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EDISON COMMUNITY & SPORTS FOUNDATION ALUMNI NEWS

ANNOUNCING 2020 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI!

JOHN VANDERMYDE



John Vandermyde was born and raised in Northeast Minneapolis. A true “Nordeaster,” he still resides in the same home where he grew up on “the Hill.” Back in the days he was known as a hill boy, but he hung out with guys from “the Valley.”

John graduated from Edison High School in 1958 where he participated in football, basketball, track, vaudeville, and was a member of the National Honor Society. After high school John attended the University of Minnesota where he graduated with a BS degree in Industrial Engineering/ Administration. John served six years in the United States Air Force on active and reserve duty as an Air Evac-Medical Corpsman.

In 1965 John and his wife Darlene (of 56 years), joined The United States Peace Corps in Northeastern Brazil. They worked together for nearly three years on a health and community development project to build five schools and start a factory that produced water filters for home use. Fifty years later, the schools and the factory are still functioning.

Returning to Minnesota, John joined Whirlpool Corporation holding a variety of management positions in engineering, manufacturing & marketing for the next 22 years.

In 1985, John founded his own business the JJ Vanderson Company that sells, designs, installs and services home and business electronic technology systems. In 2006 his sons John and Jay took over the Company now known as JJ Orion/Bravas, which has grown to approximately 35 employees.

DICK ANDERSON



Richard (“Dick”) Anderson has spent most his life in the Northeast area. He graduated from Edison in 1949. While attending Edison, Dick played on both the 1948 football team that was the Minneapolis Conference Champion and Twin City Champion and the 1949 baseball team that was the Minneapolis Conference Champion and State Champion. He attended the University of

Minnesota before enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard where he served three years. Upon returning to Minnesota in 1955, Dick and partner Jerry Cloutier, formed Moderne Sales Company, which sold furniture, appliances and carpet. In 1964 Dick, recognizing a larger opportunity, founded Anderson Furniture. Anderson Furniture, a Northeast legacy, served the community for many years selling quality furniture, appliances and carpeting. The company’s success was primarily due to Dick’s passion for selling, providing personalized service, low prices and customer referrals.

In 1983, Dick was one of four Edison Alumni that met to discuss honoring Pete Guzy, a former teacher, coach and athlete, an Edison legend. As they discussed ideas it quickly became apparent that a more formal structure would be needed to pursue and sustain their vision. Hence was born the Edison Community & Sports Foundation (“ECSF”), which would recognize former alumni, provide student scholarships, support community and

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI, cont...

J. Vandermyde cont...

Through the years, while raising a family of four sons plus an adopted Brazilian daughter (who lives in Minnesota) and working hard at his career, John was also committed to giving back to the community where he lived all his life. A major part of that service was John's long-time involvement in the Edison Community & Sports Foundation (ECSF). He is passionately committed to elevating and maintaining the image of Edison as a great high school experience. He has successfully promoted and encouraged alumni to participate in supporting Edison and the Northeast neighborhood. John has been a cornerstone, ambassador and major contributing factor to the building of the ECFS.

John has also been involved with many other community organizations such as the City of Lakes Rotary Club. He considers Rotary to be the open door to fellowship, opportunity and to pursue participating in "Service above Self!" Rotary is one of his reasons to "get up and get going each day!" Over the years John has received numerous awards and recognitions from Rotary groups throughout the world.

John also served as a counselor to small businesses within SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), President and Board Member of the East Side Neighborhood Services Group and coached wrestling for 10 years in the Minneapolis Park's youth sports program.

Regrettably, John is retiring from the ECSF Board. He will be greatly missed. We are so thankful for his dedication and service over the years. We are pleased to have the honor to recognize John with the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2020. Congratulations to John a truly Distinguished Alumnus!



D. Anderson cont...

school activities and raise the funds needed to sustain the organization. Dick has been passionately involved with ECSF since its inception. His contributions are immense, such as being a Board Member since 1983, chairing the ECSF fundraising dinner for 25 years, Chairman of the Edison 75 Year All Class Reunion in 1997 and leading many other committees and projects. One such project was the ECSF Alumni room at Edison; Dick along with John Vandermyde played an instrumental role in securing this facility. Finally, we must recognize Dick, for it was his idea to create the Distinguished Alumni Award.

One of Dick's greatest attributes is organizational skills, evidenced by founding a successful business, founding of ECSF, President of the East Side Old Timers and Founder and President of the Minnesota Seniors Sports Association.

Dick has been married for 65 years to his wife Gloria and has two sons and a daughter. One of his true passions is his love of softball. Dick has played softball all his life and continues to play up to five times a week during the summer months. Dick has pitched for and managed softball teams that have won 27 National and/or World Titles. Dick has received numerous recognitions for his softball accomplishments such as the Minnesota ASA Hall of Fame – 2003, East Side Old Timers Hall of Fame – 2005, Minnesota USSSA Hall of Fame – 2011 and Minnesota Senior Sports Association Hall of Fame – 2015.

