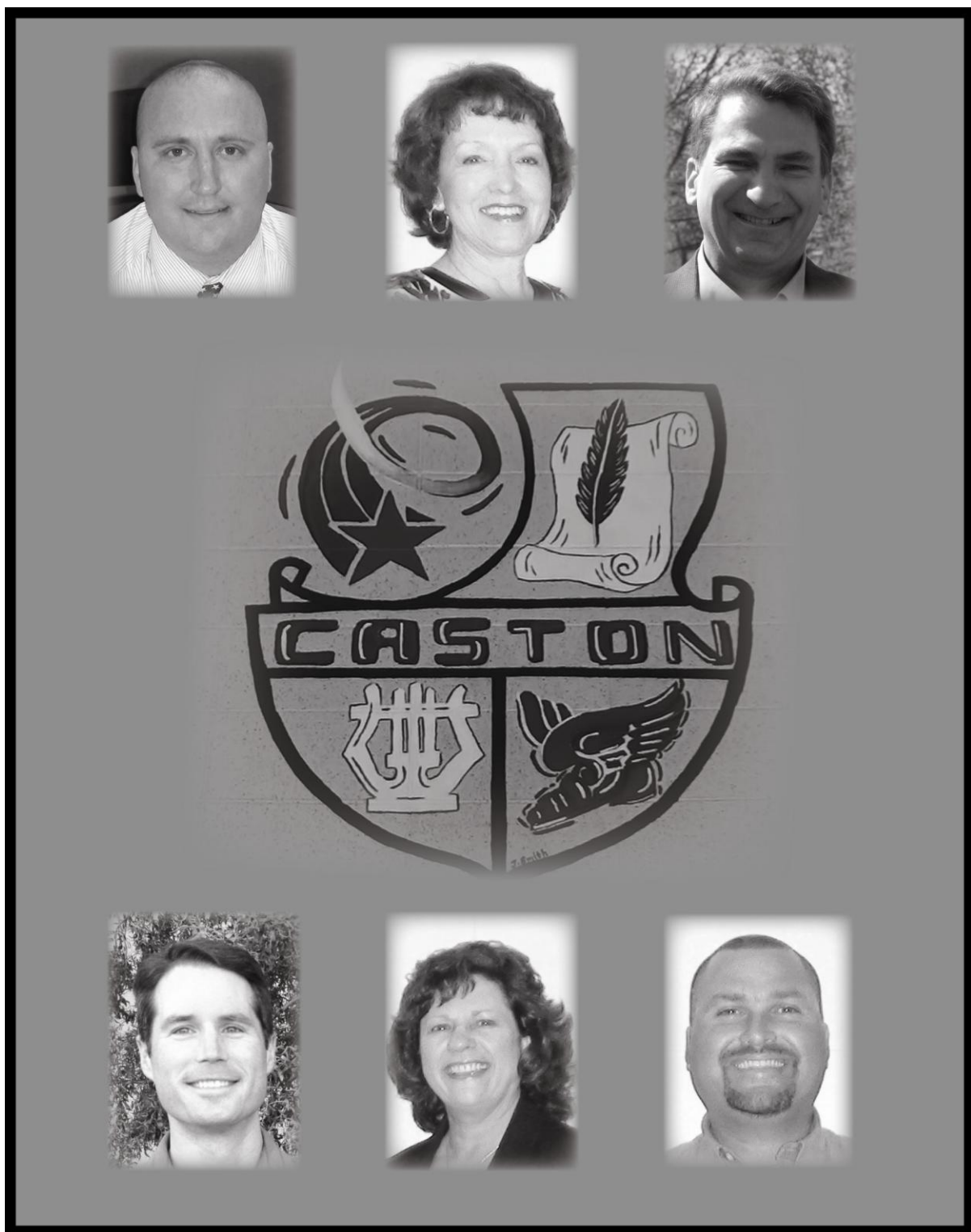




Linda Spangler Wade '65

The 1964-65 school year was a challenging one for graduates, for it was the first year that Caston High School recognized a single graduating class even though it still physically existed on two separate campuses. Linda Spangler Wade was amongst the students given the charge to display proper attitude, cooperation, and hard work to assure harmony as this process got underway. Forty-seven years later, Linda continues displaying that same proper attitude, cooperation and hard work at Caston Elementary School as a 4th grade teacher.

Linda began her post-secondary education in 1965 at Manchester College. She later attended Indiana University Kokomo to earn a BS with Highest Distinction in 1984, and was selected as the IUK Outstanding

Student in Education. She was also nominated by IUK's chair of education for the National Dean's List in 1988-89. In 1994, she was inducted into Pi Lambda Theta, an educational honorary society. Linda went on to complete her MS degree at IUK. In 1995, she was invited by People to People International as part of a Language Arts contingent from across the US to travel to three cities in China for a 10-day visitation to schools and publishing houses, as well as cultural spots. She returned to share her experiences with Caston students and community organizations. Linda was also recognized as "Walmart Teacher of the Year" in 2002, and received the Fulton County Extension Homemakers "Jane Award" in 2011.

