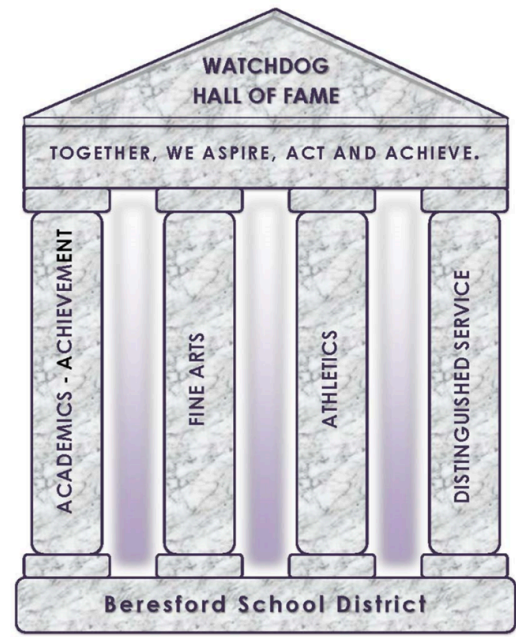
Distinguished Service



Susan (Sue) Christensen

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Sue Christensen's early years were spent throughout the Midwest region, where she and her family lived in Iowa, Colorado, Illinois, and Minnesota. Although not a native South Dakotan, she has strong roots in the state. Both her parents, Wayne "Bud" Austin and Vera Ness Klomps are from Elk Point, South Dakota. Summers in Elk Point were spent working on her grandparent's farm. On those hot days, she learned to tend a garden, pull weeds, harvest produce, drive a tractor, shoot a gun, fish, swim, and appreciate the outdoors. These skills helped her transition to farm life when she married Dave, her husband of 38 years.



After experiencing South Dakota summers in Elk Point, Sue chose the University of South Dakota to pursue higher education. After graduating in 1984 with a degree in Recreational Therapy, she was eager to begin a career helping others heal through leisure pursuits. She first worked at Woodfield Center, implementing adventure-based programs such as backpacking in the Black Hills and canoeing down the Big Sioux. These programs aligned with the adolescents' treatment goals to respect others, communicate feelings, and develop a sense of belonging.



In 1991, Sue joined Sioux Valley Hospital, now Sanford Medical Center, as a recreational therapist, working on the inpatient rehabilitation unit with patients who experienced a stroke, brain injury, or spinal cord injury. Advancing to management, for over 25 years, she has served as Director of Therapy and Rehabilitation, overseeing multiple departments, disciplines and locations. She has the privilege of working with and leading over 250 members of a diverse healthcare team.

Over 20 years ago, CARF, The Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, selected Sue to join its cohort of healthcare leaders as an accreditation surveyor. Utilizing her expertise, Sue applies industry-developed standards for rehabilitation programs on their person-centered care and quality. This consultative role led her to serve around the world, including North America, South America, China, the Middle East, and Europe.

Sue's passion for community outreach has guided her to serve on multiple boards and councils: South Dakota Parks & Recreation Board, the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council, the National Multiple Sclerosis Board of Directors, the Watchdog Foundation, the Associated School Boards of South Dakota (3 years), and the Beresford School Board.

When her daughters Jessica, a 2012 Beresford graduate, and Shanna, deceased, neared school age, Sue knew she wanted to serve the school district in some capacity. After attending a few school board meetings as a community member, she witnessed firsthand how the school board, administrators, teachers, and community worked together to meet the needs of children in the district. She decided to run for the position that was open and won.



Sue was a member of the Beresford School Board from 2001 to 2013. She served as Board President from 2003 to 2013. During her tenure on the board, the school district transitioned to all-day, everyday Kindergarten, transitioned from a junior high to a middle school, experienced numerous budget challenges, worked through opt-outs, hired three superintendents, expanded the Elementary school lobby, established the Watchdog Foundation, renovated the track and field complex, added on to the South Campus (wrestling room, coaches' office, official's room, and storage room addition), and worked through the implementation of No Child Left Behind, a federally mandated program.

Sue and Dave's youngest daughter Shanna was born with developmental delays. As a family, they were thrust into a new world of Educational IEPs, physical, occupational and speech therapy, advocacy, and finding medical care appropriate for their daughter.

