



Delaware City Schools

Distinguished Alumni
Hall of Fame

September 8, 2023

Ceremony Agenda

Master of Ceremonies - Dr. Richard Stranges, Principal
Rutherford B. Hayes High School Auditorium

Prelude Music	Hayes String Quartet
Welcome	Richard Stranges
Singing of the National Anthem & Alma Mater	Hayes Singers
Presentation of the Colors	AFJROTC
Remarks	Heidi Kegley Superintendent of Schools
Presentation of Awards	
	Ceena Dinovo Baker Shawn M. Flahive Jeffrey J. Richards Dr. Joseph Rieman Jim Shaheen Peter Strimer
Recognition of Former Inductees	Richard Stranges
Closing Remarks	Richard Stranges

Guests are invited to attend the football game for an on-field introduction of the honorees.

Ceena Dinovo Baker

Class of 1971

Ceena was born and raised in Delaware by her parents, Anthony and Mary Dinovo, and is the oldest of nine children (this is how she learned her leadership skills). Ceena, her siblings and one cousin, who lived with them, are all graduates of Delaware Hayes High School. As a little girl growing up on Euclid Avenue, she spent many afternoons camped out in her backyard watching the construction of the new high school with dreams of walking to school one day, (and then her family moved across town the 2nd month of her freshman year). The school was a big deal for Delaware and she wanted to etch in her mind the creation of this important structure that would form future students and help the community grow.

Ceena's grandparents emigrated from Italy and made their home in Delaware. Her grandfather opened a produce business, Dinovo Brothers, Inc, which provided jobs for many in the community. Ceena has fond memories of working with her father, uncles, aunts and other family members in the family business and it was here that she fostered a love for her community.

She was an active student at Delaware Hayes and took business courses that would prepare her for her future in accounting. While at Hayes she was the Senior Class Secretary, member of the Latin Club, Junior Classical League, Pep Club, H-Teens, and Aerospace Girls. She graduated from Franklin University in 1981 with a BSBA majoring in Accounting. After 14 years in the banking industry, she became a Certified Public Accountant in 1994 while working at the accounting firm of Maloney+Novotny, (formerly Wolf, Rogers, Dickey & Co.), here in Delaware. It was always important to Ceena to serve the people of Delaware and it was while working here that she became engaged with numerous nonprofits in Central Ohio. She was inspired by how these organizations strive to improve people's lives and make a difference in the community through programs and education.

Ceena retired from the accounting profession after 34 years. She serves on the Delaware Hayes Class of 1971 Reunion Committee and on the Board of Trustees of the Delaware County Historical Society. Previously, she served on the boards of the Delaware County District Library, Delaware County Community Market and People in Need.

Ceena had volunteered at Grady Memorial Hospital where she was a member of the Volunteer Advisory Board, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Delaware Junior Fair Animal Sales and Main Street Delaware.

She was a member of Leadership Delaware Class of 2008, Ohio Society of CPAs and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She is a lifetime member of St. Mary Catholic Church and currently works in the school office. Ceena has two children – daughter, Anne who lives in Philadelphia, PA with her husband Abraham, and son Paul who lives in Clintonville.

Shawn M. Flahive

Class of 1977

The 7th of 8 Flahive children, Shawn learned from an early age to get along with everybody he ever met. His outgoing, friendly and focused personality has endeared him to people from all walks of life. His commitment to and love of family, his loyalty to his friends, and the dedication to his profession and to building a better community are all qualities that have allowed him to be a positive difference maker during his life.

A proud graduate of Hayes High School, Shawn excelled not only in the classroom, but also on the tennis and basketball courts. Shawn, along with teammates, Terry Whiteside and Lance Lucas, captained the basketball team in 1977 leading the team to a Conference Championship and the District Finals. A four-year Varsity tennis player, he captained the tennis team for 2 years and was the first Hayes player to win the OCC Championship for Single Players his senior year. The tennis team was also Conference Champion in 1977. Shawn credits much of his success to the hard work of his outstanding teachers in preparing him for the future.

