



Donald St. Clair '76

Don St. Clair proved himself to be a well-rounded student at Caston High School prior to his graduation in 1976. His list of accomplishments during this era of his life included: Student Council, Class Steering Committee, Swing Choir, Chorus, Drama Club, French Club, Letterman's Club, Future Teachers, Plays, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Band, Football and Wrestling.

Upon graduation, Don advanced to Manchester University where he served as student body president and successfully completed a Bachelor's degree in 1980. He later completed advanced degrees at Ball State University (MS '90) and Pepperdine University (Ed. D.'08). By furthering his education he successfully advanced to key leadership positions at Indiana Institute of Technology (1986-1994) where he served as Vice President, Lewis University (1994-1998) where he served as Dean, and Woodbury University (1998 – 2014) where he served as Vice President of the University.

Currently Don is partner at McIntyre-St. Clair LLC where he serves as a communication, leadership and strategy consultant working with education, government, not-for-profit, and small businesses. As an executive, Don has led successful branding and positioning initiatives at universities in California, Illinois and Indiana. Don's leadership role in greater Los Angeles included serving as board chair of the Los Angeles Business Federation (BizFed), an alliance of 145 business groups representing 250,000-plus employers. During his time as board chair of VEDC, the premiere community development financial institution (CDFI) in the United States, the organization increased its balance sheet five-fold and expanded from Southern California to Chicago, New York and Nevada. He also served as chair of the board of the Nevada Microenterprise Initiative, served on the board of the Valley Industry and Commerce association (VICA) and is past chair of the board of the Burbank Chamber of Commerce. Don was chair of the Burbank YMCA and served on the finance committee of the board of Providence Health and Services.

Don's career in higher education included significant work in Asia, Europe, South American and the Middle East. He is a founding faculty member of the organizational leadership department at Woodbury University and teaches graduate courses in leadership, innovation, organizational change, emotional intelligence, conflict resolution and communication. He serves as a facilitator for leadership academies in the cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena, and as a facilitator for the community leadership development program, Leadership Burbank. In 2010 Don was recognized as Best Non-Profit Board Chair in the San Fernando Valley Business Journal. He is especially known as an effective community leader who stresses collaboration and engagement.

Don resides in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Toluca Lake with his wife, Janet McIntyre, and their three school-age children, Kendall, Payton and Grant. He returns to Indiana frequently to visit his parents, Joe and Judy St. Clair of Grass Creek.



Lorraine Ann Jones Kirkley '83

"Lorie" was very proud of the education she received at Caston High School. She was a dedicated and successful student who was Valedictorian of her class. She received numerous awards including the DAR Good Citizen Award, Dick Lugar Symposium, Tonya Smith Award, Sunshine Nursing Scholarship, Girls' State Delegate, Hoosier Scholar, and the Purdue University Scholarship. She was Sunshine Society president, a member of National Honor Society, and Drama Club Honorary. Lorie participated in the Swing Choir, played the flute in the band, and was on the Girls' Basketball team.

Lorie was privileged to receive direct admittance into Purdue's school of nursing. She graduated "with distinction" in 1987 with a near perfect GPA. While at Purdue she was a member of Golden Key Honorary, Sigma Theta International Nursing Honorary, served as a Purdue Residence Hall Counselor and received the Indianapolis Community Hospital Scholarship and Leadership award. Lorie also lead a weekly Bible study group, was a member of the Purdue Reamer Club and was the first female student at Purdue University to receive a license to pilot the "Boilermaker Special."

In 1987 Lorie began her career as a Cardiac Nurse at North Community Hospital in Indianapolis. On June 25, 1988 she married Robert Kirkley and relocated to Mishawaka where she went to work for South Bend Memorial Hospital. While there she developed and launched a wellness program for hospital employees. Her husband's promotion took them to Valparaiso in 1993, so Lorie went to work for Porter County Memorial Hospital as a Cardiac Rehabilitation Nurse. She began taking graduate courses at Purdue University Calumet, taught Sunday School Classes, was a group leader for Bible Study, and served in her church as a choir member and youth leader. Lorie loved to take her Border Collie "Patches" to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes. As an avid cyclist she was a member of the Calumet Crank Club and set a personal record of biking more than 200 miles in one day. Lorie served as President of that club the year of her death.