Linda has taught at Caston Elementary since 1984. "I can think of no greater task than molding young minds and characters with love and concern, and to give them the incentive for creative learning," was a statement taken from Linda's employment application submitted in 1984. In her 27 years as a Caston teacher, she's taken that task to heart by molding over 600 children in her elementary classrooms. Two of her former students, Jarod Zartman and Justin Dillman, recognized Linda as the teacher who most made a positive difference in their lives by presenting her with a plaque at the 2000 Academic Awards Program.

Highly visible in her community, Linda has served as the Community Festival Organizer from 1975-1978 and 1999 – present; Liberty Twp. Park Board 1995 – 2008; Liberty Twp. Advisory Board 1996 – present; Fulton Liberty Lions Club 1999 – present, including a previous term, as well as plans for a future term, as President. She is noted at school for her caring, patient demeanor, and as being a hard worker well beyond the school day. In her church & community she is known for her devotion to song and to serving God. Linda resides in Fulton where she has raised three sons and now enjoys her seven grandchildren.

Martin St. Clair '79

Teachers must have known when Marty St. Clair walked out Caston High School's doors in 1979 he was destined for success. This National Merit Scholar and Presidential Scholar Finalist headed to Butler University where he majored in both chemistry and environmental studies; graduating cum laude with high honors in both majors in 1983. He then earned his Ph.D. in chemistry at California Institute of Technology in 1989.

Not only was Marty at the top of his class at Caston, he was also selected as "Top Ten Males" at Butler (1983) and "Fifty under Fifty" outstanding young alumni of Butler University (2004). He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, has received a Certificate of Merit from Environmental Chemistry Division, American Chemical Society for a paper presented at the Fall 1992 American Chemical Society meeting; Camille and Henry Dreyfus Fellow, Occidental College, 1988-89; and the California Institute of Technology Institute Fellowship, 1983-84 just to mention a few of his many notable achievements.

While living in Southern California, he and his wife were active with groups working with refugees from Central America, and they have continued that connection since that time. They are also active in their local church, and Marty serves on the board of the Southeast Linn Community Center which is the local food pantry and congregate meals/Meals on Wheels center. Marty also served one three-year term on the Butler University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Board of Visitors.

Marty's career has been in the field of higher education, primarily in the area of environmental science. He and his wife taught for one year at Occidental college after finishing graduate education prior to moving to Iowa, where he took a position in the environmental engineering program at the University of Iowa. He has been on the faculty at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, since 1993. He is currently a professor of chemistry, and previously served as associate dean of the faculty. He has helped establish environmental science and environmental studies programs at Coe as well as doing research in environmental science. Most of his research has focused on understanding the factors that affect water quality in eastern Iowa. He has supervised over 50 undergraduate researchers while at Coe while being supported by the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources and the city of Cedar Rapids for 15 years. He has also received support for instrumentation from the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation.

Angela K. (Dittman) Ritchey '82

Progressing from Statement Processor to Senior Vice President of Lake City Bank in Warsaw over the course of a quarter century took considerable work and determination for Angela Ritchey. As a graduate of the Caston class of 1982, she headed to Purdue University to major in accounting, completing one year from 82-83. Angela's education took a temporary sidetrack but was never derailed as she proved herself a lifelong learner. Angela earned an Associate's Degree in Accounting in 1997 from Ivy Tech Community College graduating cum laude. She then earned a BS in Management Information Systems at Goshen College in 2002. She is a graduate of the American Banker's Association Graduate School of Banking and the Kosciusko County Leadership Academy.

Angela's community is better as a result of her contributions, as she has served since 2010 on the Beaman Home Shelter for Abuse Victims Board and is a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Kosciusko County Board Member since 2006. She has also been a teacher for Junior Achievement since 2007, and is the past president of Kosciusko County's Altrusa International, a service organization. Since 2001 she's also supported the Tippecanoe Valley Football Parent's Organization. While a student at the Kosciusko Leadership Academy, she completed a white paper project and traveled to Atlanta, GA with a fellow student attempting to nominate Warsaw, Indiana as an All American City. Angela is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Angela resides in Claypool, Indiana with her husband Steve where they have raised three sons: Adam, Kyle and Jacob. She currently serves as Senior Vice President of Lake City Bank in Warsaw with responsibility for oversight of technology services, vendor management and project and product management and implementation as well as electronic banking products and services and trust operations.

Kevin Keller '89

Kevin Keller has always been a high achiever. In high school, he excelled in sports and academics while being active in many organizations. Kevin's name continued to appear on the Dean's list at IU Bloomington as he pursued his interest in Sports Medicine, earning both a BS in '93 and a MS in '95 in Kinesiology. Kevin then graduated from IU Medical School in 2001 with a degree in Anesthesiology, and acquired an Indiana Medical License in 2002 after completing an internship at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, IN. In 2005 he completed his residency in Indianapolis through IU with the Department of Anesthesiology. He worked in private practice at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis until 2007; then, decided to head to higher ground in Grand Junction, Colorado. Today, Kevin and his family reside in Grand Junction, where he has a private practice and is on staff at St. Mary's Hospital as an Anesthesiologist. Kevin holds medical licenses in both Indiana and Colorado, and is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology.

