

HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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Joseph P. "J.P." Skelly

Class of 1974

J. P.'s love for broadcasting began at an early age. His enthusiasm grew when the High School audio-visual department introduced closed circuit television. With the encouragement of his teachers and classmates, J.P. gained early experience as a play-by-play announcer for telecast events. Later, J.P. graduated from the State University Collage at Oneonta, New York and the May School of Broadcasting in Billings, Montana. He started his career as a professional broadcaster in 1985. He has earned numerous honors for his work in South Dakota including the 2003 Tom Brokaw Award from the South Dakota Broadcasters Association and University of South Dakota. J.P. volunteers his time to community organizations including 4-H, Crimestopper's, the Community Alcohol and Drug Center, and the local Advisory Council for People with Disabilities. J.P. is married to Bonnie Scott. They live in Mitchell, South Dakota.

"You would be amazed at what you can accomplish – if you only try."