Lorie's family, friends, and the entire community were terribly shaken when she was abducted from her home and murdered on July 21, 1999. Her body was recovered on September 30, 2005, and a memorial service was held in her honor and memory at the Fulton Baptist Church where Lorie attended growing up. Many memorials have been given to churches, colleges, charitable and non-profit organizations, Police Departments, schools and youth groups in her honor. Lorie's legacy continues through the following: In 2002 Porter Memorial Hospital Foundation started "Lorie's Ride" to honor her memory. On the average, 400 – 600 bikers from many states and countries participate annually and raise \$15,000 - \$20,000 for worthwhile charitable causes. Additionally, the "Lorraine Kirkley Memorial Scholarship" was established at Purdue University Calumet for a graduate nursing student in good standing. Three scholarships are now given each year.

One of the final tributes to Lorie's contribution to the nursing profession was to be inducted posthumously into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, the profession's highest accolade. Her husband, Bob Kirkley, was presented with his wife's certificate while her Mother, Pat Jones, was given her only daughter's membership key.

Lorie's mottos for living were "Others" and "Be the Best You Can Be." Following her death a good friend published a tribute to Lorie's life in the South Bend Tribune and was quoted as saying "I will carry with me the message I believe Lorie gave me and all the others in her life: Love one another. It was a way of life for her and she lived it each day. Let us honor her memory by following her example."



Christopher Sailors '84

Chris Sailors has experienced a successful and diverse career since graduating from Caston High School in 1984. All the while, managing to serve in several different community service and political positions. He is the oldest son of Dan and Sue (Lease) Sailors, and a lifetime resident of Wayne Township in Fulton County.

During his time at Caston, Chris was involved in FFA, football, wrestling and golf, earning a place in the Athletic Hall Of Fame. After graduation, he attended Vincennes University and earned an Associates Degree in Agribusiness in 1986. He then transferred to Western Kentucky University, graduating in 1988 with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture with a Business minor. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity -Alpha Chi Chapter while on campus.

He began his career in agricultural commercial lending with Farm Credit Services in 1988. From that time through 2003, he also worked as Vice-President of Agricultural Lending for Norwest Bank, 1st Source Bank, National City, and Indiana Lawrence Bank. After a brief stint in property & casualty insurance, Chris decided to redirect his career path toward law enforcement in 2005.

He began as a deputy for the Fulton County Sheriff's Department in 2005, graduating from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 2006. In 2008 he graduated from the ISP/ILEA Crime Scene Investigators School. During his time as deputy, Chris was a charter member of the Fulton County Citizens Action Committee, which lobbied the Indiana General Assembly for legislation to reduce methamphetamine labs by scrutinizing pharmacy ephedrine sales. Suited with diverse career experiences, Chris successfully ran for Fulton County Sheriff during the summer of 2014 and was sworn in on January 1, 2015.

Throughout Chris' career, he has also dedicated significant time to community service. He served 12 years on the Fulton County Council, as well as the Board Of Directors for the Indiana Association Of County Councils. Other associations include Indiana Agricultural Bankers Association, Fulton County Leadership Academy, Woodlawn Hospital Building Association, Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department (2000-present), Rochester Fire Department (2001-2013), Fulton County F.O.P, Shop With A Cop Program, Indiana Sheriff's Association, Indiana Drug Enforcement Association, Fulton Masonic Lodge #665, Fulton County Chamber Of Commerce, and Indiana Farm Bureau.

Chris and his wife Deb reside near Grass Creek with their youngest daughter Carrie, currently a junior at Caston. Their oldest daughter Christen resides in Fort Wayne.



