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Wall of Pride

presents

2018

Induction Event

October 20, 2018

Wall of Pride

Our committee's mission is to:

- Recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding members of our school community, DHS alumni and DCSD educators.
- Reconnect and maintain relationships within the DCS community.
- Celebrate members of the school community while recognizing that DCSD encompasses many smaller communities that surround the Village of Dansville.

The Foundation for Dansville Education

Our mission is to secure educational opportunities for the children and youth of Dansville Central School District by preserving and expanding academic programs, with an emphasis on programs most susceptible to cuts or programs not mandated by New York State.

The Foundation for Dansville Education, Inc.

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Enriching the lives of children and the Dansville school community, the Foundation experienced its most productive year since our inception in 2011. Revenue and funding opportunities for 2017 reached new heights. Financials and supported projects are outlined below. Thank you for investing in Dansville's most precious possession - children and the promise of a new generation.

Fundraising activities, events and donations brought in over \$23,000 in 2017. Over the past few years, the Foundation has helped finance the following events and activities for students and the school community:

- Mini-grants including AP exams, GETT/SETT (multiple years), Rinker's Readers (multiple years), Carnegie Hall choral performance, Robotics, RPO Festival, One Book, Lego Robotics, Gardening, Young Authors, Self Defense for Young Women, Putting the Environment Back Into the Environmental Club
- The Wall of Pride Induction Ceremony.

In addition, the Foundation sponsors the annual Senior Award and the Hondelink Scholarship and volunteers at the Chalk Walk.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
THE FOUNDATION FOR DANSVILLE EDUCATION

Event Committees

Dansville Wall of Pride Committee
The Foundation for Dansville Education
Induction Selection Committee



PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

- **WALL OF PRIDE**
- **MINI-GRANT AWARDS**
- **DHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**
- **GRADUATION MONETARY AWARDS**
- **ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS**

Reception

5:30PM

Music by: Connie and Henry

Welcome and Buffet Dinner

6:00PM

Dr. Paul Alioto

Choral Performance

7:00PM

DHS Chamber Singers, directed by Lindsay Buckel

Award Ceremony

7:30PM

Dan Dixon, Master of Ceremonies

Inductee

Susan DeMuth

Introduced by

Dorothy Hotchkiss

Dr. Joan Flender

Andy Starr

Dr. William Packard

Shari Packard

Lynn Pickard

David Gilbert

Accepted by Jon Van Derhoof

E. Philip Saunders

John Adamski

Photographs Following Award Ceremony



Susan DeMuth

Susan (Burdick) DeMuth graduated in 1972 from DHS. She attended Syracuse University where she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1976, and returned to the area to raise her family and begin her entrepreneuring adventures. Sue also served her alma mater as a Board of Education member for 3 terms, adding to her staunch support of her hometown.

Sue co-founded Shapes Etc., a graphics, printing and shipping business where she acted as president from 1984-2013. She designed shaped notepads and

teaching aids, and marketed them throughout the USA and Canada. In 1994, Sue and her husband purchased Dansville Stationers, later adding Dogwood Trading Company, which they continue to operate today. These vital, long-standing investments helped keep a vulnerable business district alive and reinvent itself for the 21st century.

Sue's commitment to Dansville's business district is also evident in her tireless volunteer efforts with both the Dansville and Livingston County Chambers of Commerce. Sue advocated for several Main Street grants and was a key member of the Revitalization Committee. Sue served on the Historic Preservation and Development Committee that helped restore and improve much of the downtown and placed the central business district on the National Register of Historic Places. She was integral in founding the Winter in the Village festival. Recent initiatives have included support for Dansville ArtWorks, First Friday Events and Fairy Doors of Dansville to help promote local interest and tourism in the Dansville community. Sue DeMuth has been a steadfast creative force in keeping Dansville's downtown relevant and progressive.

The melding of her volunteer efforts and design talents can be seen throughout the village in signage, maps, posters and logos. She has advised owners on aesthetic improvements for their properties, assisted with the Main Street planter project and designed flags that are flown every Labor Day weekend during the NYS Festival of Balloons. Sue has designed logos for the Dansville Historical Society, Dansville Public Library, Winter in the Village, First Friday and many other local organizations, businesses and events.

Sue DeMuth continues to be an inspirational community leader and a mentor to new business owners, while investing her time in the preservation of Dansville's history and the development of a promising future.

