



HALL OF FAME

2021



BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL

...where excellence is tradition



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Philosophy

The Bismarck High School Hall of Fame acknowledges alumni of the school who have brought special recognition to themselves or to Bismarck High School by demonstrating high qualities of character and leadership during or following their time at BHS.

For over one hundred years, Bismarck High School graduates have made their mark in the world in various fields of endeavor. The Hall of Fame is one way to recognize these outstanding alumni and their achievements, as well as provide inspiration to current and future BHS students. As the BHS motto states, “Excellence in Academics and Athletics.” This excellence will continue as BHS moves through the 21st century.

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HEROES

By: Ann Reed

Music performed by BHS New Generation Jazz Choir
Director - Brian Saylor

What can I learn from you
In your lifetime, in what you've been through
How'd you keep your head up and hold your pride
In an insane world, how'd you keep on tryin'

One life can tell the tale
That if you make the effort, you can not fail
By your life you tell me it can be done
By your life's the courage to carry on

(Chorus)

Heroes
Appear like a friend
To clear a path or light the flame
As time goes by you find, you depend
On your heroes to show you the way

What can I learn from you
That I must do the thing I think I can not do
That you do what's right by your heart and soul
It's the imperfections that make us whole

One life can tell the tale
And if you make the effort you can not fail
By your life you tell me it can be done
By your life's the courage to carry on

(Chorus)

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Members

2005 Inductions

William A. Owens	Class of 1958
Harold Schafer	Class of 1929
Era Bell Thompson	Class of 1924

2006 Inductions

Timothy Holtan	Class of 1973
Richard Karlgaard	Class of 1946
Rich Karlgaard	Class of 1972
Kirk Lanterman	Class of 1950
Evan Lips	Class of 1936
Gary P. Miller	Class of 1953
Harry J. Pearce	Class of 1960
Bruce Perry	Class of 1973
Edward T. Schafer	Class of 1964

2007 Inductions

Ev Miller	Class of 1953
Barbara Gibbons Evanson	Class of 1962
Rick Montz	Class of 1973
Charles E. Murry	Class of 1978
Mike Peluso	Class of 1993

2008 Inductions

John E. Davis	Class of 1931
Karen Klein Cameron-Brook	Class of 1960
Larry Watson	Class of 1965
Jeff Fowler	Class of 1974
Todd Clausnitzer	Class of 1977
Cindy Froeschle Duehring	Class of 1980

2009 Inductions

Frank Bavendick	Class of 1948
Samuel Westgate	Class of 1962
Gordon Joseph Weis	Class of 1967
Marilyn Mitzel	Class of 1971
Anne Mahlum	Class of 1999

2010 Inductions

James W. Foley, Jr.	Class of 1888
Curtis Juhala	Class of 1959
Rod Tjaden	Class of 1959
Sandra Bailey Ogren	Class of 1965
Lynn M. Froeschle	Class of 1978

2011 Inductions

Mel Ruder	Class of 1932
Jim Simle	Class of 1957
Greg Nelson	Class of 1966
Sarah Hill	Class of 2001

2012 Inductions

Ed Lahr	Class of 1930
Keith Bear	Class of 1973
Laura McCallum	Class of 1985
Greg Eslinger	Class of 2002

2013 Inductions

Susan Lundberg	Class of 1965
Stephanie Delmore	Class of 1968
Bill Sorensen	Class of 1968
Jodi Archambault Gillette	Class of 1987
Shannon Galpin	Class of 1992

2014 Inductions

Darrell Anderson	Class of 1973
Weston Dressler	Class of 2004
Monica Hannan	Class of 1978
Bill Owen	Class of 1948

2015 Inductions

David R. Solheim	Class of 1965
Ric Sprynczynatyk	Class of 1974
Kimberly Kline	Class of 1992

2016 Inductions

Dr. Kenneth Sell	Class of 1949
Mark Munson	Class of 1974
Lance Kramer	Class of 1984

