

Did You Know?

A rundown of news and events from Fridley Public Schools

SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT NEWS

FRIDLEY FATHERHOOD PARTNERSHIP HOLDS ITS FIRST MEETING

How can fathers support their children's learning? How can they be involved? What issues and topics matter to them? What activities would they like to do with their children?

On October 27, 2016, a group of dads of students from Hayes and Stevenson elementary schools gathered at the Fridley Community Center for the first meeting of the district's Fatherhood Partnership.

The initiative was developed to provide an avenue for fathers to get together, learn from one another, access resources for themselves and their children, and learn how they can continue to support and contribute to their children's educational success.

The partnership was organized by Heshima Selassie, Family Outreach Liaison at Stevenson Elementary School. Selassie, who has had numerous conversations with the fathers of the students he serves, said that this was an opportunity that a lot of the dads have been looking for.

In his opening speech, guest speaker John Warren, Family Engagement Specialist from the Northwest Suburban Integration School District (NWSISD), applauded the fathers who attended the event.

"There are many things you could be doing right now," he said, "but you are here. You chose to attend this event because you care for your children and want to give them your very best."

A father himself, Warren talked to dads about creating a balance between work and other responsibilities to allow them to continue to have quality time with their children. Several dads attended the event with their children and were able to sit with them during some of the evenings activities.

"You are your children's hero," said Warren. "Being a dad is tough, and as tough as parenting is, your children are depending on you to help them succeed in school and life. You can be that hero for them," he said.

"This was a great beginning," said Selassie. A short survey taken by the dads at the end of the session indicated that they wanted and were looking forward to another dad event and opportunities for involvement with their children.

"We are looking at the feedback," said Selassie, "and we will use the information that the dads provided to plan the next event soon."



FRIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES HOMECOMING WEEK

Fridley High School celebrated Homecoming week October 3 – 7, capped off with the Coronation and football game October 7.

Seniors Tirik Reeves and Aarian Jones were crowned King and Queen, respectively. Others in the Homecoming Court were Kaleb Blaha and Jayden Hollman (freshmen), Christopher Perry, Jr. and Eboni Davis (juniors), Augustus Phillips, Jr. and Beatrice Barkon (sophomores), and Prince Okolie, Haeah deWeever, John Allen and Katrina Mraz for the seniors.

The marching band and student representatives from the high school went to Stevenson and Hayes Elementary Schools on October 4 and 5 to invite younger students to take part in the festivities. Activities throughout the week included a carnival, Powder Puff football game and a bonfire.

Attire during the week were based on themes: Minnesota Monday (favorite Minnesota sports team shirts), Groufit Tuesday (wearing grey), Multiplicity Wednesday (dressing as twins), Class T-shirt Thursday, and Spirit Day Friday.



BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR APPLE RUN

The 20th annual Apple Run took place at Commons Park on October 11, 2016 under perfect weather conditions.

Girls and boys were divided into six categories: Boys Kindergarten—2nd grades for 600 meters, Girls Kindergarten—2nd grades for 600 meters, Boys 3rd—4th grades for 800 meters, Girls 3rd—4th grades for 800 meters, Boys 5th—6th grades for 1000

meters and Girls 5th—6th grades for 1000 meters. Ribbons were awarded for top five places in each category.

The run was held by Fridley High School's cross country team. Coach Bradley Fisher hopes younger students will be inspired to run more often. "It's an opportunity to run an organized race," he said. "We have many high school runners on our cross

country team that ran the Apple Run growing up. It's just a fun event and a little bit of community service for our runners to put on."

All participants received a t-shirt courtesy of North Suburban Striders and an apple from Bob's Produce. The PTO committees also donated money to sponsor the event.



KEY CLUBBERS RAISE A ROOF FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

By Mary Bowen

The Fridley High School Key Club hosted another annual Homeless Sleepout on September 30, 2016. Over 70 Key Club members from Fridley and Columbia Heights came to the event. Over \$1200 was raised for the Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA) Low Barrier Homeless Youth Program while sleeping in cardboard boxes on the FHS Football field. Overall, the Homeless Sleepout was a success this year.



FRIDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADERS FIND STRENGTH AT COURAGE RETREAT

The annual Courage Retreat for 8th grade students took place on October 14 at the Fridley Community Center. The program, hosted by Youth Frontiers, helps students overcome the boundaries of fear that may prevent them from doing the right thing. It also encourages them to take positive risks to make a difference in the lives of those around them.

The morning is filled with games and experiences that encourage students to bring down their own walls. High school students in Link Crew helped facilitate the activities and engage the younger students. This was the 19th year of the program for Fridley Middle School.



FIRST EVER TED-ED WEEKEND WILL FEATURE 2016 FRIDLEY GRAD

Annika Paulson, a 2016 Fridley High School graduate and IB Diploma candidate, has been selected as one of twenty presenters from throughout the country to present at the first ever TED-Ed Weekend in December.

Paulson was chosen based on a TED-Ed Talk (a miniature version of a TED Talk) entitled *Music Is Eve-*

rything she gave her junior year in Tim Leistikow's Theory of Knowledge class. The presentation was video recorded and, at first, posted on a private YouTube channel. The video is now posted on the TED-Ed YouTube channel.

"Annika is a talented musician and a thoughtful inquirer," Leistikow said. "The Fridley com-

munity has known that for a long time and now the rest of the world is catching on."

The inaugural TED-Ed Weekend will take place at the TED headquarters in Manhattan. Paulson, in her first year at the University of Minnesota—Morris, will be presenting in New York, New York at TED's headquarters on December 3.



To view Annika's presentation, go to YouTube and type in "*Everything Is Music Annika Paulson*" in the search bar.

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENT

KATHY MOORE NAMED SEPTEMBER 2016 DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Fridley Public Schools September 2016 Employee of the Month is Kathy Moore, secretary to Fridley Middle School's assistant principal. Her position includes many tasks and she handles many stressful situations with a calm demeanor.

Kathy is described as an essential member of the middle school's community and is the heart and soul of how the AP office operates. She builds strong relationships with both students and staff members while holding everyone accountable for making the office run smoothly. She is caring and compassionate to both students and staff who come to the assistant principal's office for a variety of (sometimes complicated) reasons. She regularly displays open mindedness when working with students who are not always having the best day.

Kathy regularly communicates with staff whether she is scouring the building in the morning to find a substitute teacher, looking up locker combinations or reminding staff to enter their attendance. She regularly goes above and beyond for students, making sure the middle school's clothes closet is a neat and clean area for students who are in need. Her many years at the middle school has made her very knowledgeable of the building and she is a great resource to new staff navigating the waters. She has been a mentor to many new teachers, deans and assistant principals, making everyone feel welcome while "showing them the ropes." Congratulations Kathy, and keep up the good work!

TIFFANI LITTLE NAMED OCTOBER 2016 DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Fridley Public Schools October 2016 Employee of the Month is Tiffani Little, a Community Education Instructor who works with the district's youngest learners in the Tiger Club's Itsy Bitsy Tigers infant/toddler childcare program at the Fridley Community Center. While a high school student in the district's Area Learning Center, Tiffani regularly volunteered in the childcare program.

"We were lucky to hire her after graduation and have thankfully been able to talk her out of a move across the country in order for her to stay with us!" said Toni Craft, Director of Community Education. She added that Tiffani's calm, consistent and encouraging demeanor is just what infants and toddlers need. "Tiffani genuinely cares about the children in her care," said Craft.

Tiffani forms bonds with children and families that extend beyond the classroom, often babysitting for families outside of work time. "She is very diligent and conscientious in all of her duties. She builds connected and supportive relationships with co-workers, pulls her weight for the team, and is willing to work extra, or different hours whenever needed for the program. It is clear that Tiffani really cares about the environment we are creating for children and families," said Craft. Tiffani plans to pursue an education degree in the field of early childhood education, and she will be an outstanding professional in this field. Congratulations Tiffani and keep the good work!