Shawn attended the University of Notre Dame where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1981. He continued his education at Georgetown University Law School where he graduated in the top 7% of his class. Shawn assisted the Georgetown University Undergraduate School Admissions Office by interviewing prospective students for 20 years.

After seven years of higher education, Shawn made his way back to central Ohio and joined the Law Firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP making partner in 1991. He has always maintained during his years of practicing law that Vorys was the best fit for him, in large part because the firm valued teamwork to make sure they met the needs of their clients by sharing their areas of expertise. His area of expertise in corporate law, along with his ties to Delaware, helped him develop a close and professional relationship with Greif Brothers. His legal skills contributed deeply to the success of the firm. At his law firm, he served on the Professional Liability Committee for 30 years, chairing it the last 10 years of his career. He also served on the Management Committee and Ethics Committee, chairing the Ethics Committee his last 10 years also. Prior to making partner, Shawn served a number of years on the Godman Guild Board in Franklin County which helped the less fortunate.

When Shawn and his family moved to Powell in 1991, he immediately got involved in the community, serving on the Planning and Zoning Board for a number of years. In 1995 Shawn spearheaded, with the help of some fellow neighbors, a campaign to develop a community swim pool in Powell. Spending childhood summers at the County Pool, Shawn recognized how a community pool provides cohesiveness to its community. Shawn retired in 2021 and currently enjoys spending time with his family (wife Lisa, kids Colleen (Ryan), David, Shannon (Cam) and Kyle, grandsons Connor and Lucas), extended family, and dear friends.

Jeffrey J. Richards

Class of 1973

Jeff Richards' career has spanned the areas of French language and culture, diplomacy, French-American relations and international law. He is a native of Delaware, Ohio and was the third generation of his family to reside at an old Delaware house on William Street built in the 1800's. Jeff majored in History at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and graduated with honors, cum laude, writing his Honors Thesis on "French Diplomacy Under Napoleon III During the Crimean War." He went on to pursue post graduate studies in French language and culture at the Alliance Française in Paris and the Université de Paris Sorbonne. He received his law degree from The Ohio State University where he was an Executive office of the President/Presidential intern in Washington, D.C. at the office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

He worked in Paris with Le Monde des Enfants, a clothing designer and distributor. Jeff was employed as a medical school and kinesiological research translator for the Université René Descartes (Paris V), where he translated several NATO meeting documents. While in Paris he attended the Ecole de Cuisine La Varenne cooking school which has produced many renowned figures in American culinary arts and food television. Mr. Richards has established a successful law practice in Denver, Colorado, a portion of which comprises international law, based upon a spoken and written fluency in the French language. French and American businesses are advised in a variety of areas. The office is recognized as providing certified translations recognized by the French government for legal documents. In addition to his business clients, he handles legal issues involving banking and family law matters for French citizens/Americans in France.

He was appointed Honorary Consul of France in 2007 as a US State Department recognized diplomat in the United States and is one of very few US born individuals to hold such a post. The Honorary Consul of France is the government of France's diplomatic representative for the State of Colorado working with the French Consulate General in Los Angeles and the Embassy in Washington, D.C. The office handles consular matters for French citizens and coordinates French - Colorado diplomatic relations with visiting officials, scientists, with the Offices of the Governor, members of Congress and Senators, along with research and cultural institutions. Mr. Richards was part of the mayor's official delegation to France commemorating the first direct Colorado flight to Paris. As a leader in the French-American community he was recently invited to the opening ceremony at the White House for the visit of French President Emmanuel Macron.

Jeff is an arts and cultural leader, serving as the President of the Alliance Française of Denver, an actor in the French language theater troupe, Alliance et Co. as well as English language productions with City Stage Ensemble and a non-singing actor with Opera Colorado. Mr. Richards held the top diplomatic position in Colorado as the Dean of Colorado's Consular Corps where he has been a member for the past 16 years. He was a "State of the State" honoree by Governor John Hickenlooper in 2015. For his many years of service to the French Community and French-American relations, Jeff was awarded l'Ordre national du Mérite, (the French Order of Merit) as Chevalier by the French Ambassador to the United States in 2022, which is France's second highest award.

