



Fridley Public Schools

A World-Class Community of Learners

2010 Distinguished Alumni Banquet



November 6, 2010

Fridley High School

7:00 PM



PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction

Renee VanGorp, Fridley High School Principal

"I Dreamed A Dream" (Les Misérables)

Elizabeth Bowe Bond, Vocals; Dave Ryan, Piano

Circle of Excellence Awards

Dan Roff, Activities Director

1990 Football State Championship Team

Jim Perry, Head Coach

1993 Production of "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story"

Gary Zehnder, Artistic Director

Distinguished Alumni Recognitions

Renee VanGorp

Closing

Nominate a Fridley graduate for the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award!

Go to the Fridley School District Website Alumni page
www.fridley.k12.mn.us/alumni.html and click on
Nomination Form for 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Circle of Excellence Awards

1990 Football Team

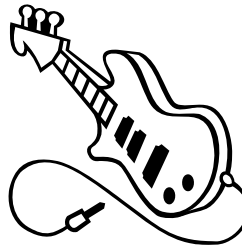
The 1990 Fridley Football Team was selected for the Fridley School District's Circle of Excellence because they exemplify the Fridley Activities Mission "...to inspire and develop excellence." Perseverance, teamwork, commitment, and passion were some of the character values embodied by this 5-3 regular season team. They used a season of ups and downs as building blocks to catch fire in the post season and capture the hearts of not only their classmates, but the whole Fridley community. Their six-game playoff streak took the Class AAAA by storm. During the playoffs, they outscored their opponents by an average of 32 points per game, ending the season with an 11-3 record. The committee felt that this extraordinary accomplishment was not only an example of the quality and dedication of the Fridley teams of its day; but they also serve as an example to the students and community of Fridley in 2010. We congratulate the coaches, players, and all those that helped the team of 1990 accomplish the ultimate goal – A State Championship!



1993 Production of "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story"

On October 12, 1989, British Producer Paul Elliot premiered *Buddy* on the London stage. Four years later after its Broadway run, its U.S. Tour, and a recently completed Canadian Tour, Paul Elliot granted Fridley High School the honor of being the first amateur theatre in the world to perform the musical.

In the fall of 1993, the staff, cast and crews of *Buddy* soon realized that their journey from auditions to performances presented a number of unique challenges. It was not by any means a typical prepackaged musical. The professional script/music was not neatly printed out and contained numerous notations, including musician's shortcuts. FHS senior David Ulrich learned to play guitar specifically for the role of Buddy, and the biographical nature of the production required that he perform in virtually every scene. The cast and crews took on the challenge of authentically recreating meaningful moments on stage from Buddy's life in the 50s, culminating with his concert in the Surf Ballroom on the last night of his life. As a result of their endeavors, the cast and crews of *Buddy* created an excitement throughout the community that led to three sellout performances and lasting memories of Buddy's legacy.



Distinguished Alumni

Elizabeth (Bowe) Bond - Class of 1969

Elizabeth (Bowe) Bond has performed major roles in the standard mezzo-soprano opera and concert repertoire at leading venues in England. She sang in the London Company of



The Phantom of the Opera at Her Majesty's Theatre and has given concerts and performed in Belgium, France, Italy, Spain and Turkey. She frequently performed with the Philharmonic chorus as a choral singer and soloist. She produced and performed in the U. S. and Europe in a musical revue, The Dueling Divas. Working primarily in England, Ms Bond is also an experienced stage, television and screen actress, appearing in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* and in *The Bourne Ultimatum*.

Early in 2007, Bond accepted the position as Managing Director of the Crested Butte Mountain Theatre, one of the oldest community theatres in Colorado. She sang the role of Zita in *Gianni Schicchi* and the role of Maman in *L'enfant et les sortilèges*. In the summer of 2011, Ms Bond plans to play the part of Florence Foster Jenkins in the musical, *Souvenir*.

Bond was born on a Native American Reservation in Minnesota. She studied music and romance languages at the University of Minnesota and voice at MacPhail College of Music and at the Royal College of Music in London where she received the ARCM Performance Diploma.

Michael Dickey - Class of 1983

Michael Dickey is Director of Strategic Programs for Sierra Nevada's Space Systems business area. He is responsible for identifying and overseeing key strategic pursuits for the Space Systems group. He came to the Sierra Nevada Corporation after a distinguished career in the United States Air Force.

Colonel Dickey served as Director of Engineering and the Space Operations Group Commander for the Aerospace Data Facility-Colorado at Buckley Air Force Base where he was responsible for operating and maintaining national space systems and ground assets. He served in a variety of program management, engineering and executive leadership positions in space, missile defense, and aircraft systems. He commanded the 3rd Space Operations Squadron, flying 18 military communications satellites.

