



# Campbell Memorial High School Alumni Association

*Once A Red Devil . . . . Always A Red Devil*

Winter 2024

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## Class of 2024 Alumni Hall of Fame Honorees Announced

We are pleased to announce our Alumni Association Hall of Fame 2024 inductees. The celebration dinner will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church Hall in Campbell. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, and are available by calling the alumni office at 330-799-1232. They can also be purchased by mail with the letter enclosed in this mailing.

### **James M. Cioffi , class of 1956**

James Cioffi, a proud 1956 CMHS graduate, has positively impacted the CMHSAA and our Campbell community throughout his life. Born and raised in Campbell, Jim only left his beloved city for one year when he attended Ohio Northern University. He just couldn't find the love of our small, close-knit community anywhere else.

After returning to Campbell, he obtained a degree in education, specializing in mathematics, at Youngstown State University. He then taught for two years at East High School before returning to his treasured alma mater. After obtaining his Master's degree in administration and principalship, he quickly garnered a position as principal at Reed Middle School, and finally, moved back to the hallowed halls of CMHS to serve as vice principal.



Jim has immersed himself in the Campbell community since his youth. He truly reveres our city and has been involved in every facet of our community. His family owned the local grocery store, Value King, for generations. In his teens, Mr. Cioffi began working at the grocery store, performing any task that was asked of him. For a long while, he would teach our Campbell kids during the day and serve as their parents' butcher on nights and weekends.

The most loyal of Red Devils, Jim readily took over the position of president of the alumni assn. when we were at a crossroads as to the trajectory of our organization. He has never refused any request that our association has made and has unselfishly given of his time and efforts to ensure its continuing success. There is no doubt that this ultimate Red Devil deserves Hall of Fame honors.

### **Ruby D. Hrelec Peltz, class of 1967**

It is, indeed, an honor to induct another stellar Campbell City Schools educator into our 5<sup>th</sup> CMHSAA Hall of Fame. Mrs. Peltz, a 1967 CMHS graduate, served as a teacher in Campbell City Schools for 35 years. She and her husband, Ken, a 1965 Campbell graduate, never left the city of their ancestors, choosing to raise and educate their two sons in Campbell to offer them the same level of quality education that they had received.

She was always an advocate and champion of her students, in and out of the classroom. Among her many altruistic pursuits, she served for many years as president of the Campbell Academic Association, chairperson of the CAA scholarship committee, coordinator of Camp Fitch student trips, and chairperson of Family Math Night. Mrs. Peltz was always a favorite of her students, her colleagues and her staff, because she was willing to go beyond the perfunctory performance of her duties and really make a difference in people's lives. This is evidenced by her attainment of many educator awards.



### **Ruby D. Hrelec Peltz, class of 1967 (conintued)**

Ruby was, and remains, a most devoted Campbell advocate. Despite a demanding personal schedule, Ruby is always ready to take on a challenge, found an organization, or coordinate an event that would shine a positive light on the city she loves.

At the initial CMHSAA meeting, Ruby and Ken pledged to become founding trustees of our fledging association--- she has never floundered in her commitment since that day and is a stalwart defender of all things Campbell!

### **Dr. Michael A. Pikos, class of 1968**



Dr. Michael A. Pikos, 1968 CMHS class valedictorian and president, is a consummate Red Devil who has attained a multitude of personal and professional achievements that have brought fame and recognition to our beloved city.

Michael was raised in a family of proud Campbellites who highly valued our Campbell traditions. From his youth, Dr. Pikos demonstrated this same kind of determination and fortitude in pursuance of his goals. His academic prowess was clearly evident, and he was the kind of student most revered in the world of academia. Michael also volunteered many hours to his church and community activities as he sought to aid the less fortunate. He was also a trusted friend as is evidenced by his position as class president. All of these many attributes and achievements assisted in his attainment of a well- rounded education that would serve him well in his storied career.

After graduating summa cum laude from The Ohio State University, Dr. Pikos graduated with honors from The Ohio State University's College of Dentistry. These achievements culminated in his vast accomplishments in the field of dentistry that are too numerous to enumerate. He is the founder and CEO of the Pikos Institute and has been teaching advanced bone and soft tissue grafting courses, along with full arch immediate reconstruction courses, to his institute's 6,000+ alumni from all 50 states and 67 countries.

Dr. Pikos truly treasures his upbringing and education in Campbell, and he has demonstrated his commitment to our schools and community by annually offering a \$2,500 scholarship to a graduating senior. Although he has been honored , nationally and internationally, for his most impressive medical achievements, he was humbled to accept our Hall of Fame honors, referring to it as " one of the proudest moments of his life".

