

CLASS OF

1984

LANCE KRAMER

Lance Kramer graduated from BHS in 1984. He was born and raised in Bismarck. Lance was a four-year letterman in Track and Field. In 1983, he helped his team become State Champs in the 800M Relay. He was one of the team Captains in his senior year. On the side, Lance displayed his artistic abilities by illustrating various BHS Handbooks and Curriculum Guide Covers.

After graduation, Lance attended Bismarck State, pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering. While at BSC, he continued his track career under the coaching of another Hall of Famer Darrell Anderson. A year later, Lance attended the University of North Dakota, continuing with his Chemistry degree... for one semester. Lance then decided he must at least try to pursue something more along his creative artistic side.

Lance moved to California with some buddies and attended San Diego State University where he received a B.S. in Telecommunications and Film Production. While at SDSU, his animated short, "Denny Goes Air-Surfing," received numerous awards and was featured in various animation festivals. The short won Lance the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Internship Award, which eventually led to him landing a job at Film Roman Animation Studios in 1991.

A year later, Lance found himself as a Character Layout Artist on *The Simpsons*. Since then, he has directed over 17 episodes and various Butterfinger commercials. He has also been a director on Futurama. *The Simpsons* has become one of the most popular television shows in history. Lance has always felt very fortunate that his artwork on the show will bring laughs to millions of people all over the world for generations.

