

Distinguished Alumni

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

Terice Warncke
Janet Engler

2009

Leon Smith
Daryl Stockburger
Jeffrey Wilson

2008

Nicholas Vajen
Deanna Sue Kohl

2007

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

2006

Judy Leonard
James Rufenacht

2005

Mindy Stayner
Dale Becker
Kathryn Smith
John Daeger

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 Snively
Patrick Weidenhamer

1999

Judy Brubaker
Patricia Dailey
Dale Mathys
Kurt Nofziger
Eugene Schubert

1998

Randall Frey
Tim Kline
Von Plessner
David Shaffer
David VonDeylen

Nominate Now At: NorthwestState.edu/alumni/distinguished-alumni-award/



Letter from the Alumni Association President...



Welcome to the second edition of the Alumni & Friends Newsletter. The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive.

For the last 10 years, I have had the privilege of being your Alumni Association President and I am committed to helping spread the word about the great things going on at Northwest State - my alma mater. I am a 1981 graduate of Northwest Technical College, and a part-time instructor, teaching various classes in the business division for 25 years. In 2001, I was nominated for and won the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Today we are seeking your input for candidates for future distinguished alumni. The Alumni Association has a selection panel to review nominees' academic excellence, professional achievements and community service involvement. With over 10,000 alumni there have only been 76 people selected, which means less than one percent of students who graduate from NSCC have earned this prestigious award.

Look for more information on the Distinguished Alumni Award in this newsletter, including a nomination form. You can also complete the form online at NorthwestState.edu/alumni/distinguished-alumni-award/. Enjoy the newsletter, and please let us know what you would like to see in future publications. Drop us a line at alumni@NorthwestState.edu, and be sure to "Like" our Alumni & Friends Facebook page (Facebook.com/NSCCAlumniAndFriends). Together, we are all #NSCCProud.

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Now Accepting 2018 Nominations

Distinguished Alumni Award

Distinguished Alumni

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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.

Please submit a support letter along with the nomination form, which is included in this newsletter.

You may also submit a nomination online at NorthwestState.edu/alumni/distinguished-alumni-award/

Our graduates are making an impact on our local communities and beyond, translating their classroom experiences into successful careers.

Check out some of their stories at the College's official YouTube channel, YouTube.com/user/NorthwestStateCC.

Did You Know?

Over 85% of NSCC graduates continue to live and work in the six-county region

Discover NSCC Day

Discover NSCC Day is a FREE event, open to the public, which includes great hands-on activities all across campus, featuring all of our academic divisions.



It's a great way to showcase your alma mater. Saturday, March 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Archbold main campus. See you there!

For more information visit NorthwestState.edu/discover-nssc

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Distinguished Alumni Profile: Jim Rufenacht

Jim Rufenacht took a chance with a brand-new technical school by attending Four County Technical Institute. In 1971, Jim was part of the first graduating class of the Institute, which would later become Northwest State Community College. Jim now runs Rufenacht Farms, a family-operated and global agriculture business in Fulton County. Awarded the NSCC Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006, Jim shares below his insight on his education, the importance of agriculture, and his continued support of NSCC.



Why Choose NSCC

I was looking for a good Ag program to continue developing what my Vo-Ag education in high school offered. I was accepted at several schools, but chose to attend NSCC. This allowed me to continue working on the family farm, and build up my business while getting a good education close to home. It was really that simple.

About Rufenacht Farms

At Rufenacht Farms, our crop farming is corn, soybean and wheat. We are also feeding Holstein beef, which increases the corn value. To some extent, we are diversified compared to farms that only focus on crops. Agriculture on Rufenacht Farms is fun, but it's also a serious business. We have grown significantly

over the years, and that growth is one reason why I believe so strongly in NSCC's Ag program.

The Importance of an NSCC Education

One of the most important things NSCC showed me is a bigger piece of the world. I grew up on a farm a few miles from the College, and I knew every square inch of that, but I didn't know the overall state of agriculture in the United States, let alone the global part we work with today.

Receiving the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award

It's humbling and it's pretty special. In agriculture, you're sometimes removed from most industries and people forget

about Ag and its importance to our economy. Winning this award shows me that NSCC understands and values Ag and what we are doing in the community.

Continued Support of NSCC

For me, Northwest State is just invaluable. Students have to look at NSCC and realize the value the College offers them: quality people getting a great education while remaining part of a growing local community. Everything you need to succeed is right here, that's why I'm a proud donor to the NSCC Foundation.

NorthwestState.edu/give-to-nssc/

Congratulations 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients



Jennifer Behnfeldt
Class of 1999



Dennis Clapp
Class of 1979



Mary Clapp
Class of 1977



Colin Doolittle
Class of 2006



Andrew (AJ) Genter
Class of 2003



Stefanie Rockey
Class of 2000

Northwest State students of *yesterday, today and tomorrow*
You make us #NSCCProud!

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 the 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 associate 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 this 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:

Name of individual you would like to nominate: _____

Home address of nominee: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number: (Work) _____

Phone number: (Home) _____

What year did the nominee graduate? _____

What degree did the nominee receive? _____

I confirm that this individual exhibits excellence, service to community/country, character building, educational attainment, and career success through the following activities: _____

Nominator Information:

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please submit a Letter of Support along with Nomination Form. DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2018