

Winnetonka High School Alumni Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame was designed to honor and recognize Winnetonka Alumni who exemplify the values, the traditions, and the successes of Winnetonka High School and who, by their accomplishments, will inspire and encourage current Winnetonka students to do the same.

2022 Inductees

Larry Dean De Shon, class of 1977, a student leader in a variety of activities at Winnetonka, received his BA in communications and BA in Sociology from UMKC. He began a 28-year career at United Airlines as a customer service rep, served in various roles, eventually named Senior Vice President, head of world-wide airport operations. In 2006, Larry joined Avis Budget Group, becoming CEO and COO in 2016, and President in 2017. Now retired, Larry serves on the boards of Hartford Financial Services, United Rentals, and Air New Zealand. He personally and professionally has supported numerous charities including Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Wounded Warrior Project, Alex's Lemonade Stand, the New Jersey Market Street Mission Angel Food Pantry, and St. Matthew House in Naples, Florida.

Tyler Grayson, class of 2005, recipient of many wrestling honors at Winnetonka, earned his BS in Sports Management from Central Michigan University and an MS in Sports Science and Recreation from Ohio University. At Central Michigan, he excelled in wrestling and served on the student-athlete advisory committee. A United States Naval Human Resources officer and Athletic Director at the Naval Academy Preparatory

School, Tyler has participated in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program and coached and mentored young athletes at various schools and organizations including Brown University, Cape Cod Sea Camps, Neosho County Community College, the Rhode Island Cadet Junior National Team, and the Bears Wrestling Club.

Adrian Singletary, class of 2004, outstanding Winnetonka athlete, received his BA from the University of Central Missouri, and a MA in Education and a Doctorate in Education Leadership and Policy from the University of Kansas. Currently Principal of Plaza Middle School, Adrian has also served as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director of Park Hill High School as well as teacher and football and track coach at Park Hill South High School. He is a member of several professional organizations including the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Greater Kansas City Principals Association which named him Exemplary New Principal of the Year. He is a board member of the Bancker School Foundation and Historic Site of Parkville.

Inductees will be recognized Friday, September 23rd, during a morning assembly and again during half-time Homecoming ceremonies at the new Winnetonka stadium.

To read more about graduates selected for the Winnetonka Alumni Hall of Fame, go to <https://www.nkcschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4034> Nomination forms are available through a link or at the school at 5815 N.E. 48th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64119.

Each year, the **Winnetonka Alumni Hall of Fame** honors those alumni that exemplify the values and traditions of Winnetonka High School. By their accomplishments the members of the Hall of Fame serve to inspire and encourage other Winnetonka students. To be considered for the Hall of Fame,

alumni must have graduated from the school 10 years earlier and must have accomplished two of the following criteria:

- Brought special recognition to Winnetonka as a student
- Been a positive role model in the community
- Achieved accomplishments in his/her professional field
- Made significant contributions to education, public service or human welfare.

Past Inductees:

Gary Carter, Class of 1972	Jenni Wrigley, Class of 1977	Christine Crooks Lentz, Class of 1986
Sean O'Brien, Class of 1972	Terry Leeds, Class of 1978	Kathy Mueller Nelson, Class of 1986
Jack Pearson, Class of 1972	Frank Weatherford, Class of 1978	Henry Bullock, Class of 1987
Glenna Sharp With, Class of 1972	Susan Heiman Carney, Class of 1979	Brian Henry, Class of 1987
Marcia Kay Wolf, Class of 1972	Alyson Couch Brown, Class of 1979	Robert Sharpe, Class of 1987
Sarah Gould, Class of 1973	Kathleen Olsen Danner Class of 1979	David Wilson, Class of 1987
Gary Patton, Class of 1973	David Van Horn, Class of 1979	Bradley Snow, Class of 1988
James Tarwater, Class of 1973	Craig Leeds, Class of 1980	Charlene Garrison, Class of 1993
Joy Cooley Torgerson, Class of 1974	Pam Nelson Wiltfong, Class of 1980	Brandy Maltbia Woodley, Class of 1993
James Corwin, Class of 1974	Tracey Stevens, Class of 1980	Joe Blackshere, Class of 1996
Joe Wendt, Class of 1974	Ron Fortune, Class of 1981	Sean Dooley, Class of 1998
Ben Westman, Class of 1974	Dan Rooney, Class of 1981	Michael Jiabia, Class of 1998
Mark Armato, Class of 1975	John Armato, Class of 1982	Lauren Tischer-Hippe, Class of 1998
Larry Barrera, Class of 1975	Terry Bond Rynard, Class of 1982	Chuck Cuda, Class of 2000
Joe Jacobs, Class of 1975	Eric Hoskins, Class of 1982	Joe Strada, Class of 2000
John Lober, Class of 1975	Dwaine Whitham, Class of 1982	Brie Townsend Holst, Class of 2000
Karen Reese-Kissinger, Class of 1975	Amy Brown Muller, Class of 1984	Michelle Capra-Homa, Class of 2002
Steven Russell, Class of 1975	Debbie Joiner-Childress, Class of 1984	Jason Withington, Class of 2002
Bill Sobbe, Class of 1976	Bryan de Tray, Class of 1985	Brett Clemens, Class of 2003
Steve Denny, Class of 1976	Rosemary Salerno, Class of 1985	Cara Slaybaugh Fox, Class of 2003
Robert Rennison, Class of 1977	Ann Wycoff-Raab, Class of 1985	Bonnie Wilson-Thomas, Class of 2003
Janet Ross, Class of 1977	Skip Cox, Class of 1986	

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