2017 Inductions

Fannie Quain, M.D.	Class of 1893
Mark Thompson	Class of 1966
Richard Torrance	Class of 1968
Wayne Stenchjem	Class of 1971

2018 Inductions

A.M. "Marc" Christianson	Class of 1936
Lauren W. Ritterbush	Class of 1978
Dave Johs	Class of 1992

2019 Inductions

George A. Hughes	Class of 1888
Bonnie Larson Staiger	Class of 1965
Shannon McQuade-Ely	Class of 1992

2020 Induction

Bruce Furness	Class of 1957
Dr. Michael Saba	Class of 1959
Dr. Elizabeth Beierle	Class of 1980

2021 Induction

George F. Will	Class of 1902
Jon Rask	Class of 1991

CLASS OF



1957

BRUCE FURNESS

Bruce Furness is a 1957 Bismarck High School graduate. Following graduation, Bruce attended Jamestown College (now UJ) and Montana State University. He worked with IBM for 30 years in several locations before joining Greater North Dakota Association (GNDA) in 1992, where he managed Vision 2000, working with strategic planning and membership development.

Bruce served nine years on the Fargo School Board and was President in 1980-81. Bruce was elected to the Fargo City Commission in 1992 and served as Mayor of Fargo from 1994 to 2006. As Mayor, he also led the community through the historic flood of 1997 and 2000, and the subsequent recoveries. He was employed by Bell Bank until March 2008 when he was appointed by Governor Hoeven as interim CEO of the North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance agency through March 2009.

Bruce has served with many civic organizations including: UJ Board of Trustees, MeritCare Health System Board of Trustees, State Health Council, Consensus Council and as a Director of the National Board of American Diabetes Association. He has served as Chair of the Fargo Chamber of Commerce, Red River Zoo, UJ Alumni Association, United Way, Fargo Renaissance Zone Authority, and North Dakota League of Cities.

Before retirement, his activities included serving on the boards of Bell Banks, Lake Agassiz Water Authority, Metro Sports Foundation and the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation. He has been a longtime member of the Fargo Lions Club and the Fargo Chamber of Commerce.

Bruce has received several awards including: Sertoma Service to Mankind Award, GNDA Community Leadership Award, Greater North Dakotan Award, the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo Chamber Legacy Leader Award and was a Melvin Jones Fellow of Lions International.

He and his wife, Lorraine, are parents of four grown children and eleven grandchildren.



CLASS OF



1959

DR. MICHAEL SABA

Michael Saba PhD. graduated from Bismarck High School in 1959 and was co-valedictorian of his class. Dr. Saba was one of the first Bismarck High graduates to join the Peace Corps. During his time in the Peace Corp, his penchant for helping others, especially children, began. He worked as a teacher in Malaysia and Thailand in the 1960s and helped build a children's hospital in Egypt, setting in motion a passion for helping that led to his involvement in Avera Health, Sanford Health and St. Jude Children's Hospital. He was also a training coordinator for Peace Corps programs in Africa in the early 1970's.

He joined Mobil Oil as Manager of Middle East Affairs in the mid-1970's and has been an international health and business adviser since 1980. Dr. Saba served as the Director of International Development for Avera Health, Executive Director of Development for Sanford Children's Clinics, and Vice President for International Development for ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, among many other positions.

He was the first Executive Director of the National Association of Arab Americans based in Washington, D.C., and past president of the Attiyeh Foundation, a not-for-profit foundation promoting U.S. Middle East Relations.

Dr. Saba has written and published four books, including "Ethnic History of North Dakota" which was a North Dakota best seller.

Saba was taken hostage in the Iraq Gulf War in 1990, and after escaping into Jordan, was instrumental in negotiating the release of over 1000 American hostages from Iraq and Kuwait. Saba was elected State Representative in South Dakota and served from 2019-2021. Saba speaks five languages and has lived in and visited over 100 countries.



