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2026 OTHS Hall of Fame Profile

DR. KIM NOVAK, Ottawa Township High School (OTHS) Class of 1970

When Dr. Kim Novak graduated from the University of Illinois Veterinary Medical School in 1976, there were relatively few female veterinarians in the United States. Soon after graduating medical school, Dr. Novak returned to Ottawa and became co-owner of an existing veterinary practice. Today, Dr. Novak is one of more than 75,000 female veterinarians practicing throughout the country.

Dr. Novak was the valedictorian of the OTHS class of 1970. She was also a member of the band, the debate team, the speech team, and Thespians.

She has volunteered and served as a member of the OTHS District 140 Educational Foundation board and the Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) Foundation board. She has also served as an advisor to the State of Illinois disabilities group.

Currently, her veterinary practice in Ottawa is housed in a 5400 square foot facility with four veterinarians and twenty-four full and part-time employees. The practice does both large and small animal work.