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Fennville High School to Honor Command Sergeant Major Leo H. Banaszak IV as 2025 Distinguished Alumni

FENNVILLE, MI – Fennville Public Schools is proud to announce that Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Leo H. Banaszak IV, a 2001 graduate of Fennville High School, has been named the 2025 recipient of the FHS Distinguished Alumni Award. CSM Banaszak will also deliver the keynote address at the Fennville High School Graduation on Thursday, May 22.

CSM Banaszak has built an extraordinary 24-year career in the U.S. Army, demonstrating unwavering dedication, leadership, and excellence. Currently serving as the Battalion Command Sergeant Major of the 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, he has earned numerous accolades, including the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal with Valor, for his bravery in combat. His leadership played a critical role in the successful capture of 35 insurgents during deployment.

Throughout his service, CSM Banaszak has completed five years of combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. His career has taken him across multiple duty stations, and he has also pursued higher education, earning a Master of Science in Management from Excelsior University while balancing the demands of military service.

The FHS Distinguished Alumni Program recognizes truly outstanding graduates to inspire excellence at Fennville Public Schools. This honor is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated true excellence through an achievement, a series of achievements, or an exceptional career. Recognition as a Distinguished Alumnus is the highest honor Fennville Public Schools bestows upon a graduate.

Fennville Public Schools invites the community to join in celebrating CSM Banaszak's achievements at the 2025 Fennville High School Graduation Ceremony. Graduation takes place at George Bruder Memorial Field on the campus of Fennville Public Schools on Thursday, May 22 at 7:30pm.