



D.C. EVEREST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

## *The 2008 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 2008 Distinguished Alumni recipients are Bill Fish and Jeff Zollpriester.

### JEFF ZOLLPRIESTER



Jeff Zollpriester graduated from D.C. Everest High School in 1976. Jeff played baseball for D.C. Everest and was a 3-year starter. After graduating from high school, he began his career in the grocery industry. Jeff became store manager of a local grocery store in 1980, and in 1988, he became partners in the Quality Foods store located on Business 51 in Schofield. In 2000, Jeff was

appointed General Manager overseeing the five Quality Foods stores in central Wisconsin, and in 2008, was named Chief Operating Officer for the Quality Foods organization.

Jeff has received various awards throughout his career. In 1998, out of 30 independent IGA grocery stores supported by the Cops Warehouse in Wisconsin, Jeff was awarded "Retailer of the Year." In 2004, he received the Wisconsin Grocers Association "Excellence in Operations" Award, and in 2008, out of all IGA National Retailers, Jeff is being honored in the top five. Jeff is also on the IGA Coca Cola Advisory Board for training and education development.

Throughout the 20 years in the D.C. Everest community, Jeff is very thankful for the support of the community and is proud to have employed so many young professional students from D.C. Everest schools. Jeff feels the real success of his business has been the hard work and commitment from his associates. Jeff and his wife, Carrie, live in Weston and have three daughters, Ashley, Melanie and Melissa. They have all actively worked at Quality Foods and have greatly contributed to the success of the business.

### WILLIAM FISH



Bill Fish graduated from D.C. Everest in 1968. He began working at McDonald's in Schofield in 1966, which his dad managed. He continued to work there after high school while attending NTC. In 1974, along with his father and 2 brothers, he opened a McDonald's franchise in Marshfield, WI. Over the years, Bill has opened 5 other McDonald's in the Wausau and Rhinelander area, as well as purchasing the original McDonald's in Schofield that was built in 1959 from Bill Foley.

Over the 34 years as a McDonald's operator, Bill has hired hundreds of students, many from the D.C. Everest area. Four of his employees have gone on to become McDonald's Owner/Operators.

"The D.C. Everest School system taught me respect and discipline. I still have the highest regard for the teachers and coaches in the D.C. Everest School District." Bill lives in Rothschild with his wife of 35 years, Sharon. They have two children, Dan and Laurie, and one grandchild. Bill is a former member of the Marathon County Crime Stoppers. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Peoples State Bank. He received the Citizen of the Year Award in 1989 from the South Area Business Association. As one of his generous contributions to the Everest community, Bill donated toward half the cost of the Greenheck Fieldhouse Zamboni.

*Congratulations Jeff & Bill on being the 2008 Distinguished Alumni!*

## D.C. Everest Alumni Scholarship Award

The D.C. Everest Alumni Association is awarding scholarships to graduating seniors. To apply for this year's award it was required that 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 of 300 words or less addressing the question, "How has your D.C. Everest experience prepared you for the future?" This is the second year that the Alumni Association has offered this award.

The Alumni Board reviews the essays and selects the two winning essays. The writers of the chosen essays each receive a \$250 scholarship. The 2007-2008 recipients of the D.C. Everest Alumni Scholarships were Elizabeth Ball and Aleese Kenitzer.

### ELIZABETH BALL - Daughter of David Ball and Polly (Hoffman) Behrens



I can't remember ever having a class during my four years of high school when at least once I didn't hear the phrase, "When will we ever use this?" Although I too am guilty of sometimes questioning the relevance of the learning material, I wouldn't doubt for a second that I've learned something valuable every single day at D.C. Everest.

Without question, I've had great classes in every subject at D.C. Everest. Next year, I plan to major in Biology, and then pursue a medical or dental career. It'd be easy to say, "What use are my other classes then?" However, every single class I've ever taken, no matter how unrelated to Biology, has given me something I know I will use someday. Everest has

given me such a wide range of knowledge and skills, from political comprehension to being able to send a well-written letter, and I know I'm prepared to take on just about anything.

At Everest, of course I learned the basic formulas, structures, functions, and methods, but even more importantly are the lessons that can't be taught from a textbook. I've learned extremely important skills like cooperation and communication, and learned the definition of work ethic. Until high school, A's came as natural to me as breathing. However, when I was confronted with more difficult classes, I got extremely frustrated when I didn't understand the material right away. The supporting staff at D.C. Everest helped and encouraged me, and I maintained good grades. Their kindness and patience alone is something I'll never forget, and I'll definitely try and take with me wherever I go. Everest taught me a sense of responsibility and truly enhanced my character in countless ways. I'm extremely thankful for the experiences I've had there, and very anxious to use everything I've learned.

