

Coincidence? Two Waverly High School Grads Named as Fellows



Milo Schield and Doug Zahn

Doug Zahn (WHS 1961) and Milo Schield (WHS 1958) have been honored as Fellows by the American Statistical Association (ASA). This is one of the highest honors given in statistics. It is limited to 0.3% of the 18,000 ASA members each year. The idea that two fellows would have graduated from the same high school within three years of each other is highly improbable!

Doug Zahn was honored in 1993; Milo Schield was honored in July, 2018. Doug trained as a statistician and was employed by the Florida State University for most of his career; Milo was a late-comer attending his first statistics conference in 1995 while teaching at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

Both were taught math in Junior High by Wayne Spurbeck (BA, U of Iowa). Both were taught math in high school by Glenn Anderson (MA, U of Iowa). Doug was also taught math by Frank Flickinger (BA, Wartburg). For more on Mr. Flickinger, see Dave Arns' (WHS '78) comments: www.statlit.org/pdf/2000-Waverly-Iowa-Mr-Flickinger.pdf

Doug earned his PhD in Statistics at Harvard University (1970). Milo earned his PhD in Space Physics at Rice University (1968).

Doug's ASA Fellow award is "for outstanding contributions to developing the science and art of statistical consulting." Doug also received the ASA 2016 Mentoring Award. See <http://magazine.amstat.org/blog/2016/09/01/dougzahninterview/>

Milo's ASA Fellow award is "for leadership in, and service to, the field of statistics education; for outstanding contribution to increase statistical literacy among consumers and decision makers in the wider society; and for tireless efforts in promoting quantitative literacy internationally." For details on Milo's award, see www.StatLit.org/pdf/2018-Schild-ASA-Fellow.pdf

That Doug and Milo received the prestigious ASA Fellow award is a definite acknowledgement of the quality of the mathematics education they received at Waverly High School.

www.StatLit.org/pdf/2018-Schild-Zahn-ASA-Fellows-Waverly-Iowa.pdf