He currently resides in Denver with his wife Carolyn who has shared most of his adventures along with raising their two daughters Nathalie and Tish.

Dr. Joseph Rieman

Class of 2000

Dr. Joseph Rieman graduated from Capital University in 2004 and went on to medical school at The Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. While there, he won the Pediatric Student of the Year Award for his work with the local pediatric group.

He graduated from medical school in 2008 and completed his internship and residency in general psychiatry at Michigan State University. He then completed his child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at Michigan State as well. He served as chief resident of the program in 2010 and 2011.

He is board-certified in both Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and General Psychiatry. He has most recently received his board certification in Public and Community Psychiatry. He has been serving as the Chief Medical Officer for NewPath Child & Family Solutions (formerly St. Joseph Orphanage) since January 2016. He guides the agency's Medical Practices, including a program that provides same day psychiatric care to children in need. He also oversees the care of individuals in residential care, foster care and specialized education programs.

Rieman is a recipient of the 2022 Medical Mutual Pillar Award for Community Service as a Nonprofit Executive Director of the Year as well as the Cincinnati Business Courier Healthcare Hero Award for 2022. He was recently featured in the June 2023 edition of Movers and Makers Magazine.

Rieman was an outstanding wrestler for Delaware Hayes, earning First Team all-conference honors 3 times. He was also an OHSAA state placer in 2000. He continues his passion to bring the sport of wrestling to young athletes and has led the Lakota West Youth Wrestling Program for the past seven years.

He enjoys spending time outdoors with his wife and three sons and is also active in coaching his boys' sports teams.

Jim Shaheen

Class of 1985

Jim “Jimmy Jam” Shaheen grew up in Delaware, attending Carlisle, Woodward and Boardman elementary schools. He graduated from Delaware Hayes in 1985. While at Hayes, Jim was student body president for two years, played football (where he was All O.C.C.) and was very active in the music department.

He graduated from Ohio State University, where he was a member of the OSU Marching Band and was squad leader of the percussion section from 1987-1989.

Coming from a radio family, Jim began his career while still in high school working at his family’s radio stations WDLR and WCEZ. He eventually began a career at WNCI and has been a part of the morning show there for past 35 years. The show is consistently ranked number one in Central Ohio.

Jim’s radio show has enjoyed success in syndication over the past 18 years with the show currently being broadcast in states all over the U.S., including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Iowa, West Virginia, Alabama and Georgia.

Career highlights include broadcasting from eight Olympic games including Norway, Greece, Japan, Australia, England, Canada and the U.S. He has broadcast from multiple Grammy Awards, American Music Awards and American Idol Finales.

So far in his career, Jim has interviewed hundreds of high-profile newsmakers including Taylor Swift, Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Paul McCartney, Ben Affleck, Will Smith, Elton John, Rihanna, Katy Perry, Paris Hilton, Kelly Clarkson, Justin Bieber, Ed Sheeran, Britney Spears, Whitney Houston and more.

Jim has helped to raise over a million dollars for various charities over the years including Kids n’ Kamp, Make-A-Wish and Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

Jim lives in downtown Columbus but still attends as many Hayes football games as possible!

Peter Strimer

Class of 1972

Peter Strimer was a man of the cloth and committed his life to serving marginalized populations. For over 40 years, Peter gave his life to service and community outreach. He served as a liaison for businesses to help improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods he served. He worked tirelessly in the communities of Columbus, Ohio and Seattle, WA serving the hungry and homeless and focusing on their health and wellness.

A 1972 graduate of Hayes High School, Peter was active in more than 25 clubs while in high school. From a young age, he was devoted to his church, serving on the planning committee to rebuild his church after a fire when he was a junior in high school. Peter earned his Bachelor's Degree from Duke University, Master's Degrees in Divinity (Yale) and Social Work (University of Connecticut) and his Ph.D. in Community Organization from the Ohio State University. Peter was an ordained Deacon and Priest.