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Skip's Custom Flooring, Inc.
Tops Friendly Markets
Town and Country Agway



E. Philip Saunders

E. Philip (Phil) Saunders was born in Rochester, NY and graduated from East High School in 1956. He has resided in the town of Ossian since the early 1980's.

Mr. Saunders' leadership qualities can be seen in his numerous entrepreneurial endeavors. In 1958, his vision to improve the trucking industry started with his father's meager gas

station in Henrietta and evolved into the nation's largest chain of truck stops, known as TravelCenters of America. He is the founder of a number of notable local companies, including Genesee Regional Bank, Truck Stops of America (later TravelCenters of America, Inc.), Griffith Energy, and the Sugar Creek Corporation (operator of the Sugar Creek stores). As president and CEO of Saunders Management Co., Mr. Saunders has ownership interests in several other local companies and was a former partner in both Swain Ski & Snowboard Center and Bristol Harbour Resort. Not only do these businesses provide vital resources to our area, they employ hundreds of residents while improving the quality of life for our region.

While overseeing his own business ventures, Mr. Saunders has volunteered countless hours as a member of the Board of Directors for several area companies, medical facilities, educational institutions and charitable organizations. More notably, Mr. Saunders' philanthropic endeavors can be seen throughout the region in both medical and educational institutions. He financed the Noyes Hospital's Surgical Center in 2006, and was the lead donor for the Mary Saunders Beiermann Emergency Department that opened in 2014. Both investments provide a critical resource to our region. Mr. Saunders is also responsible for establishing the Saunders Research Building at the University of Rochester Medical Center, as well as Saunders College of Business at the Rochester Institute of Technology with a \$13 million commitment. Locally, Mr. Saunders continues to award tuition scholarships for Livingston County students to attend Saunders College of Business. In 2011, when Dansville Central School District was faced with a fiscal crisis that threatened school programs, Mr. Saunders organized a coalition to provide after-school programs for at-risk students. This program called EnCompass continues to provide educational support and real world, hands-on learning for students at no cost to families or taxpayers.

The positive impact of Mr. Saunders' economic and charitable efforts in the region are immense and will surely improve the lives of its residents for decades to come.

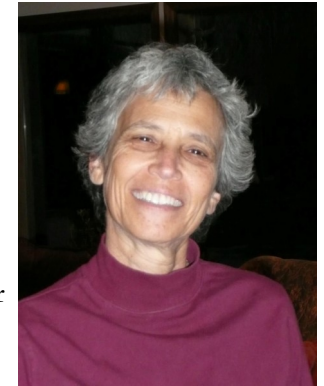
Dr. Joan Flender

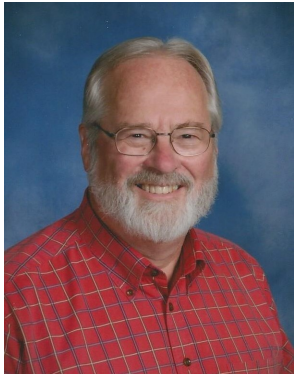
Dr. Joan Flender was born in the borough of Bronx, NYC. In 1971 she graduated from Sanford H. Calhoun High School in Merrick, NY and then attended Cornell University where she received a degree in Neurobiology and Behavior in 1974. She continued her education at the NYC campus of Cornell earning her medical degree. After completing her residency in Pediatrics and Primary Care at the University of Rochester, she moved to Dansville and began working at Tri-County Family Medicine as the first pediatrician in the area.

In 1988 Dr. Flender co-founded Stony Brook Pediatrics, dedicating her career to serving children in the region. Over the years her practice has grown, not only providing guidance and care to her patients, but also providing mentorship for medical students. There are now two offices serving the Livingston County area. Dr. Flender is a traditional community pediatrician, now caring for the third generation of many of her families. As the school physician for many area schools, Dr. Flender is interested in all aspects of a child's life: social, emotional and physical. Dr. Flender is proudest of her role as the school physician for many area schools and through the years has become a strong advocate for children with special needs in the region. Superintendent of Dansville Central School District, Dr. Paul Alioto, stated, "Dr. Flender has the unique ability to help bridge the gaps that can sometimes grow between the families of children with disabilities and the school system."

