

And the Award goes to.....

William Fiebig, Ph.D

2008 Distinguished Alumni

Reed City High School

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Each year Reed City High School selects an alumnus, who exhibits a résumé of caliber that demands the attention of the Reed City community. For the 2007-2008 school year, Reed City Area Public Schools is honored to bestow the honor on Dr. William Fiebig, Ph.D. After graduating in 1967, Dr. Fiebig has gone on to lead a life where he directly impacts the lives of people around the globe.

William Fiebig graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries and Wildlife from Michigan State University in 1971. He continued his education at the University of Florida earning a Master's degree and his Doctorate in Agronomy (Crop Production) and Plant Breeding and Genetics in 1990. In 1986, Dr. Fiebig won the Distinguished Achievement Award for Scientific Presentation from the Florida Academy of Sciences. Dr. Fiebig's employment and services have taken him to over 25 countries around the world, allowing him to become fluent in English (native), French, Kikongo and to have a working knowledge of Lingala. He is a member of numerous professional organizations including Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Association for Farming Systems Research and Extension. Dr. Fiebig published an abundance of articles and professional reports on natural resources and agricultural programs.

Dr. Fiebig lived in Africa, as a volunteer for the Peace Corp, providing technical training for the construction of fisheries, identifying resources, developing marketing strategies for rural fish farmers, and assisting farmers with new crop techniques. This opportunity led to a 15 year commitment to the people of Africa, acting as rural development scientist for USAID. Dr. Fiebig has been a teacher and researcher for the University of Florida, a private consultant for the USAID Famine Early Warning System in Washington D.C., and currently acts as a Technical Advisor in the Food Security Unit for Save the Children Federation, which allows him to continue his educating of others globally.

Dr. William Fiebig has dedicated his life to helping improve the lives of people around the world, through his knowledge and willingness to spend time instructing people and governments on more efficient food production. Reed City High School is honored to have Dr. William Fiebig named the Distinguished Alumni for 2008.