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Fridley High School's Vernon C. Knutson chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 28 new members on October 10, 2016 at its 59th Annual Ceremony. They joined ten additional members already in the society.

NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. To be eligible for membership, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.4.

Dedicated to the four principles of NHS outlined above, these hard-working students stand out as leaders in their school in honesty and humility.



Fridley High School's 2016 National Honor Society inductees are:

Row 1: Halah Abbood, Daniel Ajagbusi, Bryan Bennek, Parth Bhakta, Carson Brady, Spencer Brady, Caleb Brandt, Wyatt Chaffee, Cassandra Corraya, Shadin Elkhair, Nicolas Fite, Olivia Fredrickson, Anna Haroldson, Harris Hunter

Row 2: Farrque Hussein, Juliet Huynh, Alexis Klanderud, Grace Lepsch, Fardowsa Mohamed, Saralynn Ness, Jennifer Ollila, Petra Owusu, Tenzin Palmo, Colton Ranstrom, Benjamin Stevenson, Daegia Vang, Liajder Vang, Maureen Zeleny



FRIDLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS HONORS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI, CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE

Fridley Public Schools held its seventh annual Distinguished Alumni Awards event on October 28, 2016 at the Fridley Community Center. This year, ten Fridley High School alumni were honored, along with the Decade of Girls Basketball teams: 1988-1997, who received the Circle of Excellence Award.

The purpose of the Distinguished Alumni Award is to honor Fridley High School graduates who have distinguished themselves in their chosen careers and service to their communities. The program also aims to generate interest and support in current students and staff by connecting them to Fridley's past.

Both awards are to those who, based on their excellence and contributions as individuals and as a group, have brought honor to Fridley High School and to their community.

The presence and accomplishments of the district's alumni allows today's students to touch and experience the past and see possible pathways to brighter futures.

Individual biographies on the Distinguished Alumni and the Circle of Excellence continue on the following pages.



Fridley Public Schools' **2016 Distinguished Alumni** (Row 1, left to right): Patricia Ann (Levendoski) McCormick (1963), Dr. Laura Hosman (1993), Nancy (Swiderski) Keyes (1961), Rev. Dr. Judith Stone (1963). (Row 2, left to right): Richard Matthews (1969), Ronald Berglund (1965), Dr. Timothy Johnson (1974), Alison G. Myhra (1978), Dr. Janice Beauduy (1974), and Kent Truehl (1978).



The **2016 Circle of Excellence** for Fridley Public Schools is the "Decade of Girls Basketball": 1988-1997," represented by (Row 1, left to right): Coach Clyde Riddel, Sandy Nelson, Kim (Carlson) Hoehne, Deedee (Matson) Bossen. (Row 2, left to right): Coach Pat Barrett, Cathy Jacobson, Ann (Schueller) Peiler, Denise (Boser) Girtz, Nicole Johnson Kamp, Kris Traczyk Henry, Tammy Bredahl, Coach Dave Morgan, and Sherry (Earley) Nygren.

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DR. JANICE E. BEAUDUY, Class of 1974, is currently an MD/licensed psychologist providing individual, family and group therapy as well as yoga and mindfulness classes at the New Ulm Medical Center in New Ulm Minnesota. Her primary area of expertise is working with people who have experienced trauma/chronic pain. In her own words, Beauduy provides compassionate care to help individuals focus on their strengths to optimize outcomes. She has also taught a variety of classes to medical staff, medical students, massage therapy students and the general public. Beauduy has practiced as a family physician in Grand Rapids and Minneapolis in MN, as well as in Woodruff, WI and Frankenmuth, MI. She is a former professor at Rasmussen College, Mankato, and instructor at the Sister Rosalind Schools and Clinics of Massage in Mankato. Beauduy, who is licensed to practice in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, belongs to the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Holistic Medical Association, and Yoga Alliance. She considers her greatest accomplishment to be her dedication to her family.