Not only is Dr. Flender an advocate for children, she has supported the Dansville community in many other ways. Outside of her practice, she has served on the Livingston County Board of Health and the Noyes Hospital Board. She has been the physician for the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp since 1982. Dr. Flender was also an official Little League scorekeeper for 15 years and spent many years coaching youth soccer with her husband. In this role, she noticed that many kids with special needs did not sign up for community sports, so she and her family offered a 5 day soccer camp for them.

Throughout her career, Joan has been recognized for her many contributions on behalf of children. Among other awards, she has received the George S. Meister Prize in Pediatrics from Cornell Medicine, Excellence in Pediatrics Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Advocacy Award from the Monroe County Youth Advocacy Center. Dr. Flender has been a pioneer in our area for the health and wellness of all youth.





Dr. William M. Packard

William M. Packard, M.D., DHS Class of 1964, excelled academically both in high school (valedictorian) and college. He graduated first in his class from Hamilton College and continued his education at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

While at DHS Bill was a true leader. He held Student Council and class offices and was editor of the *Danua*. He was a member of Honor Band and selected to lead the marching band. Bill attended Boys' State, won the Bausch and Lomb Science Award and found time to become an Eagle Scout. He was admired by fellow students and hailed by teachers.

Medical school was all-absorbing, exposing Bill to the enormous responsibility for patients' lives especially in the emergency departments and ICU's/CCU's of the NYC health care system. While serving his internship and residency in internal medicine at Presbyterian Hospital in Denver, Bill was first exposed to cancer medicine, the field he ultimately chose.

After board certification Bill began his practice in 1977 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska where he has been for the last 40 years. During his career, Bill has been academically affiliated with the University of Nebraska Leukemia and Lymphoma Study Group. He has been involved with the Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska, which sponsors a medical clinic for indigent patients. As a Certified Civil Surgeon for Homeland Security, Bill has performed physicals for immigrants, most of whom are working desperately to obtain citizenship and legal status. He was awarded Nebraska's Public Citizen of the Year in 2011 by the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Bill organized and participated in multiple seminars throughout Nebraska regarding 'Decisions at the End of Life.' And he established the Hospice program for the Panhandle of Nebraska and served as the medical director of Prairie Haven Hospice for 30 years. Upon receiving the 2007 Spirit of Hospice Award by the Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Partnership, the executive director of Prairie Haven Hospice said, "Dr. Packard has been a dedicated advocate for patients at the end of life.

He consistently treats his patients with respect, honesty and compassion."

A DHS grad who became an influential doctor, William Packard has excelled in his career and continues to devote himself to the care of others in significant ways.

Lynn E. Pickard

Had it not been for DHS graduate Lynn Pickard, Dansville might not have had an airport. Plain and simple, Lynn had a dream to establish an airport in Dansville and campaigned to build one from the time he was 22 years old. Born in 1889 and graduating from DHS in 1910, he went on to Colgate University and received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1914.

In 1911, Lynn was amazed as he witnessed a "Flying Machine" actually land in Dansville during Old Home Week. When America was brought into the first world war in Europe, Lynn enlisted in the new Army Air Service (named the U.S. Air Force in 1947). He began flight training, and in 1919 was commissioned as a pilot with combat rating and served as a second lieutenant until 1926. In 1940, civilian pilot training classes began at the Dansville Airport and Lynn led flight training courses for Army enlisted men and Navy Aviation Cadets.

Lynn often flew his Waco biplane over the countryside, landing in a 50-acre field just off Maple Street. This land would officially become the Dansville Airport on October 2, 1927 even though the airfield was only identifiable by the words DANSVILLE AIRPORT spelled out in large letters on the ground. As manager of the airfield, his efforts to improve the airport facilities were realized in 1934 when a hangar was constructed and Dansville Flying Service, Inc. began actively operating and promoting the municipal airport. The U.S. government eventually installed paved runways and a field lighting system, as well as a weather bureau station and a teletype system.

Besides his instrumental influence in building our airport, Pickard served the community of Dansville in several capacities. He was elected North Dansville town supervisor in 1939 and served a total of 3 terms. In 1949, Lynn was appointed acting postmaster and continued in that position until 1953. Lynn was mayor of the Village of Dansville and served 14 years as town highway superintendent. His affiliation with many local organizations rounded out his fundamental involvement in the Dansville community.

Lynn Pickard served his community well, but he will be most remembered for establishing the Dansville Airport. Today we enjoy a facility that serves the world of business aviation, military aviation, and private aviation. Dansville Airport is home to the Finger Lakes Soaring Club and is the site of the New York State Festival of Balloons.