### **Robert J. Kovach, class of 1969**

Surprise, Banker Bob!! 1969 CMHS graduate, Robert Kovach, is one of the unsung heroes of our alumni association. Bob has been very involved in our association from the day his brother, John, organized and founded our organization. Given the fact that Bob is the ultimate giver and altruistic advocate of not only our association, but society at large, he strongly resists any attention or reward for his plethora of charitable acts. For this reason, the association has decided that we will give him no choice but to be inducted into our Hall of Fame! Truth be told, the alumni association would not have flourished if our treasury wizard, Bob, did not work his financial magic and make certain we met every legal requirement, every IRS deadline, maintained a healthy fiscal plan and ensured that every scholarship recipient was awarded as much financial assistance as was possible to assist them in achieving their career goals.

Additionally, he sponsors a YSU scholarship in his brother's memory and has organized and contributed to a scholarship sponsored by his 1969 class. Additionally, Bob co-chairs all of the alumni association's events, including the Hall of Fame Banquet and the All Class Reunion. A lifelong member and staunch supporter of St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, Mr. Kovach serves on their Financial Advisory Board and admirably volunteers countless hours to ensure the success of the St. Michael's events and activities.



Bob's contributions to our organization, the Campbell community and our Valley are immeasurable. He truly is that genuine guy who "pays it forward" with no expectation of gratitude or personal gain. Thank you, Bob!! Your Campbell community is proud to call you Red Devil Strong!!



### **John R. Jakubek, M.D., class of 1975**

Dr. John Jakubek, a 1975 CMHS class salutatorian, is a renowned anesthesiologist, who has brilliantly served our Valley for the past thirty-eight years. Jack is a 1969 summa cum laude graduate of Youngstown State University and a 1982 graduate of The Ohio State University School of Medicine. Armed with these many academic achievements, Jack could have established a practice in any state; however, he chose to “make a difference at home”. To that end, Dr. Jakubek has served at hospitals and medical facilities around the Valley, donning the hats of chairman of the dept. of anesthesiology, president of anesthesia practices, medical director, surveyor and director of anesthesia, to mention a few. Currently, Dr. Jakubek continues to serve the area as a staff anesthesiologist at Bel- Park Anesthesia Associates, Inc. This is one of the many positions he has held since 1985.



Always an advocate of our Valley’s young people, Dr. Jakubek served on the YSU Board of Trustees from May, 2009 until his term expired in April, 2023. During his time on the YSU board, the university implemented many innovative, highly successful educational advancements and established a plethora of new student and community opportunities; and, under the presidency of Jim Tressel, raised unprecedented funds to move the university forward.

Dr. Jakubek credits much of his success to the education he received in Campbell City Schools and has always been a strong supporter of our schools and community. Consequently, in 2013, Dr. Jakubek established The John & Josephine Jakubek YSU Memorial Scholarship, in memory of his beloved parents, for a Campbell Memorial High School graduate. This scholarship is funded through the Youngstown State University Foundation.

### **Mike G. Corfias, MD, class of 1986**



Dr. Corfias, the 1986 CMHS class valedictorian and prominent local anesthesiologist, is a diehard Red Devil who has remained a lifelong, faithful proponent of our community school and Campbell athletics. Mike has never forgotten his Campbell roots and can still be seen at Campbell’s football and basketball games, his beloved St. Michael the Archangel Church services and activities, the residences of his Campbell family members and friends or at the CWLCC, where his sons are members. Furthermore, he has generously given financial support to community fundraising efforts and Campbell athletics programs and is a founding trustee of the CMHSAA.

In 2022, he and his sister, Irene Corfias Miaoulis, a 1981 CMHS class valedictorian, established a \$1,000 scholarship to honor the memories of their beloved parents, George & Popi Corfias. Mike’s parents were staunch advocates of our city and our schools. They demanded that Mike and Irene reach their educational potential in order that they may be of service to others in their adult lives. Therefore, although Mike will be honored tonight, he must accept this award on behalf of the entire Corfias family as each of them has played an integral part in bringing honor to our community.

From our inception, Mike has been one of our most generous benefactors and became a trustee within a month of the founding of our association. Additionally, he sponsors a scholarship through his church and generously contributes to Campbell Memorial High School athletic programs, Campbell community events and worthy organizations.