With great honor we recognize Richard "Dick" Anderson with the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2020. It was with Dick's wisdom and foresight that the Edison Community and Sports Foundation was founded, grew and continues as a thriving success. ECSF has had an immeasurable impact on the Northeast Community, Edison High School, students and alumni. There is no one more deserving of this recognition than Dick!

Dick, the last of the founding members still active in ECSF, will be retiring from the Board at the end of 2020. Fortunately Dick will continue to serve on the Edison 2022 Centennial Committee through this very important milestone in the school's history. We all wish Dick the very best, he will be greatly missed.

Reaching Out



The Distinguished Alumni Award was first presented in 2010 to honor Edison graduates for their personal achievements. Edison High School has a rich, vibrant and diverse heritage spanning nearly 100 years. During that century, Edison has many graduates that are well deserving of this prestigious award. The Distinguished Alumni Award is a lasting tribute to the Northeast community of the accomplishments of so many Edison High School graduates. By recognizing the achievements of past graduates we present an inspirational example to current students of the endless opportunities that are well within their reach.

The Distinguished Alumni Award Committee is reaching out to Edison Alumni to solicit candidates for future consideration of the award. We need to hear from you to discover the wonderful achievements over the years!

Please send your Distinguished Alumni nominations to:

Contact us by mail:

Edison Community & Sports Foundation
Attn. Distinguished Alumni Committee
PO Box 68032, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Contact us Electronically via email

EdisonCSF@aol.com

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Hall of Fame Committee News - Class of 2020

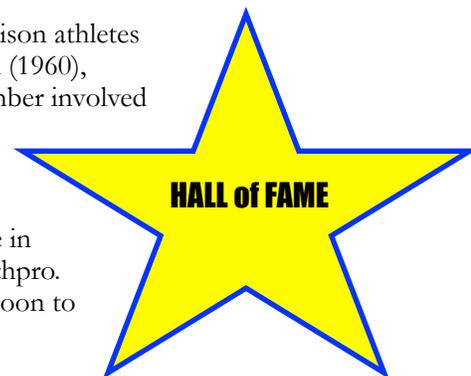
The vote for Hall of Fame inductees was conducted during our May meeting. Three Edison athletes and one staff have been selected for induction. The inducted athletes are: Annliv Bacon (1960), Mike Sedio (1971), and Kevin (Yogi) Hanzlik (1972). Denny McGowen was a staff member involved with the athletic department for 20 years. A more complete biography on inductees will follow when we can hold an induction dinner, potentially in spring.

Wall of Fame

If any past inductees have been in the school's gym lobby, you know that the plaques are in bad shape. We will be replacing them with a new electronic virtual yearbook called Touchpro. Not many schools have this technology and this will restore and archive all of Edison's soon to be 100 years of existence.

We are going to attempt to replace pictures and add biography information for each inductee, something we just started doing in the past few years. In order to get this accomplished, we will need your help.

Please Email pictures and biography information to edisonhof@gmail.com. Biographies should be no longer than two paragraphs in length and should include high school achievements and post high school achievements and family statement (if you want). You could also send bullet points to write the paragraph. Pictures are going to be tough to duplicate and we will need to take yearbook pictures to replace those that can't be saved or re-sent to us. A plaque with just names and year of induction will replace the larger plaques in the gym with the TouchPro board being available to see the larger display. Please attempt to reach out ASAP. This will also allow us to get a contact for you as we are planning Hall of Fame activities for our 100 year Celebration in 2023.



SAVE THE DATE!

EDISON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

September 29th thru October 2nd 2022

Please go on the ECSF website and register for our database. We are trying to build a current data base for contacting Alumni. You will be able to register and then make any updates if your contact info changes. Your information **will not** be shared.

edisonsportsfoundation.org OR edisoncommunitysports@gmail.com

We are planning a social gathering for Thursday, a full day at the School for Homecoming Friday including the Football game, Parade, Marino's dinner, and Variety show in the Auditorium.

Saturday we will hold our special evening celebration and finish up with a Pancake breakfast Sunday.

We will post updates as the events are finalized Mark your calendars for this 4 day Extravaganza!

TOMMIE SPIRIT

REFLECTIONS FROM AN ONLINE PETE GUZY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

My first day of college was Monday, August 24. It's common to have feelings of anxiety or nervousness before such a monumental event. My experience was no different, although the circumstances around it were vastly different from what I envisioned when I applied for the scholarship in September of 2019. Instead of exiting my dorm and walking across campus to my first class, I turned on my laptop and typed the class's 11-digit meeting code on my keyboard. I was nervous because I felt like that moment was a milestone in which I entered a new chapter of my life. However, it would be more accurate to describe it as a continuation of the values that I adhered to and developed during my four years at Edison.

