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A publication for alumni and friends of Ottawa Hills Local Schools



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### A HALL OF FAME Start to another great year

Students are enjoying the start of another remarkable school year – thanks in large part to you, the supporters of Ottawa Hills Local Schools. The love for our district is never-ending, but can best be expressed by what transpired over a two-day period in September.

It began with the inaugural lecture in the Kadens Family Leadership Series, an educational enrichment initiative funded by Pete ('96) and Amy (Robbins '99) Kadens. Students in grades 7-12 heard a remarkable and moving talk from Rodney Walker, who shared his unbelievable journey from residing in a dozen foster care homes to graduating from two Ivy League universities.

That same day, the Foundation Board of Trustees recognized dozens of its supporters at the annual Donor Appreciation Event. Attendees were regaled with students' musical performances but also heard them share moving stories about how donor-driven programs are reshaping their personal and academic lives.

The signature event came as we hosted our third Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony. Thank you to the five alumni who accepted the honor and became the newest additions to this prestigious group. Sharing the limelight that evening were the four inaugural inductees into the newly launched High School Athletic Hall of Fame, an idea discussed almost since the Foundation's founding (see more coverage on pages 4, 5).

As all of this was occurring, we continued to provide grants to support curriculum enhancement and expansion, experiences inside and outside the classroom, and opportunities in the arts and athletics. Meanwhile, fundraising for and construction on the Kadens Family Fitness Center progresses nicely. The facility is the cornerstone of the Kadens Family Health & Wellness Capital Campaign, the Foundation's first-ever capital campaign.

Thank you for making this a wonderful place to teach, learn, and live.



**George Lathrop** President Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation



Erica (Gatchel) Silk '89 Director of Development and Alumni Relations

#### WELCOME!

The Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of two new Board members:



**Austin Irving '02** Associate with Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick



Michael McCullough '93 Senior Vice President, UBS



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The mission of the Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation is to permanently enhance and extend the unique experience of excellence that defines Ottawa Hills Local Schools.

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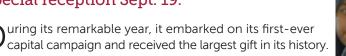
Visit the Foundation's website at ohschoolsfoundation.org to contribute online or use the attached giving envelope.

## givingnews



### **Giving Thanks** Foundation event celebrates supporters

The Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation had much to be thankful for last year, and it shared that gratitude with supporters at a special reception Sept. 19.



About 100 friends attended the event at The Inverness Club. The program included performances and presentations by

students: a piano recital by Reyan Shariff (9); a duet from "Beauty and the Beast JR." by Sam Smithberger (9) and Ella Douglas (8); an overview of her research by Priya Bhatt (12); and songs by The Choraliers. The evening included remarks from George Lathrop, Foundation president; Erica Silk, Foundation executive director; and Dr. Adam Fineske, district superintendent.

"It truly does take a Village to make our children successful and Ottawa Hills is the perfect example of such a Village," said Dr. Fineske. "We have parents who make education the No. 1 priority at home; students who are active and engaged in their learning; outstanding educators; and a community that centers itself around the school district."

(While the Foundation has a July-June fiscal year, it hosts its Donor Appreciation Event in the fall to coincide with its Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony.)



## **Gifts** AT WORK

Through your generosity, the Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation is able to enhance and extend the learning experiences of students. Here are two recent examples:

» A gift of \$5,000 is making it possible for Elementary School students (grades K-6) to have richer art and music experiences. The students are now using iPads and Logitech Crayon Digital Art Pencils in their classrooms. Teachers are using the devices in educational units such as Dr. Seuss (K-1), Science of Sound (5-6), Composing with the Dot and Dash robots that play xylophones (K-6), Recorder (4), Digital Drawing (K-6), digital art museum visits and scavenger hunts, and architecture applications. The \$15,000 cost of the devices was shared equally among the district, The Foundation, and the Ottawa Hills Schools Parent Association.

» A \$10,000 donation is bringing the 2019-2020 Symphonic Band (freshmen through seniors) one step closer to their goal of traveling together to Toronto, Ontario. The three-day trip is over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in January 2020. Many stops are planned, including attending a clinic with music faculty at the University of Toronto; hearing a performance of The Toronto Symphony; and attending a performance of "Dear Evan Hansen," which won "Best Musical" at the 2017 Tony Awards. The band will perform at several historic spots, including Casa Loma and the Ontario Science Center.

