



## 2020 Distinguished Alumni

Anne Veleba attended *Lincoln Lutheran Junior High* from 1982-1985. She graduated from *Raymond Central High School* in 1988. She then attended *Hastings College* where she received a Bachelor of Music degree in 1993. In 2015, she earned a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from *Peru State College*.

Anne and her husband Neal live in Pawnee City, as does their son Thomas, who just graduated from college.

Anne is in her 28th year of teaching in Nebraska. She began her career at *Silver Lake High School* then *Fairmont Public School*. Next, she moved to Lawrence, Nebraska where she taught at *Lawrence Public* and *Lawrence Sacred Heart*. She has been at *Pawnee City Schools* for the past 21 years teaching instrumental music for grades 4-12. Under her instruction, Pawnee City's bands, choirs, soloists and small vocal groups have earned Superior ratings at District and Conference Music Contests. In addition to music, Mrs. Veleba has taught Reading and Language Arts and has been the Yearbook Advisor for the past four years. She is a member of the *Nebraska State Education Association* (NSEA) and the *Nebraska Music Education Association* (NMEA). She has served as the Head Negotiator for the *Pawnee City Education Association* for 12 years.

Anne also shares her musical talents with her church and community. She runs a private piano studio in Pawnee City, and plays a variety of different instruments for church services and weddings, including "TAPS" at graveside services for those who served in the military.

Obviously, Anne was very involved in music during her time at *Lincoln Lutheran*. She recalls, "I really enjoyed my time as a "Trojan". The memories that stick with me the most are the times spent in band and choir rehearsals, as well as Chapel. My education at *Lincoln Lutheran* is one of the reasons I wanted to become a teacher. I learned so much from the faculty and staff. Because of them, I knew I wanted a career in Education. Now, it's become my life and I can't imagine doing anything else!"

Anne's best advice for current *Lincoln Lutheran* students is, "Listen to the adults in your life. They know more than you think! Your parents, teachers and coaches have seen it and lived it. They can help you through anything. All you have to do is ASK!"