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Letter from the Alumni Association President...



As our Alumni Board enters 2024, 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 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award winners will be recognized in May 2024 during a special reception prior to the NSCC Graduation on May 11, 2024.

Ron Coles

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NSCC Alumni Association President



NSCC Green Carpet Event - May 16, 2024



Now Accepting Applications *Distinguished Alumni Award 2024*



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



NOMINATE NOW

The mission of the NSCC Alumni Association is to engage alumni interest while promoting loyalty and strengthening relationships with students, community and alumni.



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 a 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 29, 2024**



Distinguished Alumni Profile:

Janette Wagner, Class of 1998 and 2018 Distinguished Alumni Recipient



Who: Janette Wagner

NSCC Degree: Associate of Applied Business in Accounting Technology

Current Profession: Director of Controlling, Wieland Chase, LLC in Montpelier, OH

Chasing her dreams. Janette Wagner married very young and quickly added children to her family. Staying at home for 10 years following her high school graduation, Janette helped to raise her young family, while experiencing near crippling personal losses in her family. One of those losses was the sudden loss of her sister.

Janette shares that her sister had attended NSCC and always had encouraged her to do the same. One morning, waking up to the sun shining and birds singing, Janette knew the time had come for her to chase her dream of pursuing a higher education and using her God given gift to carve out a career path for herself. She made the call to NSCC that very day and was soon enrolled.

Graduating three years later, Janette states her education at NSCC was "second to none." Janette was able to feed her driven spirit with the help from her professors who taught her discipline while taking a genuine interest in her and her success.

Janette continued her education by completing two Masters Degree programs at Defiance College, earning honors at each of those milestones. Janette credits her exemplary knowledge base established at NSCC for her success in pursuing her education and providing the skills and knowledge she obtained to be immediately helpful to her employers on her career path.

Distinguished Alumni

2023
Jim Drewes
Tara Garza
Elizabeth Grimes
Orlando (Allen) Santiago
Christina Switzer

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 Rocky

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

DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 12,274 NSCC Alumni in the six county region!

Alumni Legacy Scholarship

Did you know that the Alumni Association has a scholarship? The Alumni Legacy Scholarship is awarded annually to students who are family members of NSCC alumni.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Full-time or part-time student
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
- First preference to family member of NSCC alumni
- Financial need of student is considered

Please visit <https://northweststate.edu/foundation> to learn more about how YOU can make a difference in the lives of our student learners.

Donate Today! <https://northweststate.edu/foundation>

STAY CONNECTED!

We invite you to take a few minutes and update us if you have had a change in address or contact information. This helps to remove any duplicates in our system and ensures you are receiving important information.

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

LEND A HELPING HAND!

Volunteers are currently needed to assist with periodic larger scale projects in the Foundation Office such as:

- Special Events
- Fundraising Projects
- Mailings
- Office Support

If you're interested in helping, please contact Gina Kasch at 419-267-1418 or at gkasch@northweststate.edu

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419-267-1225

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419-267-1266

Business & Public Services
419-267-1258

STEM & Industrial Technologies
419-267-1273

Congratulations

2023 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients!



Jim Drewes



Tara Garza



Elizabeth Grimes



Orlando (Allen) Santiago



Christina Switzer

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 E-Wing adjacent to the George V. Voinovich Auditorium 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 NSCC Foundation office 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/Cell) _____

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 29, 2024**

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