

2021

Steve Quakenbush is a 1974 graduate of Garden City High School. He received an Associate's degree from Garden City Community College in 1976 and a Bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University in Mass Communications in 1979. He is currently the Director of the Finney County Historical Society. He started his career as the Editor of the Haskell County Monitor Chief in Sublette, Kansas. He was a reporter and News Editor at the Southwest Daily Times in Liberal, Kansas, before becoming Executive Director of Public Relations for Garden City Community College for 23 years. Through his tenured career as a public information director he earned a series of awards from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations as well as Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medallion Awards for television commercial production, news/feature writing, and print advertising. He has led the museum and historical society with major new exhibits, boosting attendance in museum visits, and tripling the holding of the in-house research library. He has also given back to the community through his leadership on the Convention and Tourism Advisory Board, Retired Senior Volunteer Program Advisory Board, March of Dimes Walk America Committee, and the Garden City Telegram Reader's Advisory Council.

James "Jim" Fishback, M.D. is a 1973 graduate of Garden City High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Biology from Southwestern College in 1977, a Master of Science degree in Biochemistry from Kansas State University in 1979, and his Doctor of Medicine at the University of Kansas, School of Medicine, in 1983, where he was a pathologist from 1986 until his retirement in 2018. He spent two years as the Residency Program Director in the Department of Pathology and did two years as Chairman of the Pathology Department. He was honored by his medical students with the annual "Student Voice Award", which he received for more than 20 consecutive years. He also received numerous awards during his career including the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Classroom Teacher in 2000, Ruth Bohan Distinguished Teaching Professorship in 2004, was named The Kemper Foundation Fellow for teaching Excellence in 1999 and 2006 and received the prestigious Chancellor's Club Distinguished Teaching Professorship. He also served as Director of Curriculum and Design at KU. He spent 25 years in the Air Force Reserves reaching the rank of Colonel. He retired as the Vice Commander of the 442nd Medical Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base. After retiring from the Air Force he became a Medical Intelligence Analyst to help defend our country against biological threats.

2020

Dan Fankhauser is a 1962 graduate of Garden City High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University in Architecture. He is a long-time resident of Garden City and currently is a successful businessman with his brother in a number of businesses and runs his own architectural firm, Dan Fankhauser, AIA, Architect. He helped develop the Fankhauser addition, along with several office and retail buildings in the community including Fulton Terrace, half of Kansas Plaza and the complex at Main and Walnut along with being the architect for many buildings in the community. He served on the Garden City, Finney County Planning Commission for 22 years, on the Garden City Commission for nine years and was Mayor of Garden City twice during his tenure on the commission. He has received a number of community awards for his service and leadership in numerous associations and organizations in the community.

Robert Lewis is a 1976 graduate of Garden City High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Grinnell College and a Juris Doctorate from Stanford Law School. He is currently active in two law firms, in Freeman Lewis, LLC, Co-Founding Partner, and Marsh Law Firm, Senior Counsel, in New York City. His experiences have led to a professional career in Domestic and International Law. He has taken on the crimes and corruption of the sexual exploitation of children in our country. His direct involvement with the important *Paroline v. U.S.* (2014), which was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, led to the landmark Child Victims Act of the State of New York. He translated from German to English the Introductory Chapter of "Drug Laws in Europe", which was commissioned by the German Federal Criminal Police Office. He has also produced a number of publications. He continues to be a model in his leadership for all that he has done nationally and even here in Garden City.

2019

Beth Tedrow is a 1955 graduate of Garden City High School. She received her Associate's degree from Garden City Junior College, Bachelor of Science degree from The University of Kansas, and a Master's from Fort Hays State University. She started her career as a science and math teacher at Garden City High School. She was a Mathematics Instructor, Dean of Women, Counselor, Recruitment Coordinator, Director of Admissions and finally Dean of Student Services during her tenure at Garden City Community College. She has given back to the community through her participation in many associations and organizations that she has served on in the state and community.

Bryce Roderick is a 1963 graduate of Garden City High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oklahoma State University and a Master's from the United States Sports Academy. He was a local business owner and was actively involved in community organizations and activities. He served as the assistant Director of Athletics at Garden City Community College, was National Junior College Athletic Association Region VI Assistant Women's Division Director, and became the Assistant Commissioner for the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference and one year later was named Commissioner, serving until his retirement in 2018. He also served as the NJCAA National President and received numerous NJCAA awards during his tenure.