Dickey was the top graduate from the US Air Force Test Pilot School and was lead flight test engineer for the B-2 bomber program. He has been recognized with 23 Department of Defense decorations, a NASA Group Achievement Medal and the National Reconnaissance Office's Gold Medal.



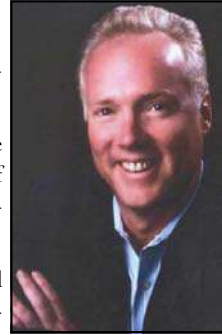
Greg Frankenfield - Class of 1977

Greg Frankenfield is the co-founder and CEO of Magenic, a technical consulting firm focused exclusively on Microsoft technologies.

Frankenfield holds a BS degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota and an MBA from the Carlson School of Management and has over 20 years of experience in software development and consulting.

Prior to founding Magenic, he worked for Procter & Gamble and General Mills, managing projects ranging from Research and Development information systems to large-scale SAP implementations.

His involvement in charitable activities, includes the Board of Director position he holds for Kim Valentini's Smile Network. He frequents the theatre both on and off the stage, and has served on the board of Mixed Blood Theatre and the Minnetonka Curtain Call Club. He has also served on the board of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce.



Michael Good - Class of 1967



Michael Good, chief executive officer of Sotheby's International Realty Affiliates LLC is responsible for the networks strategic growth as a leading provider of luxury residential real estate services. In his 33 years in real estate, Good has been a salesperson, manager, owner of a real estate brokerage company, president of a large regional company and was responsible for the development of real estate operations in Minnesota, Florida and the Southwest United States.

Prior to beginning his real estate career, Good spent six years as a teacher and high school and collegiate wrestling coach in Minnesota.

Good earned his bachelor's degree at Augsburg College and his master's degree from the College of Saint Thomas. He was inducted into the Augsburg College Athletic Hall of Fame and currently serves as chairman of the Augsburg College Board of Regents.

Jennifer Ho - Class of 1983

Jennifer Ho has recently been hired by the Obama administration to help draft the National Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in the United States. She is a Deputy Director for the US Interagency Council on Homelessness/Federal Policy to reduce/end Homelessness.

Ho previously worked for Hearth Connections a non-profit organization. She managed the program's expansion from Ramsey and Blue Earth Counties to 32 Minnesota counties over the past decade.

She believes that we can end homelessness in Minnesota and is excited to put what she has learned working here to work on a national plan.

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and began a Master of Philosophy program at the University of Toronto.



Michael Klingensmith - Class of 1971

Michael Klingensmith joined the Star Tribune in January, 2010 as publisher and CEO, with overall responsibility for all news and business operations of the company.

Klingensmith began his career with Time Inc, New York City, in 1976 as a corporate financial analyst and held various management positions across the company, including general manager of Time Magazine and CFO of Time Inc. He was the co-developer of the concept for Entertainment Weekly and became its founding publisher in 1989, leading the magazine through its launch and to its emergence as one of Time Inc.'s most profitable titles.



In 1998 Klingensmith was named president of Sports Illustrated, where he grew the franchise by expanding in print, television, events and on the Internet. He helped establish the highly profitable SI.com online business. Klingensmith served as executive vice-president at Time Inc. from 2001 to 2008. At that time, he accepted a position as managing director of Ad Media Partners, a New York mergers and acquisition advisory firm, prior to joining the Star Tribune.

Klingensmith received his BA and MBA from the University of Chicago.

Beth (Ingaldson) Loo - Class of 1974



Beth (Ingaldson) Loo's interest and expertise in languages was fueled by her year as a Rotary Exchange student in Japan, following her graduation from high school. She continued to study Japanese at the University of Minnesota in the years following her return from Japan, graduating from the University in 1979. Because of her excellent command of the language, she was often called upon to translate items from business documents to personal letters.

In 1985, Loo opened Betmar Languages in partnership with her mother, Mary Ingaldson. Betmar began as a small company with two employees, a typewriter and a copy machine. Today it has grown to a much larger company with over one hundred independent contractors that are used to support the translation services, training on diversity or other services the company may be asked to provide. Betmar has given generously to the community both in the service it provides and through donations.

Jon Melander - Class of 1985

Jon Melander started his own wealth management practice in 2003, Capital Management Associates. He previously served as a financial consultant for RBC Dain Rauscher. In 2004 he was president of the Minnetonka Rotary Club

Melander was awarded a football scholarship to the University of Minnesota, where he was an Academic All American Honorable Mention and an Academic All Big Ten. He graduated from the



Carlson School of Business with a B.S. degree. He was drafted to the New England Patriots, where he played for one year before signing with the Cincinnati Bengals and later, the Denver Broncos.

