

2007 Scholarship Spotlight

2007-2008 Scholarship winner Selected for LOMA Society of Greater Des Moines

Every year the LOMA Society of Greater Des Moines gives away a \$1,000 scholarship to one of its members or a family member of one of its members. The 2007-2008 winner is Lynn Steffen active member of the Greater Des Moines Society.



I currently work as an Actuary Analyst for the Principal Financial Group. I am responsible/manage the experience study system on the life insurance side. I love my job and have an opportunity to learn at least two new things everyday!!! And I am glad I like it, because I commute from Pella everyday (1 hour 1 way)!

I am currently working on my MBA with an emphasis in E-business and should finish this year. I spoke at commencement for receiving Des Moines' University of Phoenix 2007's Outstanding Student of the year.

My life experiences before all of the above...

I was born and raised in the Quad Cities area in Illinois. After high school I went in the U.S. Army ("To be all that I could be."). I was stationed in New Jersey, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Berlin, Germany. I lived in Berlin when the Berlin Wall fell in 1989!!! I was in the Army for six years and received my associate's degree (general studies) from Central Texas College, European Campus before my end of duty in 1990.

Then I went took classes at Indian Hills Community College (for one year) and graduated from Truman State with a B.S. in Computer Science. My last year at Truman State, I worked at Indian Hills Community College with the Iowa Communication Network. I had an opportunity to teach some Internet and computer software seminars and workshops.

After graduating Truman State, I started working at The Principal Financial Group. I started as a Systems Analyst and now I am working as an Actuary Analyst. I have been with the Principal for almost 12 years.

My hobbies include fitness. My group exercise instructing (step, kick boxing, and weight training) is on hold until I finish my MBA. I also like to spend time with my spouse (of 20 years!) golfing, gardening, and traveling. I love to travel and learn other countries' cultures, histories, and customs! I have been out of the continental U.S. six times out of the last seven years. You will also find me watching drag racing (NHRA) on the weekends.