Our award winners share a common trait: Their enthusiasm is not just inspiring, it is infectious. Our 2012 honorees personify the very best of what a LCSC education stands for: dreaming big, working hard and reaping the rewards of a job well done.

The Outstanding Alumni award is presented to an alumnus/alumna who has enriched the lives of others through their generous gifts of time and talent, their involvement with civic, charitable and social causes and their ability to inspire.

Alumnus of the Year
Dr. Scott Hormel

Our alumnus of the year’s first love was baseball. He was clear on that. As time passed, an interest in medicine began to emerge. Baseball scouts suggested that he “go play ball for Ed Cheff.” And so, he decided to do just that. His junior year found him enrolled at Lewis-Clark State College, up to his elbows in pre-med classes and labs . . . and on the winning NAIA Warrior baseball team!

At the conclusion of the 1984 season, Scott Hormel received minor league offers from both the Dodgers and Athletics organizations, but decided to attend medical school at the University of Washington. Dr. Hormel, as the name suggests, was very successful at medical school and graduated fourth out of 200 students in his class. Scott married his high school sweetheart, Shari, and they had four children.

Dr. Scott Hormel is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon (specializing in sports medicine) with Orthopedic Physician Associates in Seattle. Scott has served as the Orthopedic Consultant for LC baseball since 2002. He also serves as the Team Orthopedist for Chaffey Baseball Club, Seattle Majestics Football and Seattle University.

Over the years, Scott, by way of financial contributions and medical services has been one of the reasons for L-C’s continued baseball success. Legendary coach Ed Cheff had this to say about the former player, “Scott has had a positive impact on the program continuously for the past 20 years. He was a great player that made his teammates better through his ability on the field that made an even greater impact through his work ethic and character. Scott has contributed as an alumnus and through his profession as much as anyone associated with LCSC baseball.”

This year’s Alumna of the Year believes in the power of one – the power of one person to make a difference. We are proud to recognize Judi Wutzke as the recipient of this award.

Judi began her college education at the University of Idaho in 1967. She later enrolled at Washington State University in 1983 and completed her degree in Management Technology at Lewis-Clark State in 1990, graduating with President’s Honors.

Judi began her career at WSU in 1979, where she chaired and served on numerous committees and was nominated for the WSU Staff Excellence Award in 1997 and 2001. She retired from Washington State in 2004. In 2007, she purchased ...and Books too! Judi has worked diligently to promote local authors and their books.

Judi’s belief in giving back is impressive to say the least; in fact, we wonder when she has time
to sleep! Judi has been on the LCSC Alumni Association Board since 2005 and served as board president in 2008 and 2009. She has been an advisor for the LCSC Circle K Kiwanis Club since 2004, and is also an inner circle member for the LCSC Center for Arts and History. Her community activities include: Alice Whitman Chapter DAR; Community on Call Mentors Program; Lewiston Orchards Kiwanis Club, where she is a past president; Pullman Kiwanis Club, where she held a variety of offices, including President and Division 56 Lt. Governor; Lewis-Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce; Twin Rivers Genealogical Society Member and the Lewiston Elks Club.

With her enthusiasm, Judi serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and is a dynamic ambassador for the college in all she does. She is one of a kind and it is an honor to work with her. We are proud to recognize Judith Wutzke with this year’s Alumna of the Year Award.

This year we are proud to present two Rising Star - Young Alumni Awards which recognize significant contributions by an individual in their field of endeavor, whether through professional achievement or community service. The recipient is aged 40 or under, and sets an inspirational example for future young alumni.

Rising Star – Young Alumna Award
Chie Osawa-Bingman

We are proud to recognize Chie Osawa-Bingman as our rising star young alumna of the year. Chie came to L-C as an international student from Japan. As she worked to complete her degree in Social Work, she was also learning how to speak and study in English – which is not a small accomplishment. To her, being a student at LCSC was not only about getting a degree... it was about fulfilling a dream. It was a special time in her life that she still treasures. After graduating, Chie went on to receive her Master’s in Social Work degree from Eastern Washington University. She now lives in Tacoma, and works as a medical social worker for the largest home health agency in the United States, where she has been recognized for her outstanding job performance. Chie’s enthusiasm for life is contagious and she strives to make a difference in other people’s lives.