2018

Melinda Hitz is a 1975 graduate of Garden City High School. She received her associate's degree from Garden City Community College and is a graduate with honors from Fort Hays State University in Business with an emphasis in Accounting. Mrs. Hitz is a Certified Public Accountant and is currently the Director of Finance for the City of Garden City. She has received numerous national awards for her job in the city. She has also given back to the community through her service on many associations and organizations that she has served on in the state and community.

Alan Stoecklein is a 1973 graduate of Garden City High School. He graduated from Garden City Community College, received Kansas Police Officer certification from the Kansas Law Enforcement Center, and a KU Certified Public Manager certificate. He had a successful and tenured career in law enforcement working in Ulysses, Garden City and Kansas Highway Patrol. In the KHP, he was a Trooper, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Acting Colonel, and was selected by Governor Parkinson to act as Interim Superintendent of the Patrol from December 2010 – February 2011 during transition of Governors. He was then promoted to Lieutenant Colonel as Assistant Superintendent for the 800-member Agency from February 2011 to September 2014. He retired in 2014 after 34 years of dedicated service in the Kansas Highway Patrol.

2017

Todd Tichenor is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School. He received his associate's degree from Garden City Community College and is a graduate with honors from the Jim Evans Academy of Professional Umpiring. Mr. Tichenor is currently a Major League Baseball (MLB) umpire.

Mark Schreiber is a 1974 graduate of Garden City High School. He graduated with an Associate's degree from Garden City Community College, Bachelor of Arts degree with honors in biology and a master's degree with honors in biology from Emporia State University and has continued his studies at the University of Kansas. He currently is the representative for the 60th District in the Kansas House.

2016

John P. Wheeler, Jr. is a 1965 graduate of Garden City High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fort Hays State University and a Juris Doctorate from Washburn University. He served for many years as the Finney County Attorney.

John D. Pinegar is a 1978 graduate of Garden City High School. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washburn University. He has a long and distinguished career in serving the State of Kansas. He is currently the president of Pinegar, Smith & Associates in Topeka, Kansas.

2015

Michael Quint is a 1968 graduate of Garden City High School. He received his Associates degree from Garden City Community College, a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kansas, and a Juris Doctorate from Washburn School of Law. He currently serves as District Judge for the 25th Judicial District. He has also given back to the community of Garden City through many associations and organizations that he has served and is an active member of his church.

Dr. Bradley Hart is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School. He graduated with honors from the University of Kansas with a degree in Chemistry. He has a Doctorate in Physical Organic Chemistry from the University of California, Irvine. He currently serves as the Director of the Forensic Science Center at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. His work serves to protect the national interests and security of the nation at home and abroad.

2014

Janet Sears Reed is a 1975 graduate of Garden City High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Mary of the Plains, Summa Cum Laude, and received a Master of Arts degree from Fort Hays State University, Summa Cum Laude. She currently serves as the Library media specialist at Garden City High School. She has also given back to the community of Garden City through many associations and organizations. She was named the Outstanding Administrator for the Southwest Kansas Music Educator's Association in 2008.

Alex Heard is a 1975 graduate of Garden City High School. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and is the editorial director of *Outside* magazine. He is the author of the book Apocalypse Pretty Soon: Travels in End-Time America and The Eyes of Willie McGee: A Tragedy of Race, Sex, and Secrets in the Jim Crow South. He was the executive editor for *Wired* magazine. He has also edited and written for *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New Republic* and *Slate*.

2013

Stewart Nelson is a 1972 graduate of Garden City High School. He received Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Studies from the University of Nebraska. He currently serves as the managing partner in the architectural firm at Gibson, Mancini, Carmichael and Nelson, in Garden City. He has been the project architect for many building projects in the community especially the new Garden City High School facility that the community is very proud of. He has also given back to the community of Garden City through many leadership positions in numerous associations and organizations.

David Weibe is a 1964 graduate of Garden City High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Kansas. He also graduated with honors with a Master of Divinity Degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He works as the Chief Engineer at Siemens Energy, Gas Turbine Division in Orlando, Florida.

