

# In Their Own Words

## Saint Peter High School

### Hall of Fame

Name H. Stuart Johnson, Class of 1957

1. Describe how your high school years contributed to your maturation and success. *The high school's strong math and science courses have served me well throughout my career: first, as a math and physics teacher; second, as a salesperson of electronic equipment to colleges and universities; and finally, as an executive at Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America.*
2. Describe your best memories of St. Peter High School. *My best memories of St. Peter High School include going to ball games, both at home and away. We had strong teams and good coaches, so the opportunity to succeed was usually there. The involvement of friends in school activities is so important to teens.*
3. What teachers or individuals at the high school influenced you? What made them so special? *I remember the following teachers with fondness: Cliff Kurseth (biology/chemistry), Lars Nesvig (history and drivers' ed), Don Firl (English and geometry), Les Hilger (physics) and Glen Mattke (physical education). These teachers all made you work hard, and their classes were fun and interesting.*

4. What advice would you give today's high school students?

1) *Don't be afraid to take risks. You learn from both your successes and your failures.* 2) *Develop your writing skills. They will set you apart from your peers!* 3) *Volunteer for causes that resonate with you. Focus on the needs of others, not on yourself.*