Peter first served as the associate rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbus, Ohio, where he staffed and expanded the Open Church Program and provided services to homeless families and individuals. This led him to serve on the Open Shelter Committee, which started the first shelter program in central Ohio. He also founded the Peace Initiatives Network for the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

As the Vicar of St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbus, Ohio, Peter helped to foster a weekly food program, a transitional housing project, and a literacy center. From 1994-1995 Peter served as the Urban Vicar and re-opened the abandoned, Third Avenue Community Church where he started a neighborhood health and wellness program and a daytime hospitality program staffed by medical professionals.

Peter relocated to Washington State in 1995 to work with homeless and hunger programs at St. Mark's Cathedral. Peter would leave St. Mark's in 2003 to become the Communications Missioner for the Diocese of Olympia and served as the spokesperson for the Diocese until 2006. Peter was called to St. Andrew's in Seattle where he served as Rector from 2006-2014. He continued to work between Tampa, FL and Seattle from 2014-2021.

Peter and his wife, El McFarland, permanently settled in Florida in 2021 upon his retirement. Peter passed away in 2022.

Hall of Fame Inductees

Delaware City Schools Hall of Fame

2013 - Combined Hall of Fame

Richard J. Blakeslee - Class of 1970
John C. "Jack" Hilborn - Class of 1967
Christian Howes - Class of 1989
Dan Morrison - Coach
Will Morrison - Class of 2003
Herbert H. "Bill" Williams - Class of 1954

2014 - Combined Hall of Fame

Brent Carson - Class of 1966
Clifford Dochterman - Class of 1943
Larry Eberst - Class of 1973
Charles "Tony" McCleery - Class of 1945
Abigail Nims - Class of 1997
Joseph DiGenova - Friend of the District

2015 - Combined Hall of Fame

Noah Cowan - Class of 1990
John Edwin Dewey - Class of 1957
Timothy Flahive - Class of 1975
Linda Lukas - Class of 1974
Bill Rietz - Class of 1976
James D. Schlichting - Class of 1971

2016 - Combined Hall of Fame

David Hackel - Class of 1967
Warren Wilson Hyer - Class of 1972
Vincente Minnelli - Class of 1921
Frank Lee Ruggles - Class of 1985
Doborah Poling-Schooley - Class of 1975
Richard "Dick" Shively - Class of 1954

2017 - Combined Hall of Fame

Jacob C. Edwards - Class of 2007
Paul L. Gaus - Class of 1967
Terry Johnson - Class of 1952
Stephen M. Reed - Class of 1966
Ezra F. Vogel - Class of 1947

2018 - Combined Hall of Fame

Carrie Banks - Class of 1996
Douglas Baxter - Class of 1968
Richard Andrus Hagar - Class of 1954
Jeannee Parker Martin - Class of 1973
April Nelson - Class of 1974
René Landon Weber - Class of 1974
Distinguished Service

2019 - Combined Hall of Fame

E. Fred Carlisle - Class of 1952
Emily Chenoweth - Class of 1990
Leonard "Mike" Clark - Class of 1953
Donald Keebaugh - Class of 1950
Barry King - Class of 1963
Kevin L. Reed - Distinguished
Service

2021 - Combined Hall of Fame

Susan Hurd Barr - Class of 1982
Alice M. Batchelder - Class of 1961
Ashleigh Nicole Nordstrom Brown - Class
of 2006
Janelle Thompson Gasaway - Class of 2001
Richard Hubbard - Class of 1955

2022 - Combined Hall of Fame

Kay Grandstaff Conklin - Class of 1954
John Ditslear - Class of 1960
Paul E. Lyons - Class of 1982
Jim Mendenhall - Class of 1969
Frederick "Rick" Scarry - Class of 1960

Distinguished Alumni Hall of Honor

2007 - Inaugural Class

William Hastings Eels - Class of 1942
Esther Jo King - Class of 1977
F. Sherwood Rowland - Class of 1943
John Michael "Mick" Seidl - Class of 1957
Henry Clay Thomson II - Class of 1926
James Tull - Class of 1980

