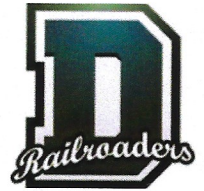
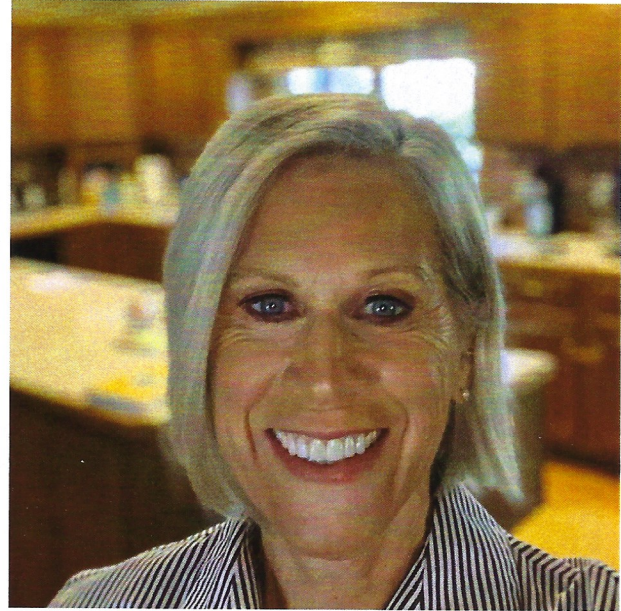


Distinguished Alumni Awards 2025  
Durand Area Schools



**Brenda Lovegrove Lepisto, Class of '73**



**Brenda Lovegrove Lepisto has been selected for the Distinguished Alumni Award for career advancement and academic excellence.**

- While at Durand Area High School, served as a varsity cheerleader and was active in clubs and student organizations.
- After graduation, earned a Bachelor Degree in Psychology, followed by a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology and a Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psych, all at Central Michigan University. Also completed a 2-year Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Child Clinical Psych through Michigan State University and Hurley Medical Center.
- Has worked as a licensed psychologist since 1997, a research associate, an adjunct professor for MSU, a member of the medical staff at Hurley Medical since 1998, Director of Psychosocial Communication at MSU, Behavioral Health Academic Program Director in the College of Osteopathic Medicine at MSU, and president of the Sophie L Lovinger Memorial Fund.
- Served as a leader in internal committees with McLaren Greater Lansing and Hurley Medical Center. Has served continually on state and national committees, many for the American Academy for Healthcare Communication.
- Is a highly published writer and presenter at the local, state, national and international level, including numerous articles, workshops, conferences, and video web productions.
- Received numerous awards from the American Academy of Psychotherapists and Central Michigan University; designated Educator of the Year, 2023, by McLaren Greater Lansing.