



Adams-Friendship Area School District

Academic Hall of Fame Inductee

May 24, 2017

Alumni

Rebecca Grabarski
Class of 1993



Adams-Friendship High School Teacher

Education

University of Wisconsin—River Falls (1997)
Bachelor of Science
Agriculture Education
Adams-Friendship High School
Class of 1993 Valedictorian

How did Adams-Friendship Schools prepare you to perform for life?

"My first love was farm life."

"I learned about hunting, fishing, and conservation as I spent time outdoors. Soon I was off to the Grand Marsh Grade School. By then I was learning off farm things by helping with the community." (Corn and Tater, Lion's Tractor Pull, 4-H, Conservation Speaking Contest) In junior high, "I volunteered in the cognitive disabled room, played sports and started to do more leadership type activities." In high school, "I took advanced classes, agriculture classes, and art classes. I participated in sports, FFA, and National Honor Society. My 4-H and FFA experiences were shaping my future."

"I took a job teaching at Laconia High School. After much thought, I decided to return to Adams-Friendship High School where I would make sure the kids here had opportunities I never had. My life revolves around helping my students to succeed."

Alumni
David Janssen, M.D.
Class of 1977



Board-Certified Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon
Fox Valley Plastic Surgery, S.C., Oshkosh
Theda Clark Medical Center, Neenah
Appleton Medical Center, Appleton
Mercy Medical/Affinity Health, Oshkosh
Aurora Medical Center, Oshkosh
Berlin Memorial Hospital, Berlin

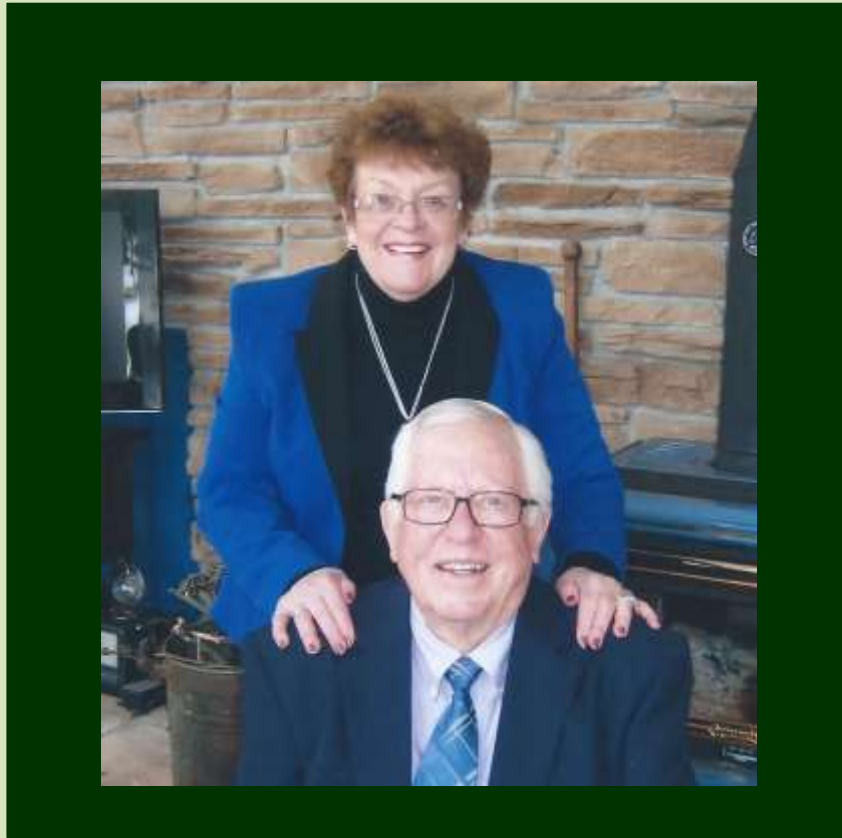
Education

Ripon College (1981)
A.B. Chemistry/Biology, Biology
UW-Medical School (1986)
M.D.
Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals, Inc. (1986-1991)
Surgical Residency Program/Intern General Surgery
Chief Resident in General Surgery
The George Washington University School of Medicine
(1991-1993)
Resident/Chief Resident in Plastic Surgery
Children's Hospital National Medical Center (1991-1993)
Residency in Pediatric Plastic Surgery

How did Adams-Friendship Schools prepare you to perform for life?

"I admit, that if you had told seventeen-year-old me that I would be considered for this honor, I may not have believed you. Today I am a board-certified plastic surgeon with over thirty years of experience; back then, I was a reasonable athlete, but a mediocre student, floundering academically and unsure of what the future held for me. I didn't know it then, as I struggled through classes, but AFHS was quietly instilling values that I would count on for the rest of my career."

Legacy Carole and Martin Janssen

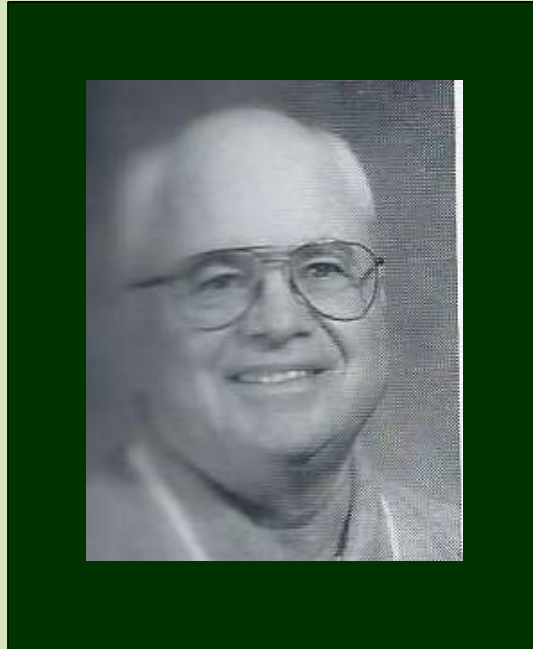


Dr. and Mrs. Janssen, married in 1956 and in 1960, Dr. Janssen joined forces with his father-in-law, Dr. Arthur Weihe to provide medical services for the A-F Community. Dr. Janssen has been active in efforts to serve our community through the establishment of what is now Moundview Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Janssen has been an incredibly active member of the community. She owns a local business and for 34 years served on the Adams-Friendship Board of Education, many of them as president. She has been an advocate for both students and community through her participation on the AFHS Scholarship Committee and the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce where she was awarded the AF Community Service Award.

In addition, both Dr. and Mrs. Janssen are members of the Adams-Friendship Area Education Foundation.

**Distinguished Staff Member
Richard Colby**



Richard Colby graduated from A-F in 1960. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1964 and a Master of Science degree in 1969 from UW-Madison. After teaching in Lake Mills, Mr. Colby had the opportunity to return “home” to teach at Adams-Friendship High School in the fall of 1966 until his retirement in 2000.

During those years, he influenced the growth of many students as an AgriScience teacher. As an FFA advisor, he was the recipient of the American FFA degree for inspiring many students to pursue careers in AgriScience.

In addition, Mr. Colby has served as a baseball coach, on the hospital governing board, and as a volunteer at the Adams County Fair with the Central Junior Livestock Show.