

**STEVEN J. CARELL**  
**Class of 1980**



*Excerpt from the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony:*

Steve Carell is a renowned actor, comedian, writer, producer and director. He left Middlesex and went on to receive a degree in History from Denison University. After performing in many productions at Middlesex and Denison, Steve decided to pursue an acting career.

In 1991 Steve moved to Chicago, where he taught an improvisational comedy class and performed with the Second City Troupe, a premier comedy club, theater and school. While in Second City, Steve began to make television and movie appearances, including his film debut in *Curly Sue*. From 1999 to 2005, Steve was a correspondent on the television series, *The Daily Show*. In 2005, he landed the role of Michael Scott in the NBC sitcom *The Office*, a role for which he received nominations for Emmy, Golden Globe, and Screen Actor Guild awards, each for six consecutive years.

In 2016, Steve was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. To date, Steve has appeared in 37 films and has had multiple television appearances.