



# Igniting Impact

**Congratulations to our 2023  
Making A Difference  
Award Recipients!**

Individual: Theodore "Ted" Ripke  
Business: Care & Share  
Organization: Kamco (not pictured)



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## Letter from the Foundation Executive Director...



Not only does Spring/Summer usher in the beauty of the seasons; it also is a time when the NSCC Foundation is fluttering with activity. We truly did see how impactful dollars raised towards scholarship opportunities for students comes full circle with our Scholarship Reception held on April 20.

May brought us five new Distinguished Alumni recipients who were celebrated at a special luncheon prior to commencement on May 13. Of course, we can't forget the annual Green Carpet Event and three new Making A Difference award receivers!

June 30 will mark NSCC Proud Day. This is an opportunity for alumni, students, faculty/staff and the community to display their pride in their NSCC roots. P.S. Don't forget to send us your photo to share on social media - hint, hint.

Enjoy your summer AND thank you for your continued commitment to our student community.

*Robbin Wilcox*

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NSCC Executive Foundation Director



NSCC Golf Outing - September 15 @ Hickory Sticks Golf Club, Van Wert

# NSCC

# PROUDLY

# GIVING back

NSCC Proud Day - June 30, 2023



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The mission of the Foundation is to enhance, expand and sustain Northwest State so that it can continue to fulfill its mission of creating opportunities for transformational learning.

## Save the Date! DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

November 3, 2023  
Northwest State  
Community College  
Benefiting NSCC  
student scholarships



## NSCC PROUD NSCC Proud Day 2023

Each year, on June 30, Northwest State celebrates NSCC Proud Day. It's a day where alumni, students, faculty and community members come together to share their pride and what makes them NSCC Proud.

Below are some ways you can help us celebrate and share your NSCC Proud moments with us:

- Post photos on NSCC Facebook page - share it by using #NSCCProud and tagging us
- Email us a message and photos to [Alumni@NorthwestState.edu](mailto:Alumni@NorthwestState.edu) and we'll gladly post on social media
- Wear your NSCC swag to display your NSCC PRIDE!



## "Oh, What a Night!": 2023 Green Carpet Event



The 13th Annual Green Carpet event was held on Thursday, May 18th and what a night it was! Once again, the NSCC Foundation rolled out the Green Carpet to guests to raise funds for student scholarships and celebrate the newest recipients of the Making a Difference Award.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by The Motor City Sensations and Chuck Summers. During the festivities, guests enjoyed heavy appetizers, prime rib, shrimp cocktail and a variety of dessert options. A lively silent auction was packed with generous in-kind donations from community members and businesses for attendees to bid on.

This year, Felisha Zimmer was chosen as the student speaker. Felisha shared the many obstacles she has overcome in her life and how impactful being part of the NSCC community has positively transformed her life. To hear her full story visit: [NorthwestState.edu/Green-Carpet](http://NorthwestState.edu/Green-Carpet).

The evening concluded with honoring this year's Making a Difference Award recipients Theodore "Ted" Ripke, Care & Share and Kamco. The Making a Difference Awards are presented by the NSCC Foundation Board to recognize excellence in the betterment of the communities served by Northwest State Community College.

Thank You Sponsors!!

Thank you to the following sponsors for their generosity in making the Green Carpet Event a HUGE success!

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## Distinguished Alumni Recipients Announced:

The Distinguished Alumni Award represents the most prestigious award presented by the Alumni Association of Northwest State. This award was established in 1998 to honor graduates of Northwest State Community College who have achieved recognized prominence in their chosen career and have made significant contributions to their profession, community, and the lives of others. Congratulations to the newest Distinguished Alumni Award recipients:

Jim Drewes Class of 1983    Tara Garza Class of 2002    Elizabeth Grimes Class of 1997

Orlando Santiago Class of 2005    Christina Switzer Class of 2010

## Distinguished Alumni

2023

Jim Drewes  
Tara Garza  
Elizabeth Grimes  
Orlando Santiago  
Christina Switzer

2021

Heidi DeSota  
Tiffany Johnston

2020

Terika Elston  
Ruth Kauffman

2019

Brad Hurtig  
William (Bill) Lammers  
Dr. Michael Sawvel

2018

Todd Grisier  
Danielle Spring  
Anna Trubey  
Janette Wagner

2017

Jennifer Behnfeldt  
Dennis Clapp  
Mary Clapp  
Colin Doolittle  
Andrew (A.J.) Genter  
Stefanie Rockey

2016

Diane Hoops

2015

Patricia Frank  
Niki Mosier  
Wendy Munk  
Jason Sprow

2014

Dr. Jana Bourn  
Travis Starbuck

2013

Kim Feehan  
Dennis Postema  
Carol Vasko  
Trevor Weaver

2012

Nicole Baden  
Julie Leatherman  
Kevin Sonnenberg  
(posthumously)†

2011

Suzanne Bailey  
Mary Beth Royal

2010

Janet Engler  
Terice Warncke†

2009

Leon Smith  
Daryl Stockburger  
Jeffrey Wilson

2008

Deanna Sue Kohl  
Nicholas Vajen

2007

Jim Barnes  
Alicia Buehrer  
Jan Lauro  
Scott Sallows

Mary Schroeder  
Kevin Schwiebert†  
Kathryn Soards

2006

Judy Thrasher  
James Rufenacht

2005

Dale Becker  
John Daeger  
Kathryn Smith  
Mindy Stayner

2004

Tanya Brunner  
Stephen Casebere  
Lynn Elston  
Antoinette Thomas

2003

Deborah Buchenberg-  
Chandler  
Gina Fernbaugh  
Bette Hughes  
Denise Leu

Kevin Maynard  
Rebecca Thatcher

2002

John Moon  
Francisco Sanchez  
Mickey Schwarzbek  
Robert Wisler

2001

Alex Brandt  
Ron Coles  
Michelle Eisel  
Lynda VonDeylen-Cramer

2000

Joyce Combs  
Darrell Handy  
Dr. Terry Holman

Robert Kroeger  
Thomas Snivley  
Patrick Weidenhamer

1999

Judy Brubaker†  
Patricia Dailey†  
Dale Mathys†  
Kurt Nofziger  
Eugene Schubert

1998

Dr. Randall Frey  
Tim Kline  
Von Plessner  
David Shaffer  
David VonDeylen



† Denotes alumni is deceased

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