After Shanna's death in 2007 at age 10, Sue's love of cycling and her history of helping others heal through leisure pursuits provided the catalyst to launch a fund established in Shanna's memory.



With proceeds from the Tri-County Bike Tour, the Shanna Rae Christensen Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009. It is a sub-fund of the Beresford Area Foundation Fund and is managed by the South Dakota Community Foundation located in Pierre.

The first scholarship was awarded in 2011. Since then, \$19,450 has been awarded to 37 Beresford seniors. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating Beresford senior(s) whose intended study area is special education, nursing, or disciplines within physical medicine and rehabilitation. The Watchdog Foundation implemented an application and selection process each spring, with students receiving their scholarships in time for the fall semester.



The Shanna Rae Christensen Memorial Scholarship fund has a balance that has amassed \$45,000, and it continues to grow.



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The Tri-County Bike Tour was an annual event until 2020. Each year an average of 100 cyclists would register and tour the county roads in the three counties surrounding Beresford; Union, Clay, and Lincoln. Despite the event stopping, the fund has reached a sustainable level and will continue to support the Beresford District and its students for many years.

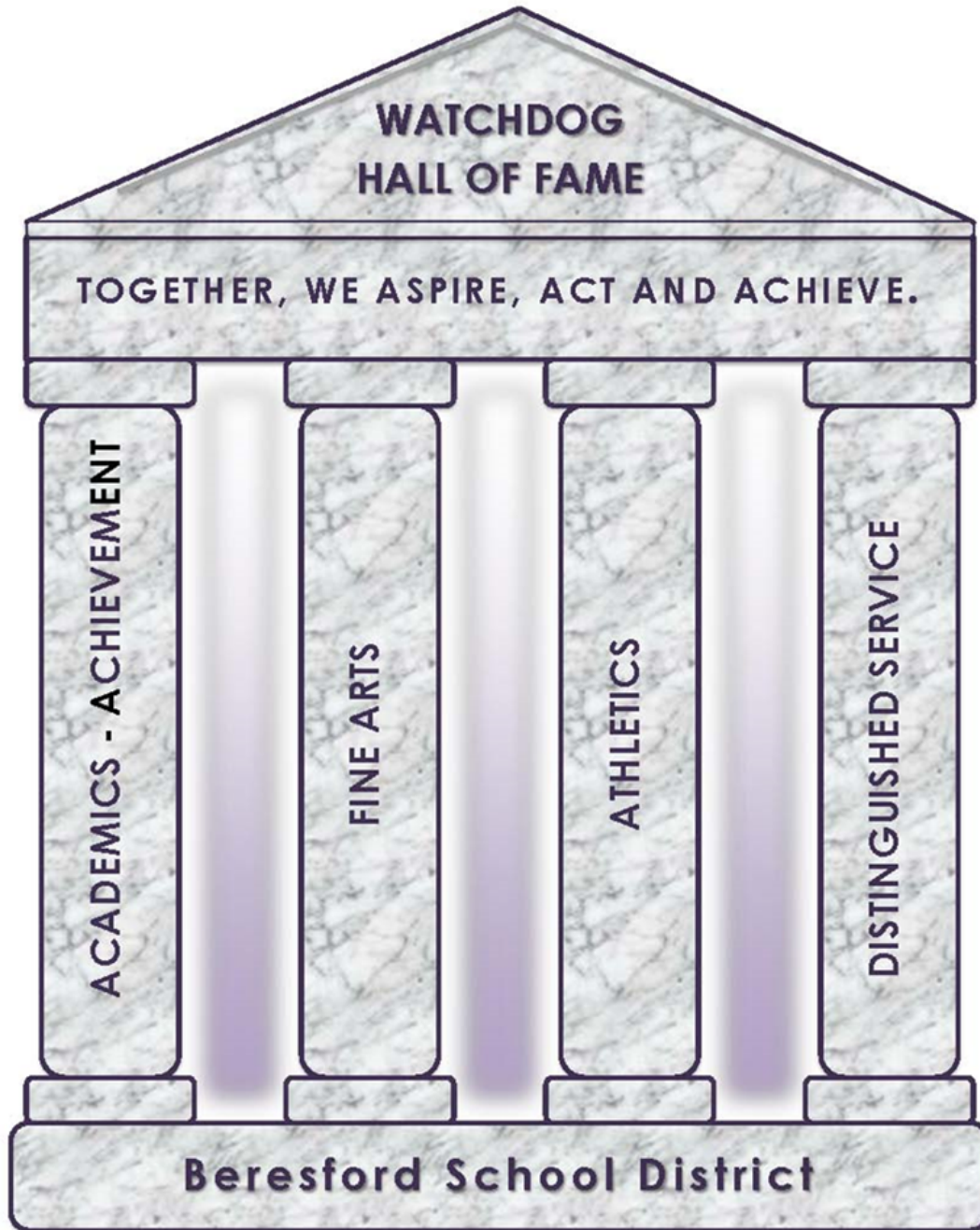
Sue and her husband, Dave, live on Dave's family farm west of town. Their daughter Jessica lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with her wife Emily. Sue enjoys cycling, walks, snowshoeing, hiking, gardening, reading, traveling, entertaining, and cooking.