Chie shared the following: “Eleven years have passed since I graduated from LCSC. Coming to the United States was a dream and LCSC made me successful. I truly miss the college campus, the professors, staff members and my classmates. Without their support and help, I would not have been able to accomplish my goals and dreams in my life. I am a happy mom, married to a cowboy.” Congratulations, Chie!

Rising Star – Young Alumnus Award
Jons Brotnov

We are proud to recognize Jons Brotnov as our Rising Star Young Alumnus of the Year. He began work in the HVAC trade right out of high school. He became a journeyman service technician at 23. After several years of hard work as a technician, Jons enrolled at L-C and after several years of attending school full-time, while working part-time, he completed his degree in Business Administration. Just prior to graduation in 2005, Jons was offered a job as an HVAC salesman for Mike’s Heating and Air Conditioning. After a year, he was promoted to auditor and then to general manager. In 2008, after managing Mike’s for two years, Jons became the new owner of Mike’s. Since taking over ownership, he has added on both plumbing and electrical divisions. He accomplished all of this while supporting his wife and four young children. Jons also believes in giving back and supports several community organizations and events. He is also willing to go above and beyond to support his employees in time of need.

Jons is an inspiration for future young alumni. He has proven that even when you come from a modest background, with dedication and hard work, you can achieve your dreams.

We are proud to recognize Jons Brotnov as our Rising Star Alumnus for 2012!
**Spirit Award for Extraordinary Service.** This award is presented to individuals that build pride and spirit on campus and who consistently demonstrate extraordinary loyalty, commitment, dedication and service to Lewis-Clark State College and their community.

**Karen Evans**

This year’s recipient Karen Evans exemplifies the qualities of this award in every way as the Advancement Services Manager for the Office of College Advancement, a position she has held for the last 22 years. In her role, Karen has provided incredible support for the Foundation and Alumni offices and her wealth of knowledge about Lewis-Clark State College is invaluable.

Karen started at Lewis-Clark State in 1986 and has worked in the Personnel Department, the President’s Office, the Small Business Development Center and the College Advancement Office during her 26-year career. She is highly thought of and valued by her peers on campus. She’s a joy to work with. She comes to work with a smile on her face and is just someone you like hanging around. She’s a hard worker, very thoughtful, and certainly cares for her fellow employees as well as the college.

Karen’s very modest about all she has done both at this institution and in her personal life. The only things you will ever hear her boast about are her children and grandchildren. She has three children, Travis Frost, a Master Sergeant in the Idaho Army National Guard and stationed in Boise; Marshall Evans, an adult probation officer for Nez Perce County Court Services; and Stephanie Evans, an OB/GYN Physician at Panorama City Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Los Angeles. Karen also has five grandchildren.

Karen does outstanding work at the college in building both pride and spirit on campus and as a person who consistently demonstrates extraordinary loyalty, commitment, dedication and service to this institution. For that Karen, you have our deepest gratitude and respect.

**Joy Willson Beckman**

Joy is a graduate and former LC basketball player currently teaching at Jenifer Jr. High in Lewiston. While teaching at Jenifer she has been team leader for about 10 years and fully engaged in enhancing student involvement both at school and in the community. She has coached track, basketball and volleyball as well as being a Mom and wife. This year she was selected as Teacher of the Year by the Lewiston L.I.F.E. Foundation.

Her dedication to her profession and students is a hallmark of her character, she never takes her eye off the goal of creating a learning environment that is both rigorous and fair. In concert with her true love for her students she is respected by her peers, her students and their parents for paving the way to greater understanding of the difficulties students may face.

Joy was the lead teacher of a pilot program that introduced students to the issues of mental health problems as experienced by their classmates. One of the goals of this pilot was to create a climate of “kids advocating for kids” and as a way to prevent bullying of those students whose behavior is sometimes inappropriate or different than their peers.

It is an honor to recognize Joy with this award.

**Our next award, the Aletha Pabst Award pays tribute to someone who is not an alumnus, but has made significant contributions to Lewis-Clark State College and their community.**

**Mike Tatko**

This year’s Aletha Pabst Award
recipient is a great supporter of Lewis-Clark State College and our local community. Mike Tatko serves as Regional Business Manager for Avista Utilities. In his role, Mike is responsible for external relations strategies to enhance business opportunities and community partnerships. Mike joined Avista in February of 2011.

