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Bruce Russell '72

Reared by both parents in a solid middleclass home, Bruce Russell was the second of five children. The Russell's lived just "a stone's throw" from the Hoover Community Church, where Bruce established his roots in Christian ministry as a high school student volunteering as a youth worker with younger kids in the area. Little did Bruce know he was gaining experience for future endeavors that would take him as far away as South America before he would come full circle to his "old stomping grounds" to continue his ministry in the Caston Community.

Bruce engaged in a variety of activities in high school. He tried both football and cross country for a year, but found his niche in basketball and participated on the team for three years. Bruce also shared his talents in a spring musical and served as Senior Class President. Self proclaimed as an "average" student, Bruce did not have immediate plans to attend college after graduation. He applied at the Square D Company in Peru, and landed a job right out of high school. Aside from income this provided time for decision making, and it was during that year working beyond high school that Bruce decided to pursue higher education to prepare for Christian ministry.

Bruce attended Tennessee Temple University to major in Bible and minor in education. Bruce's parents instilled a strong work ethic in him, which he applied to help himself through college employed as a 'Fuller Brush man', a laborer in a lumber yard and a bus driver. He actively participated in the ministry of various churches and school clubs in the Chattanooga area, as well. His program at Tennessee Temple culminated with a year of Seminary prior to graduating in 1978. Bruce also met a special girl, Beth Purdy, his senior year of college, and they married on June 2, 1978.

After college, the Russell's returned to Indiana and he served as the Pastor of the Hoover Community Church. Their first three children were born during this five-year timeframe: Danielle ('79) Sara ('81) and Caleb ('83). Bruce also worked for two years as a Caston bus driver and taught for two years at the Cass County Christian School during this time at home.

The family picked up and moved to New York in 1983. Bruce taught at Central Baptist Academy prior to going to Brazil the following year to teach at Fortaleza Academy. In 1986 they returned to New York and Bruce served as pastor of South Vestal Baptist Church. While back in the states they prepared to return to Brazil to serve as missionaries. From 1988 – 1996 their missionary work in Brazil involved the establishment of Fonte de Luz do Brasil, a free Bible correspondence school with over 10,000 students enrolled.

The Russell's returned to Pennsylvania in 1997 with four children; having adopted Allen ('93) while in Brazil. Bruce taught at Sweet Valley Christian Academy in Pennsylvania that year prior to returning home to Indiana in 1998 to establish Sangralea Valley Christian Academy of Onward, IN. He taught at this academy until 2009. Bruce was called as pastor of The Fulton Baptist Temple in 1999 and presently continues to serve there.

Bruce continues to positively impact youth in the community: he has been involved through the church with the AWANA program, Vacation Bible School, and teen youth groups, as well as community activities such as coaching Little League baseball and soccer teams and sponsoring Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at Caston. Bruce also enthusiastically supports Caston athletics, and he can be spotted at many events cheering on the Comets.

The Russell family just keeps growing! Danielle married Rusty McGrew and they have three children; Sara married Blair Zimmerman and they have four children; Caleb married Julie Dague and they have two children; and Allen graduated in 2012 from Caston. Presently they all live close by, so Bruce and Beth get to enjoy the family; especially their nine grandchildren.

It has been said "what goes around comes around" and it is obvious that Bruce has been around. With each leg of his journey he has positively impacted those around him; often in simple, yet meaningful ways through daily interactions out and about in the community. *"I never anticipated returning to Caston. I am thankful to God for the opportunity to pastor at the Fulton Baptist Temple and to serve the community of Caston. It is a joy to work with the good people of this community to help provide a positive environment for our young people."*

Paul Ulerick '76

Exciting things were happening outside Twelve Mile in '76. While celebrating our Bicentennial, an estimated one billion people watched nineteen year-old Dorothy Hamill win an Olympic gold medal in figure skating and become world champion; two soon-to-be-famous Steve's formed Apple Computer; and most loyal Hoosiers cheered Indiana all the way to their 86-68 victory against Michigan in the NCAA Basketball Championship. Paul Ulerick was one of the seniors who caught the wave of excitement stirring up in the world around him, and set his sights on a horizon of seemingly endless opportunities out there for those with the ambition and desire to pursue them.

