



Steve Burian

Class of 1986

Thinking big and going beyond — long before that became Steve Burian’s engineering and business motto, it was his way of life. While many people viewed Steve Burian, class of 1986, as an outstanding athlete — a three-sport letter winner in football, basketball, and track — Steve has extended his reach beyond the fields and courts.

Most of Steve’s athletic success was witnessed in the shot put and discus arena where he earned numerous conference and state places as well as the title of CHS’s Most Valuable Field Event Athlete for three years. His senior year, Steve set the school record in the shot put with a throw of 58’ 2.75.”

In the classroom, Steve maintained a 4.0 GPA while completing 14 college credits, leading to his valedictorian status. Adding to his well-rounded high school career, Steve was selected homecoming king, sang in the choir and played in the band, represented Century in the Knowledge Master Open, was a Boys State Representative, and a Junior Rotarian. He was also a National Merit Finalist and received numerous scholarships.

From 1986 to 1990, Steve was a “UND Fighting Sioux” track & field standout, lettering four times and earning four All-American honors. Steve placed in the top three in the shot put and discus at the North Central Conference indoor and outdoor meets in each of the four years he competed. At his final meet, his best throw of his career placed second in the nation. Also during his senior year, he was a team captain and was named Most Valuable Field Events, Most Valuable Athlete, Hardest Worker, and won the Sioux Pride Award. In 2006, Steve was inducted into the UND Athletic Hall of Fame.

Off the field, Steve applies that same drive toward excellence to his professional engineering career. As CEO of Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc., a firm he co-founded in 1991, Steve has grown this company from a two-person firm to a 100-person company with eight offices in a three-state region.

Steve’s commitment to education and athletics continues to go beyond — through scholarship funding and numerous volunteer contributions to his Alma Mater and to the larger community of Grand Forks, where he resides with his wife Barb and two children, Tiahna and Tyler — Steve Burian’s leadership and touch of success has been and will continue to be his trademark.

“I will want to look back on my career and be able to say that I made a significant difference.” – Steve Burian –

