Since 1935, Centralia College has maintained a strong tradition of academic excellence and opportunity. Over the years, more than 130,000 students have turned to the college to help them reach their educational or training goals. Since 1978, the college has honored an alumnus each year for his or her achievements. We proudly present the recipients of the Centralia College Distinguished Alumnus Award.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Centralia College Distinguished Alumnus Award committee accepts nominations continuously. The award is given to an individual who attended the college for at least one year and who has made significant contributions to his or her profession or to society in general. All past nominees are reconsidered each year.

Please send nominations to foundation@centralia.edu or submit a nomination online at foundation.centralia.edu/distinguish.html.

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Dr. David Carsten '77

Dr. David Carsten provides mobile anesthesia for patients who are disabled, very young, fearful, or who may desire anesthesia during a dental procedure. More importantly, he provides empathy and compassion—the core values of his practice, Pacific Dental Anesthesia, in Vancouver.

Dr. Carsten grew up at Centralia College. He is the son of Don Carsten, who was the dean of administration for many years. Much of his childhood was spent on campus, and it was an easy transition to become a student.

After graduating from Centralia College in 1977, Carsten completed his bachelor's degree in biochemistry at Washington State University and his doctorate in dental surgery at the University of Washington. He then served 24 years in dental practice and 13 years as a faculty member at several universities before transitioning to dental anesthesia.