



# March 22, 2017 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



## William C. Dudzinski Class of 1969

William Dudzinski distinguished himself as a skilled technician who would become one of two Johnson Controls Corporation's Market Team Operations Managers for the entire state of Michigan and as a life-long volunteer in his neighboring schools and church.

William graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1969 and considered himself an average student. His introduction to playing the trumpet in middle school under Mr. Stuart resulted in performing with the Royal Lancers during his high school years and sharpened his musical skills. Other teachers that influenced Bill were Mr. Beatty and Miss Jenkins as they both provided much needed encouragement when things were tough. Mr. Briggs showed Bill that every problem can be solved with tenacity and imagination. The electrical and musical skills that were developed at Roosevelt High School provided Bill with a sound foundation and career path.

After taking classes at Wayne State University, Bill started as a drafter with the Barber Colman Company in 1971. His talents were recognized and he soon progressed from a Technician to Control Engineer. In 1984, Bill was offered a position with Honeywell Corporation where he was the Head Engineer and Project Manager. Several of his projects include the Detroit People Mover and the Cobo Hall expansion programs.

In 1990, Mr. Dudzinski began his present day employment at Johnson Controls. Since 1994, Bill has served as Large Project Market Team Operations Manager for the entire state of Michigan. Most portfolio projects are in the \$20-\$50 million dollar range. During Bill's career, he has guided Johnson Controls to achieve honors with five Gold Safety Awards, a Top Ten Region Award and a Master Award nomination.

Over the past 18 years, William Dudzinski has supervised and directed five different major projects for Wyandotte Public Schools. His expertise and organizational skills have produced efficiencies and cost savings in every project in the district.

Though Bill's responsibilities with his employment often demanded much of his time, his interest in children made him into a super volunteer. Bill served as PTA President at Erving Elementary School in Woodhaven for two years. Mr. Dudzinski's knowledge of building efficiencies encouraged him to serve on several Bond Committees for the Woodhaven School District. Bill volunteered his services on the Evaluation Committee for the repair and reconstruction of Patrick Henry Middle School. Mr. Dudzinski also shared his expertise by serving on the Energy Committee of Our Lady of the Woods Church.

Bill's musical interests moved him to volunteer as President of the Woodhaven Band Boosters for ten years. Bill served as a Marching Band field staff member for eight years and as an Assistant Marching Band Director for Woodhaven Public Schools for four years. He also established in 1991 a Youth Instrumental Ensemble at Our Lady of the Woods Church and still directs the group today. Bill's son is a band director at Walled Lake Western High School. Each summer, Bill volunteers to write marching band drills and assists his son in getting the band in shape for the upcoming season.

Bill enjoys several hobbies: photography, woodworking and motorcycling. Those who live near the Dudzinski's enjoy his annual exciting and scary Halloween animated displays at his home.

William Dudzinski and his wife, Bonnie, live in nearby Woodhaven and enjoy their sons, Patrick and Matthew, and their families.