## alumninews

## OHS Foundation Honors DISTINGUISHED

Five notable alumni, from artists and business owners to philanthropists, received the Distinguished Alumni Award Sept. 20. This year's inductees were: Betsy (Carson) Brady '64, Pete Kadens '96, Rustin "Polly" (Steele) Levenson '65, Robert "Bob" Shopneck '68, and Dr. Catherine Webb '66. The induction ceremony took place at the John Lindsay Court at the Junior/Senior High School; inductees also were introduced on the field at halftime of the boys' varsity football game that evening.



#### BETSY (CARSON) BRADY '64



Mrs. Brady is a wellknown business leader, community advocate, philanthropist, and fundraiser in northwest Ohio. In 1985, she and husband Tom founded Plastic Technologies, Inc. PTI has become globally recognized within its industry for sustainable packaging innovation with more than 1,000 clients across the globe. She is currently chairman of the PTI board. Mrs. Brady is actively engaged in the community, including serving as chairman of the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce in 1990 (the first woman to lead the group); past (and first woman) board chair of the Toledo Museum of Art: and a board member of ProMedica, the University of Toledo, **Toledo Community** Foundation, and Junior League of Toledo.

#### PETE KADENS '96



Mr. Kadens is a dedicated philanthropist and organizational leader who seeks to transform lives and strengthen communities. He is chairman of The Kadens Family Foundation, which is dedicated to closing the pervasive U.S. wealth and education gaps. He retired in August 2018 as chief executive officer of Green Thumb Industries, one of the nation's largest publicly traded, legal cannabis operators. Over his 16-year career as a chief executive. Mr. Kadens employed more than 4,000 people and created over \$5 billion in shareholder value. He is a 2019 Henry Crown Fellow of The Aspen Institute, a prestigious fellowship for individuals who have the capacity to create ventures that solve one of society's intractable problems.

#### RUSTIN "POLLY" (STEELE) LEVENSON '65



Mrs. Levenson is an internationally known painting conservator and author. After positions at the Canadian **Conservation Institute** and the National Gallery of Canada, she moved to New York to join the Painting Conservation Department of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. With referrals from Met colleagues, she founded ArtCare Conservation (artcareconservation.com) and began working with museum, corporate, and private clients throughout New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. She later opened studios in Miami and Los Angeles. In addition to conserving paintings and supervising conservation studios, she and art historian Andrea Kirsh co-authored "Seeing Through Paintings: **Physical Examination** in Art Historical Studies," an award-winning book used in art history courses and graduate schools.

#### ROBERT "BOB" SHOPNECK '68



Mr. Shopneck is general partner of Denver-based **Pinetree Financial** Partners. After moving to Denver, he earned master's and law degrees and realized that real estate and not law was his chosen path. He began by investing in houses near the University of Denver. He parlayed those investments into building new homes; converting renovated apartment buildings into condominiums; and making other real estate investments. As business grew, he moved into commercial lending. Today, his private bank is the largest of its kind in Colorado. He joined the board of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver and later made the lead gift and spearheaded fundraising to build the region's first new club since 1964.

#### DR. CATHERINE WEBB '66



Dr. Webb graduated from the Medical College of Ohio in 1980. After hearing a lecture in medical school by a pediatric cardiologist, she became fascinated by congenital heart disease. She spent nine years in clinical training at the University of Michigan. In 1989, she joined Children's Memorial Hospital at Northwestern University, retiring as professor emeritus in 2010. She returned to the University of Michigan Congenital Heart Center and currently works as an outreach pediatric cardiologist in Northern Michigan. She is internationally known with more than 50 published peer-reviewed papers and 30 years of service on many American Heart Association councils and committees. She is a governing member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

#### **NOMINATION PROCESS:**

If you would like to nominate yourself or an individual for the 2020 Ottawa Hills Distinguished Alumni Award or the Athletic Hall of Fame Award, please complete the application found at: ohschoolsfoundation.org/distinguishedalumni.php. The deadline for submission for the 2020 awards is February 1, 2020. Nominations will be considered by a committee comprised of

Ottawa Hills alumni, faculty, and school district officials. Nominations may also be emailed to Erica Silk at esilk@ohschools.org or mailed to Erica Silk, Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation, 3600 Indian Road, Ottawa Hills, OH 43606.

### **OHS Foundation Launches ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

To celebrate the achievements of athletes, the Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation created a High School Athletic Hall of Fame and inducted its inaugural class Sept. 20.

"Athletic competition and success is a big part of the high school experience at Ottawa Hills, and we felt it was time to honor the greatest of the great," said Erica Silk, the Foundation's executive director. "The Hall of Fame serves as a symbol of our appreciation of the



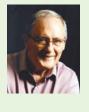
excellence, honor, and devotion displayed by these celebrated individuals and teams."