His most significant accomplishment was as a pastor who founded a Haitian-American Church in his community. His most significant accomplishment as an engineer was that he led the design of the prototype afterburners for the F-22 military jet fighter engines. He holds a number of US patents and patents pending on military jet engine components and industrial gas turbine engine components.

2012

Charles Robinson is a 1973 graduate of Garden City High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Wyoming. He is a long-time resident of Garden City and currently serves as the President of Robinson Oil Company in Garden City. His dedication to family and business is equaled by his service to his church and community. He takes his responsibility to his community very serious and works tirelessly on behalf of the community.

Rebecca Robinson is a 1980 graduate of Garden City High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Oklahoma State University. She works for the U.S. Department of Foreign Service and is currently on assignment in Geneva, Switzerland for the United States Mission to the United Nations. She has received numerous awards for her support work in international relations of the United States around the globe.

2011

Allen Shelton is a 1968 graduate of Garden City High School. He is a long time resident of Garden City and has served as the fire chief for Garden City since 1984. He has been with the Garden City Fire Department for 36 years. He is a member of the International Fire Chief Association, a member of the States Pro-Chiefs and served on the KU fire service advisory board for five years.

Michael Linenberger, M.D., is a 1974 graduate of Garden City High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Kansas in 1978, and his Doctor of Medicine at the University of Kansas, School of Medicine, in 1982. Dr. Linenberger holds a fellowship in Hematology/Oncology and is board certified in the American Board of Internal Medicine, Subspecialty Board of Hematology.

2010

Kevin Bascue is a 1980 graduate of Garden City High School. He is a long time resident of Garden City and has served as the Sheriff for Finney County since 1997. He holds a number of records in high school track and in college as a baseball player. He was the 17th round draft pick of the New York Yankees winter draft in 1981. He was selected to the Big 8 Baseball All Tournament team while playing for the University of Kansas. He is also the first baseball player ever

inducted into the Garden City Community College Athletic Hall of Fame. His number was also retired at the college in 2004.

He contributes to the community through various volunteer activities. He is a board member and mentor with Finney County Big Brothers and Big Sisters. He has also coached numerous summer baseball teams.

Brian Babcock was a 1978 graduate of Garden City High School. He earned a Masters degree in Sports Injury Rehabilitation and Physical Education at Southern Illinois University (SIU) in 1983. During his time at SIU he participated in gymnastics where he was a National Champion gymnast. He was the sixth gymnast to be inducted into the SIU Hall of Fame.

2009

Clifford Mayo is a 1952 graduate of Garden City High School. He is a long time resident of Garden City and has managed and run the family farm. Still to this day, he leads a principled life as a respected family man, hard working farmer, strong person of faith, and a dedicated public servant to Garden City and Finney County.

He is still an active farmer and currently serves the community as a member of the Finney County Commission. He is also an active member of the First United Methodist Church.

Mark Fox is a 1987 graduate of Garden City High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Eastern New Mexico University in 1991. He received a Master of Science degree in Athletic Administration and Sports Psychology from the University of Kansas in 1996. He was recently selected and named the Head Men's Basketball Coach at the University of Georgia.

2008

Juana "Janie" Perkins is a 1980 graduate of Garden City High School. She graduated Cum Laude in 1998 from Newman University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She received her Master's degree in 2000 from Newman University.

Perkins is currently the Supplemental Programs Coordinator for Garden City Public Schools. She is also a member of the Kansas Board of Regents. She was the first Hispanic female city commissioner and mayor of Garden City. She is also an active member of many state and local organizations.

Commander Logan Jones is a 1983 graduate of Garden City High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography in 1987. He received a Master of Science degree in 1993 from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Science degree from the Naval War College in 1999.

Commander Jones commanded the USS REUBEN JAMES (FFG 57) from December 2004 to July 2006. Commander Jones reported for duty as Reactor Officer in the USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) in January 2007, where he assumed responsibility for maintenance and operations on an eight nuclear reactor propulsion plant. He was recently selected for promotion to the rank of Captain. He was also recently selected for subsequent assignment in Major Command.

2007

Joyce Henkle Boone is a 1946 graduate of Garden City High School. She graduated Cum Laude in 1950 from Wichita State University with a double major in Sociology and History. She received her Masters degree in 1975 from Wichita State University.