Distinguished Alumni Hall of Honor

2008

Jeffrey T. Benton – Class of 1971
Christopher “C.D.” Davies – Class of 1983
Douglas H. Dittrick – Class of 1951
Richard E. Lee, Jr. – Class of 1969

2009

Lorraine Bahrack – Class of 1971
Richard D. Gordin II – Class of 1969
Anthony M. Heald – Class of 1967

2010

Cheri Florance – Class of 1966
Douglas Gordin – Class of 1974
Tiffany Lefevre Lillie – Class of 1991
Nicholas Shaheen – Class of 1983

2011

David Fivecoat – Class of 1989
Chris Geesman – Class of 1957
Janet B. Hurst – Class of 1974
Walter D. “Tom” Thomson – Class of 1956

Athletic Hall of Fame

2000 – Inaugural Class

Jerry Cornell - Coach
Liana Coutts - Class of 1984
Roy Henderson - Coach
Julie Schupp Long - Class of 1981
Rick Middleton - Class of 1970
Robert Muirfield - Distinguished Service

2001

T.K. Cellar - Coach
Tiffany Feinberg - Class of 1984
Ray Middleton - Coach
Tom Reed - Class of 1963
Donald Shannon - Class of 1966
Jim Stimmel - Distinguished Service

2002

Gabe Banks - Class of 1991
Jay Coffman - Class of 1976
Jerry Fouts - Distinguished Service
Vance Herrell - Class of 1973
Sheila Martin - Class of 1983
Richard Snouffer - Administrator

2003

Jerome Bohanna - Class of 1972
Tony Heald - Class of 1967
Gary Henery - Distinguished Service
Carrie Houser - Class of 1986
Mike Kinnaird - Class of 1975
Tom Landsittel - Class of 1963

2004

Jim Burkhart - Class of 1962
Dr. Bob Kedar - Class of 1988
Gary Fivecoat - Coach
Joe Reed - Class of 1952
Dewey Warden, Jr. - Class of 1971
Dr. Tennyson Williams - Distinguished Service

2005

Jim Hoffman - Distinguished Service
Don Lockwood - Coach
Bill Middleton - Class of 1968
Frank Montgomery - Class of 1962
Marge Moses - Coach
Fred Terry - Class of 1955

2006

Frank Dalton - Coach
Travis Dalton - Class of 1989
Kris Leslie - Class of 1979
John Talley - Class of 1956
Ralph Young - Athletic Director
Terry Kramer - Distinguished Service

Athletic Hall of Fame - Cont'd

2007

Dave Echols - Coach
Jean-Marc Cowles O'Connor - Class of 1984
Stacey Reed - Class of 1989
Ed Starling - Coach
Len Visci - Coach
Tom Ackley - Distinguished Service
Al Wood - Distinguished Service

2008

Lou Carozza - Coach
John Dewey - Class of 1957
Jack McKinnie - Class of 1950
Richard Payne - Class of 1955
Lynne Powers Weber - Class of 1978
Tim Burchfield - Distinguished Service

2009

Steve Aller - Class of 1963
Wilbur Bills - Class of 1944
Roy Clark - Class of 1960
Clifton Davis - Class of 1950
Krista Jacobs - Class of 1988
Tony Rieman - Distinguished Service

2010

Andy Hull - Class of 1954
Mike Milligan - Class of 1982
Dan Mohr - Class of 1992
Larry Seidl - Class of 1953
Matt Weller - Class of 1986
Mike Stimmel - Distinguished Service

2011

Tom Arnold - Class of 1969
Mike Cornell - Class of 1973
Todd Goebbel - Class of 1994
Bill Williams - Class of 1954
Nancy Young - Distinguished Service

2012

Carthel Ransaw - Class of 1955
Jason Stofel - Class of 1989
Scott Yant - Class of 1981
Dana Minot - Distinguished Service

Performing Arts Wall of Fame

2004

Jay R. Smith - Class of 1970

2006

Eugene Raymond Ross - Band Director
1938-1971
Brad Schroeder - Class of 1970

2007

Amy Eckert - Orchestra Director 1971-
1997
Erika Eckert - Class of 1982