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Alumni and Dedicated Supporters of Centennial Schools Inducted into Hall of Fame

*Roger Crawford, Michelle Kline, Duane Carlson, and Dick Lasch
honored at homecoming festivities*

September 22, 2016 (Circle Pines, MN)—**Roger Crawford, Michelle Kline, Duane Carlson, and Dick Lasch** will be inducted into the Centennial School District Hall of Fame on Friday, September 23. Induction coincides with various homecoming events, including a luncheon, pep fest honorary ball toss, and the homecoming half-time show. The induction will take place at 11:45am at Centennial High School, 4757 North Road, Circle Pines, Minnesota. The District's Hall of Fame recognizes its alumni and members of the community for their professional accomplishments and commitment to youth and the District's communities.

"It is an honor to recognize members of the Centennial community who have made an impact on our students and on society," said **Brian Dietz, Superintendent of Centennial Schools**. "Our recipients demonstrate outstanding professional accomplishments and have a longstanding history of service to the District."

Roger Crawford, Distinguished Alumnus, Class of 1970. Crawford was assigned to the USS Oriskany in Oakland, California as a journalist in the Navy before becoming a teacher and principal. Crawford has also served on the Mora City Council and Kanabec County Board, as Mayor of Mora, and elected to the House of Representatives where he served District 8B.

Michelle Kline, Distinguished Alumna, Class of 1987. Kline was a two-time Olympian in Speed Skating, participating on the United States Olympic Team in the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France and in 1994 in Lillehammer, Norway. Today Kline is the Director of Operations for MHC Culinary Group at the Saint Paul RiverCentre.

Duane Carlson, Distinguished Service, 1969-2007. Carlson taught math at the middle school and high school levels and was named Teacher of the Year in 1990. Over 50 seasons, he coached more than 40 Centennial teams in football, basketball, and softball with a record of 322 and 104. He was named one of the top 10 coaches for most wins in Minnesota softball history.

Dick Lasch, Distinguished Service, 1960-2000. Lasch was a fifth and sixth grade teacher at Centennial, coach and recreation director for the community. He was devoted to developing and improving sport and recreational programming and laid the foundation for many of sports associations intact today. He was also the founder of the girls golf program at Centennial.

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