Mike Tatko was raised on a wheat farm near Craigmont, Idaho, and graduated from Highland High School in 1982. He then attended the University of Idaho, graduating with a degree in communications/journalism in 1986.

Mike worked at the Lewiston Tribune for 12 years and at Lewis-Clark State College for nearly 2 years before becoming a corporate spokesman for Regence BlueShield of Idaho, where he worked for more than 10 years.

He is the president of the board of directors of Valley Vision and serves on the board of directors of the Lewis-Clark State College Foundation, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Foundation, Lewis-Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce, Inland Northwest Partners, Inland Northwest Economic Alliance, Framing our Community and Southeast Washington Economic Development Association. Mike is a past board member of the Lewis-Clark State College Warrior Athletic Association. In his spare time, Mike officiates high school football and works as a radio announcer for regional high school and college sports. He has been part of KOZE’s broadcast team for the Avista NAIA World Series the past 13 years.

Thank you, Mike, for making a difference! We are so proud to have you as part of our L-C family!!

The Marion Shinn Lifelong Achievement Award recognizes outstanding contributions of an alumnus who has shown long-term dedication and service to the College and their community. This year the board chose to honor Mr. Jim Heitmann for his distinguished record of service and achievement.

**Jim Heitmann**

1950 was a good year for Jim Heitmann. It was the year that he graduated from Northern Idaho College of Education AND it was the year that he married his sweetheart, Lavonne. Jim later went to work for Potlatch Corporation, where he would work as a welder and in the maintenance shop for 43 years. Jim retired in 1994, but it certainly didn’t slow him down. He continued to give back to the community through his gifts of time, talent and treasure.

The Heitmann’s have been supporting LCSC in a variety of ways for over 20 years. They are familiar faces on and off the baseball field and Jim can be seen getting off many a players’ bus, when the Warriors are on the road. He has also been involved with building at least 15 houses for Habitat for Humanity and has a reputation for being willing to help anyone out in time of need.

Thank you, Jim, for being a strong supporter of Lewis-Clark State and Warrior Athletics! We greatly appreciate you and all that you do!!
**Outstanding Coeur d'Alene Alumni Award**

The Outstanding Coeur d’Alene Alumni Award is presented to an alumnus of LCSC – Coeur d’Alene who has enriched the lives of others through their generous gifts of time and talent, their involvement with civic, charitable and social causes and their ability to inspire.

**Stacie Lechot** has dedicated her life to helping people facing difficult challenges. Her heart and dedication has impacted the lives of people across North Idaho. Stacie captures the essence of what it means to be an LCSC graduate. She cares about her community and works tirelessly to make things better.

Stacie is warm and friendly. Her smile helps make people feel at ease. Her empathy to the less fortunate is profound.

She earned her degree in social work in 2008. Stacie serves as the executive director for the North Idaho AIDS coalition. The nonprofit organization offers care, education and advocacy through the five northern counties. She is a dedicated fundraiser and writes grants to keep the North Idaho AIDS coalition functioning.

Stacie is a member of the following organizations: North Idaho HIV Planning Group, the Idaho Advisory Council of HIV/AIDS, the Kootenai Young Professionals, and the Kootenai Alliance for Children and Families.

Stacie helped volunteer last fall to help winterize the RV’s at the Tamarack RV Park for those individuals and families who couldn’t afford it. She also helps the homeless with food and basic supplies.

**Jame’ Davis** is invested in the North Idaho community and she works very hard to grow the regional economy.

Jame’ is the vice president of tourism and a membership for the Post Falls Chamber of Commerce. She understands hard work and always taking on new projects.

She also serves on the board of directors for the Post Falls Library and is on the leadership team of the Heart of the City Church. She’s on the Boys & Girls Club Special Events committee and is active with the River City Leadership Academy. She also participates in the Habit for Humanity Women Build program.

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**Jame’ Davis** is invested in the North Idaho community and she works very hard to grow the regional economy.

Jame’ has boundless energy and enthusiasm for life. She grew up in Lewiston and graduated from Lewis-Clark State College with a degree in business and communication.

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**Xoom Raffle Winner**

**Shirley Kissner**

of Jacksonville, California

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