



# Onaway Area Schools Alumni Association

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## OASAA's First Alum of the Year Accepts Award

Here's what 2008 Alum of the Year Lyle Everingham said in his acceptance speech:

"The selection by the Board of the Onaway Area Schools Alumni Association of me as the first Alum of the Year is an honor that I certainly appreciate. It means a great deal to me and my family.

Just a few words of thanks to Onaway and particularly the Onaway Area School System for the solid foundation it provided for me as I have lived my life. Three important attributes stand out in my mind as I recall my thirteen years there. They are (1) Hard Work, or Work Hard, (2) Determination, and (3) Cooperation. Hard work was always manifested by the teachers and expected by them from the students. Deter-

mination, by competing and by completing tasks assigned was encouraged. Cooperation or teamwork was always high on the agenda. Cooperation among teachers, parents, and students was high priority and was quietly but effectively managed.

It is my belief that those three ingredients were character builders and helped me and my siblings establish a firm foundation for our personal and business lives. We owe a great deal to those who taught us these principles.

I'm very pleased to accept this commendation and thank all who made it possible."

Lyle Everingham-Class of 1944

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Alum of the Year Trophy

## Future Alum of the Year Awards

Thanks to member Virginia Schaedig for nominating this year's Alum of the Year, Lyle Everingham. Everyone else should be thinking about possibilities for consideration at next March's board meeting. The Alum of the Year can be anyone who attended Onaway Schools and has become successful, whether the success is financial or humanitarian, local or on a larger

scale. The board asks that you provide contact and background information for your nominee and reasons for your belief that the person deserves the award.

(Note: The word "alum" is used to cover alumnus (male) or alumna (female). Those pesky Latin words were simplified by use of the term, which is informal but workable.)