She is a member of the Fridley Alumni Choir because of her belief in offering scholarships to students in arts as well as sciences. Beauduy attended Lakeland Medical-Dental Academy where she became a Certified Lab Assistant; the University of Minnesota, Morris, where she received a BA in Biology in 1979; the University of Minnesota School of Medicine where she received an MD in 1984; Mankato State University where she received an MS degree in Community Counseling in 1991; Northwestern School of Homeopathy, Minneapolis, 1998; and attended Sister Rosalind Gefre Schools and Clinics of Massage in Mankato in 2005 and Sun Moon Yoga Studio in 2006. She resides in New Ulm, Minnesota.



RONALD L BERGLUND, Class of 1965, is currently an Air Compliance Team Lead for Murphy Oil in Houston, Texas. His primary responsibility is obtaining and assuring compliance with air permits for oil wells and production facilities for North American Operations, drilling platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, and international operations. He is responsible for evaluating and implementing new technology and approaches for reducing air emissions such as methane and minimizing emission events. Berglund has worked in many positions for organizations in the energy industry that address environmental issues such as EOG Resources in Houston, Texas; Evergreen Energy, LLC in Denver, Colorado; and many others dating back to his first job at Union Carbide. He is a member of the engineering honor society Tau Beta Pi and a member of the chemistry honor society Phi Lambda Upsilon. Berglund has been a speaker at the annual meeting of the American Society of Quality Control, was a keynote speaker at the meeting of the National Petroleum Refiners Association, and has many representative publications on the environmental impact of energy use.

He has been actively involved in his church wherever he has lived, where he and his wife have taught many classes at their churches and served as leaders in Christian education. They are also actively organizing and running the Texas Marathon. Berglund attended the University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology and the University of Washington where he received an MS degree in Chemical Engineering. He currently resides in Kingwood, Texas with his wife and children.



DR. LAURA HOSMAN, Class of 1993, is currently an Assistant Professor of Ethics, Public Policy, and Science and Technology at California Polytechnic State University. Hosman has a joint appointment with the Science, Technology and Society Program and the Department of Political Science. As a professor, Hosman is committed to forming multi-partnered, cross disciplinary teams to realize action-oriented projects that address real-world challenges. She offers life changing opportunities through project-based course work. Specifically, Hosman brings technology into resource-constrained schools around the world, and works to find out what helps or hinders its adoption and use. She has received many fellowships for her global interdisciplinary studies, outstanding faculty awards, as well as awards for various papers and publications. Hosman previously served on the faculty of the University of Southern California; the University of California, Berkeley; and the Illinois Institute of Technology. She has served on many college committees throughout her career and has mentored large numbers of students. Her work

always deals with global justice, inequality, and development. She has served on the Executive Board of The Swedish Program for ICT in Developing Regions, a Stockholm-based organization that promotes ICT4D programs in democracy, health, and education and serves as global knowledge broker in this field. Hosman received a BA in Political Science from Wheaton College in 1997; an MA in International Relations and was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Amsterdam in 2000; an MA in Economics from the University of Southern California in 2004; and a Ph.D. with distinction in Political Economy and Public Policy from the University of Southern California in 2006. She currently resides in Atascadero, California.

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DR. TIMOTHY JOHNSON, Class of 1974, is currently the sole owner as well as a practitioner at the Osceola Veterinary Service in Osceola, Wisconsin. A member of the Academy of Veterinary Scholars, Johnson has special interests in surgery, orthopedics and equine reproduction. He hosts veterinary student interns from all over the nation and provides practice experience externships for veterinary technician students from regional programs to special interests. Johnson's clinic offers health care for companion animals, equine, dairy, and small animal ruminants and extraordinary pets. He has spent his veterinary career at this clinic, where he became sole owner in 1989. Johnson is a charter member of the Lion's Club, a board member of the Osceola Medical Center, a board member of the Bank of Osceola, a guest lecturer for animal science and agricultural classes for the Osceola School District, has chaired auditorium design and building committees for the Osceola School District, and is an annual mentor for the CAP program for high school seniors to work in local businesses. Johnson is also involved with the University of Minnesota Alumni Band and the Fridley Alumni Choir. He sponsors a scholarship in his

sister's name for music students studying at the University of Minnesota. Johnson received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1977, and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1980 from the University of Minnesota. He currently resides in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin.