Richard A. Fincher '73

Although President of his graduating class in 1973, Richard "Dick" Fincher had no intention of attending college; had not prepared for, nor taken the SAT nor ACT, nor made any financial provisions for continuing his education, so he was surprised when awarded a basketball scholarship to Western New Mexico University the summer after his graduation from Caston High School. Knowing full well that it might be his only opportunity to experience college, he gratefully accepted and it was off to New Mexico! Dick found he liked college, but was homesick for Indiana, so he transferred his credits to Ball State University, finished his degree in 1978 and began teaching at Northwood High School in Nappanee, Indiana in 1979. Although he enjoyed teaching, (still does!), Dick was also anxious to prove he could succeed in the business world, so after just one year of teaching he accepted a position as Labor Relations Manager with United Technologies Group in Peru, Indiana.

Within two years Dick was recruited by Union Carbide Corporation and assigned a plant in Centerville, Iowa. In 1982 Dick was promoted to managing a plant in Osceola, Arkansas and spent the next six years there until promoted to Corporate Manager at the Chicago headquarters. Dick accepted a position with Hoechst Celanese in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1988 and within three years was promoted to Corporate Manager at the New Jersey Headquarters. When the company was sold in 1995, Dick went to work for Novartis Pharmaceuticals and managed the Organizational Development responsibilities for the Research and Development Group, specifically in Western Europe. Dick earned certification in International Training and Facilitation and led projects in Switzerland, Germany, France and the United Kingdom. In 2001 Dick assumed responsibilities as Senior Vice President for Syska Hennessy Group in New York City. Dick had only been in the new position for five months when the terrible tragedy of 9/11 occurred. Luckily, his office, located at 42nd and 5th Avenue was far enough away from the World Trade Center that no one in his organization was injured. Dick served on the Board of Directors for Hoechst Celanese for ten years.

In addition to his undergraduate degree, Dick has held certifications through the American Compensation Association and the American Society for Training and Development. Dick also holds the certification for Senior Professional Human Resources and Global Professional Human Resources through the Society of Human Resources Management and a Webmaster's Certification from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Dick has been retired since 2011, (due to health reasons), but continues to be involved in his church as a Sunday School instructor, as a statewide judge in the Odyssey of the Mind creativity and problem solving program for youth, and he also stays busy with two websites he created: "Caston High Class of 1973" and the Facebook site, "You Know You Grew Up in Fulton." Dick and his wife, Michele, live in Western New Jersey, but recently purchased a second home on Lake Wylie, South Carolina. They enjoy travel, their daughters, Logann and Brittany, and their two grandchildren.

Caston's Distinguished Alumni Program

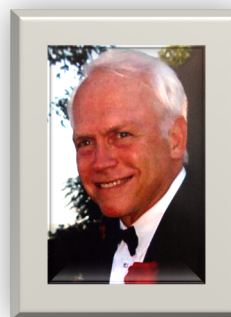
The Caston School district composed of Adams and Bethlehem Townships of Cass County, and Liberty and Wayne Townships of Fulton County united on August 2, 1959, under the jurisdiction of a school board composed of the Township Trustees. During the 1961-62 school year, the four schools of Fulton, Grass 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, groundbreaking 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, 2015-2016, marks the fifth 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 is 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.

Caston School Corporation Distinguished Alumni

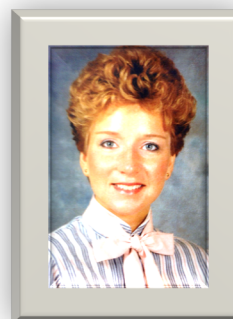
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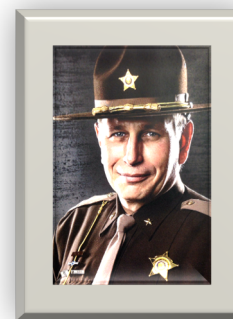
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