



D.C. EVEREST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

The 2009 Distinguished Alumni Awards

In a continuing tradition of honoring D.C. Everest graduates who have excelled in their professions or in the community in which they live, it is the privilege of the D.C. Everest Alumni Association to present this year's Distinguished Alumni Awards. The 2009 Distinguished Alumni recipients are Chad Felch, Chuck Heise and Judy Adams Swank.

CHAD FELCH



Chad Felch graduated from D.C. Everest High School in 1990, where he played defensive back for the football team that won State in 1989. He went on to earn BS degrees in Chemistry and Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

After graduating, Chad began his career supervising production at a veterinary pharmaceutical manufacturer, followed by working in an industrial hygiene laboratory, before taking his current role as a research and development chemist for Siemens Water Technologies. During his ten years at Siemens, Chad has developed more than 100 inventions. He has authored or co-authored 12 patents to date that have been issued or are in progress. In 2007, Chad was presented the Siemens Inventor of the Year Award, for his contribution in developing an environmentally friendly process that reduced the amount of hazardous waste produced in the oil sands region of Alberta Canada.

Chad has helped to inspire future scientists by donating his time to help students at D.C. Everest and UWSP with science experiments and internships, as well as giving demonstrations for students at elementary and high schools. He is also active in the United Way and his church. Chad and his wife Jen live in Kronenwetter with their daughter Chloe and son Brayden.

CHARLES HEISE



Chuck graduated from D.C. Everest in 1985. During his time at Everest he lettered in Wrestling, Football and Track and was a State Wrestling Champion in 1985. Thereafter he attended the University of Minnesota where he was a Big Ten Wrestling Champion in 1990. In addition, he was awarded the Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor as well as an NCAA postgraduate scholarship that year. From there he entered the University of Minnesota Medical School and received his M.D. Degree in 1994. He then began his residency in general surgery at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. From there his surgery training continued in England as well as back at the University of Minnesota, specializing in colon and rectal surgery.

In 2002, he returned to Madison and joined the surgery faculty at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, where he is currently an Associate Professor of Surgery. In addition to treating many patients, he has published numerous articles in his field of surgery, is actively involved in surgical research and continues to teach surgical trainees and medical students on a daily basis. He has received several awards including being named repeatedly as a "Best Doctor in America" and Madison Magazine's "Top Doctor" selections.

He is forever grateful to the teachers and coaches of the D.C. Everest School district for providing a solid yet memorable athletic and academic foundation. Chuck currently lives in Madison with his wife, Heather, and two children.

JUDY ADAMS SWANK



Judy graduated from D.C. Everest High School in 1966. She completed four years of undergraduate studies at UW-Madison and then one year at the University of Illinois in Chicago. She graduated from the University of Illinois in 1971 with a degree in Pharmacy. Judy was employed by a number of pharmacies throughout the Rhinelander area.

She also served the community in a number of ways including coaching junior high school track and high school Nordic skiing, hosting numerous foreign exchange students, being an active member in the Rhinelander Area Ski Trails Association (RASTA), the Oneida County Biking and Walking Trail Council and she sat on the board for the Oneida County Eco Business Park development. She also served as the Honorary Chairperson of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Rhinelander. Judy was recognized by her community via the Paul Harris Fellowship given by the Rhinelander Rotary Club in 2008. Most recently a newly constructed shelter on the Washburn Ski Trails was named in her honor. She dedicated her life to reflect her belief in a physical lifestyle and Emersonian ideal of self-reliance.

Judy passed away as a result of ovarian cancer on February 25, 2009. She is survived by her husband Lee Swank of Rhinelander and her son Adam Swank of Duluth, Minnesota.

First Annual All School Reunion

Gordy Geurink, Committee Chair

On Saturday, August 15th 2009, the first annual D.C. Everest All School Reunion was held at Weston Lanes. Approximately 150 people attended the event. Classes from the very first graduating class to the most recent were in attendance. The main focus was to generate interest in reuniting students who have graduated from D.C. Everest High School. With individual reunion numbers dropping, an incentive to hold an All School Reunion was looked at. There have also been many comments from graduates that they would like to see class members of years just prior to or after their own. Thus the concept grew. As times goes on, the All School Reunion can be used to have individual class reunions or a time for graduates of D.C. Everest to get together in a very informal manner.

