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WALL OF PRIDE



THE
FOUNDATION
FOR DANSVILLE EDUCATION

2015
Inaugural Induction Event



Clare VanDurme was born in Dansville in 1955 and graduated from DCS in 1973. As one of ten children, Clare learned early on the importance of looking out for others. Even as a child she exemplified putting others before herself, as she gave her own coat away to help someone less fortunate. Clare felt she was put on the earth to fulfill the needs of others. Her beliefs are put into action and are visible on a daily basis as she serves as a lifeline for those in need.

As Clare became more aware of poverty in our area, she worked with other agencies to explore what she could do to help. She felt she could best contribute by establishing C.A.N.N. (Community Answers Needs Network) to provide the basic necessities for those trying to put their lives back together. Since its establishment in 2005, she has worked to distribute and store clothing, furniture, and other household items. A member of the Red Cross Disaster Team, Clare has not only helped at several fires herself, but C.A.N.N. has served as a referral for victims hoping to replace some of what they lost. While people generally donate items for those less fortunate, occasionally Clare organizes fundraising events to purchase what is needed. If she still doesn't have what they need, she connects people with the appropriate agencies or charitable organizations.

For a number of years, Clare has served as the President of the DCS All-Sports Booster Club and has volunteered at the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp for children in need of support. A graduate of St. Mary's School, she remains active in the Holy Family Church. She mentors prisoners at Groveland, Livingston, and Attica Correctional Facilities.

Clare's boundless energy and tireless efforts to help those in need now extend beyond the Dansville community, as word of her selfless actions has spread to neighboring towns.

Reception

6:00 P.M.

Music by: Carson Beardsley
Sponsored by: Genesee Valley Cardiology

Welcome

6:30 P.M.

Dr. Paul Alioto

Buffet Dinner

6:30 P.M.

Music & Vocals by: Rich Greene
Sponsored by: Genesee Valley Cardiology

Award Ceremony

7:30 P.M.

Dan Dixon

Master of Ceremonies

Inductee:

Alice Burdick
Albert Hawk
Barry Haywood
Colonel Kevin Mastin
James McMahon
Thomas Reilly

Accepted by: Margo Reilly
Clare VanDurme

Introduced by:

Dorothy Hotchkiss
Dr. Paul Alioto
Jon Shay
Randy Mastin
Tracy Gregorius
Gerri Waight

Amy Keagy

Following Award Ceremony

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James McMahon was born in Westfield, NY in 1960. He received his Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from SUNY Cortland in 1982, and earned his Master's degree in Special Education from SUNY Geneseo in 1988.

Jim began as a physical education teacher at EBH Elementary School in 1982. As a teacher and coach in the district for 33 years, he inspired his students to excel in the athletic arena, but also encouraged personal growth.

Coach McMahon spent much of his time encouraging good self-esteem and developing a core value system that allowed individuals to excel in all facets of their lives. As a mentor to new staff and coaches, he taught them to reflect and be proactive.

Jim's influence was felt around the Elementary School and the District as he organized, led, or participated in programs such as the Jump-a-Thon, Cross Country Run, and the Fabian Invitational Track Meet. He was instrumental in designing and raising funds for the Elementary School Playground. He served as the Athletic Director, is a loyal Sports Booster, sports announcer and timekeeper, and is the MC of the Annual Sports Banquet. He was the original chair of the committee that developed the Athletic Wall of Fame.

Jim McMahon gives 100% of himself when called upon. He is a member of the Parish Council of St. Mary's/Holy Family Church, is a counselor for the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp, and works with Noyes Memorial Hospital to promote and facilitate the Community Kids' Run. Jim has organized and participated in fundraisers for groups such as the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, and the United Way.

He embodies pride, integrity, commitment and community before self. He never seeks recognition for what he does, but is frequently the person in the background who makes it happen.



Albert Hawk was born in 1930 in Dansville, NY. His early education began in a one-room schoolhouse, District #15 in Steuben County. He then attended and graduated from Dansville High School in 1947, SUNY Oswego in 1951 earning a Bachelor's degree in Education, and in 1964 from SUNY Geneseo earning a Master's degree in School Administration.

Before beginning his illustrious career in education, Al worked in the automotive industry and served in the US Army Reserves (overlapping his early teaching years). He then

spent 32 years educating students with multiple disabilities at Craig Developmental Center, rising to the rank of Education Director before retiring in 1990.

Al also served on various boards of education for 32 years: Dansville (1971-1984), Livingston-Steuben-Wyoming-Genesee Valley BOCES (1977-2003), and the National School Boards Association. He served as the Vice Chair of the Northeast Region (13 states, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands) from 1991-1992. His work resulted in several appointments by the NYS Education Department and governor to national and statewide advisory councils and task forces. Al represented the interests of rural schools and the BOCES concept as "an equalizer of opportunity for rural students" leading to a regional educational leadership award named in his honor.

Always community minded, Al is also a member of St Paul's Lutheran Church and several local organizations. In 2014, he received the Clara Barton Founder's Award for his efforts. As a DHS graduate, he has made meaningful contributions locally, regionally, statewide, and nationally, spending a lifetime servicing the cause of public education in rural communities.



Alice Burdick was born in Dansville in 1931. She graduated in 1948 from Cohocton High School. She then entered Syracuse University where she received a degree in early education in 1952 returning to the area to raise her family and begin her teaching career.

