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Letter from the Alumni Association President...



As our Board enters 2023, we remain dedicated to supporting the Alumni Association's mission: Engage alumni interest while promoting loyalty and strengthening relationships with students, community and alumni.

Annually, the NSCC Alumni Board seeks to recognize and celebrate NSCC alumni as part of the Distinguished Alumni Awards. This award is the most prestigious award bestowed upon alumni. It celebrates significant accomplishments of alumni in their chosen field, impact on their communities and continued commitment to higher education.

Do you know a potential candidate who meets the following criteria:

- Earned a NSCC degree 3 or more years ago
- Achieved prominence and success in their field
- Has made significant contributions in their profession, community and the lives of others

If so, please complete the Nomination Form included as part of this newsletter or go to <https://northweststate.edu/alumni> to submit your nomination.

The 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award winners will be recognized in May 2023 during a special reception prior to the NSCC Graduation on May 13, 2023.

Ron Coles

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NSCC Alumni Association President



Now Accepting Applications *Distinguished Alumni Award 2023*



<https://northweststate.edu/distinguished-alumni-award>



NOMINATE NOW

The mission of the Foundation is to enhance, expand and sustain Northwest State so that it can continue to fulfill its mission of creating opportunities for transformational learning.



Call for nominations for the NSCC Distinguished Alumni Award

Now is your chance to nominate someone for Northwest State's prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award. If you know an NSCC graduate who has achieved recognized prominence in their chosen career, and has made significant contributions to their profession, community, and the lives of others, please take a moment to nominate that individual. Nominations can be done online at <https://northweststate.edu/distinguished-alumni-award> or by returning the attached form.

Deadline for nominations is February 27, 2023

Northwest State Alumni Information Update Card STAY CONNECTED!

Yes, I'm interested in becoming more involved with NSCC opportunities:

- Special Events
- Fundraising Projects
- Mailings/Office Support

Contact us at alumni@NorthwestState.edu or 419-267-1460 to CONNECT!

Academic Division Contacts

Arts & Sciences
419-267-1247

Nursing & Allied Health
419-267-1246

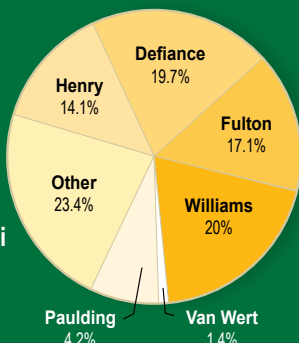
Business & Public Services
419-267-1345

STEM & Industrial Technologies
419-267-1394

Quick Facts:

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12,003 NSCC Alumni

Did You Know?
Close to 80 % of NSCC Alumni continue to live and work in the six-county region!



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to make a difference in the lives of our student learners.

Distinguished Alumni Profile:

Dennis Postema, Class of 2008 & 2013 Distinguished Alumni Recipient



Who: Dennis Postema

Current profession: CEO/Founder, Postema Insurance & Investments, CEO/President, Postema Marketing Group, LLC, International Best-Selling Author, Motivational Speaker, Life, Business & Health Coach, TV Host, Producer, Podcaster and Celebrity/Influencer to name a few!

Growing up in Northwest Ohio, Dennis Postema, as a young boy, developed his business sense by attending horse auctions and flea markets, often sent by his father to "barter" for such items as saddles and tools. In his childhood, Dennis was also a familiar face around the community, selling 4-H 50/50 raffle tickets along with his brother, and made it his goal to surpass ticket sales each year. This was a prelude for things to come.

While attending NSCC, studying business management and marketing, Dennis responded to an ad for a captive insurance agency. After working his way up to Regional Manager in a short period of time, Dennis began to realize he could service clients more responsively and put their needs first by forming his own company. In 2009, a year after graduating from NSCC, Postema Insurance & Investments was born.

Always seeking ways to better serve his clients, Dennis expanded his services to include tax preparation. Hence, Postema Accounting Solutions (PAS) was formed. Branching out onto a national level, Dennis would further extend his vast business experience and would become the CEO of multiple, million dollar companies. A few of Dennis' most memorable career moments are: becoming a number one International Bestselling Author for the first time and being interviewed on a TV show that aired on a Sunday.

