

Distinguished Alumni

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†

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 Thrasher
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 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

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

Letter from the Alumni Association President...



We are 11,000 strong... and growing!

As Alumni Association President, it is my honor and privilege to help spread the word about the many great things going on at Northwest State – my alma mater. I am a 1981 graduate of Northwest Technical College, and in 1986 I started as a part-time instructor, teaching various classes in the business division for 25 years. I am also honored to have served the College as Alumni Association President for the past ten 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 Committee has a selection panel to review nominees' academic excellence, professional achievements, and community service involvement. With over 11,000 alumni, there have only been 83 people selected. This means less than one percent of students who graduate from NSCC earn 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/.

We want to hear from you! Drop us a line at alumni@NorthwestState.edu to share your story and update your information, and be sure to "Like" our Alumni and Friends Facebook page (Facebook.com/NSCCAlumniAndFriends). Together, we are all #NSCCProud.

Ron Coles

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NSCC Alumni Association President

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Save the Date! NSCC Proud Day is **Tuesday, June 30.**
Don't forget to share what makes you #NSCCProud!



2017 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient
1977 Northwest Tech Graduate

Nominate Now!

Now Accepting 2020 Nominations

Distinguished Alumni Award

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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

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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](https://www.youtube.com/user/NorthwestStateCC).

Keeping it local!

Over 76% of NSCC graduates continue to live and work in the six-county region

Did You Know? Your donation at work!

The Northwest State Alumni Association proudly offers an **Alumni Legacy Scholarship** on behalf of the NSCC Foundation. This Legacy Scholarship is awarded to a full-time or part-time student maintaining a 3.0 GPA (or better), and is ideal for students who are family members of NSCC Graduates.



How can you help?

You can help NSCC in two ways: by telling family and friends about this great scholarship, and also through your generous donation to the NSCC Foundation. Simply go to NorthwestState.edu/give-to-nscc.

Donate Now

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Distinguished Alumni Profiles: A.J. Genter & Bill Lammers

A.J. GENTER



A.J. Genter ('03) was a high school senior with average grades. "I honestly had no plans for higher education, but my mother thought it would be a great idea to check (NSCC) out," Genter said.

"When I visited, I thought NSCC would be a great place to get an affordable, high-quality start to my education. Little did I know that I would transfer on to The Ohio State University after completing my two-year degree," said Genter. NSCC provided him valuable study habits and helped him ease in to College learning. "Going to NSCC allowed me to be at home, made me comfortable, and it allowed me to excel in small classrooms with teachers that cared."

A.J. has done tremendous things with his education. He is the Vice President / Commercial & Agricultural Lender for First Federal Bank in Wauseon, and he also owns and operates Genter Show Stock. He was also recognized for excellence in 2017 by receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award. Of the award, Genter noted "it's humbling, it's an honor and a privilege, and it's something I'll always remember."

BILL LAMMERS



Bill Lammers ('97) attended NSCC with a full-tuition scholarship, and with a grateful heart. Lammers participated in a co-op during his first year of college at the Automatic Feed Company, which allowed him to directly apply what he was learning in the classroom out on the shop floor. "Having this opportunity at such a young age also stirred in me a greater passion and desire to learn in college," Lammers said.

By age 29, Lammers had led two different local businesses, each with around \$40 million in sales and 300+ employees. Lammers now leads the Defiance Dream Center, which serves as a resource center focused on finding solutions to workforce challenges, transportation issues, homelessness, hunger, and the lack of education through outreach programs.

Lammers was honored in 2019 with the Distinguished Alumni Award, where he noted his relationship with NSCC has "literally come full circle" through the NSCC partnership with the Dream Center and the launch of Impact419. "My life has definitely been positively affected because of my higher education experience that started at NSCC," Lammers remarked.

Congratulations 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients



Bill Lammers
Class of 1997



Brad Hurtig
Class of 2006



Dr. Michael Sawvel
Class of 2001

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 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:

I am nominating (incl. maiden name): _____

Home address of nominee: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

Email: _____

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: FEBRUARY 20, 2020

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