One of Sue's favorite quotes is from a paperweight she received after leaving her job at the Gamehaven Boy Scout Council. It reads, "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child" by Forest Witcraft.



Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2023

Distinguished Service



Robert (Bob) Kennedy

2023 Watchdog Hall of Fame Inductee

Mr. Robert (Bob) Kennedy is a 1951 graduate of Beresford High School. Bob attended Millbrook Country School (a one-room classroom with 16 students) for grades one through eight. During his high school years, Mr. Kennedy was involved in football, basketball, track, and American Legion Baseball as a pitcher. He pitched two no-hit ball games on the new baseball field.

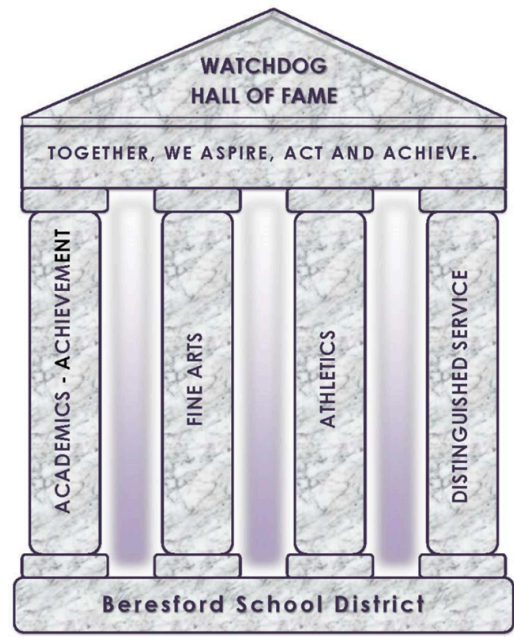


After High School, Bob attended Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. Mr. Kennedy graduated from Wheaton in 1955 with a degree in general science. While in college, the Korean War was going on. Bob joined the ROTC and, upon graduation, was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps. He continued his military career after graduation at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey and Fort Huachuca in Arizona. Bob left the service as a 1st Lieutenant in 1957.

After the Military, Bob returned to Beresford, where he joined his father, Walter, brother Howard, and aunt Evelyn on the family farm. Bob married Darlene Larson in 1959 and had four children: David, Scott, Todd, and Karen. Bob has been involved with the Brooklyn Evangelical Free Church. He taught Sunday School for 40 years, which led him to join Gideon International and help send God's word around the world.

Mr. Kennedy had a history of involvement in the educational needs of our community even before he was elected to the School Board in 1971. He had served on the School Board of a Common School District and had been President of the Beresford PTA.

When Bob started his first term on the board, country schools were closing, and their students were coming to town, increasing the need for updated facilities. Many lower grades had to have



classes in the basements of the local churches and trailers used as temporary classrooms. His daughter was entering the third grade and had never been in a normal classroom setting when he ran for re-election in 1975.

Bob chose to run for a position on the Board of Education because he recognized the need to continue to provide good educational opportunities for our children. He also felt that each generation has an obligation to prepare for the future as past generations had prepared for the present.



Bob was elected in 1971 to a four-year term. In his third year, he was elected President of the Board. Bob ran for reelection in 1975 but was defeated. He ran again in 1976 and was elected to a four-year term. After being sworn in, the other members elected him President, and he served in that role until he retired from the Board in 1982.

