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Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Scott Allan Galeski **Class of 1983**

Scott Galeski distinguished himself as a Wyandotte police detective, for his coaching service in numerous school districts and as the founder of the Downriver Student Film Consortium.

Scott enjoyed his high school years at Roosevelt High School. He was voted class president his junior year. Scott earned eight varsity letters in football, wrestling and track. He also won nine honors in track at regional and state competitions.

Scott Galeski came back to Roosevelt in 1985 and served as the freshmen football coach. In 1986, he introduced intermural wrestling at Wilson Middle School while also serving as head varsity track and football coaches. He continued to coach sports for over 30 years in other downriver school districts including Fordson, Riverview and Woodhaven. Scott also coached little league and various other recreation teams throughout the area.

In 1990, Scott received his training in law enforcement at the Wayne County Regional Police Academy where he served as class president. That year, Scott joined the Wyandotte Police Department as a patrol officer. From 1999-2004, Patrolman Galeski worked as an undercover narcotics officer with the Michigan State Police in Detroit. In 2004, Galeski was promoted to detective – the third generation of his family to serve in that capacity. Over the years, Detective Galeski served as the DARE officer, as the lead investigator of crimes against children with the Downriver Violent Crimes Task Force, with the Downriver Arson Task Force, with the Downriver Crisis Negotiator Team and with the Rapid Response team known as SWAT.

As a police officer, Scott received numerous honors and recognitions including the Police Meritorious Citation in 1992, 1997 and 2009; the Chief's Unit Service Award in 1993, 1998 and 2014; and the Congressional Police Medal in 1999. In 2002, Detective Galeski was honored as Wyandotte Police Officer of the Year and in 2003 was presented with the Child

Advocacy Award and named National Narcotics Operative of the Year. In 2015, President Barack Obama honored Scott with a President's Lifetime Achievement Award. As an athlete, Galeski wrestled his way to a 5th place medal in the World Games in Melbourne, Australia, in 1995.

Acting on a childhood dream, Scott became an independent filmmaker in 2009. Galeski founded "Ring of Fire Entertainment" which has produced dozens of films and videos that have been shown all over the world. In 2016, Scott and his wife founded the "Downriver Student Film Consortium" as a way to unleash young talent and help disadvantaged youth. Under Scott's guidance, his students' films have won several honors including a Best of Show Award at the Digital Arts Film and Television Festival.

Scott Galeski presently works as a school Truancy Officer – a job keeping with his passion to help children at risk. Scott holds a third degree in the Trenton/Wyandotte Lodge of Masons and serves as a board member on the Downriver Council for the Arts.

Scott and his wife, Noel, make their home in Wyandotte. They enjoy their children, Brittany and Stephen, and grandson, Weston.