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Kelly J. Caverzagie, MD is a 1991 graduate from Plattsmouth High School. As a student, he was very active in sports, band, academic competitions and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. After graduation, Kelly attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) and graduated with Distinction in 1995. At UNL, Kelly was inducted into Mortar Board, a select senior honorary for students dedicated to service and academic excellence in addition to being a member of the UNL Drumline, UNL Marching Band and Student Senate

In 1997, Kelly entered medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical School (UNMC) and graduated in 2001. As a student, Kelly served in a variety of leadership and advocacy roles including as Vice-President of the UNMC Student Senate during his senior year. Upon graduation, he completed an internal medicine residency at UNMC followed by an extra year as Chief Resident. During this time, Kelly was a two-time President of the UNMC House Officer Association and Chair of the House Staff Council. He also served for three-years as a member of a national council for the American Medical Association (AMA). After residency, Kelly completed a two-year Clinician-Educator fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania where he began to develop a national reputation in leading efforts at transforming medical education. Following fellowship, Kelly was an attending physician and Associate Program Director at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. He and his family returned to UNMC in 2012.

Currently, Kelly serves as Associate Dean for Educational Strategy in the UNMC College of Medicine where he led a three-year effort to develop and implement the Training the Physicians of Tomorrow curriculum; a comprehensive curricular redesign project that enrolled its first class in August 2017. He also serves as the primary investigator for UNMC's participation in the AMA's Accelerating Change in Medical Education (ACE) consortium.

Kelly also currently serves as Vice-President for Education for Nebraska Medicine, the clinical partner of UNMC. As Vice-President, he reports to the health system CEO and has primary accountability for all aspects of education related to the health system for health professions learners, faculty and staff. In this role, he established the Office of Health Professions Education, a new department dedicated to aligning and integrating the clinical and educational missions of Nebraska Medicine and UNMC.

With an expertise in the assessment and evaluation of learners, he has been a leader in the development and implementation of many projects serving in a variety of roles for many national and state academic organizations including: Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM), American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and AMA. He currently serves as a Co-Chair of the International Conference on Residency Education (ICRE) and as an AMA Delegate from Nebraska.

Clinically, Dr. Caverzagie continues to actively practice as an academic hospitalist where he enjoys teaching about many topics including complex decision-making and communication skills in difficult situations. In 2016, Dr. Caverzagie was elected to join the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society as a faculty inductee. He and his wife Robyn have been married for 18 years and have two sons, Langdon (12) and Mitchell (10). They live in Omaha, Nebraska.



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ROGER SCHMIDT



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Roger says he struggled to become interested in most high school classes and activities but excelled in the Industrial Arts and had a very strong interest in cars and machinery. With that being said, Roger did what he needed to do to pass all of his classes and graduate high school in 1973.

Roger is the founder and president of Liquid Trucking Companies in Plattsmouth. Liquid Trucking is Cass County's largest employer. Thanks to the success of Roger's companies, he gives back to the community in the form of donations. Plattsmouth High School, St. John's School, Plattsmouth Fire Department, Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, Cass County Economic Development, Cass County Sheriff, Plattsmouth Senior Center, Pheasants Forever and various youth sports clubs are a few of the organizations Roger donates to annually. Roger has participated as a board member on the Plattsmouth Airport Authority and various county boards over the years as well as Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, Cass County Economic Development Council, Nebraska Trucking Association. From 1973-1975 Roger worked for the City of Plattsmouth Dept. of Roads and Sharp's Towing. His self-employment career began with Schmidt Transmission and Auto Repair. From 1989 to present he has these many businesses:

Schmidt Transportation, Cullom Hollow Farming Company, OFC Development Corporation, Omaha Tank Wash, Hidden Hollow Campgrounds, Liquid Trucking Companies, Oreapolis Energy, and his most recent venture ,Morehead Island Marina and Campgrounds.

Roger employs 215 people and is currently one of the 30 largest tank carriers in the United States.

He has been honored as the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year and received the Friend of the Fireman Award.

Roger's wife is Ginger (Pfeifer) Schmidt. They have 2 sons, Josh and Gabe, daughters-in-law Maria and Victoria and grandchildren Ella, Callan, Lucy, and Bruno.

Roger is the perfect example of a PHS student in a small town who has become a very successful business man and has contributed to his community.



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Don's parents were the late Raymond & Adella Story. He graduated Plattsmouth high School in 1966. While in high school he participated in football and basketball. He graduated from Wayne State College in 1971 with a B.E. degree in Industrial Technology and an endorsement in Physical Education, Drivers Education and Coaching. Don was hired by Bellevue Public Schools fall of 1971 to teach Industrial Education at Mission Junior High and to coach Junior High football and basketball. He also taught Drivers Ed at Bellevue High School. Don then moved to teach Industrial Education at Bellevue West High School the fall of 1986. He was assistant Varsity Football Coach for 17 years (1977-1994) and Head Varsity Baseball Coach for 17 years (1987-2003). After 32 years, Don retired in 2003 from Bellevue Public Schools. After retiring from Bellevue Public Schools, but then went to Millard West High School as Assistant Varsity Baseball coach for 6 years.

Don was employed by the City of Plattsmouth as Park and Recreation Director for several years, and for 10 months he served as the Interim City Administrator. While employed with the City of Plattsmouth, Don was involved with the design and construction of the Plattsmouth Community/Senior Center which remains one of the best facilities around for a community our size. Don is very proud to have been involved with the design and construction of the Plattsmouth Community/Senior Center as well as his involvement with the design and construction of the Plattsmouth Community Schools outdoor facilities (which is still evolving) and is one of the best high school complexes in the mid-west.

During his teaching and city employment he also helped his wife, Barb, as owners and operators of the Plattsmouth Dairy Queen, which they sold in 2008. They then started B&D Diamond Pro, an athletic field supply and renovation business in 1995 and presently continue to operate it. They also own and operate LA Lockup Mini Storage. Don especially enjoyed coaching his stepson, David Mitteis, at Bellevue West High School in varsity football and baseball. While coaching at Millard West, his team went all the way to the American Legion Baseball World Series in Shelby, North Carolina.

He has volunteered many hours with the construction of the facilities and also for the Plattsmouth American Legion Baseball Program for which he serves as Area and State Tournament Director.

Don was awarded the Nebraska State Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Distinguished Service Award in 2008. He says he gives a lot of credit for his successful teaching career and business development to his parents, Raymond and Adella Story, who were long-time business owners and community leaders in Plattsmouth. Also credit is given to his teachers at PHS, professors at Wayne State and the different staff and citizens that he has been involved with through the years and, of course, his wife, Barbara.

Don and Barbara (Mitteis) have been married for 38 years. His sister, Shirley, is a 1955 PHS graduate. His family consists of:

Stepson Doug Mitteis (PHS – 1979), Doug's wife Vicki (PHS – 1982) and their sons Adam (PHS-2008) his wife, Kelsey; Andrew (PHS – 2010) and daughter Lauren (PHS – 2016).

Stepson, Todd Mitteis (PHS – 1980), Todd's wife Deanna (PHS – 1989), Todd's son Aaron and daughters Blair and Rachel and step-daughters Lauren and Olivia.

Stepson, David Mitteis (Bellevue West HS – 1989), David's wife, Misti; their son, Bentley and daughter Blake.