

**Lawton Community Schools Graduates**  
**Small School Attention; Big School Opportunities**  
**Go Blue Devils!**

**The following notes are responses to a Facebook Alumni Challenge to submit their college and career success.**  
**Congratulations and thank you for sharing your success!**

Jennifer L Wagonmaker-Dale Southwestern Michigan College and WMU for undergrad. Eastern Michigan University for graduate. Now National Director of Medicare Operations for a national health care organization.



Tabiatha Kay US Army



Kasi Fields Grand valley state university! Bachelor of arts in public relations and advertising with a Spanish minor

Candie Meyer Kalamazoo Valley Community College Certified Medical Assistant!!!!

Michelle R. Kinney-Miller Lake Superior State University Bachelor's of Science in Nursing, Michigan State University Master's of Science in Nursing, ANCC Nurse Practitioner...great foundation! I wouldn't trade my years at [Lawton Schools!](#)

Allison Stuckey Central Michigan University for Bachelors Degree and Ball State University for Masters of Education degree. This is my tenth year teaching second grade! Thank you [Lawton Schools!!!](#)

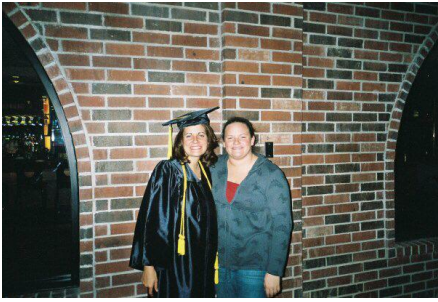
Tina Stanek Gennaro Kennesaw State College (GA) - Paralegal Certificate; Saint Leo University (FL) for BS in Computer Science. Currently working on my Masters in Instructional Design at Saint Leo. Director/Instructor for high school Academy of Design and Technology. Currently teach Game Programming Animation/Simulation.

Brandy Gildea Park and Recreation degrees. Yes you can really study about running parks and recreation programs. Its not just a tv show. Bachelors from Central Michigan University and Master's from University of Illinois. Loved my years and everything I learned at [Lawton Schools!!](#)

Robert Maidment West Virginia University for Sport Management and Western Michigan University for graduate school

Doug Castagnasso Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice (specialization in Security Management) from Michigan State University. Go Green!

Madra Key Mayne Western Michigan University, Secondary Education Geography / Social Studies; graduate Western Michigan University Special Education Clinical Studies



[Amy Williams](#) Western Michigan University Undergraduate 2007 Graduate-December 2014

[Danielle Amm Doornhaag](#) Western Michigan University Secondary Education English, currently pursuing Masters in Curriculum and Instruction at Lincoln Memorial University. Moved to Tennessee after getting married, I'm in my 14th year of teaching, which is currently in 8th grade English/Language Arts. Received a great education foundation at Lawton Community Schools!

[Karen M Brittner](#) Davenport for Accounting and Business Management.



[Rae Moreland](#) Hanover College (IN), BA in Geology and BA in Neuroscience, 4 year varsity Cross Country and Track and Field athlete, 5 time collegiate Track and Field Record Holder, now a Geophysicist in Denver, CO. go big or go home...thanks Lawton.

[Nancy McCorry](#) Hope College and Western Michigan University for Bachelor's Degree in 1975. Then Master's Degree at WMU in 2000. Plus I was fortunate enough to teach second grade at Lawton Elementary for 21 years, in addition to being a substitute teacher there for several years!

[Will Thorsberg](#) Bachelors of Accounting from Grand Valley State University and Masters of Accounting from The Ohio State University

[Mandy Terpstra](#) Currently working on accounting degree at KVCC.

[Ryan Kay Caldwell](#) Bachelors in Management at Davenport University now the Event Coordinator at Lawton Heritage Community Center.

[Connie Knapp](#) Grand Valley State for Bachelor's Degree in Special Education, and Western Michigan for Master's in Teaching Reading. I've been a special ed. teacher for over 30 years and still love it! Thanks Lawton Schools for the great K-12 education!