Dr. Corfias is a mainstay in our Valley- a highly respected anesthesiologist specializing in pain management in order to assist so many in their healing and recovery. He sacrifices so much so that others can lead their best lives. Most importantly, however, red & black flows through Mike’s veins, and we can count on him to keep the Campbell Red Devil Community proud and strong! It is our honor to induct Dr. Mike G. Corfias into the 5th CMHSAA’s Hall of Fame.

## **Deland McCullough, class of 1991**

Coach, teacher, mentor, confidante, athlete, role model, friend---all titles that embody the next CMHSAA inductee, 1991 CMHS graduate, Deland McCullough. Deland epitomizes every attribute of a leader—one who leads not by words, but example.

Surely, his immense athletic prowess is not in question and his entrance into the Campbell Memorial Athletic Hall of Fame was a given. There are not many Red Devil athletes who have achieved the truly remarkable accomplishments that dominant Deland McCullough's resume. From leading the Red Devils to many victories on the John Knapick field, playing in the college and NFL arenas to coaching high school and the highest levels of college football. An author with an upcoming book, Deland also garnered a Super Bowl Championship trophy as a coach and an Emmy Award for his work on an ESPN special relating the extraordinary details of his life.



Obviously, Deland has proven Campbell Memorial High School produces some of the best athletes in the nation.

Now, the association wishes to demonstrate his worthiness as a CMHSAA Hall of Fame inductee.

Through no fault of his own, Deland (adopted as a child) grew up learning to adapt and persevere in what could be considered very arduous circumstances. While many young men would have adopted that negativity as their way of life, Deland used the negativity as a blueprint for what he DIDN'T want for his future. He actively sought guidance from wonderful mentors- his brother, Damon (also an exemplary role model), his teachers and his coaches. Perhaps, his most influential mentor was his college coach, Sherman Smith, a man who truly embraced Deland. In the coming years, it was discovered that Sherman Smith, was, indeed, Deland's biological father. These two men were bound by blood; but, their bond of love and respect is the most important gift they have ever been given. Long before finding his biological father, Deland had assisted countless athletes and students as they sought to lead successful lives. In addition to his vast coaching career, he served as a principal, dean of students, athletic director and mentor to students across the United States. He often would come back to Campbell to observe our players at practice. Many of them had no idea who he was; but, at the end of the day, he would speak to the team and give his phone number to the kids who solicited his advice. He also has sponsored an annual \$5,000 student- athlete award to a CMHS graduating senior athlete and generously contributed to our athletic programs

Ben Bernanke states: "If your uniform isn't dirty, you haven't been in the game". Deland McCullough's uniform is packed with dirt! He is a warrior who has attained victory on the athletic fields and in the game of life. He has represented our Campbell community well in every arena, and we are truly honored to induct Deland McCullough into the CMHSAA Hall of Fame.

## **PETER M. PSARAS, class of 2006**



What achievements would catapult a young CMHS graduate to Hall of Fame honors status? We believe becoming a lead engineer in NASA's Artemis program, aimed at returning astronauts to the Moon to establish a permanent human lunar presence, indeed, qualifies a Red Devil, of any age, to be granted our highest honor!

Throughout his life, entirely spent in our beautiful Campbell community, Mr. Psaras has demonstrated great determination and fortitude, which led to his status as 2006 class valedictorian. He was also highly involved in every aspect of his education---academic, social, religious and athletic. After his graduation, Peter initially met with some academic hardships at Purdue University; however, his strong desire to succeed despite any obstacles led to his achieving great academic success and opened the doors to his attainment of Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Space Propulsion and Aerospace Vehicle Design. These stellar accomplishments opened the floodgates which have led Peter to garner a multitude of accolades and accomplishments that rival any graduate from any school in the country.



## **Peter M. Psaras, class of 2006 (continued)**

Peter's spirit of Invictus will lead him to even greater heights in the near future, and he will most definitely serve as a source of inspiration to Red Devils of all ages across this nation! Peter, and other young accomplished Red Devils, represents our association's future! We can rest assured that our Campbell traditions will continue for decades to come because of our continued prowess!

## **Melissa Kmetz To Address Class of 2024**



The Campbell Memorial High School Alumni Association proudly announces the 2024 commencement address will be given by Melissa Kmetz, the 2023 Ohio Teacher of the Year and the 2024 Ohio Teacher Fellow.

Melissa, a 1999 CMHS graduate, is a 21 year veteran of the classroom and has amassed an enviable number of awards and accolades. Ms. Kmetz garnered a Bachelor's of Education degree (summa cum laude) and a Master's degree in Reading from YSU. In her quest to gather as much expertise as possible, she furthered her knowledge through professional development at Harvard Graduate School of education. A lifelong learner, Ms. Kmetz actively seeks new and innovative projects to further advance her already stellar teaching style.

