

**Outstanding Alumnus 1986**  
**Margaret Goheen (1921-1990)**



Margaret Goheen graduated from Independence High School as valedictorian of her class, completing her studies in just three years. After high school graduation, she attended Independence Junior College and Pittsburg State Teachers College. She continued her education at the University of Denver, obtaining her Master of Arts Degree. She began her teaching career as an instructor at Belle Plaine Rural High School from 1942 - 1944. In 1946, she joined the staff of Independence High School, teaching at both high school and junior college levels. In 1963, she became a full-time speech and drama instructor at Independence Community College until she retired in 1984. Mrs. Goheen's contributions to the college extended far beyond teaching. In 1981, she founded the William Inge Festival at ICC and served as its artistic director until her death in 1990.