[Vickie Davis](#) Graduated Lawton high school in 1981...followed a boy to Texas...finally went to college beginning 2009 starting at Dallas County Community College earned my bachelors (Suma Cum Laude 4.00 GPA) and masters of Accounting (graduating with High Honors GPA 3.89) at the University of Texas at Dallas 2012 and 2013 respectively. My success in college was built on the solid scholastic skills taught by the outstanding educators at Lawton (2nd grade through graduation). Passed CPA exams in 2013 and will be receiving my CPA license by the end this year . Wouldn't recommend waiting 30 years after college to go to college however I would definitely say if college is your dream do not let anything stop you from attending even time. Currently working as a State and Local Tax accountant for KPMG LLP in Dallas Texas, my dream job

[Katie Lawson](#) B.A. in Psychology at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland in 2007. M.A. in Experimental Psychology at Radford University in 2009. Ph.D in Human Development and Family Studies in 2014. I felt well prepared for my education after attending Lawton!

[Jeanette McAdams](#) Don't forget the nurses! Ball State University!! Woot Woot!!

[Travis James Dowling](#) Joined the Army! Retired from the Army! Went to Korea, Afghanistan twice, Iraq! Graduating from the University of Alaska Anchorage with a degree in journalism! Interviewed Senators, Olympian Kikan Randall! Producer of the UAA's Seawolf Hockey Pregame show! Produced and wrote documentary on the Homeless in Anchorage, Alaska!

[Beth VanSlyke](#) Michigan State University for five years, dual degree in Audiology/Speech Language Pathology and Education, minor in English. Received Masters in Speech Language Pathology at Western Michigan University. Passed board exams and have been working as a Speech Language Pathologist for 25 years! Thanks LHS for a great foundation!

[Marshall Kean](#) LHS Class of 1976, 1983 Olivet College degree in Fine Arts and Music. Educator for music (saxophone, clarinet, and flute) at a city music school and gymnasium in Germany. Former lecturer for architectural history, free-hand drawing, and fonts for the chamber of commerce, Germany. Coaching certificate: C class for archery in Germany. In 1982, a member of the Arizona State University National Championship Archery Team  
In 2003, the age group 45 to 55 . . . German Champion  
In 2004, the age group 45 to 55 . . . Bronze Metal Winner German Championships  
In 2005, the age group 45 to 55 . . . Fifth Place German Championships  
1997 - 2014, a Member of the BSC Sulzbach-Rosenberg Archer Team, shooting the highest German Team events.  
3 Olympic Trials, 3 World Championship Trials.

[Cindy Beeman VanderWeele](#) Bachelors of Sociology and political science from WMU. Finishing my Masters of Social Work for private practice counseling with certification specializing in alcohol and drug addiction.

[Tracy Fitzgerald](#) Bachelor's in Business Administration from Northwood University (Midland, MI); Master's in Leadership Studies from North Central College (Naperville, IL). Currently the Shipping and Logistics Manager for a division of RR Donnelley

[Bill Kanne](#) LHS Class of 1979, Graduated from Denver Automotive and Diesel Collage, Denver Colorado. Work for Saunders Electric. Los Angeles, CA / Nashville, TN. Director of Sports Broadcast Operations. Design and engineer redundant power systems for live television broadcasts. Received a Technical Emmy award for ESPN's Summer X Games. GO BLUE DEVILS!

[Daniel Patten](#) U.S. Air Force

[Patricia Coleman Harrell](#) Patricia Coleman Harrell, class of 1969. Michigan State at first, then full time mom for years. Then graduated from Western Michigan '96 and began teaching 5th grade in Florida. Master's from Florida Gulf Coast . Husband Thomas Harrell, class of 1967. BS from Michigan State in Engineering. Worked at what was then Consumer's Power Co., followed by taking us overseas to Saudi Aramco where he worked at SCECO, Saudi Consolidated Electric Co. Quite the adventure I've had with my sweetheart from LHS:) My memories from LHS are all so positive!

[Kristin Farrance Karpinen](#) LHS Class of 99. I went to the University of Michigan for undergrad and grad school. BS in Biopsychology in 03 and PharmD in 08. Go Blue!!

[Melissa Clark](#) LHS class of 2005- co-valedictorian.

Central Michigan University class of 2009 Bachelors of Science- Magna Cum Laude- Biomedical Sciences major, Chemistry minor.

Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine class of 2013 Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Currently year 2 OB GYN resident at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital.

[Morgan Keene Byler](#) Western Michigan University - Sales and Business Marketing



**David Motycka** Class of '02, United States Air Force '02-Present. Spent three years in Alaska, been to South Korea, Japan, Hawaii, Florida, California, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Kuwait and New Mexico. Currently a Master Sergeant for the Air National Guard. Got my Associates in Facility Maintenance and currently working on my Bachelors Degree in Business Management.