CLASS OF



1980

DR. ELIZABETH BEIERLE

Dr. Elizabeth Beierle is a Tenured Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where she holds the Charles D. McCrary Endowed Chair in Pediatric Surgery. She graduated from Bismarck High School as valedictorian in 1980 and subsequently completed her undergraduate education at the University of North Dakota. She received her medical degree from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine in 1989, and completed an internship in general surgery at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. Subsequently, she completed a general surgery residency at the University of Florida, where she did a year of laboratory research in fetal lung development. She finished her pediatric surgery fellowship training at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia in 1998. Dr. Beierle began her academic career in pediatric surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Camden, where she began investigating signal transduction in pediatric solid tumors. Her career carried her back to the University of Florida in 2000 where she remained until 2009 when she left for her current institution, UAB. Her clinical practice focuses on the surgical care of infants and children, with an emphasis on pediatric cancer. She continues to have an active, funded research laboratory investigating novel therapies for pediatric solid tumors, and she has published extensively on this topic. She is a member of the American Pediatric Surgical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Society for University Surgeons, and the American Surgical Association.



CLASS OF



1902

GEORGE WILL

George Francis Will was born on November 8, 1884 in Bismarck. After graduating from Bismarck High School in 1902, he attended Harvard University. There George studied anthropology, archaeology, and botany, graduating in 1906. As a college student, he examined the ancient villages sites called Double Ditch on the Missouri River north of Bismarck. George returned to Bismarck where he worked for the nursery and seed firm his father had founded, Oscar H. Will and Co. He worked with the Mandan and Arikara tribes to learn about crossbreeds of corn for his seed business. George became an acclaimed corn breeder and authored numerous articles for trade journals on that and related subjects. His avid interest in the history and prehistory of North Dakota led him to write a variety of books, speeches and articles on the folklore, agricultural-lore, languages and customs, and archaeological remains of Indian groups living along the Upper Missouri. In all, George wrote 117 published books, articles and reviews on the topics of history, prehistory, and botany.

Active throughout his life in community affairs, George was a member of the Bismarck School Board for 39 years. He also served on the Bismarck Zoning Board, the Bismarck Public Library Board and the State Park Commission. He belonged to Rotary, Sons of the American Revolution, the American Association of Advanced Sciences, the American Anthropological Association, the Society for American Archaeology and the American Newcomer Society. George was president of the State Historical Society of North Dakota, a position he held from 1942 until his death in 1955. In 1940 he received an honorary doctorate from the North Dakota Agricultural College, in recognition of his many contributions to modern agriculture.



CLASS OF



1991

JON RASK

Jon Rask is a NASA scientist whose research interests span the fields of astrobiology and space biology and focuses on the search for life on other planets and moons. Jon's interests in space exploration were sparked by observations he made as a child at the family farm southwest of Mandan, that centered on life's ability to survive the extreme conditions of drought and winter we experience in North Dakota. Jon's role as a high school science teacher in Bismarck offered the opportunity to share his enthusiasm for space science and motivated him to live the dream of seeing the space frontier with his own eyes. During his time at NASA, Jon has led desert, hydrothermal, and polar field expeditions that resulted in scientific discoveries at remote analog environments on six different continents. Jon has also characterized the toxicity of Apollo lunar dust and developed biological experiments that flew aboard the Space Shuttle and International Space Station. He has experienced microgravity during parabolic flight and been a test subject in human centrifuge studies. Rask has also carried out investigations in Antarctica, where he has tested prototype space suit technologies developed at the University of North Dakota and operated the food growth chamber at Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station.

Throughout his career, Jon has championed the importance of training the next generation, preserving native ecosystems, learning from our rural communities, and emphasizing the critical role that food production plays in space exploration. Rask has received numerous NASA honor awards and is the recipient of the United States Antarctica Service Medal for his courage, sacrifice, and devotion to scientific and exploratory efforts in Antarctica. His work has been featured by TEDx, museums, radio, and television, and is published in the proceedings of international conferences and scientific journals. To this day, Jon continues the stewardship of his family's farmland, and he lives with his partner and daughter in Silicon Valley.





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