NANCY (SWIDERSKI) KEYES, Class of 1961, is a concierge for Cushman and Wakefield/NorthMarq in the Campbell Mithun Tower in downtown Minneapolis. She has worked as a concierge for the past 21 years beginning at the Hotel Sofitel in Bloomington as well as other corporate settings. Keyes has served many years on the National Concierge Association (NCA) Minnesota Chapter Board of Directors. She earned the status of NCA Certified Concierge in 2003 and has served on various NCA committees over the years, and continues to mentor aspiring concierges who are working on NCA certification. Keyes has also organized volunteer groups for Special Olympics, Boys and Girls Club, Opportunity Partners, Children's Cancer Research, Bridges to Learning, The Ordway Circle of Stars, Bridging, the Starkey "So the World May Hear" galas, Courage Kennedy and others. Recently she has served as the Vice-President of the ULLR "Ski for Light" Foundation. The Foundation is the Philanthropic arm of the ULLR "Ski, Bike and Social Club" that raises money for adaptive equipment for children and adults with physical disabilities.

Keyes has received many awards such as Best Concierge and Outstanding Concierge Leadership, the NCA-Minnesota Chapter's Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award, the WCCO radio "Good Neighbor" award, as well as the first ever NCA Volunteer of the Year Award, which included international recognition. She also supports the Fridley Community Theater. Keyes resided in Edina, Minnesota.



RICHARD MATTHEWS, Class of 1969, is President of Matthews Enterprises International (MEI) which encompasses numerous service related small businesses. MEI is an awareness and training company focusing on teaching personality styles through the DISC human behavior model, as a way to reduce stress and increase individual and organizational productivity. MEI has done corporate training with managers in the medical community, realtors, business owners, private companies and numerous schools. Matthews describes himself as an entrepreneur, and his business ventures have been in partnership with his wife, Mary Jane. He and Mary Jane were introduced to a catalog distribution/basic commodity business in 1988. This business grew quickly, and today its service corporation, Alticor/Amway, serves clients internationally. Matthews and Mary Jane were part of a founding team that created International Leadership Development, an educational, training and mentoring affiliate for Alticor. They have presented on private business ownership, free enterprise, personal responsibility and excellence in life, in Australia, New Zealand, and throughout the United States.

Prior to being in business, Matthews worked in elementary schools, was a high school counselor, worked at a state mental hospital, and a residential treatment center for court placed males. He has been a founding member of a Crisis Pregnancy Center, a Counselor Advisory Board Member at Saint Cloud State University, and a Chemical Dependency Board Member at Saint Cloud Hospital. Matthews attended five different colleges after high school earning a bachelor's degree in Special Education, and a master's degree in Psychology/Counseling with additional certifications as a Chemical Dependency Counselor and Human Behavior Consultant. Matthews lives in Milaca, Minnesota in a 103 year old home that he and his wife completely remodeled. His grown children visit often.

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PATRICIA A. (LEVENDOSKI) MCCORMICK, Class of 1963, retired in 2009 after 35 years of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Prior to retirement, McCormick was the Secretary to the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI San Antonio Division. This position was an administrative assistant job with a wide variety of responsibilities that integrated with management of the office. The duties evolved over the years consistent with the growth of the San Antonio office and advancement in technology. McCormick was a part-time member of the FBI Headquarters Inspection Team for eight years. In this position, she made two-week visits to various field offices to insure investigative and office procedures followed the law and procedural guidelines. She spent six weeks in Budapest, Hungary, as well as six week assignments on important cases at FBI Headquarters in Washington D.C. McCormick has written two human interest articles that were published in the FBI magazine "The Investigator". She received several letters of commendation and cash awards based on top performances, and was consistently promoted to the top level of her position. McCormick previously worked for the Nuclear

Regulatory Commission in Bethesda, Maryland, and for the Electronic Security Command, US Air Force in San Antonio, Texas. She has also given time and energy to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, tutored grade school children in reading, and participated in an FBI mentorship program at a public school in a poor neighborhood. She began her career immediately after high school as a stenographer in the FBI Minneapolis Division. McCormick completed eighty five semester hours as an English major at the University of Texas, San Antonio. She resides in San Antonio, Texas.



