



CLASS OF

1992

SHANNON MCQUADE-ELY

Shannon McQuade-Ely is a 1992 graduate of Bismarck High School. Shannon was a four-year letter winner in volleyball, three-time All-Region and All-State selection and holds two blocking records at Bismarck High. She was also part of Bismarck High's first State Championship basketball team her senior year in 1991, and was named to the All-Region team and All-State 2nd team that season. She went on to play volleyball for North Dakota State University for two seasons before transferring to Moorhead State, where she played both volleyball and basketball, and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication.

After working several years for a Minor League baseball team and in sports media in Fargo, ND, Shannon moved back to Bismarck to start working for her family's business in 2000. She became the third generation Owner/President of McQuade Distributing Company. Shannon was named President in 2004. In 2008, she became the first third-generation and first female President of the North Dakota Beer Wholesalers Association. Under Shannon, McQuade Distributing surpassed the 1 million case milestone in 2009 and was honored with the Ambassador of Excellence Award by Anheuser-Busch for an outstanding year. In recent years, McQuade Distributing has received many community honors, including the Granite Award, given by the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber.

Shannon has always been a very big community supporter. She has served on many community boards—including the Missouri Valley YMCA, Sanford Foundation, Bismarck-Mandan Chamber, and served as Chair of the Greater North Dakota Chamber. Her greatest joy comes while continuing to serve on the McQuade Softball Charity board. The Sam McQuade Sr.-Budweiser Charity Softball Tournament was started by Shannon's grandfather, Sam McQuade Sr., in 1976. It has generated donations of over \$2.5 million over the years to local charities and continues to grow.

Shannon lives in Bismarck with her husband Dale; together they have four children.

