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presents

Wall of Pride

2019
Induction Event

October 19, 2019

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 2018 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 \$25,000 in 2018. Over the past few years, the Foundation has helped finance the following for students and the school community:

- Mini-grants including: AP Testing Assistance, RPO HS Choral Performance, Rinker's Readers, Lego Boost, 2nd Grade Young Authors Club, One Book, Self-Defense for Young Women, Active Parenting with CCE, Digital Media Pilot, VEX Robotics, GETT (Girls Empowered Through Technology), DPS Sensory Initiative, Therapy Dogs, Peer Tutoring, EBH Safety Patrol, Adirondack Youth Climate Summit, DHS Drumline in NYC
- The Wall of Pride Induction Ceremony
- Dansville Central Schools Alumni Association

The Foundation sponsors an annual Senior Award, the Hondelink Scholarship, and the Dreams Can Come True Award. In addition, the Foundation participates at the Chalk Walk and Arts Fest and Poags Hole Hill Climb.

Event Committees

Dansville Wall of Pride Committee

Induction Selection Committee

The Foundation for Dansville Education



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

Jennifer Welch Brushafer

Introduced by

Barb Frazer

Jane Schryver

Paul Hoffman

C. Arthur Seymour

Jane Behnk

Accepted by Dr. William A. Seymour

Paul E. Wamp, Jr.

Barry Haywood

Accepted by Tom Wamp

Mike Welch

Dennis Leyden

Photographs Following Award Ceremony



Jennifer Welch Brushafer

Jennifer (Welch) Brushafer graduated in 1990 from DHS. She then attended Immaculata University where she received a B.A. degree in Business Administration and Economics in 1994. After working at GE Capital in Philadelphia, Jennifer returned to the area in 1998 to raise her family and begin her altruistic endeavors. These efforts began in Jennifer's home. After the birth of their two children in 1999 and 2000, she and her husband, Rob, welcomed three foster children who they adopted in 2004. They have also opened their doors as a host

family to the NYS Festival of Balloons pilots every year since 2001.

Jennifer continued her volunteering efforts at the St. Mary's School in Dansville when her children enrolled in school there. Jennifer poured her time into fundraising efforts including cash raffles, Heroes for Hire and the successful Valley Affair events. Jennifer was also the President of the Catholic Schools of Dansville Alumni Association (2002-2005). After St. Mary's School closed, her children attended Lima Christian School. Jennifer took her organizational skills and generous heart there as she became involved in numerous fundraising and school events over the years.

Jennifer's dedication and commitment to Dansville's youth is evident beyond the school walls. In 2011 Jennifer launched the annual Sunshine Softball game and later in 2015 helped start the Sunshine Swimming event with her son. These sporting activities provided opportunities for students with physical or intellectual challenges to compete alongside peers. Their participation prompted Jennifer's philosophy to place "service above self". In 2011 she devoted her time to helping her daughter create the Santa Hat Society. This group assists families who have experienced a traumatic loss, on-going medical needs or other financial hardships by providing a Christmas that these children might not otherwise have.

These experiences, along with her selfless spirit led Jennifer to donate a kidney to her former teacher, Sue Mettler, in 2018. Jennifer and Sue actively educate and encourage others to join the NYS Organ Donor Registry. By giving of herself and investing her time wherever there is a need, Jennifer Brushafer continues to be an inspirational community member.

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Mike Welch

Michael (Mike) Welch graduated from Dansville High School in 1969. He attended Ithaca College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1973 and he later earned his Master's degree in Education from the University at Albany (1977).

Mike's leadership qualities can be seen in his numerous athletic endeavors as an athlete, a coach and a mentor to countless students. Mike played football, basketball and baseball while at

DHS. He was an integral member of the '67-'68 undefeated football seasons and a starting second baseman for the 1968 Section V Championship Baseball team. Mike brought these physical skills and influence to the next level at Ithaca College where he played football (Captain '72) and lacrosse. After graduation Mike started his illustrious coaching career as an assistant football and head lacrosse coach at Rush-Henrietta High School. He moved to the college level as an Assistant Coach in both football & lacrosse at the University at Albany and soon thereafter became the Offensive Coordinator at Washington University (Missouri). In 1984 Mike returned to Ithaca College to serve as the linebacker coach and helped the Bombers win two National Championships (1988 and 1991). Based on these achievements Mike was awarded the head coaching position in 1994 and held that position until retiring in 2016. As head coach, Mike compiled a record of 169 wins and 78 losses and secured eight Empire 8 Championships with eight appearances in the NCAA Tournament and four ECAC Bowl games. During his tenure, Mike also coached 32 All-Americans and two Empire 8 Players of the Year and he was named Empire 8 Coach of the Year four times.

In 2006 Mike was elected to the American College Football Association's Board of Trustees and served as President in 2014. He was previously inducted into the Dansville High School Wall of Fame as well as the Ithaca College Athletic Hall of Fame (2015).

Upon his retirement Ithaca Athletic Director Susan Bassett said of Mike's tenure, "First and foremost, Mike is an educator of the highest order, teaching the men in his charge how to conduct themselves with sportsmanship, integrity and class; values and lessons learned that will serve them well in life after Ithaca and football." Mike is an example for all Dansville students showing what is possible when you are willing to lead and guide others. Always humble, Mike Welch has never forgotten his roots as he returns to Dansville often and refers to it as "The Center of the Universe."