Edison is one of a kind in ways that I am still learning to appreciate. It's a place where one doesn't just learn from the teachers, but also the students. It's a place that takes care of its students rather than just giving them knowledge. Moments of true community and the sharing of diverse experiences were everywhere. One of my countless memories that exemplifies this was a group session at the Community School Collaborative sophomore year with some other students. That year, I had regular therapy sessions with a group of peers in which we would decompress and check in with each other. This was very beneficial to my mental health sophomore year, and the fact that this is not an uncommon occurrence at Edison speaks both to the great work the Collab does and the caring nature of the school's climate. I was very fortunate to grow in this environment and meet my lifelong friends here. Receiving the Pete Guzy Scholarship was a truly great honor because Edison has given me everything and the

recognition from the ECSF that I might, after graduating, have something to give back to the community is special.

Looking ahead, it's astounding how many opportunities my time at Edison has opened up for me. The biggest opportunity was my acceptance to Pomona College this spring. Because of that, I'll have a chance to grow professionally, learn from professors who are experts in their fields, and meet brilliant young people who will shape the future. Other opportunities included my summer job this year with the Minnesota Twins and playing music with former classmates in local bands. However, like all educational experiences that are worth something, Edison has also opened my eyes to my responsibilities upon leaving the halls of Edison. Because I was a Tommie, I know how to take care of a community; its' people, its' spaces, its' energy. I know it's my job to combat injustice wherever I see it. I know it's my job to reach out to my peers and check in on them and care about them. At Pomona and beyond, it's my Edison experience that will ground me and remind me why I am here: for those around me.

To the donors who have made contributions to the ECSF's scholarship fund: thank you so much for your generosity. To the Edison Community and Sports Foundation, I'm deeply honored to be a recipient of Pete Guzy's scholarship. To my fellow students and alumni, y'all are amazing and I feel blessed to be counted among you. To the teachers, administration, social workers, and other faculty at Edison; thank you so much for creating a nurturing culture at Edison.

I'm proud to call myself a lifelong Tommie,
Ben Schneider '20

Update from Principal Warne

You know that old cliché, “You don't know what you've got, until it's gone”? Well, school isn't entirely gone, but all the familiar feelings of September are sadly absent this year. As Edison shifts with Minneapolis Public Schools to online learning for all students, we are all feeling the temporary loss of the sights and sounds we've grown to love. The smell of burgers cooking at the Eastside BBQ. The sight of students and families flooding through the front doors for our Open House event. The sounds of voices echoing through the corridors of our beautiful school building.

As we miss the rituals and routines we took for granted, our love for Edison—our community, our building, our

traditions—grows even stronger. I am fortunate to be working from the building during this time. Every day I look out my office window to see Edison students playing soccer on 22nd Avenue or gathering to talk on the front steps or riding their bikes past on their way to the Football field. There is a pull that brings our students back here, to this place of learning, pride and love.

While we are sad by some of the ways that school is different this year, we also are happy to be building a greater sense of appreciation for all that Edison is for us.



Letter from President Iacarella



Greetings fellow Tommies and friends of Edison,

Summer has quickly slipped by us in this crazy year of limited socializing and no State Fair! However, with the change of seasons and the hope of some type of cure on the horizon, we are looking forward at ECSF to some fun things ahead of us for you all to partake in. First, mark your calendars for **Wednesday October 21st** for our “Indeed-We-

Can” Oktoberfest fundraiser at Indeed Brewery. The event will take place from 3:00 PM to 11:00 and all profits from beer sales that night will be donate to ECSF. Indeed Brewery, will be practicing safe COVID 19 protocol and there is an ample outdoor patio to accommodate a large gathering. We will have entertainment and an appearance by the Edison Alumni band if you are looking forward to seeing some live entertainment. So, all of you who have been cooped up the past few months and would like to share a beer or two with some friends for a great cause, call Indeed to make reservations now or just stop down and hope for a seat! Zigg, Zoggy, Zigg, Zoggy, Oyi, Oyi, Oyi

Second, I want to acknowledge our ECSF Golf Committee for putting together our scholarship golf tournament this year. It was not easy with all the restrictions put on us by the city, however through persistence by our Golf Committee Chair Tom Johnson

and former chair John Vandermyde, we were able to secure a date of Monday September 21st starting at 9:08 with 18 consecutive tee times. As of the time of this writing I know there are a few slots available, but they are filling up fast. So, if you are interested in playing, please go to our website and check to see if you can register.