When Bob joined the School Board in July 1971, a bond issue for new facilities was in the works and scheduled for a vote in October. If approved, the \$380,000 bond issue would provide funds for constructing ten classrooms for grades five through eight built around a center core Library, a multi-purpose room serving as an eating area, a gymnasium, and a vocal and instrumental music room. There was division in the community over the cost of the new facilities and where to build. Some in the community thought it would be best to add to the existing facilities and build a less expensive building on the land to the South of the existing auditorium (e.g., the current North Campus). Others felt it was in the best interest in the long-term to build classrooms, administrative offices, and a multipurpose gymnasium on the 25 acres two blocks South of the existing facilities (e.g., the current South Campus). The first bond issue failed at the polls, and bond issue elections in 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975 also failed. There was much legal maneuvering on both sides of the issue. Mr. Kennedy remained undeterred and unwavering in his commitment to ensuring that students would have quality buildings and facilities in which to learn.

The State Fire Marshal had been called to Beresford several times by concerned parents to check out the churches used as classrooms. Upon inspection, he recommended that all basement classrooms be discontinued at once as “they are in violation of all codes for the safety of the children.”



The State Superintendent of Schools stated that he would not approve building at the North Campus. A court decision handed down by Judge E.W. Hertz reinforced the State’s authority. The decision noted that “the State has the

right to prevent the additional classrooms on the present school grounds,” which left the only option for additional classrooms to be built on the 25 acres two blocks South of the North Campus. When reelected in 1976, Mr. Kennedy made a motion to call for bids to build on the existing footings constructed in 1972. On September 26, 1976, Mr. Kennedy gave the cornerstone address and placed the one-foot by two-foot marble stone inscribed, “Beresford School 1976.”



The final inspection of the building was on the week of August 1, 1977. The open house for the facility took place on September 11, 1977. Board members and Superintendent Carnes conducted tours of the new facilities. Board members and their wives served roughly 1,000 people coffee and cookies during the tours.

Mr. Kennedy was honored as one of eleven nominees selected throughout the State of South Dakota as an outstanding school board member at the Associated School Boards of South Dakota annual banquet on October 12, 1978. On Sunday, March 18, 1979, Jean Kroeger, architect, presented Mr. Kennedy with the key to the new classrooms

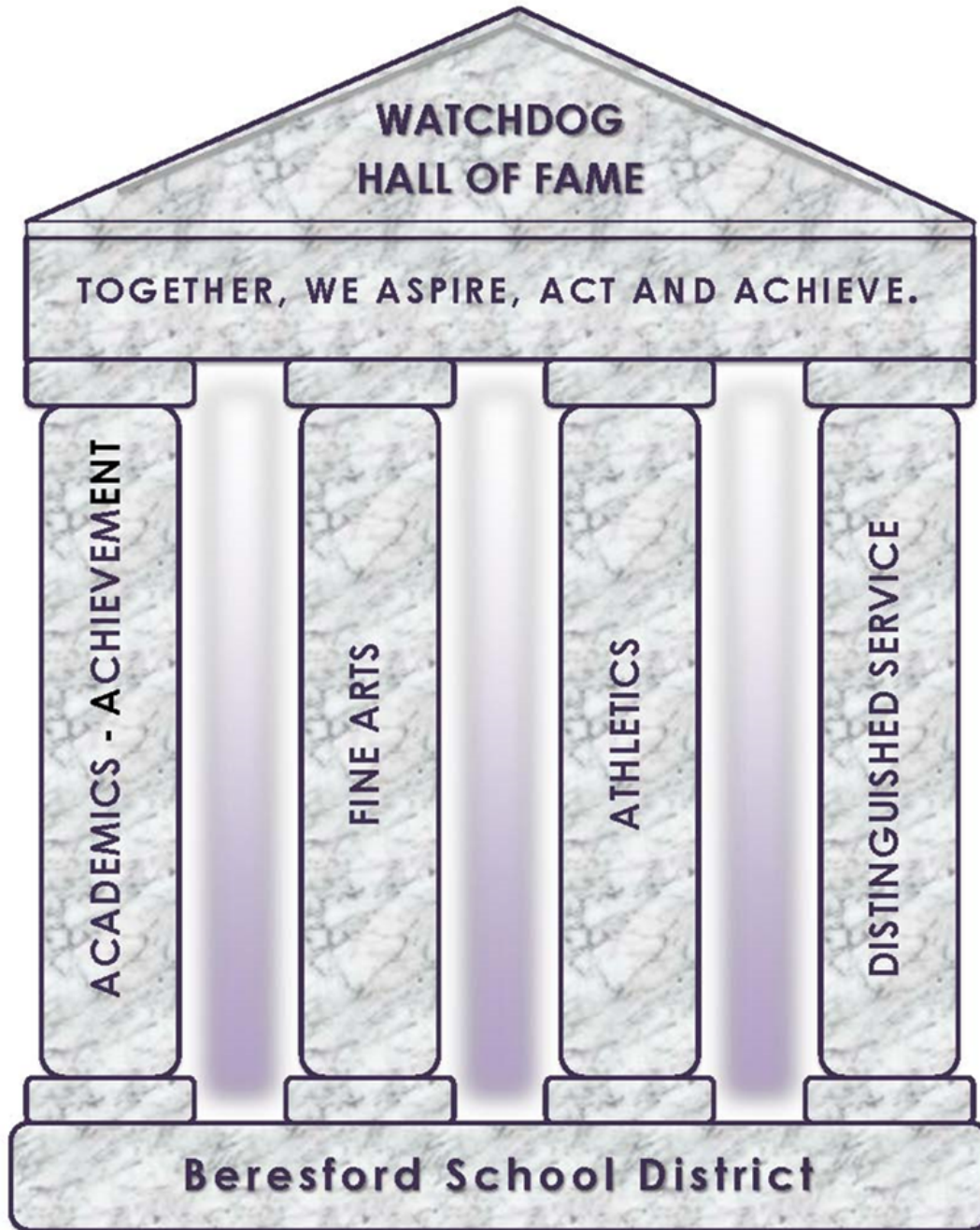
and gymnasium. Mr. Kennedy was also involved in building the bus barn in 1978 and the football and track stadium in 1980.

