

Waubonsee Names Distinguished Alumnus

Sugar Grove – For his entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen, Steven R. Henrikson has been named the Waubonsee Community College 2017 Distinguished Alumnus. Henrikson, of Morristown, Tenn., is currently a managing partner at Henrikson & Graul Capital Partners, LLC.

A Kaneland High School graduate, Henrikson graduated with honors from Waubonsee with an Associate in Science degree in 1977.

After graduating from Waubonsee, Henrikson went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Aurora College in 1979 and a Master of Business Administration from Benedictine University in 1982. He worked for Anchor Brush in Aurora while in college and eventually transferred to that company's facility in Morristown to run manufacturing operations there.

Henrikson left Anchor Brush to start and run his own manufacturing business in 1988. He founded and led Team Technologies Incorporated with two partners until selling the company in 2012. He then joined with another partner and formed Henrikson & Graul, a private equity company.

Henrikson remembers one economics instructor at Waubonsee, Charles Schott, who “made economics come to life.”

Through his business ownership and investment in other businesses, Henrikson has employed more than 1,000 people across the country and is a proven community leader.

“I’ve been blessed to have a good foundation in education and that began at Waubonsee,” said Henrikson.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented each year to an outstanding graduate of Waubonsee Community College. Awardees have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession, have documented evidence of contribution and service to their community, and demonstrated a continued interest in lifelong education.

PHOTO: Business owner Steven Henrikson has been named Waubonsee Community College’s 2017 Distinguished Alumnus. He is shown here with Waubonsee Board Chair Rebecca Oliver (left) and Waubonsee President Dr. Christine Sobek.

