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Yankton High School will induct four more people into its Fine Arts Hall of Fame during ceremonies Tuesday at the Summit Activities Center. The Class of 2011 includes, clockwise from above left: Greg Kratz (Journalism), Bonnie Litschewski Paulson (Debate), Dennis Peterka (Art) and Lanning Mollet (community contributor).

4 FINE ARTISTS

Kratz, Paulson, Peterka And Mollet To Be Honored By YHS

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Three Yankton High School graduates and a community member will be inducted into the Yankton High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame in ceremonies which begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, in the Commons at Yankton High School.

The four are Greg Kratz in Journalism, Dennis Peterka in Art, Bonnie Litschewski Paulson in Debate and Lanning Mollet as a community contributor.

GREG KRATZ

GREG KRATZ CURRENTLY SERVES as the managing editor of the *deseretnews.com* in Salt Lake City. He directs a team of seven web editors who maintain and produce content for the *deseretnews.com*. Kratz plans coverage for the site and works with reporters who are focusing on breaking news, sports, features and enterprise stories. Kratz works with other managers to develop new ideas for the website and for its contents. Kratz also writes a weekly column on personal finance, consumer issues and business trends.

Before becoming the managing editor of the *deseretnews.com*, Kratz was the assistant city editor for the *Deseret News*. He managed a staff of 30 reporters, planned projects and in-depth reporting, helped coordinate coverage, edited local and wire copy and assisted in determining story placement. Kratz has served as business editor, sports editor and assignment editor for the *Deseret News* and worked at the *Standard Examiner* in Ogden, Utah, and the *Brookings Daily Register* in Brookings.

Kratz received his Bachelor of Arts degree from South Dakota State University with a major in journalism and a minor in German. He graduated with highest honors. He earned his Master of Arts in Journalism from Cardiff University in Wales, Great Britain writing his dissertation on "Heating Up the Cold War: American Propaganda and the Media 1948-1956 and 1980-1988."

Kratz has received awards from the *Deseret News*, the Utah-Idaho-Spokane Associated Press and the Utah Press Association. In 2009, he received the Distinguished Aumnus Award from the South Dakota State University Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Kratz was an editor of Yankton High School's *Woksape* when he was in high school and was an All-State Journalist. He played in the band and was an All-State band member. He graduated in 1987.

DENNIS PETERKA

DENNIS PETERKA HAS SPENT HIS working career teaching art and creating works for exhibit. He taught high school art at Waverly-Shell Rock in Waverly, Iowa, from 1990 until he retired in 2006.

Before teaching high school art, Peterka instructed in junior high. He has also been an adjunct professor at Wartburg College, was a proctor for the Marie Walsh Sharpe Summer Institute in Colorado Springs, Colo, for gifted art students, and taught art at Boone, Iowa, and Carroll, Iowa.

Peterka earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion and his Master of Arts in Art Education from the University of Iowa. He attended classes at the University of Arizona.

Peterka has exhibited his works in more than 25 galleries and shows. His works have appeared in South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois. He has had one-man shows in Waverly, Decorah, Charles City and Cedar Falls (all cities in Iowa), and Rock Island, Ill.

Peterka has won awards at competitive shows. He was one of six teachers selected for nationwide competition at the Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation's Teachers as Artists Program.

He graduated from Yankton High School in 1965.

BONNIE LITSCHESKI PAULSON

BONNIE LITSCHESKI PAULSON IS A professional translator and editor of academic books and articles primarily in the field of legal philosophy. She and her husband enjoy international recognition in the field with two books published by the Oxford University Press and with Oxford contracts for three more books. Her husband is a professor of law and philosophy at Washington University in St. Louis.

Paulson credits her respect for language to her mother who insisted that her children speak correctly. She learned Latin from Bessie Burgi, who expanded the idea of language beyond English and introduced elegant grammatical structure as a way of understanding language in general. As a junior high school student, she became a part of Kenyon Cull's English class who wrote of the *Central Transatlantic Exchange*, a magazine published with Cull's former school in England.

In high school, Ambrose Schenk helped Celia Fritts Miner and Litschewski win the state debate championship and then place fifth in the national debate tournament in Florida. Miner and Litschewski defeated Jim Miner and Dave Ackerman to qualify for nationals. The community raised money for Miner and Paulson and their alternates Terry German and Linda Litschewski Balfany to compete in Florida.

As well as debate, Paulson was active in chorus, All-State Chorus and band. She was also involved with the publication of the *Woksape* and the *Arickara*, as well as in drama.

Paulson credits the city of Yankton for nurturing

beginnings and continuing support of effort and achievement.

Paulson graduated in 1959.

LANNING MOLLET

LANNING MOLLET HAS BEEN INVOLVED in the music of the Yankton Public Schools for the past 41 years. He describes his work as his mission.

Mollet opened Mollet Music in the summer of 1969. He describes his work as encouraging people

to study, to play and to enjoy music.

Mollet attended Wagner High School and Dakota Wesleyan College. Before owning Mollet Music, he taught music at Letcher, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, Northwestern and Britton schools in South Dakota.

He had previously worked at a music store in Aberdeen.

Mollet said that it has been his pleasure to participate in many musical events over the years. "I've enjoyed the opportunity to promote and support music in our schools and community," Mollet said.

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