As a board member, Mr. Kennedy believed that quality learning materials, equipment, and facilities are necessary to educate our children. Bob believed that our children are our most important product.



Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2023

Distinguished Service



Gordon (Gordy) Tornberg

2023 Watchdog Hall of Fame Inductee

Gordon Tornberg graduated from Beresford High School in 1948. During high school, Gordon was involved in basketball, football, track, Future Farmers of America (FFA), and mixed chorus. Mr. Tornberg was a class officer, FFA officer, and judged in FFA. Mr. Tornberg started serving on the Beresford School District's Board of Education in 1968. Gordon's first board meeting was on July 15, 1968, and he started his service by being appointed to the school grounds committee.

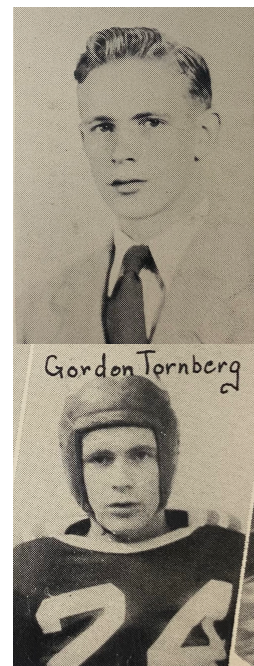
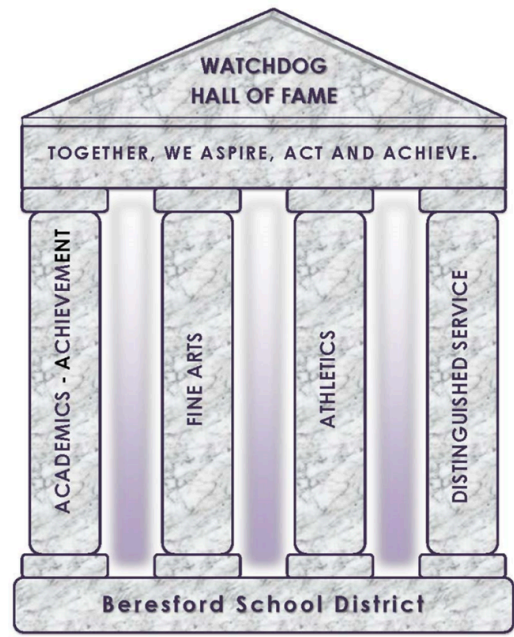