Because she grew up in a multi-ethnic, socio- economically diverse environment, Melissa easily assimilates into any educational or social setting. Campbell has always been a city that values every individual. Consequently, Melissa has always been, and will continue to be, a fierce advocate of culturally diverse curriculum, global education and student leadership/activism. In every classroom and educational arena, she has sought to create a safe environment which encourages every student to develop his full potential.

Her extensive altruistic pursuits did not go unnoticed and led to her attainment of the most prestigious education award, The 2023 Ohio Teacher of the Year. Throughout 2023, Melissa has traveled around Ohio, taking part in professional development programs which will further student advocacy and activism in the Ohio's classrooms. She also traveled with the National Teacher of the Year program, collaborating with all 55 teachers of the year throughout the United States and its territories to strengthen our educational programs and policy at the national level. Additionally, she was able to attend events with President Biden, First Lady, Jill Biden, and important educational policymakers. In 2024, she will take a sabbatical year away from the classroom to serve as the Ohio Teacher Fellow of the Year, working with the Ohio Dept. of Education in Columbus. Due to her outstanding advocacy pursuits, OEA President Scott DiMauro has appointed her to a two-year term on OEA's Human and Civil Rights Committee.

Melissa Kmetz is an exemplary teacher who is creating excitement in the classroom and securing bright futures for her students and young people around the globe. We are extremely proud to welcome Melissa Kmetz back to Red Devil country!

## **CLASS REUNIONS & CELEBRATIONS . . . .**

### **CLASS OF 1974**

50<sup>th</sup> Year Class Reunion – Friday, July 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm  
The Lake Club Lounge at Double Bogey's  
Southern Park Mall – 7401 Market Street, Boardman

### **CLASS OF 1973**

The class of 1973 will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday at the All Alumni Reunion on October 25, 2025. Details from your class coordinator will be announced soon!

## NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AND CHANGES FOR 2024

**The John Kovach YSU Memorial Scholarship** of \$1,250, established in 2010 by his brother, Robert Kovach, to honor the memory of our founding CMHSAA president, has been increased to \$1,500.

### **Dr. Michael Patzakis Establishes New Scholarships**

In 2023, 1955 CMHS graduate and world-renowned orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Michael Patzakis, established a \$2,500 scholarship.

Magnanimously, this year, Dr. Patzakis will not only once again award this \$2,500 scholarship, he will also sponsor an additional eight scholarships of varying amounts to honor the treasured memories of those beloved individuals who fostered his goals and supported him throughout his long and illustrious career.

**Two Susan Giokaris Patzakis Memorial Nursing Scholarships of \$1,500 each** are established to honor Dr. Patzakis's wife, Susan, who had a long, brilliant nursing career. \$1,500 will be awarded to two students who wish to pursue a degree in the nursing field.

**The John and Arfati Patzakis Memorial Scholarship of \$ 2,000** will be awarded in memory of Dr. Patzakis's beloved parents.

**The Flora, Cleopatra and Nikitas Patzakis Memorial Scholarships of \$1,500** will be awarded in memory of Dr. Patzakis's treasured siblings.

**The Phillip M. Evanski Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000** honors the memory of Dr. Patzakis's best friend and classmate.

**The Dr. Peter Tsaknis Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000** is established in honor of Dr. Patzakis's beloved cousin and classmate, Dr. Peter Tsaknis.

The recipients of these awards may be a CMHS graduating senior, a continuing education student or a post graduate student who has attained a 3.0 GPA or higher and must have been involved in volunteerism, academic and co-curricular activities.

**The Coach John Knapick Memorial Trade School Scholarship of \$600** is established by Dr. Patzakis to honor the memory of his coach and mentor, Mr. John Knapick.

**The Coach Carmen Julius Memorial Trade Scholarship of \$600** is established to honor the memory of Mr. Carmen Julius, Dr. Patzakis's coach and role model.

These scholarships will be awarded to two individuals who wish to pursue a degree in a skilled trade.

### **Alvira Serluco Memorial Scholarship**

**The Alviro Serluco Memorial Education Scholarship** of \$1,000 has been established by Anthony and Donna Seluco and family and friends to honor the memory of a beloved Campbell elementary education teacher, Mrs. Alvira Serluco. Mrs. Serluco dedicated her long and illustrious 41 yr career to the teaching of Campbell's students at Penhale and Gordon Elementary Schools. She was also highly involved in her church and community, extending her life's lessons to many of Campbell's youth. This scholarship will be awarded to a student has garnered a 3.0 GPA, is active in school and community activities and who will seek a career in education in the fall.