While in high school, Paul lettered in cross-country, track and golf. He contributed to the cross-country team's '75 conference championship, and started polishing his leadership skills as team captain of the cross-country and track teams his senior year. Paul was also a member of the National Honor Society; a sign of his commitment to leadership, scholarship and community service.

Upon graduation, Paul headed to Manchester College to study History and Political Science. He was elected student body president his junior year and was also President of the Historical Society and Political Science Society while at Manchester. Paul also lettered in cross-country at Manchester. He graduated in '80 with his Bachelor of Science degree. Paul also had the honor that year of serving as campaign manager for Congressman Floyd Fithian's successful re-election bid, which gave him the "bug" for political involvement he would pursue at a later stage of his life.

Paul landed a job with IBM Corporation right out of college, gaining his first six years of ex-

perience. He transitioned to NYNEX Business Centers in Atlanta in '86, ultimately managing budgets in excess of $350 million. Paul completed his Executive MBA through Emory Univ. Goizueta School of Business ('92-'94). He took a position in '93 with McKesson in Atlanta, providing information systems to the healthcare market and developing sales force and market plans. When Paul left in '98, he was attaining sales of $224 million. Paul moved on to Eclipsys Corporation in Atlanta, advancing to Vice President of Platform Solutions Group. In '01, he went to Quovadx, Inc. where he was promoted within a year to Vice President of Sales. Paul's final position in Atlanta was with VertiSoft Corporation, also as Vice President of Sales. In '04, Paul shifted north to Ann Arbor, Michigan to Thomson Medstat as Director of Sales. While working there he was part of an exciting 2-year growth period with sales growing in excess of 200% annually.

It was in '06 that Paul decided the slower pace of Twelve Mile was calling him home. He purchased his Grandfather's farm, restored the buildings and built a new home so that he and his wife, Deborah, could relocate near Paul's family. Since '07, Paul has been employed by Connecture, Inc., based in Brookfield, Wisconsin, serving as director of Sales and leading a sales team in direct-sales to health plans and state exchanges. Paul travels and works from his home office near Twelve Mile.

Since back in Cass County, Paul has become active in the community. He was elected to the board of directors of the Cass Co. Historical Society (2011) and is Chairman of the Cass Co. Historical Society Community Program. Paul was also elected to the central committee of the Cass Co. Democratic Party (2011) where he serves as Chairman. He serves as a member of the Democratic 4th Congressional District Central Committee, and was elected as a delegate from Indiana's 4th congressional district to the Democrat National Convention in 2012. Paul is also a member of Ivy Tech's Community Foundation, and was Chairman of the United Way's United Day Campaign in Cass County for 2013. An avid canoeist, Paul has traveled the length of the Tippecanoe, Eel and Wabash Rivers in Indiana.

Gerald "Gary" Schnapf '77

The late Gerald Michael Schnapf, better known as "Snapper" or "Gary", started to school at North Caston during a rough year in his life. Gary had experienced the deaths of a classmate, best friend, and only uncle during that year. Gary began collecting stamps and his teacher picked up on his interest; consequently, she had him show some of his stamps to the class and share about the countries. She also surprised him by coming home from Italy with a bag full of stamps for him. Gary's love for learning took hold that year, in spite of the obstacles in his life, thanks to the encouragement of a caring teacher.

Gary loved his Holstein cows and calves such that they became the object of his goals and dreams. He won blue, red, white and champion ribbons and also won showmanship. Gary started a dairy judging team in high school that competed in the Invitational at Purdue; his team came in first place, defeating Rochester, "the rival team to the north." Gary received The Green Hand Award his freshman year of high school as a member of FFA. He also served as treasurer in grades 10 -11 and FFA photographer his sophomore year. He played basketball in grades 7–10, football his freshman year, and was in the Cheer Block for three years in high school. Gary was also the Exodus staff photographer.

An organization that positively impacted Gary's life was 4-H. Gary won an unforgettable trip to Washington, DC with his Electric project, and got to have a special picture taken with Bud Hillis, Congressman at that time. The following year, Gary traveled to Chicago to the 4-H Club Congress. That same year, Kodak saw a photo Gary had on exhibit at the State Fair of the Indianapolis Pyramids being built; they asked and paid for the negative. Gary was a ten-year 4-H member and a Junior Leader for five years. He was also named on the "4-H Who's Who" list.