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Mr. Tornberg not only served the District by being a member of the board of education, but also he served the community through his involvement with the Lions Club (e.g., serving as president, treasurer, and various other committee roles) and involvement with Emmanuel Lutheran Church. When running for re-election for the school board, Mr. Tornberg noted in the June 16, 1983 edition of the *Republic*, "A strong educational program is the backbone of any community." Mr. Tornberg pointed out that "Beresford has been a leader in small rural community education with its top quality offerings in the basic subject matter, as well as program in special education, the gifted, remedial reading and math, speech therapy, and the provision of school nurse on staff." Furthermore, Gordon felt that "A school system is a business, which must be kept economically sound, which can be done through careful planning and administration."

During Gordon's tenure on the Board of Education (1968 through 1986), the District grew, the board and community navigated ongoing discourse, and the Beresford School District Board of Education helped set the stage for the facilities and opportunities our current learners experience daily. As noted within the *History of the Beresford School*, the enrollment for the District continued to



increase during Gordon's tenure on the board with the reorganization of 1969 and the subsequent closing of rural schools. As a result, classroom space was again scarce. A rural school building was moved on the site to house vocal music and, in 1970, a second rural school building was moved on the Nelson property south of the gym at our current North Campus to house special education classes. Once more, the facilities of the Catholic and Congregational churches were used for additional classroom space for the 1971-72 school year. In 1972-73 and 1973-74, the Catholic, Congregational, Emmanuel Lutheran, Methodist, and, at one time, the Nazareth Lutheran church basements and educational facilities were needed for classroom space for the District's elementary students.



In the fall of 1974-75, the classes were returned to the school site by putting classroom areas in the gymnasium and using classrooms in the high school building. The gym facility of Woodfield Center was used for some physical education and athletic practices. Some of these classes were moved to the educational facility of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and back to the basements of other churches in

November of 1974. In April of 1975, due to concerns of the Fire Marshal, the classes in the church basements were moved back to the high school building and ran on split shifts for the remainder of the year. The fall of 1975 found the kindergarten, first, and second grades housed in three temporary classrooms units, containing two classrooms, each placed on the south school site.

Construction was begun on the present high school building on the South school site in 1976, with the first classes being held there for grades K-4 in the fall of 1977. The gymnasium and new kitchen were added in 1978-79. Added to the South school site through 1981 was an athletic complex consisting of a football field, a practice football field, an all-weather track, and a concrete block stadium. Together with the City of Beresford, two softball diamonds were constructed.

Mr. Tornberg's distinguished service featured a lifetime of servant leadership to the community and school system.



Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2022



Pictured (left to right): Dr. Marvin Wastell, Mr. Paul Runyan, Mrs. Karla (Rick) Deuter, Dr. Shelly Kennedy, and Mr. Brian Field



Pictured: 1977 Girls' Basketball Team and Coaches



*Dr. Marvin Wastell (1959)
Academics & Achievement*



*Mr. Paul Runyan (1972)
Fine Arts*



*Dr. Shelly Kennedy (1978)
Athletics*





*Mrs. Karla (Rick) Deuter (1978)
Athletics*



*Mr. Brian Field (1983)
Distinguished Service*



Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2020



Pictured (left to right): Dr. Tom Van Lent, Mrs. Jane Carlson, Mr. Jim Babb, Dr. Brenda Sternquist, Mr. Robert (Bob) Frieberg, and Mr. Keith Larson



Pictured: 1979 and 1980 Beresford High School Football Team Members



*Mr. Keith Larson (1981)
Athletics*



*Dr. Brenda Sternquist (1969)
Academics & Achievement*



*Mrs. Jane Carlson (1972)
Fine Arts*



*Mr. Jim Babb
Athletics*



*Mr. Robert (Bob) Frieberg (1953)
Distinguished Service*



Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2019



*Mrs. Sharon Olbertson
Academics & Achievement*



*Dr. Peter Larsen (1997)
Academics & Achievement*



*Mr. Dennis Hegg Family
Fine Arts*





*Mrs. Natalie (Carda) Board (2005)
Athletics*



*Mr. Kenneth Bonte
Athletics*



*1979 Boys' Basketball Team
Athletics*





*Mr. Roger Price Family
Distinguished Service*

Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2018



Pictured left to right: Brigadier General Russ A. Walz, Mr. Ted Heeren, Mr. Bob Young, Dr. Rosanne (Fitzgerald) Kirts, Mr. Koln Knight, Dr. Luke Nordquist, Mr. Scott Latendresse, Mrs. Sandra (Erickson) Carnes, and Dr. Elizabeth Grace-Cruz (for her mother, Dr. Helen (Kennedy) Grace).

