Watertown City School District Distinguished Alumni Hall of Achievement Inductees for 2014

To recognize and celebrate the achievements of Watertown High School graduates who have attained a high level of distinction in their personal and/or professional lives and who represent positive role models for students of the district.



ROBERT W. PURCELL Class of 1929

Former financial advisor to Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University. Purcell graduated from Cornell University and Cornell Law College, was the Vice chairman of the Alleghany Corp and its railroads, The Chesapeake & Ohio and the Nickel Plate and the youngest VP of the two railroads. He traveled the world and met with dignitaries in social and political circles at the highest levels. Purcell loved Watertown and gave generously of his time and treasure to worthy causes.

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DR. JERRY J. BELDEN *Class of 1931*

A highly decorated veteran of the U.S Army, WW II/Korean War, Lieutenant Colonel Belden began his career in the 82nd Airborne Division as a Paratrooper in the European Theater. Dr. Belden served received numerous decorations to include a Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart to name a few. Lt. Col. Belden was chief of surgery in the Korean War in Osaka Japan. A 30 year physician to the people of Oswego with 40 years in general surgery, Dr. Belden specialized in urology and orthopedics and was a Board Certified Pathologist.

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CATHERINE COMMON JOHNSON Class of 1931

An accomplished athlete, journalist, and artist, Catherine with a "C" received her masters degree in journalism and was a news reporter and society editor for the Watertown Daily Times. She won many honors in art shows around the country and abroad, helped create the North Country Artists Guild, was a member of the advisory board of the Frederic Remington Art Museum, created many groups and committees to further the appreciation of nature and the arts, and served on the TI Park and Historic Preservation Commission for 40 years.

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KARL R. BURNS Class of 1947

Karl worked at Herrick's Pharmacy, purchased the business with a partner in 1954, and was sole proprietor in 1973. Karl was I instrumental in revitalizing downtown Watertown, served three consecutive terms on the Watertown City Council, was elected Mayor of

Watertown in 1976, served as chairman of the Watertown Trust and secured funding for middle income and senior citizen housing projects, and brought the Watertown Pirates Baseball team to the area to help improve the Fairgrounds to create involvement.

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DAVID N. CAMAIONE Class of 1956

An elite student-athlete of Ohio State University, Big Ten Tournament winner three years in wrestling, voted Most Outstanding Wrestler and Captain twice by his teammates, one of the first OSU athletes to achieve this distinction, inducted into MacMurray College's Hall of Fame and Ohio State Men's Varsity Athletic Hall of Fame, professor of Exercise & Sport Science for 33 years at CCSU & UCONN, currently a volunteer wrestling coach for Kellam High School in Virginia Beach, VA.

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HON. MARTHA E. BELLINGER Class of 1968

Once an ordained pastor of the United Methodist Church, Martha went on to law school in California & was named Outstanding Law School Graduate. Martha was Deputy District Attorney in appellate courts in California, Superior Court Judge as an expert in juvenile law & family court law, judicial educator for California court system for over 20 years, Adjunct Professor of Law at LaVerne University College of Law for 18 years, published in law journal articles, Outstanding Judge of the Courts of California.

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DAVID S. LUSTICK *Class of 1981*

Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts in science and math, widely published researcher, Lustick's career has included a broad range of presentations at conferences in Colorado, Pennsylvania, California, New York City, Massachusetts, and Florida. Lustick has received many honors and awards to include a pre-tenure sabbatical to work on research manuscripts and a book prospectus about National Board certification and was Outstanding Educator from Cornell University.

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KENNETH ZEIGLERClass of 2001

Kenneth was a humble man, an excellent artist, and a self-taught musician who loved to play the guitar. Kenneth joined the Army and was stationed in Fort Stewart, GA in the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division deployed to Baghdad, Iraq and was due to come back home but volunteered to stay back as a fellow soldier's wife was going into labor. Kenneth died the next week, at the age of 22, on May 12, 2005 and was awarded a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and other medals posthumously.

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