Upon graduating from Caston in 1977, Gary attended Purdue University to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Science. He joined the Dairy Club, serving as treasurer, and also judged on the Dairy team for four years traveling to Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Gary served as President of the Indiana Junior Holsteins and was a life member of the Dairy Shrine Club. Gary's grandfather passed away during his last semester at Purdue, which was a great disappointment to him, as his grandfather would have been proud to see him graduate from college.

After college graduation, Gary returned to the family farm to work alongside his Dad. He paid off his college loans and even helped two other individuals with their college loans. Gary lived his childhood dream by breeding and raising Holstein cattle. He showed in open shows for 25 years at the Indiana State Fair, 10 years at the Kentucky Open, as well as two times in Wisconsin. Gary also judged at county fairs and open shows. He served for eleven years on the Indiana Board of Directors for Holsteins on the finance committee, and he also served on the Indiana State Dairy Laboratories Board.

At his passing on May 20, 2007, a close friend in 4-H and Caston prepared a basket of dairy items that was auctioned at the fair. With this and other gift monies, six – three hundred dollar scholarships have been presented to dairy 4-H'ers who meet the eligibility requirements. Four of these scholarships have gone to Caston graduates. As final arrangements were being made, the funeral home requested that Gary's parents bring long sleeves; as Gary had arranged to be an organ donor. Since Gary had passed away from a ruptured aorta it was not possible for him to donate his major organs as he had hoped, but he was able to donate his bone and skin to benefit someone in need. Gary enjoyed working with many young 4-H'ers while teaching them how to clip their animals for the fair. Of all the young kids he helped, perhaps most meaningful to him was a special little 9-year old girl, born without eyes, that he had helped to show cattle. To her, Gary was known as the "Purdue Guy", but for Gary, she was his motivation for becoming an organ donor.

Bryan Hoff '88

What happens to the guy who gets the votes for: "Best Personality," "Most Outgoing," "Most Active," "Best Looking," or "Most Outstanding Athlete?" Some guys might say: "it doesn't get much better than this," and spend their future years reliving their glory days. Others might humbly accept these compliments while remaining focused on how these qualities might contribute to success in accomplishing future goals. Bryan Hoff, who tipped the votes in his favor in all of the above categories for the Caston Senior Class of '88, chose the second option and it has certainly served him well.

It is obvious that Bryan's success started in high school. He demonstrated leadership by serving as Vice President of his senior class. Bryan was also a very bright student, and was a member of the National Honor Society. He was a member of the C-Club all four years of high school, and participated on the basketball and football teams. Bryan was also Homecoming King his senior year in '88.

Bryan went on to study Biology at Butler University from 1988-1992. He successfully completed his degree with honors and went on to the Indiana University School of Medicine to become a doctor; graduating with his M.D. in 1996. Bryan then pursued a specialty in urologic surgery at the University of South Florida. He served his residency from 2002 - 2006 and became a board certified urologic surgeon. Bryan currently works as a urologic surgeon in the Bloomington, Indiana area with The Southern Indiana Medical Group, Inc. Recently, Bryan took his examination for recertification in October, 2012, and scored the highest possible score. He is one of the few surgeons in Indiana trained to use the DaVinci Surgical Robot for urologic surgery; a surgical technique that provides an alternative to traditional open surgery. He is especially noted for endoscopic and laparoscopic surgery in the treatment of kidney stones; kidney, prostate & bladder cancers; as well as the treatment and correction of urinary disorders using implants that stimulate the nerves.

Bryan is a member of the Physicians of Heritage Society, a group of community members dedicated to providing excellence in healthcare in South Central Indiana. He volunteers his time with others in medicine providing free medical care to those without the economic means to pay for healthcare in Monroe and Owen Counties. Bryan is also involved with the Bloomington Hospital Foundation and assists through various fundraising activities, one of which has been the "100 Men that Cook" event – a fun event with local residents to raise money for the Foundation. He is a member of the Indiana State Medical Association, the American Urological Association, and an American Board of Urology Certified Diplomate.