#### THE INAUGURAL INDUCTEES ARE:



#### JIM TENNEY '58 AND JOHN M. HILL '56

Mr. Tenney (left) and Mr. Hill won the state doubles title in 1956, beating a team from Mansfield (6-4, 6-3). They were coached by Donald Drake. (During this era, all schools competed against each other regardless of enrollment.) In his junior year, Mr. Tenney was runner-up in state singles. As a senior in 1958, he was team captain and won the state singles title.



#### ABOUT THE HALL OF FAME:

The Ottawa Hills High School Athletic Hall of Fame was created to honor the outstanding athletes, teams, coaches, and supporters of the district's athletic programs. It recognizes individuals who have made exceptional and extraordinary contributions to the OH athletic program; had outstanding statistical achievement in an individual sport or sports; and/or conducted themselves in such a way as to reflect honor on the school and must have exhibited those qualities of character and standards of conduct consistent with their status as a role model to the community.



#### LAURIE IMES '81 AND KELLY COLEMAN '82 Ms. Imes (left) and Ms Coleman won the Ohio Class A-AA doubles title in October 1980, defeating a team from Kenton (6-2, 6-1). They were coached by Ronald Ricketts. In October

(6-2, 6-1). They were coached by Ronald Ricketts. In October 1981, Ms. Coleman defended the doubles title against a team from Bexley, but this time with partner Torrey Lott (5-7, 6-1, 6-4).



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT ON THE ARROWHEAD ARE: JIM TENNEY, BOB SHOPNECK, RUSTY LEVENSON, CATHY WEBB, PETE KADENS, BETSY BRADY, LAURIE IMES, JOHN HILL, AND KELLY COLEMAN



## campusnews

#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

#### to our generous capital campaign donors as of October 1, 2019

#### Leadership

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#### Valedictorian

\$100,000 and above Leslie and George Chapman Ottawa Hills Local Schools The Village of Ottawa Hills

#### KADENS FAMILY Fitness Center UPDATE

Brick by brick, the Kadens Family Fitness Center is becoming a reality. Construction work is progressing on schedule. The Kadens Family Health & Wellness Capital Campaign received great news in September when the Village of Ottawa Hills voted to give the Board of Education \$100,000 over two years to help with renovations to the Multipurpose Room and boys' and girls' locker rooms. The district also is preparing a survey to find out how the community wants to use the facility.

#### SAVE THE DATE:

Ottawa Hills Local Schools plans to officially open the Kadens Family Fitness Center with a dedication ceremony on Saturday, Jan. 11, following the boys' varsity basketball home game that evening.

#### Summa Cum Laude

\$50,000 and above

The Ciralsky Family; Billy and Nancy Ciralsky; The Friedmans: Kevin and Meredith (Ciralsky), Emma, Cooper, and Hudson; The Waldmans: Todd and Jessica (Ciralsky), Jacob The Levins: Jon and Schuyler (Ciralsky), Jack, Wyatt, Scarlett, and Henry

#### Magna Cum Laude

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#### Friends Of The Foundation

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### 2018-19 Annual Campaign

The Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the individuals and organizations who contributed to the 2018 – 2019 Annual Campaign, which ran from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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\$100,000 and above The Kadens Family Foundation

#### Arrowhead

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#### Cupola

\$10,000 and above Annette Boice ('49) John ('54) and Helen ('53) Williams

#### Mesasa

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ALUMNI CAN ALSO REGISTER ONLINE AT: ottawahillsschools.org/content2/ohalumni



Like Us On Facebook Ottawa Hills Local Schools Alumni Association P.S. We are also looking forward to hearing about and seeing pictures of your upcoming reunions. We will run coverage of those events in our next issue.

### **OH** Earns **STRAIGHT A'S** for Fifth Consecutive Year

The Ohio Department of Education in September awarded Ottawa Hills Local Schools all A's on the state School Report Card. The grades are for the 2018-2019 school year; the district now has earned all A's for five consecutive years.

Not only did the district receive an overall "A" grade, but so did Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior High School and Ottawa Hills Elementary School.

"We are extremely proud of our Report Card. It validates the team approach we take toward education, an approach that requires the participation of the community, parents, teachers, and students," said Superintendent Dr. Adam Fineske. "As important as the Report Card is, it is only one way we measure our success as a district. There are countless other ways we celebrate our success as well."

To begin the grading process, districts and individual schools around the state self-report information on specific marks of performance (called measures) and within broad categories (called components). They receive letter grades (A-F) for six components: graduation rate, achievement, progress, improving at-risk K-3 readers, gap closing, and prepared for success.



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