

Alumni Success Stories



Ann (Buchbinder) Hart

L'Anse Creuse High School Class of 1960

- Began at South River Elementary in 1948.
- One of the first students to walk the halls of L'Anse Creuse High School.
- Involved, as class secretary, with picking school colors, nick name Lancers, the Lancer mascot and naming the year book.
- Charter member of the National Junior Honor Society.
- Graduated in 1960, the second graduating class, in the gym of the new high school.
- Sent three sons to L'Anse Creuse schools and volunteered as Library Mom, Room Mother, Cub Scout Den Mother, PTA member, Band Booster, Athletic Booster, Area Council Member, SAFE (Schools and Community Evolving) member, M.A.M.S.E. volunteer and member of the Alumni Association.
- Helped plan the retirement party for Fred V. Pankow and gave the presentation address from the community in 1976.
- Worked one year in the Resource Room of the High School, until sons began at High School.
- Was involved as the wife of L'Anse Creuse School Board of Education member for 24 years.
- Served as a L'Anse Creuse representative on "Creating a Healthier Macomb" from 1993 - 2003.
- Hired by the district in 1994 as Community Service Learning coordinator at the High School.
- Developed a policy and procedure manual for the "new" program and shared it with districts in the state and beyond.
- Led the expansion of the community service program to a community service-learning program which involved linking service with classroom curriculum and state standards and benchmarks.
- Represented L'Anse Creuse on the "Metropolitan Detroit Volunteer Administrative Network" and the "Macomb County Inter-Agency Council" for 15 years.
- Represented L'Anse Creuse with the United Way Volunteer's Luncheon Committee for several years.
- Exhibited the Community Service Program at the Governor's Education Summit in 1997.
- Nominated Emma DeAngelis who was awarded the Governor's Service Award in 1998 Guest of Senator Ken DeBeaussiaert's cable program "Building a Better Michigan" discussing community service-learning.
- Partnered with Macomb Community College in 1998 to host a conference "The ABC's of Service Learning".
- Received the "Governor's Service Award" for outstanding Service-Learning Educator in 1999.
- In 1996, received Learn and Serve grant funding for the program, from the Michigan Community Service Commission and The Corporation for National and Community Service, for a total of ten years. Approximately \$25,000 per year.
- Presented "Community Service Learning – Important Lifelong Lessons" at the National School Board Conference in San Francisco in 1999.
- Wrote the proposal for which L'Anse Creuse High School was awarded the "National Service-Learning Leader School Award" in 2002 and traveled to Washington D.C. with Principal Mulcahy, to receive the award and give a presentation on "Linking Service with the Curriculum".
- The program received "The 2004 National Spirit of Service Award. Traveled to Kansas City to receive the award.
- Received the "Learn and Serve – Michigan Distinguished Achievement Award" along with Emma DeAngelis.
- Received the Michigan Community Service Commission Learn and Serve "Reporting Excellence Award in the area of Dissemination" in 2005 for sharing our expertise throughout the state.
- In June 2005, was invited to participate in "Education News Parents Can Use", a television series from the U.S. Department of Education about ways to ensure children's educational success. Traveled to Washington DC to take part in June 21st broadcast "Service-Learning: Creating Community and Developing Citizens."
- Wrote proposals for a parent who was awarded the "Governor's Service Award"
- Wrote proposals for several students, each of which received the Learn and Serve Michigan Student of the Year Award.
- Wrote the proposal for a teacher, Sharon Grifka to receive the Learn and Serve Michigan Educator Award.
- Wrote the proposal for Patrick Mulcahy to receive the "Learn and Serve Michigan Administrator Award".
- Wrote the proposal for teacher, Denise Sargent, to receive the "Learn and Serve Michigan Educator Award".
- Served on the school improvement team while employed and helped initiate the senior exit interviews. Continue to attend senior exit interviews each year.
- Participated as a member of the L'Anse Creuse Community Action Coalition for the last 18 years. Many years as secretary and the last year as Co-Chair.
- Participated as a member of the L'Anse Creuse Foundation for the last 18 years.
- Planning committee for all Class Reunions for the L'Anse Creuse Class of 1960.
- Planning Committee for the retirement of Principals Patrick Mulcahy and Robert Black.
- Committee to name the L'Anse Creuse High School Commons area in honor of Patrick Mulcahy.
- Served on the Reference committee for the selection of the new Superintendent in 2012.
- Third and last grandchild graduated from L'Anse Creuse High School in 2012.