When Bryan is not busy with his medical practice, he very much enjoys spending time with his wife, Marcella, and three children, Blayke (20), Madison (16), and Ashton (6). They enjoy activities with their church, attending their kid's extracurricular activities and sporting events, gardening and doing yard work, and they also love to travel.

Bryan considers one of his greatest accomplishments in life being "his ability to be happy" . . . with career, family, and life in general. He attributes his success to many people who have touched his life: his parents, who supported him in every way and instilled a love for learning; his teachers -- one teacher in particular being Mrs. Deanna Miller, who challenged him and helped fuel his passion for Science; and the many great minds that he has had the privilege to come into contact with and work with on a daily basis who continually inspire him. Bryan's advice to Caston graduates would be to "seize the moment and take advantage of every opportunity you have to learn."

Matt Bingle '90

Many Caston students dream of attending a "Big Ten" university to prepare for a future career. They grow up having teachers and coaches who serve as important role models, and some of those students even aspire to have a similar impact on young people's lives through their own careers. Matt Bingle took all of these dreams and ambitions and combined them into the ultimate package which had success written all over it.

Matt grew up in Fulton and attended Caston throughout his K-12 schooling. He was an outstanding student and role model to fellow classmates and was actively and diversely involved. Matt served as Junior Class President and Senior Vice President of Student Council, was involved in Art Club, helped in the library with AV equipment, participated in plays, and was crowned Homecoming King his senior year. Matt was also a great athlete, making notable contributions in basketball, cross country and track; all three of which he served as team captain his senior year.

It's difficult for talented athletes in small, rural schools like Caston to get exposure with college coaches and scouts, and there's no doubt they had their eye on several athletes coming out of much larger and higher-profile programs than Caston's that year. This didn't derail Matt, who went on to Ball State to pursue his higher education and walked onto the track team with the intention of convincing the coaches he was just as qualified as their recruits to participate on the team. He proved his point; as Matt was BSU's "Most Valuable Runner" in 1995 and was also their Track & Field Team Captain that same year. Additionally, Matt was the 1994 & 1995 "All Mid-American Conference Athlete" in hurdles.

After graduating from Ball State with a Bachelor's Degree, Matt went on to Northern Arizona University where he was a graduate assistant as well as an assistant coach of the men's and women's track & field and cross country teams. He completed his Master's degree in 1997 in Educational Leadership and made a move to the University of California, Irvine, where he served a short stint as an assistant coach of the men's and women's track & field and cross country teams that fall season. Matt transitioned to Eastern Michigan University later that year to take on the assistant coaching position of the women's track & field and cross country teams and held that position until 2002. It was in 2002, that Matt made the move to Minnesota, taking on a role that has evolved over the past eleven years to his current position as Director of Track & Field/Cross Country at the University of Minnesota. Matt started out as assistant track & field coach before being promoted to head women's track and field coach in 2007, and then moved on to his current position in 2011.

While at Minnesota, Matt has coached seven All-American athletes. He's also coached USA National Qualifying Athletes as well as Olympic Trials Athletes. He's coached 11 Big Ten Conference Champions, 18 Big Ten Conference Runner-ups, numerous All Big Ten Conference Student-Athletes as well as the NCAA Regional Athlete of the Year. Matt has received numerous coaching awards; among them the 2007, 2008, and 2009 Coach of the Year for the Big Ten Indoor Season, as well as the Indoor Coach of the Year for the NCAA Midwest Region. Those same three years, Matt led Minnesota to Big Ten Indoor Track and Field titles. His teams have also ranked in the top 30 in NCAA several times.

Currently, Matt and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Blaine, Minnesota. They have three daughters, Taylor, Allie, and Grace. He has visited Caston in the past, assisting our athletes by providing literature on track & cross country, as well as speaking to students about the type of commitment it takes to succeed in college. Matt has also shared personal experiences he had coming out of Caston and pursuing his education as a student-athlete at a bigger college as a means of encouraging and inspiring other Caston students.