Melander volunteers his time coaching youth sports and assisting with various church functions, as well as school functions for his children. He has spent time volunteering for Feed My Starving Children. Loaves and Fishes, and the Celiac Walk .

Don Moldenhauer - Class of 1983

Don Moldenhauer is currently a Meteorologist/Production Manager with Digital Cyclone, an independent subsidiary of Garmin, where he is in charge of researching weather data for use in Garmin devices. This involves developing products that bring weather into cell phones, GPS's and even into the cockpits of airplanes.

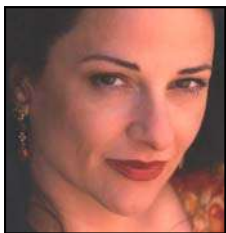


Moldenhauer held the position of Executive Producer/Meteorologist at KARE 11 television, where he also worked as an on-air weathercaster. During Don's time at KARE, the station received a Media Award from the Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee for his work on "Living Snow Fences." He also received a US Department of Commerce Award of Recognition for an appearance on the NOAA Weather Radio live broadcast in 2000.

He attended both the University of Minnesota, and the University of Wisconsin, and holds a bachelor's degree in Meteorology and the American Meteorological Society's Seal of Approval for weather casting.

Rachel Nee Hall - Class of 1979

Rachel Nee Hall has worked in Los Angeles since 2000, as a Producer, Writer, and Director. Her credits include an Emmy nominated 2-part special "The Crisis in Haiti". She is currently a Segment Director/Writer/Edit Supervisor for "The Insider and Entertainment Tonight", a position she also held for "The Doctor Phil Show" from 2003-2007. Prior to this work Rachel Nee Hall was an Anchor/Reporter/Producer for CBS stations in Wausau and Green Bay and had a brief stint with WCCO. She also worked as an actress, dancer and model in New York City and Los Angeles.



Nee Hall serves on a parent's board for a Los Angeles school and has donated her time, abilities and monies for worthy causes including a human rights organization in Senegal, Africa.

She received a B. A. degree from the University of Minnesota, and a B. S. in Education from St. Cloud. She was accepted into the Julliard School in New York City as well as American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco for post graduate study. She declined the opportunity for each of these schools but later attended college in California to further study Broadcasting and Journalism.

Kim (Rakos) Valentini - Class of 1977

Kim (Rakos) Valentini is the founder of Smile Network International. This is a Minnesota based humanitarian organization that provides life-altering reconstructive surgeries to impoverished children in developing countries. Her travels with Smile Network have taken her to the far corners of the earth where she has met with dignitaries of foreign countries, and families and children in remote poverty stricken villages. The work of Smile Network changes lives. Most recently she has returned from India and is working cooperatively with the ministries of Mother Teresa to bring smiles to the children of Calcutta.

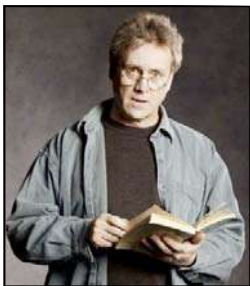


She spent 25 years in public relations and marketing most recently for Schussler Creative and before that Director of International Sales for Rainforest Café, before she left the corporate arena to do what she believes is her life work -- to serve children around the world who have been born with debilitating birth defects.

Valentini has been honored for her work by the Ministries of Health in Peru, Mexico and Armenia. She has also been honored as an Eleven Who Care recipient. She has spoken at national and international events and the work of Smile Network has been featured in Time Magazine.

Joe Ziegler - Class of 1972

Joe Ziegler distinguished himself as an actor and in 1997 founded the Soulpepper Theatre, a classical repertory company located in Toronto, Canada. Although Soulpepper Theatre is not the first or only Canadian company to be founded entirely by actors, it is the most widely celebrated and successful one. Joe was part of a group of actors who had trained and performed successfully in the Young Company at Stratford from 1987-1988, and was awarded a Guthrie Award from the Stratford festival to start a company of their own.



Soulpepper Theatre has a threefold mandate: to present classics of world theatre with a Canadian perspective; to train the next generation of theatre artists; and to foster mentorship programs for youth. With the assistance of generous government and corporate grants, Soulpepper's repertoire and season grew impressively, and Toronto was able to see a range of Shakespearean, European and American drama.

Soulpepper distinguishes itself by its humanitarian efforts as well. It raises substantial monies for the Daily Food Bank in Toronto, and for education programs for youth regardless of their economic background.

Joe Ziegler attended the National Theatre School in Canada. He continues to direct and perform in Canadian theatre as well as Canadian and American television.