A secondary focus but an equally important one, was to start a scholarship fund. A total of \$375 was raised to put toward such a fund for a current member of the senior class. The most amazing thing about the affair was that it was started with \$0 budgeted! The class of 1967 did provide the snack items but that was the extent of contributions. Dale Elliot of Weston Lanes provided the facility use free of charge. We appreciate his contribution.

The next reunion is scheduled to be held on Saturday, August 14th 2010 again at Weston Lanes (thanks Dale).

Do You Know a Distinguished D.C. Everest Alumnus?

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to his or her community or has made a difference in the lives of others? We would like to recognize them as a Distinguished Alumnus of D.C. Everest Senior High. The next award will be presented in September 2009 at the homecoming ceremony.

Name of Nominated Person _____

Year of Graduation from D.C. Everest High School _____

Permanent Address _____

Phone Number _____

Current Title (or Title Before Retirement) _____

Nominated By _____

Address _____

Phone _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please give us as much information as to why you feel this person should receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Please list any significant contributions in the areas of job, education and community service. Please return all of this information to:

**D.C. EVEREST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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D.C. Everest Alumni Scholarship Award

Since 2007, the D.C. Everest Alumni Association has offered scholarships to graduating seniors. To apply for this year's award, the student must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, have a parent or stepparent that is a D.C. Everest graduate, and submit an essay that is 300 words or less addressing the question, "How has your D.C. Everest experience prepared you for the future?"

The Alumni Board reviews the essays and selects two winning essays. The writers of chosen essays each receive a scholarship worth \$250. This year's winners are Elli Kaetterhenry and Matthew Pritzl.

If you know of a D.C. Everest senior graduating in 2010 who's parent is a D.C. Everest Alumnus, please encourage them to apply. For more information and scholarship requirements please visit our website at:

http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/alumni/Alumni_Scholarship.htm.

Matthew Pritzl - Son of Louie and Brenda (Morien) Pritzl

High school by no means is the end of my education; it is just another step on the stairs to success. As each step prepares you and gets you closer to the top. My attendance and rigorous class schedule at D.C. Everest has prepared me for the challenging work load I am going to face in college. My organization and study skills will aid me in my pursuit of higher education. The acquisition of these skills is what has led me to a 4.0 GPA.

I am proud to be graduating from D.C. Everest because of the vast diversity of students that attend. Everest is made up of many different cultures. We are White, Black, Hispanic, Hmong, Catholic, Jewish, and so on, but mainly we are students working together. We are all here for the same reason; to obtain a great education. Everest teachers, staff, and students have taught me by example that skin color doesn't matter; we are all individuals that can learn from each other.

D.C. Everest offers many extra curricular activities. Wrestling has been a big part of my life. Through my participation in this sport, I have learned that I can do anything if I put my mind to it. I have the ability to be successful. The coaches taught me that hard work really does pay off. I am a two-time WIAA State Wrestling Qualifier, a feat that is hard to accomplish. I learned: Hardwork+Sacrifice=Success.

My experiences at D.C. Everest have taught me the skills and values that will help me to succeed at college and into my future. I will treasure the memories of my successes and failures through which I have learned so much. I feel prepared to continue up the steps to success.

Elli Kaetterhenry - Daughter of Lori Kaetterhenry

I have had the advantage of being in the D.C. Everest District since Kindergarten. I call this an advantage because D.C. Everest has been progressive and provided students with quality teachers and curriculum. Each area has prepared me for the future.

Since my mother graduated from high school, technology has significantly advanced. I feel D.C. Everest schools have kept up with this advancement, especially in regards to computers. Since the first grade I have had access to computers. I was using PowerPoint already in the fifth grade and learning keyboarding in middle school. When older, I was encouraged to use the computer for references, research, and educational forums. These skills have helped me with school projects ever since and will help me as I move on to college.

The teachers have helped me feel that I could succeed in learning, in problem solving, and in being creative. They made themselves available, if needed, for one-on-one help, even if they were not my current instructor. My music teachers allowed me to branch out and play various instruments. Because of this, and the enthusiasm of all my teachers, I have chosen to pursue a degree in music education.

D.C. Everest has not only provided quality standard courses but also LEAP and AP programs, as well as an excellent music program, a wide variety of electives, and extra-curricular activities that have helped me to be well-rounded. I feel D.C. Everest has prepared me well for the ACT test and enabled me to be a competitive applicant for college.

Even though I came from a single-parent family, with limited funds, I had access to high quality education and a wide range of opportunities. The knowledge, skills, and experiences I have gained at D.C. Everest will help prepare me for college, career, and life.

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