Dean Leazenby '90

The class of 1990 set the tone with the theme "Simply Outrageous" and Dean Leazenby scored big that year by setting an outrageous school record of being the first one to bench press 300 pounds in the weight room. Dean's weightlifting certainly contributed to his success on both the baseball and football fields. He was all-conference in baseball his sophomore year and played all four years of high school. He also played football two years and was a member of the weightlifting club for three. Academically, Dean was routinely on the honor roll and recalls being awarded "The Silver Test Tube" by Mrs. Deanna Miller for being the most improved chemistry student. Dean admits, however, that he didn't really "crack the books" until his higher educational experiences challenged him to do so. Consequently, those who knew Dean at Caston never really got to see the "simply outrageous" potential that he possessed as a student.

Dean went on to study psychology and criminology at Purdue University where he was on the Dean's list for 3 straight years. He graduated with distinction with a 3.78 out of 4.0 GPA in 1994, and was also inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa and Golden Key National Honor Associations. He worked throughout college and then worked full-time as a case manager at Four County Counseling Center in Logansport for one year before entering law school. Dean graduated in the top 25% of his class at Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

Dean is currently a partner at the law firm of Warrick & Boyn, LLP in Elkhart. He has been practicing general corporate law for almost fifteen years with an emphasis on litigation and labor & employment law. He has routinely lectured over the past fifteen years on labor & employment law topics such as discrimination in the workplace, the American's with Disability Act and the Civil Rights Act. As a partner at Warrick & Boyn he also represents and advises about a dozen schools in the Elkhart area. While at Warrick & Boyn, Dean received the Michiana region's "40 Under 40 Award" for high-achieving business owners under the age of 40 in the Michiana area.

Dean is actively involved in his community where he currently serves as the vice-president of the Samaritan Health and Living Center in Elkhart. He has also been on the board of directors of Loveway, Inc (an equine therapy organization), Kiwanis Club, as well as the Concord School's Dollars for Scholars. Dean is also registered on the national bone marrow donor program called "Be the Match."

Dean is happily married to Brigette Fairchild-Leazenby and they have a son, Tyson (10 years) and daughter Kya (3 years) whom Dean states "he adores." They reside in Bristol, Indiana. Dean has coached Tyson's baseball team at Osolo Little League in Elkhart for the last five years. *"I hope to be as good a coach and role model to the kids I coach as Jimmy Sutton, the Fulton barber for many years, was to me when he coached the Fulton Cubs in the early to mid 80's."*

Kristen (Byrum) Roop '91

Being a three-sport athlete did not consume so much of Kristen Byrum's time and energy that she was unable to maintain her academic standing. Quite the contrary, she graduated at the top of her class as the 1991 Caston Valedictorian. While juggling was not one of her three sports, it does appear to be one of her primary tasks in life these days, as she's learned to juggle multiple activities while maintaining exceedingly high levels of performance.

Kristen participated in cross country, basketball, and track while in high school. She went on to Anderson University where she majored in chemistry and minored in biology while taking her cross country talents to new levels. Kristen became an NCAA Division III Academic All-American on Anderson's team. She was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society at Anderson University.

In 1994, Kristen married Fred Roop after her junior year of college, and moved to Peoria to finish her senior year at Bradley University. She graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and a minor in biology from Bradley.

Kristen decided to follow in her father's (Dr. John Byrum) footsteps, and went on to Purdue University to pursue her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree which she completed in 1999. She was honored there as the Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine student delegate to the North American Veterinary Conference while completing her doctorate studies. She is a current member of the IVMA and the AVMA.

Kristen has successfully continued her juggling act by managing a family and career while still being involved in many community activities such as working in the local food pantry, volunteering as a youth sports coach through YMCA, GLRSA, and Klondike youth baseball, and serving as a

parent volunteer at school through the years. She is highly committed to service in her church where she has served as church auditor, church board chair, church secretary, Vacation Bible School director, Sunday School teacher, and The South Central Indiana Church of the Brethren District Board Chairman.

Kristen and her husband, Fred, have two sons, Matthew (15) and John (13). They also have three dogs Pancake, Wrigley, and Walter. Since 1999, she has been employed at the Twelve Mile Veterinary Clinic as a veterinarian. Her husband is employed as Dean of Students at McCutcheon High School. They are members of the Lafayette Church of the Brethren. Her hobbies include attending her sons' sporting events and supporting the Chicago Cubs on road trips with her family, as they are all avid fans. The Roops also enjoy taking vacations and outdoor activities. Their family resides in West Lafayette, IN.