Jane Schryver

Jane Schryver, born Jane Mader, is a lifelong resident of Dansville and a 1954 DHS graduate. She is a fountain of knowledge on the history of Dansville and the surrounding towns and graciously shares this information to promote an appreciation of local history.

Her fascination with old and interesting artifacts manifested itself into her passion for collecting picture postcards which include many old photos of Dansville. Today she owns what must surely be the largest private collection of Dansville related materials preserved for

community members and organizations. In a 2002 collaboration with Paul Hoffman she began offering presentations relating to the history of Dansville and other locations in Livingston and Steuben Counties. She has created over 30 programs about the Blum Shoe Factory, The Castle on the Hill, Stony Brook Park and other historical subjects.

Jane's most significant contribution to Dansville is the restoration of its original cemetery which over the years has been known under many names such as, Union Park, Normal Park and Instructor Park. In 2012 it was officially re-designated as Pioneer Park. Jane's goal was not just to improve its appearance but to restore its largely forgotten legacy as Dansville's original cemetery. Many others were involved in the undertaking and Jane was the driving force. It was "her baby," and she relentlessly pushed the project around and through the obstacles that could have delayed or even derailed it. As a result we now have a large and handsomely crafted stone monument resting in the center of the park surrounded by sidewalks, lights, benches and a historical marker.

Jane has been involved with many local organizations most significantly the Dansville Area Historical Society where she has spent countless hours diligently preserving glass slides, historical documents and newspaper articles. She was also one of the founders of the Wayland Potato Festival. She served as Secretary of the Wayland Business Association and President of the Western Steuben Allegany Board of Realtors. Noyes Hospital has also been an ongoing recipient of Jane's gracious benevolence.

The Dansville Community has been blessed to have Jane Schryver working so hard to help maintain, promote and preserve our history.





C. Arthur Seymour

Charles Arthur (Art) Seymour became a member of the Dansville community when he relocated here in 1943 to be a teacher and coach at Dansville High School. As a general science and biology teacher Art began a career with the Dansville School District that would carry him to his retirement in 1978. After earning his Master of Science degree in secondary school administration at the University of Rochester Art became vice-principal in 1953 of the combined junior and senior high schools. When the

two schools separated in 1962 he was appointed principal of the Junior High School where he remained for the rest of his career.

During his 35-years at DCS Art Seymour acted in several capacities. Besides being a teacher and administrator (sometimes simultaneously), he was a senior class advisor and oversaw the student projector operators who assisted at school and offered their services to local organizations. He was advisor to the Junior Red Cross Club and acted in several of the annual DCS faculty plays.

Along with his wife and their five children, Art became ingrained in the Dansville community. He belonged to numerous civic organizations such as Phoenix Mason Lodge 115, Dansville Rotary Club, Dansville Lions Club and the Loyal Order of Moose Club. He also served on the executive committee of the Steuben Area Boy Scout Council, as chairman of the local Salvation Army Service and Dansville Community Chest (United Fund). During summers Art was employed at Stony Brook Park as a lifeguard and swim instructor.

Following his retirement Art continued serving his community by becoming mayor from 1979-1983. During his term Babcock Park became a reality where many community sports and recreational activities were instituted including a new softball diamond and tennis court. He oversaw the application of several state and federal grants totaling over \$355,000. One of the most important grants was the Small Cities Community Block Grant which provided the rehabilitation of 57 Dansville homes of elderly, disabled and minority individuals.

Born in Jermyn, PA, Art Seymour chose to make Dansville his home and often expressed his pride in Dansville, its school system and its people. In turn, our community and school district benefitted from his commitment.

Paul E. Wamp, Jr.

Paul E. Wamp, Jr. was born in 1914 in Rochester, NY, the son of German immigrants who came to the United States in the early 1900's. His family relocated to Naples, NY where Paul attended school and cultivated his interest in sports as captain of the basketball and baseball teams. After graduating high school in 1933, Paul attended Bryant & Stratton Business Institute, graduating in 1935 with an Associates degree in Business Administration. He arrived in Dansville in 1939 to become the assistant manager of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company and then served as secretary, treasurer and bank manager of Security Trust Company when the two businesses merged. When asked in 1951 to transfer to Fairport, NY Paul instead took a position as vice-president and treasurer with Shay's Service so he could remain in Dansville. Paul is best known, however, as Dansville's longtime Postmaster appointed by President Eisenhower in 1953. He held the position until his retirement in 1977.

Paul was always heavily involved in our community. He held several leadership positions including serving as President of the Dansville Board of Trade (now Dansville Chamber of Commerce), Dansville Community Chest (United Fund) and Dansville Exchange Club. In his capacity as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Paul co-founded the Dansville Dogwood Festival, an annual event that still brings the Dansville community together. He also chaired American Red Cross Clara Barton Chapter #1 and the March of Dimes. His community involvement led to him being named "Man of the Year" in 1970 by the Dansville Jaycees.

An avid sports fan, Paul was a longtime director of Dansville Little League and influential in the establishment of our Babe Ruth League serving as a director throughout his life. He strongly supported the very successful Dansville Merchants Baseball Team in the 1950's and 1960's and was instrumental in their fundraising efforts.

Whether it was a charitable or sporting event, Paul offered his leadership skills and never wavered from his strong belief in public service to his community. In a 1977 published editorial on his life Paul was described as essential to the success of any volunteer event. He had successful careers in banking, in the business world and the 24 years he spent as Dansville Postmaster. But more than his successes, Paul Wamp was a friend to people from all walks of life.