Academics/Achievement

Dr. Rosanne (Fitzgerald) Kirts (1965)
Dr. Luke Nordquist (1987)
Brigadier General Russ A. Walz (1980)

Fine Arts

Mr. Ted Heeren (1995)
Mr. Scott Latendresse (1974)

Athletics

Mrs. Sandra (Erickson) Carnes (1982)
Mr. Koln Knight (1981)
Mr. Bob Young (1957)

Distinguished Service

Dr. Helen (Kennedy) Grace (1953)

Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2017



Pictured left to right: Mr. Tim Thorne (for his brother, the late 1st Lt. Josef L. Thorne), Mrs. Ann (Goltz) Tornberg, Mr. Jim Sorensen, Mr. Milo Winter, Mrs. Mara (McGill) Seier, Mr. Cortland Carnes, Mr. Jim Heeren, and Mrs. Jane Carlson (for her mother, the late Mrs. Grace (Kylling) Kennedy)

Academics/Achievement

Mrs. Ann (Goltz) Tornberg (1974)

Fine Arts

Mrs. Grace (Kylling) Kennedy (1947)
Mr. Milo Winter

Athletics

Mr. Jim Heeren
Dr. Mara (McGill) Seier (2003)
Mr. Jim Sorensen
1st Lieutenant Josef L. Thorne (1958)

Distinguished Service

Mr. Cortland Carnes



**Beresford School District
Nominating Form for the Watchdog Hall of Fame
Due by February 15th**

Nominee: _____ (does not have to be a graduate of BHS)

Nominee's Address (if known): _____

Year of Graduation: _____ E-Mail Address (if known): _____

Nominators, please select from **one** of the following categories:

- Academics/Achievement Athletics
 Fine Arts Distinguished Service

Briefly explain why you feel this individual deserves to be honored as a member of the Watchdog Hall of Fame:

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Address: _____

Nominator's E-mail Address: _____

The Nomination Review Committee will request supporting documentation from each qualified nominee. Only those nominees who submit information/documentation will be considered for induction by the Selection Committees.

Academics/Achievement - This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose academic records and achievements set them apart from their peers. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, administration, school board, volunteers, or general public.

Fine Arts - This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose fine arts accomplishments set them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, administrations, volunteers, or general public.

Athletics - This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose accomplishments on the fields of competition set them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, coaches, administration, volunteers, or general public.

Distinguished Service - This category can include Beresford High School graduates and others who did not graduate from Beresford High School. The recipient must have served the Beresford School District and/or in the Beresford area in an exceptional manner. The recipient must come from the Hall of Fame nomination applications and be recommended by the Distinguished Service Committee or one of the other three Hall of Fame pillar sub-committees. It is not required that this award be given out yearly.

Please submit completed nomination forms by February 15th to dustin.degen@k12.sd.us or by mail to the Beresford School District, Hall of Fame, 301 West Maple, Beresford, SD 57004.

Please submit completed forms by February 15, 2024, to
Dustin.Degen@k12.sd.us

Hall of Fame Welcomes Nominations from the Public

We encourage our Beresford High School alumni and community to become involved and recommend a nominee for Watchdog Hall of Fame consideration. Within this program, you will find an example Hall of Fame nominations form. If you would like to recommend a nominee, please complete the Nominating Form by visiting the following link: <https://5il.co/1ewg5>. All Watchdog Hall of Fame nominations are due by February 15, 2024. If you prefer submitting an online nomination form, you are welcome to go to <https://forms.gle/PGUxFTeTgtgdSeyQA>. Both form versions can be found at <https://www.beresford.k12.sd.us/page/watchdog-hall-of-fame>.

Please email the completed nomination form to Dustin.Degen@k12.sd.us or mail it to the Watchdog Hall of Fame, 301 W. Maple St., Beresford, SD 57004. All nominations are shared with the Steering Committee and assigned to one of the four Pillar Sub-committees for consideration.

Thank You

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Beresford School District

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