### ALEESE KENITZER - Daughter of Dick and Roxanne (Gilray) Kenitzer



Because of Everest's tradition of excellence, I anticipated the day when I would attend the high school as a child. Now, as a senior, I understand the "evergreen pride" I felt as a child, and later as a student was a symbol of all Everest has taught me. Through involvement in different activities, I have showed my "evergreen pride" while preparing myself for my future as a music educator and, later, a minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Academically, I have been challenged by many Advanced Placement courses that have given me a wide array of knowledge. But more importantly, I believe these classes taught me to think critically and independently. This skill will help me more than knowledge of a specific concept. In addition, many musical opportunities have prepared me to enter college as a music major. I have always played in the orchestra as a violinist and harpist, and this year I sang in three choirs. Also, by playing in the pit orchestra of "Cinderella," assisting with the elementary orchestra, playing in the D.C.

Everest Chamber Players, Solo and Ensemble and the Variety Show, I have been able to refine my skills as a musician that will aid me in my musical studies.

Lastly, many social experiences taught me societal values. While standing in the student section at many sporting events, I learned the beauty of people coming together to support a common goal as social barriers were broken. This, along with many other values, has shaped me as a person.

Each day as an "evergreen," I have learned something that will last into the future. I feel confident that the experiences I had as an Everest student will greatly assist me in my future vocation and as a member of society.

### CAROLYN BUHSE SCHOLARSHIP

The D.C. Everest Alumni Association also administered another award, the Carolyn Buhse Scholarship. Lucas Muzynoski and Larissa Olson were the recipients of this \$250 scholarship.

# 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  
6300 ALDERSON STREET  
SCHOFIELD, WI 54476**

## Go Green

The following items are available for purchase to show your support for the D.C. Everest Alumni Association. Funds raised from the sale of these items are used to support alumni sponsored programs.



The Alumni Association is selling fabric GO GREEN bags. Each bag costs \$4.00 and measures 12"W x 10"D x 14"H.

Show your Evergreen spirit with a D.C. Everest Alumni Lapel Pin. Great gift idea for any Alumni. Only \$5.00.

Contact Tom Owens at 715-359-4221, ext. 1230 or [trowens@dce.k12.wi.us](mailto:trowens@dce.k12.wi.us) for more information on any of these products.



**You can update your name, address, phone number and email address on the alumni website: [http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/alumni/alumni\\_info.htm](http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/alumni/alumni_info.htm) or by calling Tracy Ravey at 715-359-4221 ext. 1229.**

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## Alumni Scholarships for 2009

If you know a senior that will be graduating in 2009 and whose parent or stepparent is a D.C. Everest Alumnus, please encourage them to apply for the D.C. Everest Alumni Scholarship. For more information and scholarship requirements, please visit our website at [www.dce.k12.wi.us/alumni/Alumni\\_Scholarship.htm](http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/alumni/Alumni_Scholarship.htm)

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## Upcoming Reunions

For all current reunion information and highlights of past reunions, visit our website:  
[http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/alumni/Reunion\\_info.htm](http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/alumni/Reunion_info.htm)

**The D.C. Everest Class of 1979** is planning a 30-year class reunion to be held on August 14-15, 2009 in Minocqua, WI. **We are missing a lot of names and addresses for this class.** Please contact Randy Drews at (715) 212-7313 to share any names and addresses of 1979 classmates so everyone can receive an invitation.

**D.C. Everest Girls Basketball Reunion** will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009. An alumni game will be held at noon. A JV game will follow at 2:00 p.m. and a varsity game at 4:00 p.m. For more information please contact Renee (Kasten) Hodell at 715-359-3270.

**D.C. Everest Class of 1984** is planning a reunion for August 15, 2009 at the Hoffman House in Wausau. For more information or if you are interested in helping with planning the reunion, contact Ann (Bobinski) Geier at 715-355-4361 or [ageier@dce.k12.wi.us](mailto:ageier@dce.k12.wi.us) or Bonnie (Hellrood) Gaureke at [big@telcominsgrp.com](mailto:big@telcominsgrp.com)

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## School-wide Reunion

There has been some interest in having a D.C. Everest school-wide reunion. To help evaluate the amount of interest, we are asking you to take a short four question survey that can be accessed by entering the following link into your web browser. Please complete this survey by Nov. 30, 2008. <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228G83VME5V>

A committee will use the feedback from this survey to evaluate the possibility of hosting a school-wide reunion.