

# I Touched the Future

## 2021

I would like to recommend **Victor Lesky** for the **I Touched the Future Award**.

My father spent 38 years in education and for 36 of those years he had the privilege to serve the students, parents and residents of the Nazareth Area School District as a Teacher, Assistant Principal, High School Principal and Superintendent of Schools.

Serving 15 years as the High School Principal and 11 years as Superintendent of Schools, he worked closely with many dedicated administrators, teachers and community members that enabled Nazareth to grow into the flourishing district it is today. With the help of many other devoted individuals, he was able to:

- \* Successfully transform a small rural school in the mid-1980's to one with the student population ranked in the top 20% of all Pennsylvania School Districts.

- \* Build a respected academic program highlighted by an increase from 56% of Nazareth graduates entering baccalaureate degree or post secondary education programs in 1985 to 85-90% of Nazareth graduates entering baccalaureate degree or post secondary education programs over the past decade (this statistic was from when he retired in 2012).

- \* Established a Diversity Program in a School District that was approximately 99% Caucasian in the late 1980's to one in 2010 that has students whose ancestry originates from over 75 different countries of the world.

My father did not grow up in this area but embedded himself in the community. He continues to bleed blue and white and says often, "I will always be proud to say I was a Blue Eagle!"

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*Nicole Bloise*