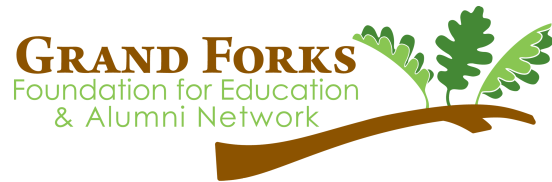


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2016 Teachers Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

**Kathleen "Tootsie" Gasparini
Rita Sanderson
Charles F. Zick**

Sunday, October 16, 2016

Red River High School Theatre
Grand Forks, North Dakota

- 12:30 PM **Music by Max Pickett**
- 1:00 PM **Welcome and opening remarks**
Mr. John Warcup
Grand Forks Foundation for Education
- Introduction of 2016 Inductees**
Mr. Dick Soule
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Ms. Emilia Hodgson
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- Presentation of 2016 Inductees**
Mr. Tom Young
Grand Forks Education Association
- 1:45 PM **Closing remarks**
- 2:00 PM **Reception in the Commons**



Kathleen “Tootsie” Gasparini, Secondary Health Teacher at Valley Junior High, Red River and Central High Schools from 1972 – 2013.

Her colleagues knew Tootsie Gasparini as an enthusiastic and energetic teacher who was always looking for ways to improve the health of her students and the relevance of the health curriculum. She was a

recipient of the North Dakota “Health Teacher of the Year” and a finalist for the state “Teacher of the Year” awards. A former colleague wrote, “I knew she cared about me and was a wonderful confidant and listener.” Congratulations to Ms. Gasparini as she is inducted into the Grand Forks Public Schools 2016 Teachers Hall of Fame.



Rita Sanderson, Kindergarten Teacher at Roosevelt, Twining, and Viking Elementary Schools from 1961 – 1996.

Rita Sanderson taught Kindergarten at Viking Elementary for 30 years. Morning and afternoon sessions meant twice the number of students passed through her classroom. During those years, she also mentored

many student teachers sent to her from UND. One colleague described Rita as, “Exceptional, organized and knowledgeable. She was always up on the latest trends in early childhood education.” Rita was also a candidate for North Dakota Teacher of the Year during her career. Congratulations to Ms. Sanderson as she is inducted into the Grand Forks Public Schools 2016 Teachers Hall of Fame.



Charles F. Zick, Teacher and Associate Principal at Eielson, Franklin, and Twining Elementary Schools; and Principal at Agassiz and Kelley Elementary Schools from 1964 – 2005.

Charles Zick spent the last 19 years of his career as the Principal of J. Nelson Kelly Elementary. One of his teachers used committed, caring, focused and loyal as words to

describe him. He added, “Mr. Zick focused his entire career on what was best for students.” Another colleague wrote, “He totally supported the teachers who worked in his building. I appreciated his unfailing support.” In 2001, Charles received the “Friend of Guidance and Counseling Award” from the NDCA. Congratulations to Mr. Zick as he is inducted into the Grand Forks Public Schools 2016 Teachers Hall of Fame.