## **The Theodore “Tedo” Perantinides Memorial Scholarship**



Atty. Paul Perantinides, a 1962 CMHS graduate, CMHSAA Hall of Fame recipient and founding trustee, has established a \$2,500 renewable scholarship in memory of his beloved brother, Mr. Theodore “Tedo” Perantinides.

Tedo, a 1959 CMHS graduate, was a lifelong Campbell resident and an active member of his church and city communities. After obtaining a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from YSU, Mr. Perantinides attained successful careers as an industrial painter and a Certified Life Underwriter; but, most importantly, he was a staunch advocate of our city who believed in doing all that he could to continue our strong Campbell traditions. Consequently, he raised his three daughters in his treasured city and each of them, Atty. Nomiki Tsarnas, Harriet Perantinides Cortez( CMHSAA founding trustee) and Mrs. Evangelia Hazimihalis have gone on to garner careers that demonstrate our traditions of excellence are evident!

The Theodore “Tedo” Perantinides Memorial Scholarship of \$2,500, sponsored by his brother, Atty. Paul Perantinides, is renewable for 3 additional years, to total \$10,000, if the sponsor’s requirements are met.

The recipient must be a CMHS graduating senior or continuing education student (sophomore or higher), have garnered a 3.0 GPA or higher, be actively involved in school and community activities and pursue a degree at Youngstown State University.

## **Attorney Michael Maillis Named Super Lawyer**

**Attorney Michael Maillis** (class of 1986), CMHSAA founding trustee and Hall of Fame inductee, has been honored with the distinguished award of 2024 Ohio Super Lawyer. Attorney Maillis was also the recipient of this award in 2023. Only 5% of the over 38,000 attorneys in the state of Ohio are named Super Lawyers. Michael began his career as a Stark County Public Defender in 1996, and began practicing personal injury law in 2002. He joined the firm of Kisling, Nestick & Redick, LLC in 2013 where he continues to work



Atty Maillis and his wife, Celeste, have sponsored a CMHSAA scholarship to honor the memories of their beloved grandparents since 2007. We are honored to acknowledge all of their dedication to our Campbell students and community.

## **In Memoriam . . . . HELEN FRANGOS**

The CMHSAA is saddened to report the passing of another treasured CMHS teacher, Helen Frangos. Helen was a proud 1967 CMHS graduate who excelled in the high school classroom and continued that academic success throughout her college and teaching careers. For over 30 years, Miss Frangos served as an exemplary role model for her CMHS French and English students. Additionally, she taught at the EAS center for decades, assisting those who were unable to obtain their high school diplomas. Helen was extremely devoted to her Greek Orthodox faith and was a faithful parishioner at St. Michael the Archangel Greek Orthodox Church, where she volunteered for and organized several philanthropic organizations and taught Greek School. The Campbell community has lost one of our most valued citizens; but, we take refuge in the fact that her legacy will live on in all of us who were privileged to know and love her.



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## TAKING RESERVATIONS

For Class Reunion Within the All Alumni Reunion

We are now taking reservations for those classes that would like to hold their class reunion in conjunction with the **All Alumni Reunion, October 25, 2025**.

Each class must have a designated coordinator for the planning process. Contact the alumni office for more information and our guidelines. We have had much success working with many classes over the years.

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## EMAIL REGISTRATION

If you would like to continue receiving or begin receiving email communications from us, please send your **name, year of graduation, and email address** to us at [alumni@campbell.k12.oh.us](mailto:alumni@campbell.k12.oh.us)

Emails from us will now show as "Campbell Memorial Alumni" in your inbox.

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## Schedule of Events

### Hall of Fame Dinner & Raffle

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**St. Michael Byzantine Church Hall**

**Tickets on Sale Now**

### All Alumni Reunion

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

**Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center**

Ticket Sales to Be Announced

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## CAMPBELL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Office Hours - Monday – Friday  
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

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### Alumni Association Officers

President – **Ken Carano** (1961)  
President Emeritus - **Jim Cioffi** (1956)  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – **Greg Rosile** (1984)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – **Judy Patellis** (1958)  
Treasurer – **Bob Kovach** (1969)  
Corresponding Secretary – **Patty Sgambati** (1962)  
Recording Secretary – **Lisa Kish** (1990)

### Office Staff

**Jo Galletta** (1967)  
**Rena Regula** (1982)

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