



March 25, 2013 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Alex S. Pomnichowski Class of 1946

Alex Pomnichowski distinguished himself as a nationally renowned educator in the fields of Business and Economics, and for his community service throughout his professional career.

Alex graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1946 with fond memories of participating in Tennis and as a member of the first World as a Community Class.

Pomnichowski earned his B.A. in 1951 from Michigan State Normal (Eastern Michigan University), a M.A. in 1952 from the University of Michigan in Economics & Business, a M.B.A. in 1959 from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in 1961 in Business Education also from the University of Michigan.

Alex served his country during the Korean War. After completing special clerical schooling at Fort Knox in 1953, and graduating with honors from the Adjutant General's School, he was assigned as a conference and court reporter with the 8th Army Headquarters in Seoul, Korea.

Following his tour of duty, Alex began his teaching career in the Garden City schools and at Birmingham High School. His teaching skills were recognized during his advanced studies at the University of Michigan. Alex was offered a position as an Instructor of Secretarial Practices in the U.M. School of Business. In 1961, Alex continued his teaching career at Parson's College in Fairfield, Iowa.

In 1967, Alex Pomnichowski accepted a position at Ferris State University as Professor of Business and head of the Business Administration Department. Professor Pomnichowski would remain at Ferris until his retirement in 2009.

While at Ferris State University, Alex served as Department Head for seventeen years. He was involved in numerous business associations and organizations across the country. He was instrumental in adding many new classes to the Business School course of study (Collective Bargaining, Strategy Formulation, Real Estate, and

International Business.) Professor Pomnichowski also initiated several new Majors to the Business School that greatly expanded the programs at Ferris State University (Finance, Production Management, Human Resources Management, and Small Business Management). In his years at Ferris State University, Alex was also very active in the Faculty Senate and chaired the University Curriculum and School of Business Accreditation Committees.

In spite of a busy career, Alex took time to support his community. He was an active member & supporter of the Rotary Club, the Michigan Humanities, the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, The Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservatory, Big Rapids Library, and his church. Alex has served his church as a member of the finance & Long Range Planning Committees and as an Usher. Alex Pomnichowski makes his home in Big Rapids, Michigan.