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Doug Hanneman named Alumni of the Year

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MN --Doug Hanneman has been named Alumni of the Year at Inver Hills Community College.

As a student at Inver Hills, Hanneman studied journalism and worked on the student newspaper, the Forum. He also was hired to edit the newsletter of a new service started at the college, Dakota Area Resources and Transportation for Seniors, more commonly known as DARTS.

His work with older adults sparked an interest in producing a news and resource publication for older adults, so he cofounded the newspaper Good Age in 1981. Later converted to a magazine format, Minnesota Good Age still serves the greater Twin Cities area today.

In recognition of his service to older adults, the Minnesota Gerontological Association named Hanneman its Outstanding Gerontologist of the Year in 1991. Newspapers he has edited, including the South Washington County Bulletin, have also won several 1st Place in General Excellence Awards from the Minnesota Newspaper Association and the National Newspaper Association.

Hanneman retired as editor of the Hutchinson Leader editor in 2011. In retirement, he continues to volunteer with his church and for many service organizations. Among his recent volunteer efforts, he has worked to inform Minnesotans age 62 and above that they can take classes for minimal fees, tuition free, at colleges like Inver Hills.

Hanneman lives with his wife, Kathy, in Hutchinson. They have two grown sons and four grandchildren.

About Inver Hills Community College
Inver Hills Community College (Inver Hills) is a place where students can get an affordable, high-quality education to launch their college degree in a supportive environment. With an enrollment of more than 5,000 full- and part-time students, the Inver Hills experience is defined by small class sizes and an engaged and active community that prepares students to succeed at a four-year college or to enter the workforce. Founded in 1970, the campus is located in Inver Grove Heights, less than 10 miles from Saint Paul, Minnesota.