



Adams-Friendship Area School District

Academic Hall of Fame Inductee

May 25, 2016

Alumni

Tania Bonnett, J.D.

Class of 1997



Adams County District Attorney

Education

University of Wisconsin – Madison (2001)
Bachelor of Arts-Political Science and Spanish
University of Wisconsin Law School (2005)
Juris Doctor

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

“The answer to this question is very simple, by believing in me and empowering me to believe in myself. The great educators in this school district constantly challenged me to have confidence, set goals, take risks, and go as far as I could.”

Spanish—“Traveling to another country when you are from a small town prepared me for life by showing me that there is a big world out there to think about and that I needed to keep my mind open for discovery.”

Dance Team—“prepared me for life by teaching me how to have pride and how to earn respect, not by asking for it, but by making it impossible for people not to give it.”

Student Council—“My sense of self grew in a very positive direction as I felt a responsibility towards those respected adults in our community to be a positive leader and student role model.”

Alumni
Neda Esmaili, M.D.
Class of 1997



Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
Division of Oculoplastic Surgery
Eye Institute
Medical College of Wisconsin

Education

University of Wisconsin – Madison (2001)
Bachelor of Science
University of Wisconsin
School of Medicine and Public Health (2006)
Medical Doctor
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Internship, Internal Medicine (2006-2007)
Residency, Ophthalmology (2007-2010)
Medical College of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Fellow, American Society of Ophthalmic
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeons (2011-2013)

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"Beyond academics, the A-F School District provided me with the valuable tools to lead and care for my community. In the A-F High School student council, I came to recognize the tremendous personal satisfaction that volunteerism and community service brings. I have continued this tradition of helping others in my personal and professional life. At A-F High School, I became fluent in Spanish. As a result, I have been able to overcome language barriers with my Spanish speaking patients and thereby provide them with the best possible medical care. As a member of the band, volleyball team, and various other extracurricular clubs, I learned the importance of being a team-player; this skill has served me time and time again in my personal and work relationships."

Legacy Richard and Verla Lysy



Richard Lysy, salutatorian for the class of 1947, and his high school sweetheart, Verla (McMahon) Lysy, class of 1948, have been long-time supporters of the Adams-Friendship School District and community.

Mr. Lysy served with the United States Navy during the Korean War. While in the Navy, he received training through the Navy Finance School, Navy Accounting School and Officer Leadership School. After discharge, Mr. Lysy transferred what he learned in the military to a successful career in banking and insurance which culminated in his retirement as the President, CEO, and director of the former Peoples Bank of Coloma.

Both Richard and Verla serve as fine examples of hard work, philanthropy, and commitment to community through their participation in many civic organizations including the Adams-Friendship Area Education Foundation. The Academic Hall of Fame is proud to honor them with its first Legacy Award.