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FHS grad on WMU homecoming court

by Fan staff

Nicole Haase, the daughter of Doug and Kathy Haase and a 2010 graduate of Fruitport High School, had the honor of serving as a member of the 2013 Homecoming Court at Western Michigan University this past fall. Nicole is studying Organizational Communication at WMU with plans of graduating in December, 2014. Nicole credits her student leadership journey at WMU as having roots to the strong leadership and development she gained within Fruitport High School from her involvement in the classroom, in sports, and in extracurricular activities such as Student Council and National Honor Society.

Nicole took that strong leadership drive and was determined to get involved and make a difference at WMU. Currently, Nicole serves as president of the Campus Activities Board, an agency and student organization that programs weekly events for the campus. Nicole has volunteered on six Alternative Bronco Break trips,

traveling to different places across the country during her winter, spring and summer breaks, working with an array of different social issues.

On top of her involvement and taking a full credit load each semester, Nicole also works 25 hours in the Office of Admissions as a Student Ambassador to give campus tours and connect prospective Broncos with WMU. The Student Ambassador Office was the department that nominated Nicole for Homecoming Court.

From that nomination, Nicole participated in an interview process against other student who were nominated for court, and from the interview process the selection committee selected four men and four women to serve as finalists on the court. Nicole describes Homecoming week at WMU as "one of the best weeks" of her life. She loved showing her school spirit and celebrating the pride that has been instilled in her throughout her four years as a Bronco.

On Homecoming day, Nicole walked the football field of Waldo Stadium during half-time in the game against Buffalo. Her mom, dad, brother Mike, her aunt Christine (Darcy), cousin Megan (Darcy), uncle Ron and aunt Karen (Pavlich) and cousin Danny (Pavlich) were in the stands, along with her many Bronco friends, classmates and members of the Kalamazoo community representing her fan section.

Nicole is very proud to represent her Fruitport community in a positive light and plans on continuing to grow and develop as a leader. Nicole has recently been selected as a student coordinator for this year's 2014 Homecoming program at WMU, and is excited to plan the program for her university that has given her such a great experience.

After graduation, Nicole plans to attend graduate school to obtain a Master's Degree in Higher Education Student Affairs and Leadership. "I have had such an amazing college experience and I would love to be able to make a career of helping college students grow and develop at a time in their lives that is so influential to building their future success." Nicole frequents and visits Fruitport as often as she can to visit her family and friends, because she can never forget the community that has raised her to be the person she is today.



State Rep. Amanda Price, center right, presents a tribute to Supervisor John Nash commemorating Spring Lake Township's MTA Township of Excellence designation.

Rep. Price helps honor Spring Lake Township

Spring Lake designated Township of Excellence by MTA
 PRESS RELEASE

State Rep. Amanda Price joined Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, Sen. Arlan Meekhof and the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) in honoring Spring Lake Township today as it was designated a Township of Excellence by the MTA.

The MTA's Township of Excellence Designation is awarded to townships that demonstrate best practices when delivering quality programs and services and accomplishing community-driven goals.

"The Township of Excellence award is not an exercise to be taken lightly or without deep commitment," said Price, R-Park Township. "I am very proud that Spring Lake Township was the first township in Michigan to achieve this level of excellence, and I commend them for their concerted efforts toward this goal on behalf of its citizens."

Price and Meekhof welcomed Spring Lake Township Supervisor John Nash and other township officials to the Michigan Capitol, presenting them with a tribute to their achievement and commending Spring Lake Township on being the first recipient of the comprehensive recognition.

Nash said the designation affirmed Spring Lake Township's commitment to meeting the highest standards and delivering high-quality township services.

"To achieve the complete Michigan Township Association's Township of Excellence award was a very significant challenge and a significant honor to Spring Lake Township's elected officials and our staff," he said. "Now to be recognized by the Michigan governor's office and the Michigan Legislature proves that our elected state officials are sincerely supportive of high standards in local government."

The Fruitport Athletic Foundation

by Ken Erny

The Fruitport Athletic Foundation was established in 1998 for the purpose of encouraging positive support for the 7-12 grade athletic programs of Fruitport Community Schools. Since 1998, this organization has disbursed over \$70,000 in coaches' grants and athletic department requests for equipment, training needs and other needs related to program or facility improvement. The Foundation also supports sportsmanship initiatives, anti-drug and alcohol education, and the recognition of outstanding achievements of individuals, coaches, and teams associated with Fruitport Community Schools.

We invite community members to nominate alumni to the Hall of Fame for their outstanding high school athletic achievements. Nominations must be submitted to the Athletic Department between March 1 and October 1 each calendar year. Applications may be picked up at the athletic office, but are also available on the school website at the high school athletics page. Teams become eligible after a minimum of five years from their outstanding season. Athletes may be nominated 10 or more years after graduation. Coaches and other community members may be nominated upon retirement/resignation from Fruitport Community Schools.

The Induction Ceremony for the class of 2014 was held on March 8, 2014 with the theme, "The Power of Perseverance." The inductees were:

Team

2001 Trojan State Runner-up Football Team

Staff/Community

Steve Wilson, Football Coach, 1989-2011
 Mr. Robert Zorn, the Voice of Trojan Football, 1981-2002

Athletes

Doug Lee (1969) Wrestling
 Jared Olson (1997) Basketball, Football
 Christie Serniak (1995) Basketball, Football
 Scott Six (1981) Wrestling
 Mike Teeter (1985) Football, Track

Monthly meetings of the Foundation are the third Monday at the high school library at 6 p.m. If you have any questions regarding the Foundation or about taking part as a team representative, please contact the Athletic Office at 865-4034, or at kerny@fruitportschools.net.

Be sure to check out the Fruitport Athletic Foundation on Facebook for updated news and information.