



2024 Wall of Fame Award Recipients

The Beaver Dam Unified School District is pleased to announce the 2024 Wall of Fame Award Recipients. James Campbell has been selected as the Outstanding Alumni and Chuck and Jeanne Stangl have been selected as Friends of Education. The Outstanding Alumni Award is awarded to a graduate of BDUSD in recognition of the honoree's exceptional accomplishments and the Friend of Education award recognizes individuals or an organization who have given distinguished service to the district and its students.

Outstanding Alumni

James Campbell is a 1980 graduate of Beaver Dam High School. He received his BA from Yale University in 1984 and his MA from University of Colorado in 1995. After college, he began a career in advertising, however, James' passion for writing and adventure led him to pursue a career more aligned with his values. Early in his career, James wrote for *Rolling Stone* magazine and provided articles as a free-lance author to *National Geographic*, *Audubon*, *Outside*, and *Field & Stream*. His adventures to some of the most remote regions of the world have provided the inspiration for his writing. His dedication and commitment to telling a story leads readers on journeys and portrays real life struggles and ordeals in each of his award winning and highly acclaimed books. *The Final Frontiersman*, *The Ghost Mountain Boys*, *The Color of War*, *Braving It*, and upcoming book *Heart of the Jaguar* are testaments to James' wide range of interests that highlight personal struggles, inequalities, conservancy, and parenting. His television production career includes developing and producing television series for Discovery and the History Channel. His book *The Final Frontiersman* was the inspiration for the Discovery series "The Last Alaskans" that ran for four seasons. He also produced a series "Great Lake Warriors" for the History Channel that followed the challenges of tugboat crews. James' passion for story telling continues as he pursues adventures while also keeping himself grounded in his small-town Wisconsin roots.

Friend of Education

Chuck and Jeanne Stangl epitomize what it means to be a Friend of Education. Their dedication and commitment to the youth of Beaver Dam is unwavering. The Stangls are strong advocates for children and their involvement in community organizations and activities are examples of their commitment. Their involvement includes coordinating and organizing the National Night Out event, helping with fundraising for the Beaver Dam Scholarship Foundation, in addition to volunteering with the Playground Movement where they also serve as board members. Chuck's leadership in a community program led to organizing a community drive for personal care items that were distributed to schools for their comfort closets. Chuck and Jeanne understand the value of positive influences and have mentored numerous children over the years. They continue to make a difference.

