

HALL OF DISTINCTION

Class of 2023

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Dr. Jon Ash

Dr. Jon Ash represents the highest ideals of the Canton South Hall of Distinction. After graduating from Canton South High School in 1983, Dr. Ash attended the University of Akron on a basketball scholarship and graduated with his bachelor's degree in 1987. He earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from The Ohio State University and the Academy of Operative Dentistry award in 1991. He returned to Canton to open his private practice in general dentistry. Dr. Ash immediately immersed himself in professional, civic, and community organizations to begin giving back to the Canton South community and the community at large.

In 1990, he and the Ash family started a scholarship program for Canton South scholar athletes to give back to Canton South High School and honor their father Charles "Red" Ash. Each year the family hosts a golf outing fundraiser to add to the number of scholarships given to Canton South students. To date \$1000s of dollars of scholarships have been given for over 30 years.

Dr. Ash gives back to his community in a wide variety of ways. He has been a member of the Canton South Rotary Club since 1992 serving as past president and chairman of the Canton South Rotary Volleyball Classic for many years. Dr. Ash works with other Rotarians to raise funds to support local projects like food baskets for Canton Local families, funding programs at Bridgepoint and participating in community improvement service projects. Dr. Ash is a Paul Harris Fellow, showing his faithful commitment to supporting local, national and international projects committed to improving health and education outcomes and alleviating poverty.

Professionally, Dr. Ash has volunteered with programs like Give Kids A Smile, Canton Community Clinic, Canton Christian Home, Mercy Dental Residency, and at local schools, ensuring that under served children and adults receive access to dental care as needed. He has been called upon on numerous occasions to open his office at any hour of the day or night to care for a student who needs emergency dental care. His volunteer work also includes his family. He, his wife Dr. Doreen Ash, and family are members of the Chapel at Green, where through their church, have frequented the Yucatan Peninsula for dental mission trips to serve the Mexican and Mayan people.

Dr. Ash is very active with a wide variety of professional organizations including the American Dental Association and locally the Stark County Dental Society serving in a wide variety of leadership roles including President, Board of Directors and served as chairman of numerous committees. Additionally, Dr. Ash has served on numerous community advisory boards committing countless hours to providing professional guidance in those leadership roles.

Dr. Ash also serves as a volunteer at his church and for numerous athletic programs. He has been a youth basketball coach and has served in leadership roles on both the Jackson LaCrosse and Jackson basketball youth organizations. Jon has also been a volunteer at the Chapel in the nursery program for over 20 years.

Dr. Jon Ash lives a life of integrity, humility, and service to others. He is married to Dr. Doreen Ash and they have 2 talented children, Maggie and Sam.