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Northwest State Community College
Alumni & Friends
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Letter from the Alumni Association President...



As our Alumni Board enters 2025, 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 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award winners will be recognized in May 2025 during a special reception prior to the NSCC Graduation on May 10, 2025.

Ron Coles

Ron Coles
NSCC Alumni Association President

SAVE THE DATE NSCC Green Carpet Event - May 15, 2025

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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 27, 2025**



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
- First preference to family member of **NSCC alumni**
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
- 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!

Save the date
February 7, 2025
PURSES FOR A PURPOSE
Purse Bingo



Help to provide scholarships for NSCC students

at NSCC

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM
FOOD & BEVERAGES SERVED AT 5 PM
BINGO BEGINS AT 6 PM



Distinguished Alumni Profile:

Taylor Moyer, Class of 2010 and 2024 Distinguished Alumni Recipient



Who: Taylor Moyer

NSCC Degree: Associate of Arts (Historical Preservation), 2010

Current Profession: Senior Humanities and Psychology teacher at the Toledo School for the Arts

Taylor Moyer often felt misunderstood as a young child in the education system. Summing up his early years in school, Moyer said, "I always marched to the beat of my own drum and that meant that conventional education and subjects like reading, writing, and mathematics did not come naturally or easily for me. I was artistic, I love working with my hands, and I enjoy dance, music, acting, and painting."

Despite the fear that college would present the same challenges as elementary school, Moyer bravely faced his initial struggles at Northwest State, by taking advantage of various support services the College provided. "The resource lab, tutoring center, and my instructors seemed to find ways to uplift me and support my learning," Moyer said.

Thanks in great part to the supportive environment at Northwest State, Moyer found his path to success through the power of a good education. Moyer noted, "I always felt supported, and (NSCC) began my journey as a lifelong learner."

In his acceptance speech for the prestigious 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award, Moyer proudly acknowledged those who have supported his journey:

"I want to thank my mom and dad who made my education possible. My mom lost a lot of sleep worrying about what I would do with my life. My father served our country for 29.5 years and provided for our family. I thank both of you for your love and support. I thank my wife Ashley Moyer and my son Ellis Moyer for always loving and supporting me. Thank you, Grandma, for all the phone calls. Thank you, Chris Copple, Cecile Rohrs, Dan Light, and Pete Wilhelm, for your instruction."

Distinguished Alumni

2024
Genna Biddix
Sarah Diaz
Taylor Moyer
Shelia Santiago-Leschinski

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 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 Schrieber†
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

Northwest State
Community College

† Denotes alumni is deceased

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

Congratulations

2024 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients!



Genna Biddix
Class of 2015



Sarah Diaz
Class of 2005



Taylor Moyer
Class of 2010



Shelia Santiago-Leschinski
Class of 1998

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 27, 2025**

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