ALISON MYHRA, Class of 1978, is an Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at Texas Tech University School of Law. Myhra has been Associate Dean since 2014, and has been a Professor of Law since 1991. She was awarded tenure in 1994, and was promoted to full professor in 1999. Her courses include Civil Procedure; Comparative Constitutional Law; Constitutional Law; Criminal Procedure; Externship Class; Jurisprudence. Myhra has taught courses in Alternative Dispute Resolution, bankruptcy, criminal law, freshman seminar, law and psychiatry, legal analysis, research and writing, and privacy law. She was a Visiting Endowed Chair at the University Of Alabama School of Law in the fall of 2012 when she was recruited to teach Criminal Law and Jurisprudence. In 2009 Myhra taught Comparative Constitutional Law at the Vytautas Magnus University Faculty of Law in Kuanas, Lithuania. She has also done Summer Law Institutes at Universidad De Guanajuato, Mexico. Prior to her work as a professor, Myhra worked for several law firms in the Minneapolis area and was a Law Clerk to Honorable Roger J Nierengarten, Minnesota Court of Appeals. Myhra has achieved many

awards and recognitions in her distinguished career. In 2010 Judge Robert H Bean Professorship of Law, Nominee; Outstanding Law Review Article for 2009, selected by the Texas Bar Foundation for an article "A Pharmacist's Duty to Warn in Texas Reconsidered within a National Framework", and many awards for excellence in teaching. Myhra has served on numerous committees for the University and its Law School. She serves on the Bethpage Charitable Tennis Tournament Committee, Goodwill Industries Volunteer Service Council, is a Charter Member of the Fridley Schools Foundation, and is the recipient of an outstanding service award from the American Cancer Society. She attended the University of North Dakota, graduating with a BA in Political Science, and a B.S.Ed. in Social Science in 1982. Myhra received J.D with Distinction from the University of North Dakota School Of Law in 1985, and graduated with an L.L.M from Harvard Law School in 1991. She resides in Lubbock, Texas.



REV. DR. JUDITH STONE, Class of 1963, is currently a visitation pastor at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, as well as a chaplain for Heritage of Edina. In her career as a minister, Stone has described church as a place that is willing to help people in need. For her, church is about caring for the homeless and hungry, and doing things to make the world a better place. She has served in churches in Minneapolis, Burnsville, and Cannon Falls, Minnesota; Glenwood, Illinois; Tucson, Arizona; Sun City, and Poway, California. She has travelled to about 40 countries, experiencing the cultures as well as other languages, one of her other interests. She has studied Spanish, Russian, French, Hebrew, Greek and German and is presently studying Swedish at the American Swedish Institute. Stone, who has a lifetime of learning and giving to people in need, has received numerous awards and recognition over the years. Stone received a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish/Linguistics from the University of Minnesota in 1966.

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She took classes in a Master of Education program at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and received a Master of Arts Education from the College of Saint Thomas in 1975. She received a Master of Divinity from Luther Northwestern Seminary in Saint Paul in 1987, and a Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California in 2000. Stone continues to take classes to this day. She resides in Eden Prairie, Minnesota where she remains close to her daughters, grandchildren and family.



