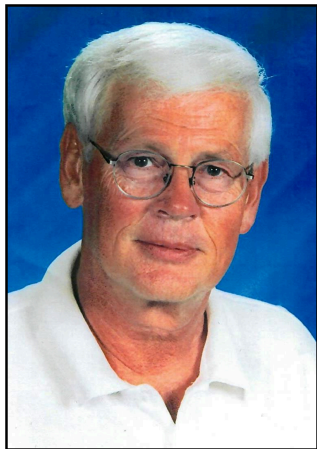


2018 Award Winners



Gary Hveen
Class of 1958
Osage High School

Gary began his career in suburban Chicago teaching biology and coaching football, basketball and track. He continued the journey at East Waterloo, South Tama, Eastern New Mexico University, Waterloo Central High School and Alamogordo, New Mexico. Hveen received Coach of the Year honors in both Iowa and New Mexico and teams were conference champions 12 times in three different states over those 18 years as a head coach.

Administration duties began as the Assistant Director of the New Mexico Activities Association and subsequently as Athletic Director at City High School in Iowa City and in a newly organized school district in the Albuquerque suburb of Rio Rancho. He was honored as Athletic Director of the year in both Iowa and New Mexico. He was also elected President of the New Mexico State Athletic Directors Association; 46 teams from these two high schools won state championships during the 21 years under his direction.

Rio Rancho and Alamogordo School Districts have honored him with induction into their Hall of Fame and the stadium at Rio Rancho High School bears his name. Fran and Gary are active retirees in community, church, city and educational committees.

Gary, son of Hans and Joyce (class of '36) Hveen and brother of Howard ('60) and Marcia ('76) graduated from Northern Iowa University (State College of Iowa) in 1963 with a degree in Science Education. He received a Masters Degree in Health Education from NE Missouri 1968. Gary and Fran ('58) were married on August 20 (Fran's Birthday), 1961 and are parents of Todd, Stephanie, Jennifer and Joshua and have seven grandchildren.



Dr. Michael Brumm
Class of 1967
Osage High School

Following his 1967 graduation from Osage High School, Dr Mike Brumm attended Iowa State University, becoming the student manager for the Cyclone wrestling team and graduating with a BS in Ag Education in 1971. After a 2 year stint as a medical laboratory specialist in the US Army he pursued MS and PhD degrees in Animal Science at Purdue University.

Mike had a 27 year career as a professor of animal science and extension swine specialist at the University of Nebraska where he received numerous awards for his swine industry contributions. These include induction as a fellow in the American Society of Animal Science and being named one of the 50 most influential people in the US swine industry since 1955 by National Hog Farmer.

Following his retirement from the University in 2006, he incorporated Brumm Swine Consultancy where he co-founded SVC Research, the largest private swine research entity in the US at the time. He also spent 50% of his time working with producers and allied industry around the world on swine housing and management issues. He has been a presenter at producer conferences in 11 foreign countries and remains a frequent presenter at industry events even in partial retirement.

He and his late wife Janet are the parents of four children and six grandchildren.



Dr. Jayne Ness Theis
Class of 1981
Osage High School

Jayne grew up on a farm east of New Haven where she learned the importance of hard work and perseverance. She is the oldest of five children of parents Don (deceased) and Pat (Johanns) Theis. Jayne attended Osage community schools from kindergarten through 12th grade except for three years at Sacred Heart School from 6th to 8th grade.

After high school graduation in 1981, Jayne went to the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN intending to major in journalism but quickly realized that was not a viable career for a procrastinator who writes slowly. She switched to biology and graduated from St. Thomas in 1985, then headed to the University of Iowa for its combined M.D.-Ph.D. program. Little did she know that it would be ten years, two lab advisers, one marriage to a fellow medical-Pharmacology graduate student and two babies later before she finished both degrees.

Jayne and family moved to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) in 1995 for her residency in pediatrics followed by pediatric neurology fellowship. After 6 years of clinical training (plus one more baby), Jayne's first "real job" as UAB faculty started on the very day of her 20-year high school class reunion.

Currently Jayne is a professor in pediatric neurology at UAB. She specializes in diseases caused by a person's own immune system mistakenly attacking the brain or spinal cord (one example is multiple sclerosis (MS)). In 2006, she established a multi-disciplinary center for children and teenagers with MS and related disorders. It is the only such clinic in the Southeast and is one of the busiest centers in the country. She is actively involved in clinical research and volunteers with local and national advocacy groups. However, the greatest pleasure of her career has been following her patients as they grow up and seeing former trainees advance in their own careers.

Jayne and Tim maintain their Midwestern accents with biannual visits to relatives in Iowa and Minnesota. Their three children (Emily, John and Madeline) are now in their 20s.



Dr. Todd Urbatsch
Class of 1985

Todd Urbatsch's dad kicked him off the farm when he graduated OCHS in 1985, saying the government was too involved in agriculture. So he got a BS in Nuclear Engineering from Iowa State University and a PhD from the University of Michigan and has been at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico since. For 16 years, he developed radiation transport methods and software. In 1997, he co-founded an X-ray transport software project that is used heavily on LANL supercomputers. He has mentored many summer students, was Group Leader of the Transport Methods Group, and served as Chair of the Mathematics & Computation Division of the American Nuclear Society. Currently, Urbatsch leads radiation-hydrodynamics experiments and simulates B61 outputs for the Air Force.

Urbatsch is active in his church and community, having served on the Los Alamos Historical Society Board of Directors. After disappointing Osage coaches, Urbatsch has coached kids' basketball for years, introducing plays such as "One Horse Open Sleigh-Up." Another hobby is serving as Master of Ceremonies, once for an Osage class reunion. He has numerous technical publications, and, inspired by friend and classmate Mike O'Connor, published a 2017 newspaper piece on dirt-track car racing.

Urbatsch, his wife Amy, and kids Dana, Grafton, and Spencer live in Los Alamos, NM.