For 26 years Boone taught Sociology and Marriage and Family at Garden City Community College (1967-1993). She became the first woman division head that the college had employed by becoming the Social Science Division Director in 1980. In 1969 she initiated the program call "Project: I Care" a community service project in which the students worked with troubled children in the community on a one-to-one friendship basis. Students who volunteered received on the job training in understanding problems of younger children. She has received numerous community service awards. She was a 5th grade Sunday School Teacher for 26 years along with serving on various committees at the First United Methodist Church over the past 50 years.

Bob Montgomery is a 1954 graduate of Garden City High School. He earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education in 1959 from Bethany College. He received his Master of Music Education degree in 1963 from Michigan State University.

Montgomery taught students from 1961 to 1993 as a K-12 music teacher at Roxbury, Kansas all the way up to being Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Denver. From 1963 to present, he has preformed with artists from Frankie Avalon to Roger Williams. He has performed all over the world in various bands and festivals. He has performed with

the Denver Symphony Orchestra, the Kansas City Chiefs Band, the Denver Broncos Band along with many other orchestras. He has been a clinician, adjudicator and soloist in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and other states around the country. He has had a number of pieces of music published through Walrus Music Publishing, Klatka Music Publishing, Polytone Music and Mission Music.

2006

Michael E. Collins is a 1964 graduate of Garden City High School. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Sociology, and is a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law in 1971 with a Juris Doctorate. He is a partner in the private practice of law with Hope, Mills, Bolin, Collins, and Ramsey in Garden City. He and his wife, Janice, have three children, who are also graduates of Garden City High School: Brian, 26, Sarah, 22, and Erin, 18.

Collins is an active member of the Garden City community. He is currently vice-president on the St. Catherine Hospital Board. He is also an active member of his church serving on various committees. He was also an active past president on the Buffalo Booster Club and Volleyball Setters Club support groups at Garden City High School.

Timothy L. Williamson, M.D., is a 1986 graduate of Garden City High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry in 1990 from Baker University, and his Doctor of Medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1995. Dr. Williamson holds a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine and also in pulmonary vascular diseases and lung transplantation. He is board certified in the American Board of Internal Medicine.

2005

Florence Wilson is a 1938 graduate of Garden City High School, a 1940 graduate of Garden City Community College and she has a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Kansas State Teacher's College at Emporia. She was an educator for thirty years in Garden City until her retirement in 1979.

In 1974 Wilson was listed in the "Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America". She was one of three finalists in the State of Kansas for the Master Teacher Award in 1976-77 and that same year she was nominated Outstanding Classroom Teacher in U.S.D. 457.

On October 11, 1981, Florence Wilson Elementary School was dedicated in her honor in Garden City. In 1985 she was inducted into the Kansas Teacher's Hall of Fame. Recently she was one of six people selected as a Distinguished Alumni of Emporia State University.

Florence Wilson is still active in education today. She goes to her school every Friday and reads to the students in attendance.

Carl Martin is a 1956 graduate of Garden City High School. He received his Bachelors degree from Southwestern College in 1960 and earned his Master of Divinity in 1963 while in Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He earned a Masters degree from Northwestern University in 1965 and has a Doctorate of Education from Southwestern College.

Martin started his career as a pastor at the United Methodist Church in Mount Hope, Kansas in 1964. In 1967 he became Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Religion at Southwestern College. In 1974, he became pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Great Bend.

Martin became the Winfield District Superintendent of the Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1980. In 1984, he became Senior Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hutchinson.

In 1988 he became President of Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. During his decade as president, he restored the college's crumbling facilities, academic foundations, and morale.

In 2001, he became interim President and CEO of United Methodist Youthville in Newton, Wichita and Dodge City, Kansas.

Carl Martin is now retired and is active as a board of director on a couple of state organizations. He is also on call to substitute as a minister.

2004

Katherine Hart is a 1942 graduate of Garden City High School, earned a degree in Business Administration and Accounting from the University of Colorado in 1946. She is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma, Scholastic honorary society/Collegiate business schools.

Katherine worked for Henkle Drilling Company from 1967 to 1978. Starting in 1978 she became the Administrative Trustee and Secretary for the Finnup Foundation Trust, where she currently works.

