



Hoover is 50 years old! In 1967 the Des Moines Public Schools built a new school in a northwest cornfield to relieve the overcrowded Roosevelt and North High Schools. What a fitting end to my 40+ year career in DMPS! I began teaching English & Speech at Hoover in 1975, returned to Hoover in 1998 and eventually became the vice principal, and was fortunate to walk the halls one final time this year as the Interim Hoover Principal. Hoover has changed a great deal since I was a young English teacher here in 1975. The school was only eight years old, and the student body was quite homogeneous. As the city of Des Moines became more richly diverse through the following decades, so did our schools. However, the heterogeneous make up of our students makes this school one of the most diverse in the state of Iowa – and that has enriched this community! *-Principal Kathie Danielson*

Hoover High School's

50th Anniversary





versary



Honoring the Husky Legacy

Alumni become new members of the Hoover Hall of Fame



Doctor Sandra Whipple Spanier, a 1969 graduate, was inducted into the Hall of Fame on September 1. Spanier was a part of Hoover's first graduating class. While at Hoover, Sandra was involved in student council, inter-school relations, pep club, Red Cross, Future Homemakers of America, drama and golf.



Charles Zanders, class of 1987, was inducted into the Hall of Fame during the Hoover-Roosevelt boys' basketball game January 19. "I'm here as a guest tonight," he said. "But I committed 17 years of my blood, sweat and tears to this Hoover community. Thank you so much for this tremendous honor."



During the Hoover-Dowling boys' basketball game February 13, class of 1985 graduate Colonel Todd Jacobus was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Jacobus went to Samuelson Elementary and Meredith Middle School.



Tomas DeAngelo, class of 1971 was inducted April 25. At Hoover, he received letters in track, baseball and football. He was a member of student council and graduated in the top 3% of his class. After graduating, DeAngelo became a successful architect earning the distinction, "Fellow of the American Institute of Architects" in 2005.



2002 graduate Katie Meade was inducted into the Hall of Fame April 25th. During her time at Hoover, Meade participated in the 1999 Special Olympics, winning a gold medal in balance beam. While working as an ambassador for Best Buddies in 2006, she became the face of "Fearless" hair products. Meade is widely considered to be "the first model with Down Syndrome to become the face of a beauty campaign."