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**Angela Curtes Hall of Fame Award
Slinger High School, class of 1986**

Angela (Angie/Aggie) Curtes grew up in the shadows of her 2 very active older brothers (Jay 83' & Steve 84') whom she tried to match in speed and smarts. She attended Slinger Schools since 2nd grade. Angie was a solid A-B student, was a class officer and on student council for 3 years and hailed athletically for her school. She lettered all 4 years in cross-country and track in mid to distance running, and was MVP 3 years in a row for CC and team captain her senior year. She excelled on the basketball court in both offense and defense, lettered 3 years, averaged 14 pts/game from the inside and out, and was often put on the best players to shut them down and create turnovers. She attended UW-Parkside (Division II) on a full basketball scholarship.

Angie considers her high school experience as her '*glory days*', excelling in sports, enjoying a diverse group of classmates within an excellent circle of teachers, coaches, and administration, supporting other team, musical, and class assembly activities, and taking winter and summer family backpacking, climbing & skiing trips to the Rocky Mountains.

Angie is a graduate of Prescott College 92' with 2 bachelor degrees in Environmental Studies & Alternative Education and a minor in Liberal Arts. She is a graduate-89' of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) and was a certified Wilderness First Responder for 10 years. Much of her career has been in the NGO sector in wilderness and environmental education in western states, and Land Trust preservation work in Wisconsin and Nationally. Angie continues her Earth-based focus on her family's 80-acre farm near Slinger, cultivating organic & biodynamic medicinal crops and products for people and animals. She owns and operates Grounded LLC a mid-size compost & farm operation and offers educational opportunities for those seeking a regenerative and heart-felt footprint.

Angie was and is supported immensely by her parents (Jim & Nancy) and family, and stays active year-round with outdoor recreation sports, including sailing the Great Lakes. Angie graciously accepts this award on behalf of the excellence that SHS continues to maintain, and of all teachers and students that seek truth in knowledge, while recognizing each of their roles in shaping a better future for the World together.