

HALL OF DISTINCTION

Class of 2023

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Marty Bowe

Mr. Marty Bowe graduated from Canton South High School in 1988 as their class valedictorian. Marty attended the Air Force Academy, graduating in the top 2% of his class with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He received his Master of Science degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering in 1994 from The Ohio State University, becoming the first person to have completed the program in 12 months. In 1997, Marty returned to the Air Force Academy as an Instructor in Fundamentals of Mechanical Engineering, Engineering Design, Automotive Systems Engineering, and Senior Design, which included students designing and competing in Formula 1 and Baja Racing.

After 8 years as an active-duty Air Force Officer, Marty returned home to become a champion for students in public education. In 2001 Marty served as the co-chair of the facilities committee for Canton Local's Long Range Strategic Plan before starting his career in education with the Perry Local School District. He served as Perry's IT director, business manager, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. Marty built a positive reputation in the community as a respected leader and consummate professional. In 2015, he was asked to join the leadership team as assistant superintendent at the Stark County Educational Service Center to impact districts across 6 counties. Marty is involved in many civic activities, including serving on the Boards of Canton South Rotary, where he served as past president and increased membership, Better

Business Bureau, YMCA, and Aultman College, among others. He served in the reserves from 2001-2016 and is a Retired Air Force Lt. Col. and former Deputy Director for Ohio's Air Liaison Officer Program.

Nominator Bill Bateson wrote:

"What can I say about Marty Bowe? I've known Marty for over 45 years, I was in his wedding party, he was in mine, and we've been college roommates and great friends for what seems like forever. I honestly don't know if I've ever met a better person than Marty. He's a terrific husband, father, and new grandpa, a great friend, and someone who genuinely cares about the people he comes in contact with. He has a charismatic personality that draws people into him. I was recently at his daughter's wedding, and I met quite a few people with similar stories about Marty, how they met him, what a terrific person he was, how incredibly intelligent and humble person – I could go on and on."

Marty is married to Regina, and they have two amazing daughters- Sarah and Sophie, a son-in-law, Jackson Wieland, and one new grandson, Dawson James Wieland.