Andy Zartman '99

Using strengths to make the most of life has been a consistent theme for Andy Zartman. Who would be surprised that the senior voted "Best Dancer" and "Most Outgoing" would be noted by others in his adult career for his optimistic attitude and can-do approach to challenges and tough problems? Whether serving his senior year as a cadet teacher in Mrs. Strasser's 1st grade classroom or passing a teacher in the hallway, Andy was rarely seen without a smile on his face. He also had a tough side to him, though, which he appropriately channeled onto the football field as senior linebacker. Andy successfully built upon these strengths and has used them to serve his country in an outstanding manner over the past eleven years.

Upon graduation, Andy attended International Business College in Fort Wayne, completing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management in 2002. He began his military career with Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia in 2002. In 2003, Andy was deployed to Iraq; serving as Platoon Leader. He returned to complete Pathfinder School at Fort Benning in 2004, the same year that he served on an Indiana Army National Guard State Active Duty deployment to assist fellow Hoosiers and Americans during the Southern Indiana blizzard. The following year, Andy returned to Southern Indiana for the second of four National Guard deployments assisting with the floods that devastated that region in '05.

Andy continued to ascend in military ranks by completing the Infantry Captain's Career Course and Ranger School in 2006 back at Fort Benning. In 2007, he served locally through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program while preparing for a second deployment to Iraq in 2008; this time as Infantry Company Commander. Andy returned and went to Fort Knox, Kentucky where he completed the Cavalry Leader Course in 2010. He served the next two years with the Indiana Army National Guard through state deployments for Hurricane Irene (2011) and the Henryville Tornadoes (2012).

Throughout Andy's military career, he has been recognized with the "Bronze Star Medal", two times with "Meritorious Service Medals", two times with "Army Achievement Medals", and also with the "Combat Infantryman Badge" as well as the "Order of Saint Maurice, Patron Saint of the Infantry (Centurion Level)". His ability to successfully plan and coordinate training and real-world missions for both Infantry and Cavalry formations within the Indiana Army National Guard, as well as building teams and instituting organizational improvement have been noteworthy. Andy has been recognized as highly effective in developing junior military leaders, as well.

Currently, Andy serves as Operations Officer for 1st Squadron 152nd Cavalry Regiment in New Albany, Indiana and resides in Greenfield, Indiana with his wife, Stacie, and his daughter Ellie (3 years) and son Isaac (10 months). Andy is a lifetime member of Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post #673 in Jasper, Indiana. As impressive as his career accomplishments are, Andy notes "he's most proud of his beautiful wife and children that the Lord has so graciously blessed him with; and the distinct honor of serving with and leading selfless men and women that volunteer to serve their country."

Caston's Distinguished Alumni Program

The Caston School District composed of Adams and Bethlehem Townships of Cass County, and Liberty and Wayne Townships of Fulton County united on August 2, 1959, under the jurisdiction of a school board composed of the Township Trustees. During the 1961-62 school year, the four schools of Fulton, Grass Creek, Twelve Mile and Metea were combined into two high schools known as North Caston High School and South Caston High School. The Caston School District became The Caston School Corporation on January 1, 1964. The first class graduating from one high school known as Caston High School was the class of 1964-65, even though it still operated on two campuses at that time. This was done to help merge the two student bodies into one and to better accommodate their educational needs. In August of 1964, the Caston School Building Corporation was formed to provide adequate financing for the construction of a new facility that could house grades K-12. On April 24, 1966, ground breaking ceremonies were held on a rainy day with a sizable crowd present to celebrate the beginning of construction for the present facility. On November 19, 1967 a formal dedication was held for the new school.

Many of the graduates of Caston High School have gone on to lead highly successful lives. This year, 2012-13, marks the presentation of the second class of distinguished alumni for Caston School Corporation. The purpose of the distinguished alumni program is to demonstrate to students, staff, community and nearby areas that Caston has much to offer and there are many paths one may take upon graduation that results in successful and productive lives.

We encourage individuals to nominate successful Caston graduates since the class of 1962, living or deceased, who have been out of school for at least ten years for the distinguished alumni program. Publication for nominations will be made annually and forms will be available on the school web page (www.caston.k12.in.us) or can be requested in the school offices.