Alice taught for 2 years in the Canaseraga district, and then spent 28 years educating 1st and 2nd graders in the Dansville Central School District. After impacting countless

young lives as an educator, she expanded her generosity to the community at large. Alice has been a tireless volunteer and advocate for the beautification and preservation of the Dansville community.

As a member of the Dansville Historical Society, Alice advocated for several Main Street grants and was a key member of the Revitalization Committee. Alice worked with the County Landmark Society to bring the State Preservation Conference to Dansville. She worked with NYS Parks and Historic Preservation to get Dansville's Main Street on both the New York State and National Registry of Historic Places. As a member of the Dansville Chamber of Commerce, Alice helped found Winter in the Village, and recently co-founded Clara Barton Day.

Alice has focused on sharing and maintaining the history and economy of our small town, and fostered that pride in community members of all ages through numerous projects. Whether educating the youth of Dansville Central or preserving the heritage of the surrounding community, Alice's work has made a lasting impact on the entire Dansville community.



Thomas P. Reilly was born in Dansville in 1885 as the son of a nurseryman. He attended St Patrick's Catholic School and then Dansville Central School, excelling as a chemist.

Tom successfully took over the family business in the early 1900s and pursued his childhood vision of developing a process whereby plants could take in nutrition through their leaves (foliar feeding). In 1932, he was successful and began the journey of marketing his idea. By 1938, Ra-Pid-Gro, the miracle plant food, was being produced and sold in ten-cent packets in Woolworth stores. The product was packaged in Dansville by Mr. Reilly and a handful of employees, including his future wife, Frances.

Although many were skeptical of its worthiness, in 1954 the government proved conclusively that foliar feeding was effective which revolutionized horticulture. In 1980, the company was bought by Chevron who eventually retired the name Ra-Pid-Gro and marketed the product under the trademark, Ortho. Although the family business was no longer in Dansville, it had made its mark in history – Ra-Pid-Gro was a household name in post-war America.

Thomas Reilly died in 1965. In 1982, the Thomas P. Reilly Medical Arts Building, which is part of the Noyes Memorial Hospital facility, opened. The building was funded in part by a million-dollar contribution from Tom's wife Frances.

Mr. Reilly dedicated many years to being a nurseryman and horticulturalist, sharing his success and giving our community a reason to be proud of him and his significant achievements.



Barry Haywood was born in Dansville in 1936. He graduated from Dansville Senior High in 1954 and went on to receive his Bachelor's degree in Music from Ithaca College in 1958. In 1967, he completed his Master's degree in Education at the University of Buffalo. After teaching in Holland, NY for nine years, Barry returned to Dansville and taught for thirty-one years.

Barry inspired countless students through his teaching and directing of the school bands. His students grew

in responsibility and performed at their highest levels to receive his trademark praise, "Cowabunga". Barry and his band brought pride to the community of Dansville as they performed and were televised in places such as Washington, DC, Philadelphia, PA, Toronto, Canada and on several college campuses. They were honored to participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

By example, Barry modeled for his students the importance of serving his community as a Trustee and Mayor of the Village of Dansville, and chairing groups such as the Clara Barton Chapter #1 of the American Red Cross, the United Way, and the Dogwood Festival, also serving on numerous committees, including the GCC Advisory Committee and the Dansville Area Chamber of Commerce. Barry demonstrated leadership as a member of the Lions Club at the local, state, national, and international levels. His leadership was recognized and rewarded as the recipient of several honors, including Dansville and New York State's "Citizen of the Year".

Despite his many awards, Barry remains a humble man, giving credit to others, preferring to remain in the background. He is the epitome of honesty, integrity, and service to others above himself. He continues to make Dansville proud! He has been, and is, an outstanding leader in our school and community.



Colonel Kevin Mastin was born in Dansville in 1963. He attended Dansville Central School and was an active athlete as well as being a band member and serving as a class officer. Kevin graduated in 1981 with a very ambitious career in his future, most recognizably as a United States Air Force Thunderbird Solo Pilot.

His dedicated and honorable military service began when he enlisted in the Air Force after high school.

After completing his enlistment, he

earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications in 1988 from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, where he was commissioned as an officer through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He then completed undergraduate pilot training and amassed a total of 4,252 flight hours in five different aircraft. Kevin advanced in rank from Second Lieutenant in 1988 to First Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Lieutenant Colonel, and lastly Colonel in 2008.

Colonel Mastin's service involved numerous assignments including duties as an Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner, Flight Commander, Mission Commander, Director of Operations, Squadron Commander, Deputy Chief of Air Combat Command's Flight Operations Division, Director of the Future Operations Center at U.S. Northern Command, Vice Wing Commander of the 1st Fighter Wing at Langley AFB in Virginia, and Professor of Aerospace Studies at the University of Washington. His leadership earned him esteemed military recognition.

Kevin has exemplified the dedication and commitment we all strive for and he, along with his family, have made his community very proud. By his example, our students at DCS can see the possibilities that may unfold once they have completed their high school education.

Foundation for Dansville Education

The mission of the Foundation for Dansville Education 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.

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Dansville Central Schools' WALL OF PRIDE Mission Statement

The mission of the Foundation for Dansville Education Wall of Pride committee is to:

Recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding Dansville High School graduates, DCSD educators and members of our school community.

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.

www.dansvillecsd.org/wall_of_pride.cfm