Dennis has always been mindful of his humble beginnings as a student at NSCC. He has previously hired NSCC graduates to work in his businesses and supports NSCC on a financial level. His experience at NSCC gave him the management, marketing and sales skills needed to successfully run his own business. Congratulations, Dennis on your successful career and your continued investment in your community.

Distinguished Alumni

2021
Heidi DeSota
Tiffany Johnston

2020
Terika Elston
Ruth Kauffman

2019
Brad Hurtig
William (Bill) Lammers
Dr. Michael Sawvel

2018
Todd Grisier
Danielle Spring
Anna Trubey
Janette Wagner

2017
Jennifer Behnfeldt
Dennis Clapp
Mary Clapp
Colin Doolittle

Andrew (A.J.) Genter
Stefanie Rockey

2016
Diane Hoops

2015
Patricia Frank
Niki Mosier
Wendy Munk
Jason Sprow

2014
Dr. Jana Bourn
Travis Starbuck

2013
Kim Feehan
Dennis Postema
Carol Vasko
Trevor Weaver

2012
Nicole Baden
Julie Leatherman
Kevin Sonnenberg
(posthumously)†

2011
Suzanne Bailey
Mary Beth Royal

2010
Janet Engler
Terice Warncke†

2009
Leon Smith
Daryl Stockburger
Jeffrey Wilson

2008
Deanna Sue Kohl
Nicholas Vajen

2007
Jim Barnes
Alicia Buehrer
Jan Lauro
Scott Sallows
Mary Schroeder
Kevin Schwiebert†
Kathryn Soards

2006
Judy Thrasher
James Rufenacht

2005
Dale Becker
John Daeger
Kathryn Smith
Mindy Stayner

2004
Tanya Brunner
Stephen Casebere
Lynn Elston
Antoinette Thomas

2003
Deborah Buchenberg-
Chandler
Gina Fernbaugh
Bette Hughes
Denise Leu
Kevin Maynard
Rebecca Thatcher

2002
John Moon
Francisco Sanchez
Mickey Schwarzbek
Robert Wisler

2001
Alex Brandt
Ron Coles
Michelle Eisel
Lynda VonDeylen-Cramer

2000
Joyce Combs
Darrell Handy
Dr. Terry Holman
Robert Kroeger
Thomas Snivley
Patrick Weidenhamer

1999
Judy Brubaker†
Patricia Dailey†
Dale Mathys†
Kurt Nofziger
Eugene Schubert

1998
Dr. Randall Frey
Tim Kline
Von Plessner
David Shaffer
David VonDeylen



† Denotes alumni is deceased

Nomination Form

Award Description: The Distinguished Alumni Award represents the most prestigious award presented by the Alumni Association of Northwest State. This award was established in 1998 to honor graduates of Northwest State Community College who have achieved recognized prominence in their chosen career and have made significant contributions to their profession, community, and the lives of others. Recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award represent the ideal of a committed, industrious and caring individual to whom Northwest State Community College may look to as an example. The Distinguished Alumni Award is given each year at an awards Luncheon. A plaque with their photo is also placed in the Engineering Technologies and Science Center so that past, present, and future students of Northwest State Community College can view these Distinguished Alumni.

Eligibility: To be eligible, at least three years must have elapsed since the nominee graduated from Northwest State Community College. The Nominee must have graduated with an associates degree from NSCC.

All individuals nominated will receive a letter announcing their nomination for the award and a form requesting additional information that must be returned to the College for consideration. Please provide the following nominee information to assist us in the process.

Complete this form along with a Letter of Support and submit to:

NSCC Foundation, Distinguished Alumni Award, Northwest State Community College 22600 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

For additional nomination forms or information, contact Robbin Wilcox at rwilcox@NorthwestState.edu or 419.267.1460.

Nominee Information:

I am nominating (include maiden name): _____

Home address of nominee: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: (Work) _____ Phone number (Home) _____

Email: _____

What year did the nominee graduate? _____

What degree did the nominee receive? _____

Nominator Information:

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please submit a **Letter of Support** along with Nomination Form. **DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

NOMINATENow at: <https://northweststate.edu/distinguished-alumni-award>