Ironically, this year of 2004, marks the anniversary of Ms. Hart's famous ancestor, Frederick Finnup coming to Garden City in April of 1879, exactly one hundred and twenty-five years ago. Under Katherine's guidance, the Finnup

Foundation has made many lasting contributions to the establishment of many major infrastructure needs within Garden City. In, 1983, when the Garden City Public Library became a county library, the Finnup Foundation at that critical moment in time, matched money from a bond issue and construction of our present Finney County Library began. In the mid-1990s, a million dollar foundation gift was presented to the City of Garden City to build the Finnup Center for Conservation Education. This Center has been very beneficial to a generation of students and families from within our community, across the state, and throughout the region. This was a vision of Katherine, extended to young students coming to the Center to learn more about nature, conservation and in many ways, about humanity.

Hart has served on many civic boards, organizations and committees through the years. She has served on the Salvation Army Board, Finney County Historical Society Board, St. Catherine Hospital Foundation Board, Rotary, Monday Club, just to name a few. Hart, along with her husband, the late Dean Hart, and the Hart family were awarded the prestigious Pioneer Family of the Year by the Finney County Historical Society. From financial grants extending to the Garden City Information Technology Center, to educational scholarships awarded to area students, Katherine Hart and the Finnup Foundation have long established their continued legacy of giving back to the community.

Hart has also helped compile, edit and print two books. "The Story of My Life, by Frederick Finnup." This is an historical book of Frederick Finnup and "Memories From the Heart," by Dean Hart. This book is the Story of the life of Dean Hart, Katherine's late husband. It is a fateful depiction of Dean's life in Kansas, of going to war, becoming a Prisoner of War, life after the war, and in raising a family in Garden City.

Dean Angeles is a 1962 graduate of Garden City High School, earned his Master's Degree in Music Education from Fort Hays State University in 1969. He has conducted the Loyola University Chamber and Symphony Orchestras and coordinated a comprehensive string education program for the Loyola College of Music in New Orleans since 1980. Prior to his tenure at Loyola University, he was a string coordinator and high school orchestra director in Hays, Kansas and Spartanburg, South Carolina. His highly acclaimed public school and university orchestras have appeared at national music conferences and have completed several successful concert tours in Europe as well as the United States and Costa Rica. Professor Angeles has served as conductor or clinician in 33 states, including 19 all-state orchestra festivals. He has also served as conductor or clinician at numerous university summer clinics and was orchestra director for three summers at the Muziek-en-Sportkampen in Belgium, sponsored by Jeugd en Muziek Brussels. He is currently a consultant for the Clark County String Program in Las Vegas, Nevada. Angeles recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to string education at the 10th Annual Tribute to the Classical Awards Ceremony Sponsored by Gambit Weekly in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Angeles' own music education followed a more circuitous route. Growing up in a western Kansas home with a mother working and raising children by herself, he was a self-described "street kid" running in a rough-and-tumble group that hardly profiled him for the school orchestra. His talent was realized in the seemingly universal introduction to music, the ubiquitous third-grade recorders. Soon, Angeles found himself playing the cello, and except for multiple stints in rock bands, it would be his instrument for life.

Music camps led to a more formal education when Angeles earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Southwestern (Kansas) College and then a master's in music education from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. It was there that Angeles started his career as orchestra director and teacher for the local school district. Educators anxious to build an orchestra program in Spartanburg, South Carolina's schools recruited Angeles there in 1973, and he quickly developed a solid reputation that eventually led to Loyola hiring him in 1980.

2003

Tim Cruz is a 1977 graduate of Garden City High School, attended Hutchinson Community College, and earned his Electronic Technology Degree from Northwest Kansas Area Vo-Tech at Goodland, Kansas. Cruz serves his community well on various boards and committees – St. Catherine Hospital, St. Catherine Hospital Finance Committee, Garden City High School Site Council, Finney County Historical Society, Long Range Committee, LULAC Scholarship Committee, United Way FEMA Grant Committee, Garden City Public Schools Enrichment Services Strategic Planning Committee, and the Kansas State Historical Society. He is an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church serving as a Lay Minister, teaching 7th grade mid-week classes, and leading the Men's Bible Study on Discipleship. Cruz also volunteer for the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, March of Dimes, and Voter Registration.