Third, the 100 years of Edison Centennial dates have been set for the year 2022. The dates will be Thursday September 29th, Friday 30th, Saturday October 1st, Sunday 2nd. I know this is two years away, however I want everyone to know so you can set your travel schedules and make sure you can attend this once in a lifetime event. It’s going to be an incredible stretch of four days connecting with the old neighborhood, meeting old friends, making new ones and having a fun time with people you shared part of your life with. To contact all these alumni will be our toughest task. However, you can make our job a lot easier if all the keepers of class reunion information could reach out to Jay Johnson, our communications chair. For any questions regarding this request contact Jay at jay@jayjohnson.tv. All information will be kept confidential and only used for this event. More details for all the days events will be coming soon.

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and looking forward to seeing all of you soon at some of our ECSF functions.

Go Tommies!
Mike Iacarella
President
Edison Community and Sports Foundation



2020 Oktoberfest for ECSF at Indeed

Fall is in the air and we know it has been a while since you’ve had a few beers with friends. So, why not venture out for a few with some pals at the “ECSF Oktoberfest” at Indeed Brewery. Indeed Brewery has again selected the Edison Community and Sports Foundation (ECSF) as one of their special northeast community non-profits to participate in their “Indeed-We-Can” community giving program. Indeed has committed to donating all profits raised from beer tap-room sales, delivery (1-5) and Ox to go window the night of **Wednesday October 21st from 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM** to the ECSF. Indeed Brewery is located one block east of 15th and Monroe St. It is great to see a local company committed to helping community organizations such as the ECSF. **Because of COVID guidelines, Indeed will be practicing safety measures enforced by city codes. Please call in and reserve a table of up to six guests so you can guarantee a spot. Indeed has a large outdoor patio with tents for safe social distancing. You can stay up to 90 minutes.** We have lots of fun things planned for the night, live festive music by Joe Macko and there of course will be food trucks for those wanting a little to eat in between beverages. The Alumni band will be

performing at around 6:00 PM for those who might want to hear a little “Blue Gold”. It’s free to get in, so bring friends and anyone who enjoys some of the best craft brew in the country. Please put **Wednesday October 21st** on your phones, spread the word on your social media pages and come to Indeed Brewery to help support the ECSF. You’ll have a ball Oktoberfest style!



Zigg, Zoggy Zigg, Zoggy Oyi Oyi Oyi!!!

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Great class of 1968, Dan Carr, in honor of the Edison Alumni Band, Theresa Ferrara, in memory of Chuck Sanocki, '68, Mary Jaszewski, in memory of Richard Yates, Joan Kampmeyer, in memory of Frank Kampmeyer, June Parsons, in honor of our memorable class of 1954!, Phil Podany, in memory of Terry Lein, '67, Connie Vincent

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Paul Johnson, '48
Stanley Kocon

Corinne Bentzen Krafty
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Jeanette Long, '57
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Marjorie (Eckman) Mellem, '44
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Timothy Neeb, '74

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Chuck Sanocki, '68
Gordie Solz, '58
Anne (Kocon) Stokowski, '44
Joyce (Mondeng) Swanson, '49
Ken Sweasy, '56
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REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Class of 1951 - Annual Luncheon

This year's luncheon at Jax's Cafe has been **cancelled** due to Covid-19. Next year is our 70th anniversary. Hope to see you then. Call with questions or suggestions: MaryAnn Sarich Erickson, 612-787-6750 or Betty Podany Nelson 715-222-2355.

Class of 1954 - Postponed

We hope to reschedule for some time in November. If interested in attending, contact Jack Anderson at 612-695-5256.

Class of 1955 - Cancelled

Class of 1960

Corona virus may make it later next year. **Email us - sjmarien@aol.com**

Class of 1975

October 10, 2020 at Elsie's, 6pm. Contact Mary Sedesky Dalbec at 763-245-0299

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EDISON COMMUNITY & SPORTS FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Edison Community & Sports Foundation is to engage students, staff, alumni and community to direct resources to support programs, facilities and opportunities that advance Edison.



The Edison Community & Sports Foundation is looking to expand Gambling Operations. If you have contacts with any local establishments please contact our Gambling Manager Lynn Miskowic at 612-296-7283 or email us at EdisonCSF@aol.com



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 3675 Minnehaha Av S
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 Bingo Sunday 3:30



Market Bar-B-Que
 220 NE Lowry Ave
 Election gambling (everyday)
 Pull tab machine (everyday)



Stanley's Northeast Bar Room
 2500 University Ave NE
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 Bingo: Sunday 3:30
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Board of Director meetings are held at Edison High School on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Changes will be posted on our website www.EdisonSportsFoundation.org
Michael Iacarella, President
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Do you have something to share? If you have an item of interest to Edison alumni, please send it to us and we will include it. Interesting historical photos, class reunion announcements, or anything to do with Edison school will be considered.

The ECSF would also like to offer classes the opportunity to utilize our mailing services and non-profit mailing permit. Please contact us for more information.

Send your information to:

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