

## **Waconia High School Hall of Fame - Class of 2016**

### **Class of 2016: Dr. Charles Bean, Terri (Honebrink) Dammann, Nathaniel Hendren and Jenny Van Kirk**

#### **Dr. Charles Bean Sr.**

Born in 1928 to Leslie H. and Beatrice S. Bean (Shaw), Charles spent his early years in Newton, Iowa. The family later moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where he met the love of his life, Donna at East High School. After one semester of college at York College, he enlisted in the Marines. Upon discharge, he married Donna and returned to York College before transferring to the University of Iowa, where he earned a B.A. and M.D. He did his internship at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. In 1956 he and his family moved to Waconia, MN and served the community for more than fifty years.

Dr. Charles Bean was one of the earliest partners at Lakeview Clinic and one of the first doctors on the medical staff of Ridgeview Hospital. He delivered over 1500 babies in his community. He was a Bush Fellow and a community leader. Dr. Bean served as President of the school board, was involved in community musicals, and one of the first and founding members of Islandview Country Club, helping to create and establish it. There was also a mischievous streak in Dr. Bean which added to his accomplishments as poker player.

He was a leader at the Waconia Moravian Church where he sang in the choir for over 55 years and served on its boards. He also served the Moravian Church at the national level as a member of the Provincial Elders Conference in the 1970s.

Dr. Charles Bean was known as the Waconia high school 'football doctor' for decades beginning in the mid-1950's. He provided free health screenings for the team and could almost always be spotted on the football sidelines each fall as our team took the field.

Dr. Charles Bean passed away just over a year ago in August 2015 and is remembered as an unassuming man who lived his life with integrity, centered on family, church, and his patients. He valued always trying your best and giving to others.

#### **Terri (Honebrink) Dammann – 1981 WHS Graduate**

Terri (Honebrink) Dammann attended Waconia Public Schools from second through twelfth grade, graduating in 1981, summa cum laude.

During her high school years, she participated in basketball, golf, softball, track and field, and volleyball, earning thirteen athletic letters: three in basketball, three in golf, one in softball, two in track and field, and four in volleyball. Terri was awarded five All Conference Awards: a three-time selection in golf, a one-time selection in softball, and a one-time selection in volleyball. She was also awarded the Wagener Memorial Sports award for the top senior female athlete in 1981. Terri held the girls' track and field long jump record from 1981 – 2011.

Other student activities also held Terri's interest. She was Student Council Vice President for four years along with being active in National Honor Society. In her senior year, she was elected homecoming queen.

After high school, Terri earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Mankato State University. At Mankato State she played 1-year of volleyball and softball. She graduated cum laude. Professionally, Terri worked in the airline industry for 21-years and currently works for the Waconia Patriot. In 2010 she was awarded the American Community Newspapers Innovation Award.

In regards to her community, Terri is actively involved with the Waconia Chamber of Commerce as a general member and participates in the Ambassador, Retail and Nickle Dickle Day Committees. She also volunteers for the Waconia Wildcat Booster Club and the Ridgeview Foundation Golf and Taste. Previously, she was also active with the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce and was a board member of the Norwood Young America Chamber of Commerce. She remains involved in Waconia area athletics, having coached youth volleyball and softball.

Terri grew up in Waconia. She is the daughter of Emily Honebrink and the late Jerry Honebrink. She resides in rural Waconia with her husband Matt, and has two daughters Madelin and Ellie.

### **Nathaniel Hendren – 2001 WHS Graduate**

Nathaniel Hendren, class of 2001, is the son of Sarah and Steve Hendren, and twin brother to Christopher Hendren.

During his time at WHS, Nathan was a member of the football team and golf team, and a very active member of the band, playing tenor saxophone in the Jazz Band, and alto saxophone in the marching band, concert band, show choir band, and pit orchestra. He has deeply fond memories of summer marching band trips to Banff, Boston, and Michigan. He graduated valedictorian and went to the University of Chicago, where he pursued degrees in Mathematics and Economics. His interest in economics grew while at Chicago, and after 2 years working as a consultant for the Boston Consulting Group, he moved to Boston to pursue a PhD in Economics at MIT. In 2012, he graduated and took a job as an assistant professor at Harvard University's economics department.

While at Harvard, he has pursued research on a range of topics, most notably on intergenerational mobility. This work documents how the neighborhoods in which we grow up shapes our economic lives as adults. In particular, there is dramatic variation in the extent to which children from low-income backgrounds rise out of poverty in the U.S. This work has been featured in a range of media outlets including several front-page articles in the New York Times, presented to the President and advisors at the White House, and led to changes in housing policies at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In addition to work on intergenerational mobility, he has also studied health insurance markets, documenting how market imperfections prevent individuals with 'pre-existing conditions' from being able to purchase insurance.

In August 2015, he married Sarah Miller, a fellow mid-westerner who grew up in Dubuque, IA. They both now reside in Cambridge, MA, but wholeheartedly enjoy every trip back to the Midwest.

### **Jenny Van Kirk– 2006 WHS Graduate**

Jenny Van Kirk, class of 2006, is the son of Joseph Van Kirk and Cynthia Van Kirk, and sister to Emily (WHS class of 2003) and Patrick (WHS class of 2009). During her time at WHS, Jenny was active in basketball, volleyball, golf, band, National Honor Society, Peer Helpers, and Student Council. While she enjoyed all of these activities, the hardwood was where she truly excelled, scoring over 1,000 points in her career and leading a very successful team. Her basketball career continued at Bradley University in Peoria, IL. After graduating from Bradley, she went on to attend Georgetown University School of Medicine, where she earned her MD in May of 2014.

Currently, she is working as an Internal Medicine resident at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Not only does she work in the hospital, but her dedication to community service continues as she serves as a volunteer physician at two separate clinics in Durham.

Jenny is incredibly thankful for and humbled by the honor of the Hall of Fame induction, and is especially grateful for all of the amazing teachers, coaches, mentors, teammates, and friends that she had during her time at WHS. She hopes to continue representing WHS with pride.