Cruz's numerous accomplishments include- Garden City Commissioner (1995-2003), serving two terms as Mayor (1996-1997 and 2002, 2003); Selected by Governor Kathleen Sebelius to the State of Kansas Children's Cabinet, March 2003; selected by Sen. Sam Brownback to the National Hispanic Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., 2002; Special Recognition Award from the Garden City Community College HALO Group; Outstanding Senior Member, State of Kansas GI Forum; 1995 Award of Merit from Garden City Area Chamber of Commerce; Outstanding Young Hispanic

Professional, Garden City Association of Hispanic Professionals; 1991 Garden City Leadership Class; Started a Leadership Program for Hispanics in Garden City, 1994; Stated the LULAC Scholarship Program, 1995.

Albert J. Gomez Jr. is a 1974 graduate of Garden City High School, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Military Academy, West Point NY in 1979. He currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army. His current assignment is Inspector General, Idaho National Guard, Boise, Idaho.

Gomez has received numerous US decorations and badges, as following in order of merit: Bronze Star awarded January 22, 1992 for service during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters). First awarded for service on February 23, 1987 at Fort Still, Oklahoma. Second awarded for service on May 23, 1993, at Fort Sill, OK. Third awarded for service on January 29, 1997. at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Fourth awarded for service on March 4, 2001 at Boise, Idaho.

Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters). First awarded on October 25, 1982 for service in Grossengstingen, FRG. Second awarded as impact in 1995 as Course Author at the Command and General Staff College.

Army Achievement Medal awarded October 23, 1984 for service.

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star). Awarded in 1991 and 2001 while serving in the Armed Forces of the US during Desert Shield and Desert Storm and the War on Terrorism.

Southwest Asia Medal (with 2 Bronze Campaign Stars). US Army medal for serving during Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Army Service Ribbon awarded upon completion of the officer basic course in 1979.

Overseas Service Ribbon (2 awards). Ribbons awarded for serving two long overseas tours (36 moths) in Germany. Awarded in December 1982 and July 1990.

Saudi Arabia Kuwaiti Liberation Medal awarded from the Saudi Arabia people in 1991.

Kuwaiti Liberation Medal awarded from the Kuwaiti people in 1991.

While a student at Garden City High School, Gomez participated in football and wrestling. As a junior, he was district and regional wrestling champion and took second in state. He was named the state Champion wrestler his senior year. He earned a varsity letter in collegiate wrestling at West Point. He has followed his passion for wrestling as a volunteer coach at the junior high and high school levels.

2002

Bette Jo Roberts is a 1946 graduate of Garden City High School.

William R. Alsop, M.D. is a 1970 graduate of Garden City High School.

2001

Grover J. Craig is a 1950 graduate of Garden City High School. From 1951 to 1955, he served in the United States Air Force and then served in the Air Force Reserves from 1955 to 1959. He was a police officer for the Garden City Police Department from 1961 to 1965 and served as Undersheriff and Sheriff with Finney County Sheriff's Department from 1965 to 1997. Craig has also served as a Deputy United States Marshall with the United States Department of Justice from 1970 to 2000.

Dr. Jeffery L. Boone is a 1969 graduate of Garden City High School. He is the son of Stewart and Joyce Boone. In 1983 he received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City, Iowa.

Dr. Boone is the current Director of Stress Medicine and Hypertension at The Cooper Clinic at the Cooper Aerobics Center in Dallas, Texas. He is the founder of The Preventive and Stress Medicine Center in Denver, Colorado, where he served as director from 1990 to 1995. Dr. Boone has been a cardiovascular consultant for the Denver Broncos for a number of years, making recommendations to the coaches and staff in the prevention of cardiovascular disease.

2000

Dennis Mesa is a 1972 graduate of Garden City High School.

Paul D. Dewey is a 1968 graduate of Garden City High School.

1999

David W. Craft is a 1943 graduate of Garden City High School.

Commander Ross A. Myers is a 1978 graduate of Garden City High School.

