



# afterschool champions

2013 Afterschool Champions Reception  
Hosted by the Iowa Afterschool Alliance

Thursday, April 25, 2013

5:00PM to 7:00PM

Stoney Creek Inn and Conference Center

Since 2003, the Iowa Afterschool Alliance has been supported by a variety of public and private partners. The IAA would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank those partners for their commitment to children and youth in Iowa during tonight's reception. We invite you all to enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres before having the pleasure of hearing from our youth speaker, Moses Bomett. Champions awards will be presented immediately following the speaker.

## Program

### **5:00PM to 6:00PM**

Networking and Hors D'oeuvres

### **6:00PM to 6:35PM**

Student Speaker: Moses Bomett, Iowa State University

### **6:35PM to 7:00PM**

Presentation of Afterschool Champions Awards

### **Iowa Afterschool Alliance Welcome**

Leslie Stonehocker

*Central Iowa Child Care Resource & Referral, Iowa Afterschool Alliance Board*

## Recognition of Outstanding Afterschool Students

Adrian Diaz, Ninth Grade, Holmes Jr. High School, Cedar Falls

"Adrian has made tremendous personal growth over the past two years. Adrian uses the positive support he receives from the afterschool program at Holmes as motivation to give back to his school and community. Adrian is now a leader and role model for many of the students at his school."

*Nominator: Dan Bowers*

Charlie Flippen, Ninth Grade, Roosevelt High School, Des Moines

"Charlie has been a part of two afterschool programs at Community Youth Concepts, the Iowa Disability Group and the High School Service Advisory Board, and has developed his personal story related to bullying and presented it to various groups. As a member of the High School Service Advisory Board he advises community health initiatives and completes service projects to impact health."

*Nominator: Amelia Colwell Reedy*

Olivia Graham, Second Grade, West Elementary School, Waukon

"Olivia is a loyal friend to all and steps up to protect anyone she feels is not being treated fairly. At the afterschool program she is a mature role model to others and can be relied on to take on responsibility easily."

*Nominator: Virginia Kurth*

Honorable Mention

Tessa Albaugh, Altoona

Amie Berndt, Des Moines

Maria Cruz, Des Moines

Chance Opperman, Waukon

Hunter Siegenthaler, Waukon

*Designed, produced, and presented by youth at CFUM, Des Moines*

## About CFUM:

### Maker of our Champions Awards

The mission of CFUM is to create a community to support the potential of children, youth, and families through educational success, healthy living, and community engagement in the neighborhood surrounding Moulton School in Des Moines' urban core. The neighborhood is one of the most ethnically and racially diverse neighborhoods in the state and median income in the area is below poverty level. CFUM runs numerous before and after school programs, as well as learning opportunities during school and summer breaks. For more information on CFUM, visit [www.cfum.org](http://www.cfum.org).

#### Advocate of the Year: Vic Jaras, Iowa Department of Education

In his work with the Iowa Department of Education, Mr. Jaras has been a staunch advocate for student-centered programming and a key champion for Iowa's 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Mr. Jaras is an important voice for afterschool programming in state government making the transition through numerous reforms to support enhanced student learning.

#### Afterschool Innovator: United Way of Central Iowa

United Way of Central Iowa (UWCI) is investing in a coordinated initiative to integrate literacy enrichment in more programming in the organization's service area of Dallas, Polk and Warren Counties. Utilizing a model similar to its efforts in early childhood, UWCI is investing in literacy coaches to support and guide afterschool programs to more intentionally support the academic achievement of students, initially within the Des Moines Public Schools. For more information on UWCI, visit [www.unitedwaydm.org](http://www.unitedwaydm.org).

#### Collaboration Award: Siouxland Human Investment Partnership

The grantee for Sioux City's 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (SHIP) coordinates programming across the spectrum – "from womb to tomb" – and serves as an advocate for the community. For more information on SHIP and its programs, visit [www.siouxlandship.org](http://www.siouxlandship.org).

#### Friend of Afterschool: Representative Kevin Koester, Ankeny

As a board member of the Iowa Afterschool Alliance, Iowa Network for Community and School Partnerships, and many other organizations, Representative Koester is one of the Iowa General Assembly's strongest advocates for afterschool programming. Representative Koester works diligently to ensure policies support the community and school partnerships formed to provide our children and youth diverse, engaging learning opportunities outside the classroom.

#### Special Champion Recognition: Loras Osterhaus, Clinton Community Schools

A 2009 Advocate of the Year, Mr. Osterhaus deserves special recognition in 2013 for his publication in *Expanding Minds and Opportunities: Leveraging the Power of Afterschool and Summer Learning for Student Success*, a compendium of articles by authors from across the country and edited by Terry K. Peterson, Ph.D. Mr. Osterhaus powerfully explains the benefits of and best practices for engaging parents in student learning. For more information on the compendium, visit [www.expandinglearning.org/expandingminds](http://www.expandinglearning.org/expandingminds).

#### Lifetime Champion: Joe Herrity, Preferred Visions

Mr. Herrity's contributions over 30 years of experience in afterschool and community education have been unmatched by his peers. As a consultant with the Iowa Department of Education, Mr. Herrity established Iowa's 21st Century Community Learning Centers and propelled the afterschool movement forward to where it is today. For his past and ongoing achievements and advocacy, we are honored to name Joe Herrity our Lifetime Champion. For more information on Preferred Visions, visit [www.preferredvisions.com](http://www.preferredvisions.com).

## Additional Recognition

### Iowa Afterschool Alliance Board

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| » Margaret Borgen | » Terry Hernandez              | » Dawn Martinez Oropeza |
| » Sam Carrell     | » Joe Herrity                  | » Leslie Stonehocker    |
| » Amy Croll       | » Vic Jaras                    | » Keli Tallman          |
| » Chad Driscoll   | » Representative Kevin Koester | » Catherine Wedgewood   |
| » Dennis Haney    | » Steve Michael                | » Dave Welter           |

### Impact After School Planning Committee

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| » Heidi Brown   | » Jim France   | » Leslie Stonehocker |
| » Erin Clancy   | » Dennis Haney | » Keli Tallman       |
| » Amy Croll     | » Joe Herrity  | » Barb Winters       |
| » Chad Driscoll | » Vic Jaras    |                      |