KENT RAYMOND TRUEHL, Class of 1978, is a Director of the University of Nations Community Transformation and Development, located in Perth, Australia. Truehl is also a principal for Life Together Development Services where he works as an urban and regional planning consultant assisting organizations with community development, and cross-cultural initiatives in poor communities. He is also an international development consultant who has worked on national projects and programs in southern Asia by finding funding, project design and implementation, and in meeting all donor and government requirements. Truehl is a published author whose recently published book, *"Amazon Riverboat Family,"* is about the adventures of Truehl and his family while in the Amazon Jungle. He has held positions in the Department of Water for the government of South Australia, and has served as senior policy officer for the assessment of planning policy and other government initiatives against the *Objects of the River Murray Act of 2003*, and the *National Resources Management Act of 2004*. Truehl was a training officer for the International Program Officer for World Vision, Australia, an International NGO in JOCUM Brazil,

and directed community programs dealing with rural health, and networking and promotion of the church. Truehl has been a guest lecturer at Tabor Bible College and the University of South Australia, and has served as a Board Member for the Australian Refugee Association. He received an AA degree in Music and Political Science from Golden Valley Lutheran College (now Augsburg University) in 1980, and a BA degree in Christian Ministry from the University of the Nations, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii in 1997, a graduate diploma in Leadership Development from Azusa Pacific University, Los Angeles, California, and a MS degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of South Australia in 2004. Truehl resides with his family in Belair, South Australia.

DISTINGUISHED ALUM SHARES WORLD VIEW WITH HIGH SCHOOLERS

Over 70 Fridley High School students had the rare opportunity on October 28 to hear 2016 Distinguished Alum Laura Hosman present on her world travels and work bringing education and technology to global citizens. Hosman, a 1993 graduate of the high school, exemplifies the International Baccalaureate characteristics Fridley instills in its students today. She has successfully designed, built and deployed 80 Solar Powered Educational Learning Libraries

- SPELL for short – for use in remote Pacific Island schools. Dr. Hosman has worked to increase minority representation among the student body, and mentored female and international students. Students from three combined classes were able to see an actual SPELL device close up and learn of the ways it is affecting communities with no electricity or modern technology.



Dr. Laura Hosman, a 1993 graduate of Fridley High School, discusses the SPELL device she created and implements in remote Pacific Island schools. She is currently a professor teaching the Swedish Program for ICT in Developing Regions at Arizona State University.



2016 CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE: DECADE OF GIRLS BASKETBALL EXCELLENCE

Section Champions:

1988, 1990, 1992, 1997

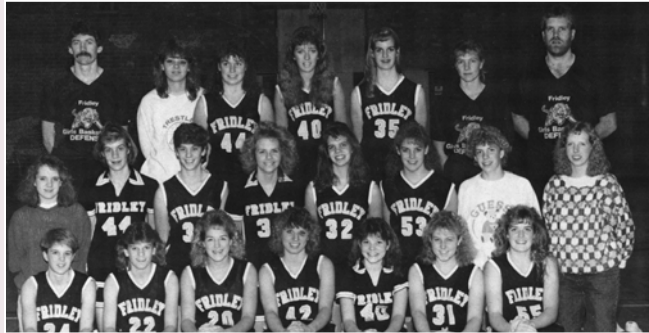
1990 3rd place, 1997 4th place
2 Miss Minnesota Basketball
Finalists

Fridley Public Schools 2016 Circle of Excellence Award honors a Decade of Girls Basketball Excellence.

The Fridley High School 1988 Girls Basketball team beat the number one ranked team in Minnesota and #15 National team Osseo, in their own gym to start a decade long rivalry. It became the game that everyone in the state who followed girls basketball wanted to see.

The teams played nine consecutive years, the winner reaching the state tournament each year. There were many thrilling finishes with Fridley winning nail biters in 1990 and 1992 and Osseo winning a double overtime heart stopper in 1994 and a game winning basket at the buzzer in 1995.

The largest attendance at the state tournament records were in 1988 and 1990 for the two class system and 20 years later 1997 is still the largest attendance for the 4 class system. These people were the leaders of that excellence that was Fridley Girls Basketball with many teammates also being a special part of that excellence.



1988 Girls Basketball Team



1990 Girls Basketball Team



1992 Girls Basketball Team



1997 Girls Basketball Team