



# WARRIOR HALL OF HONOR

Recognition Dinner  
December 15, 2023- 5:00 p.m.

*Warren High School Basketball Game  
Warren vs. Logan*

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## Order of Events

Warrior Annex (Building 6)

*Social Hour and Group Photographs*

*Invocation*

Jason Johnson  
Dinner

*Welcome*

Kara Pinkerton

*Ceremony*

***2023 Hall Honorees***

*Introduction*

*Honoree*

Charles Wentz

Mike Brant

Sally Maddox

Connie Kaufman

Melcie Wells

Kimberly Murnieks

R. Logan Yoho

JoEllen Yoho

***Closing Remarks and Announcements***

Kara Pinkerton

**Warren High School – New Coliseum**

***Game Recognition***

Honorees will be recognized between the  
Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball game

# WARRIOR HALL OF HONOR

## Presenting the 2023 Class

Welcome to the eleventh annual *Warrior Hall of Honor* ceremony. On behalf of this committee, I would like to thank you for your attendance this evening for the induction of the 2023 class.

As we gather this evening to celebrate and honor the contributions made by this year's inductees, we say, "Thank You and Congratulations" to the class of 2023 for paving the way to excellence. These individuals, like the previous inductees, have and/or continue to positively impact and represent what makes Warren Local Schools so great.

The Warren community has many individuals that have positively contributed to our District's enduring success or represented our District with great pride and distinction. It is the mission of the *Warrior Hall of Honor* committee to identify such individuals and recognize them for their lasting impact on our community. Go Warriors!



# Mike Brant

*Outstanding service to the school and the community as a teacher*

Mike Brant is a 1966 graduate of Warren High School where he was involved in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Student Council as well as being a 3-sport athlete. Mike received his Bachelors



in 1970 and Masters in History in 1980 from Ohio University. He was drafted into the US Army serving from 1970 to 1972 including a tour in Vietnam. Mike began teaching at Warren High School in 1972 in the Social Studies department starting the African-American History class and a

Social Science class to help freshman receive state graduation requirements for those attending Washington County Vocational School. He also started the grade school and junior high wrestling program, coaching from 1974 until 2000. Mike sponsored four Vietnam Veterans that attended Bartlett and Warren High School who died in combat for the Belpre Area Purple Heart Ceremony.

Other achievements:

- 2022 WOW Awards Hometown Hero
- One of the founders of the Cutler Heritage & Legacy Society
- Member of multiple area Historical Societies
- VFW Post 7174 member
- WTAP quiz team coach, 1974 team championship winners

# Connie Kaufman

*Outstanding service to the school and the community*

Connie Kaufman is a 1974 graduate of Federal Hocking High School, receiving her Associates degree in Secretarial Science in 1976 from



Ohio Valley College. Connie began her employment with Warren in 1994 as a secretary at Barlow Vincent transferring to Warren High School in 1998 as the attendance secretary. Connie was a dedicated employee who had a positive impact with students and staff. She was often a nurse, counselor and mentor and always had a smile on her

face. Connie served as assistant WHS track coach from 2007-2023. Connie and her husband Mark reside in Belpre, OH.

## Other achievements:

- Member of Belpre Church of Christ
- Volunteer at church food pantry/ Belpre Area Ministries store
- Created the group “Moments of Joy” that plan, cook and deliver meals once a month to various groups of people

# Kimberly Murnieks

*Distinguished graduate with exemplary accomplishments*



Kimberly Murnieks is a 1989 graduate of Warren High School. Kimberly received her Bachelor's Degree from Marietta College and her Master of Public Administration from The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs. On January 14, 2019 she was appointed Director of the Office of Budget and Management by Governor Mike DeWine, serving as the Chief Financial Officer for the state of Ohio. Director Murnieks also serves as the President of the

National Association of State Budget Officers and was a member of the Federal Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building.

## Other achievements:

- American Mensa member
- Volunteer with Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council
- Responsible for the design and implementation of the CyberOhio Initiative enacting the state's Data Protection Act
- Worked with the Governor and Ohio General Assembly to balance the state budget and resources to impact economic development, including historic allocations to the Appalachian region

# JoEllen Yoho

*Outstanding service to the school and the community*



JoEllen Yoho is a 1982 graduate of Decatur Chapel Academy. JoEllen began volunteering with Warren Local School District when the first of her 3 children started kindergarten at Little Hocking Elementary. She chaperoned, volunteered and worked at almost every event for the choral department, giving of her time post-graduation of her children. JoEllen was more than a volunteer for the school district and students, she was

a mentor and role model. JoEllen and her husband Bob reside in Little Hocking, OH.

## Other achievements:

- Warren High School Booster Officer
- Gospel Baptist Church choir member
- Gospel Baptist Church volunteer nursery coordinator

# WARRIOR HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

## 2011

Major General Mark Atkinson  
Ralph D. Coffman, Jr.  
Dr. Verna Weinstock Hillstrom  
Cecil Johnson  
Clyde Mayle

## 2012

Mary Weinstock Sokol  
Jack Watkins

## 2013

Larry and Joy Baumgard  
Allen Short  
Bobby Waggoner

## 2014

George H. McAfee  
Elmer E. Templeton

## 2015

Janice McGregor  
Andrew Brackenridge

## 2016

Jane Irvine  
Dennis Sturm

## 2017

No ceremony

## 2018

Dennis Biddinger  
Dan Leffingwell  
Fred Ruth  
Nancy Ruth  
Jay Wardeska



# WARRIOR HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

**2019**

David Barrett  
Alan Riffey  
Charles Wentz

**2020**

No Ceremony

**2021**

Allen Clark  
Greg Rush  
Patty Shawd  
Tracy Foundation  
Kim Wile

**2022**

Hugh Coffman  
Mary Margaret Nuzum  
Sandra and Sylvia Young

**2023**

Mike Brant  
Connie Kaufman  
Kimberly Murnieks  
JoEllen Yoho





For additional information  
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The Warrior Hall of Honor  
bylaws, selection criteria,  
and nomination process  
can be found at  
[www.warrenlocal.org](http://www.warrenlocal.org)



**Thank You**