Charity work greatly contributes to Kevin's fulfillment in practicing medicine. He has volunteered as an anesthesiologist in underserved areas of the country of Peru. He and other anesthesiologists travel with local pediatric ophthalmologists to perform strabismus surgery (correcting crooked eyes) on children that would otherwise be unable to have the procedure done in Peru. They also perform oculoplastic and cataract surgeries on many patients. "These are surgeries we take for granted, but have a huge social and economical impact for these Peruvians," stated Kevin. Last year alone, they performed 133 surgeries in a week's time, of which 60 required general anesthesia. Kevin's oldest son, Michael, accompanied him on his last trip, helping the eyeglass prescription team hand out over 700 prescription glasses. Prior to the medical mission, they spent four days trekking through the mountains of Peru, which he considered a truly great father-son bonding experience. "As my kids get older, I hope to be able to give more of my time to these causes." Next year, he plans to return to Peru or Ecuador for another medical mission trip, this time with his daughter.

Since moving to Colorado, Kevin has gained a greater appreciation for the beauty of nature and loves to spend quality time outdoors. He stays active while mountain biking as a member of the Colorado Plateau Mountain Biking Association (COPMOBA), and has worked with park services to assist with trails and bikeways in the mountainous terrains. He also enjoys skiing during the winter months with his family, as well as biking, trail running, and camping with them during the warmer months. Although they love extreme sports and activities, Kevin and his wife have plenty of adventure in their own home, as they recently adopted a new baby girl – increasing the total number kids in their active family to five.

Seth Zartman '94

His love for baseball has certainly not led Seth Zartman "out in left field." Seth, a 1994 graduate of Caston High School took his playing talents and a valuable baseball scholarship to Bethel College where he successfully played college baseball while earning a Bachelor's Degree from 1995 – 1998. He was All-Conference and NCCAA All-American three years in a row (1996-98) and was selected to the NCCAA All-Tournament team in 1997. He finished his career as the Bethel all-time leader in home runs (37), RBI (181), doubles (61) and slugging percentage (.625) and was inducted into the Bethel College Athletic hall of fame in 2006. Seth then entered the coaching arena at Mid-Continent College in Mayfield, KY where he coached from 1999-2003, starting their baseball program from scratch and directing the construction of the Cougar Baseball Complex. He also earned his Master's Degree from Murray State in 2001. After getting a few good years under his belt, he returned to Bethel College in 2004, where he continues as the head baseball coach.

Seth's coaching legacy with the Pilots includes numerous honors such as being named the 2009 NCCAA North Central Region Coach of the year; 2008 NCCAA Regional champions; NCCAA World Series Appearances in 2004, 2005, & 2008; 2004 MCC Championship; 2006 MCC North Championship; 2005 & 2007 MCC Tournament Champions; 2004 record-breaking season (44-15); 4 straight NAIA Regional appearances (2004-07); Bethel coaching record of 222-184. He has coached numerous players to high levels of recognition in the NAIA Conference and NCCAA, including two first team NAIA All-Americans, 10 NCCAA All-Americans, and two NCCAA National Players of the Year.

Seth works with the Boys' & Girls' Clubs, Feed the Hungry, and a local nursing home ministry in his community. He is involved in various ministries in his church, and teaches youth in Junior Church. He considers it a privilege to have a job with the sport he loves, but more importantly to have the opportunity to use that platform to mold young men for the Kingdom of God and the game of life. Seth and his wife, Anitra, live with their daughters Senica and Lyric and son Ty in Mishawaka.

Jason Snyder '95

Upon graduation from Caston High School, Jason headed for Manchester College where he completed a BS in Math & Science Education. He later earned a Master's of Education from Olivet University and went on to Ball State University to earn his Administrative License. He has taught Middle School Science and Math for 12 years and High School Biology for two years at Rochester, and currently is the Principal at Rochester High School.

Amongst his academic training & educational career, Jason also pursued a military career by joining the National Guard. He attended basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and Officer Candidate School at the Indiana Military Academy, and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Officer Basic School at Ft. Leonard Wood. Jason has served two tours of duty in Iraq with the 76th Infantry Brigade. He has been awarded numerous awards for his service including: the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award) and Armed Forces Services Medal with M Device Combat Action Badge. To culminate the combination of his education and military careers, Jason was also awarded the Veteran of Foreign War Teacher of the Year Award in 2011.

Jason is known as an individual who goes above and beyond for others. His service to his country and community sets an example of true American Spirit for the many students he interacts with daily as a High School Principal. He and his wife Jenny reside in Rochester with their two daughters Riplee and Piper.