



Howard Hermel (*Class of 1940*) -- Howard, a retired local business leader and World War II veteran, has been a long-time supporter of the St. Peter area and Saint Peter Public Schools. Howard, along with his wife, Myhra, helped build up the Hermel family's candy selling business (A.H. Hermel Company). The company was started in 1935 by his late father, Adolph, here in St. Peter, with just a handful of employees. The iconic business, well known around south-central Minnesota for its red delivery trucks, eventually grew to become a vending machine and wholesale food service distributor with offices in Mankato and New Ulm and warehouses at several locations. Howard's son, Dave, and his grandson, Blake, eventually took over the four-generation, family-owned business, which now employs around 140 people. Howard still resides here in St. Peter.