1998

Dr. Gary E. Jarmer is a 1959 graduate of Garden City High School in 1959. He has served as Dean of Technical Instruction at Garden City Community College since 1998. Dr. Jarmer has provided visionary leadership in the development of local school partnerships including the initiation and implementation of the Finney County Learning System. He assisted the college and faculty in the development of business/Industry/ education partnerships including John Deere Company, Festo Company, Stanion Electric, IBP, inc., Allen Bradley Company, Square D Company, Hasegawa, Scottsman, TURBO, FES, Inc., Howe, Baltimore AirCoil, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Sunflower Electric, Canary Enterprises, Inc., Gerber Pet Foods, C.M. Lingle, Inc., EVAPCO, FRICK, RVS, KRACK, NH, Inc. Western Refrigeration, Culleem and Brown, Alfa Laval, Parker, Inc., Cornell, Inc., Jordan, Inc., Western Precooling, Inc., Monfort, Inc., H.G. Herl, Inc., Palmer Tank, Inc., Henry, Inc., A&F Insulation, Zorn's Welding, Viking Pumps, RACAL, Inc., Demond Defrost, T.J. Manning, Inc., Hussmann, Inc., CAMCO Lubricants, Muller, Inc., Phillips Refrigeration, RETA, International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration, and Zero Mountain. He has served as Program Evaluator to secondary and postsecondary educational systems in Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Kansas. He has also served as Vocational/Technical Education Consultant to secondary and postsecondary vocational/technical programs across the state of Kansas.

Dr. Jarmer is one of the original members and past chairman of Western Kansas Technology Corporation Board, is a member of the Modernization Forum: Workforce Development Think Tank in Washington, D.C. He is a member of numerous Kansas State Department of Education Task Forces relative to vocational/technical education. In addition, he has been involved in many service/civic affiliations in Garden City.

Louise Sherman Merrill is a 1954 graduate of Garden City High School. She will be inducted into the Hall of Fame posthumously, having passed away February 11, 1998. Mrs. Merrill's professional accomplishments include music coach with the New York City Opera; pianist for George Balachine, Nadia Boulanger, Leonard Bernstein; assisted Thomas Schippers at the Spoleto Festival in Italy from 1960-65; spent the longest time with the Metropolitan Opera as coach, rehearsal pianist, and in 1965, assistant conductor—one of the first women in the Met's history to hold that post. At the Met, she was in charge of musical preparation for the company's first "Porgy and Bess". Louise and her husband, Nathaniel, started Opera Colorado and received the Mayor's Award for Contribution to the Cultural Life for Denver in 1983 and Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts in Colorado in 1991. Mrs. Merrill also received the Pena Award for Achievement in the Arts in 1989. Her sister, Lenore Sherman Hatfield, of Bloomington, Indiana will represent the family at the induction ceremony.

1997

Dave Crabb is a 1948 graduate of Garden City High School.

James A. Concannon is a 1964 graduate of Garden City High School.

1996

George A. Hopkins, O.D. is a 1977 graduate of Garden City High School.

Janet Anderson Dorsey is a 1964 graduate of Garden City High School.

1995

Fielding Hands is a 1943 graduate of Garden City High School.

Dr. Mark W. Turrentine is a 1975 graduate of Garden City High School.

1994

David J. Heinemann is a 1963 graduate of Garden City High School.

Richard L. Sandoval is a 1963 graduate of Garden City High School.

1993

Dr. John W. Poe is a 1956 graduate of Garden City High School.

1992

Tony Jewell is a 1938 graduate of Garden City High School.

1991

Dr. M.P. "Jack" Reeve is a 1938 graduate of Garden City High School.

Elvira Crocker is a 1956 graduate of Garden City High School.

1990

Robert Wells is a 1935 graduate of Garden City High School.

Constance Congdon is a 1963 graduate of Garden City High School.

1989

Richard Henkle is a 1952 graduate of Garden City High School.

Craig Shaefer is a 1973 graduate of Garden City High School.

1988

Duane Hays is a 1949 graduate of Garden City High School.

Dr. David Rintoul is a 1968 graduate of Garden City High School.

1987

Dr. Thomas Koksall is a 1969 graduate of Garden City High School.

Patricia Watts is a 1966 graduate of Garden City High School.

1986

Quentin C. Hope is a 1972 graduate of Garden City High School.

Ernest Garcia is a 1964 graduate of Garden City High School.

1985

Mary Martha Good is a 1972 graduate of Garden City High School.

Dr. Paul Taylor is a 1955 graduate of Garden City High School.