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# Induction Ceremony

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OTTAWA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL





# OTTAWA HILLS SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

## About the Foundation

The Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation was created in 2013 to serve the district as a long-term, sustainable funding source. Its purpose is to raise and distribute private dollars to support important programs and offerings for students.

Thanks to Ottawa Hills alumni, community, and friends, the Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation is making a real and significant impact on our students. To date, the Foundation has raised over \$2.5 million in gifts and pledges.

Gifts to the Foundation support many endeavors that enhance and extend the Ottawa Hills experience: Agora workshops; Choraliers performances in New York and Chicago; Acting Out! productions; robotics camp; Science Olympiad camp; Women in STEM Day; overnight football camp; Anatomy clay models; and student-led OHBreathe leadership training. Recently, the Foundation partnered with ProMedica to bring a new Honors Scientific Research course to our senior students to provide innovative research opportunities. These projects were made possible through donor funds like The Talmage Family Fund, The Eleanor Seifried Fund, The STEM Fund, The Mindel Family Athletic Fund, and The Irene A. Aubin Student Assistance Fund.

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## Foundation Mission

*To permanently enhance  
and extend the unique  
experience of excellence  
that defines Ottawa Hills  
Local Schools.*

## 2019 Distinguished Alumni Inductees

*Betsy (Carson) Brady '64*

*Pete Kadens '96*

*Rustin "Polly" (Steele) Levenson '65*

*Robert "Bob" Shopneck '68*

*Dr. Catherine Webb '66*

## 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame Award

### INAUGURAL CLASS

*Jim Tenney '58 & John Hill '56*

*Tennis Doubles 1956*

*Laurie Imes '81 & Kelly Coleman '82*

*Tennis Doubles 1980*

## Schedule of Events

**5:00**

*Cocktail Reception*

**5:30**

*Dinner*

**6:30**

*Induction Ceremony*

**7:15**

*OHHS Football Game and Halftime Recognition*

*Inductees will be recognized on the field at halftime.*

*A tent is provided for inductees and their guests.*



# Ottawa Hills High School

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD 2019

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes Ottawa Hills Local Schools' attendees who have made a meaningful contribution to society, and whose accomplishments, affiliations, and careers have honored the tradition of excellence at Ottawa Hills.

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes alumni who have made significant accomplishments in the following, while maintaining high standards in personal integrity and character:

- An outstanding leader in his or her field;
- Service to his or her community and humanity through local, state, national, or international organizations; and/or
- Demonstrated exemplary accomplishments in the following areas: arts, education, government, science, business, or public service.

The Distinguished Alumni Committee was comprised of Ottawa Hills alumni, faculty, and district officials.

We would like to thank the committee members for their service:

Kate Backoff '77, Jackie Berenzweig '93, Chris Hardman, George Lathrop, Ben McMurray, Kevin Miller, Erica Silk '89, and Judd Silverman '74.



## Betsy (Carson) Brady '64

Betsy Brady is a well-known business leader, community advocate, philanthropist and fund raiser in northwest Ohio.

She entered Ottawa Hills Schools in kindergarten and received all of her early education there, graduating as valedictorian of the Class of 1964. She then attended and graduated from Smith College, where she also met her future husband Tom. They married and returned

to Toledo in 1971, started a family, and it has been home ever since.

The Bradys founded Plastic Technologies, Inc. in 1985. Since then, PTI has become globally recognized within the industry for sustainable packaging innovation, supporting nearly all major consumer goods companies and over 1,000 clients across the globe. Over time PTI has expanded into six operating companies in NW Ohio and Europe, with Betsy active in all of them. She is currently Chairman of the Board.

She has also been actively engaged in the community and in other local businesses her entire life, taking on numerous and varied leadership positions, including as Chairman of the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce in 1990 (the first woman to lead the group). She is also a past (and first woman) Board Chair of the Toledo Museum of Art, where she remains a very active board member. Other major involvements and leadership positions include ProMedica, the University of Toledo, Toledo Community Foundation, Toledo School for the Arts, Junior League of Toledo, and Boys & Girls Clubs.

The Bradys were recognized jointly as Philanthropists of the Year in 2009. Committed to education and innovation, they have endowed entrepreneurship programs at UT and several other schools, TMA's Fund for Creative Leadership, the Toledo School for the Arts Music Technology studio, and most recently the UT College of Education's Brady Partnership Schools Program to experientially prepare early childhood teachers for urban schools.

Mrs. Brady has received numerous leadership honors including the Chamber of Commerce Athena award, YWCA Milestones, Junior League's Mary Harriman award, and ProMedica's Excellence in Governance.

Betsy and Tom have three children: Kathy Lathrop, Cynthia Brady-Falik, and Rick Brady, and 12 wonderful grandchildren.



## Pete Kadens '96

Mr. Kadens is a dedicated philanthropist and organizational leader who seeks to transform lives and strengthen communities. While at Ottawa Hills, he served as the class president throughout high school and as a multi-year captain of both the basketball and track teams.

He currently serves as chairman of The Kadens Family Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to closing the pervasive wealth and education gaps in the United States. He retired in August 2018 as chief executive officer of Green Thumb Industries, one of the largest publicly traded, legal cannabis operators in the country with a current market capitalization of more than \$2.5 billion.

Prior to Green Thumb Industries, Mr. Kadens started SoCore Energy in 2008, one of the largest commercial solar companies in the nation. Under his leadership, SoCore expanded operations into 17 states and was named one of Chicago's most innovative businesses by Chicago Innovation Awards. In 2013, he sold SoCore to Edison International, a Fortune 500 energy-holding company. Over his 16-year career as a chief executive, Mr. Kadens employed more than 4,000 people and created over \$5 billion in shareholder value.

Mr. Kadens was awarded the "Trailblazer Chicago Award" by The Cara Program in 2019; the "Catalyst Man of the Year" by Streetwise in 2015; and the "Distinguished Alumnus for Citizenship" in 2010 by his alma mater, Bucknell University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science. He also was named one of the "40 Under 40" by *Crain's Chicago Business* in 2012. He was named one of the "20 People to Watch" in the Cannabis Industry in 2018 by *Marijuana Business Daily*.

He is a 2019 Henry Crown Fellow of The Aspen Institute, a fellowship that accepts only 20 individuals from around the world each year who have been identified as individuals who have the capacity to create ventures that solve one of society's intractable problems.

Mr. Kadens is married to Amy (Robbins) Kadens '99. They have three amazing kids who already understand their love and affection for their hometown. In 2018, the Kadens made a leadership gift to the Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation that is making possible the creation of the Kadens Family Fitness Center.



## Rustin "Polly" (Steele) Levenson '65

Mrs. Levenson is an internationally known painting conservator and author. An art history major and chemistry minor at Wellesley College, she went on to do graduate work in art conservation at Harvard University.

Her first jobs after Harvard were in Canada: first at the Canadian Conservation Institute and then at the National Gallery of Canada. She credits high school teachers Mr. Neidermeier, Mr. Kreutzfeld, and Mr. Docis with preparing her for the many science classes she took at Wellesley and Harvard and the incomparable Mr. Fontaine for teaching her enough French to work in government positions in a bilingual country.

She moved to New York in 1976 to join the Painting Conservation Department of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. While on staff, the Met reinstalled the Italian, Dutch, and Impressionist Galleries, giving her an opportunity to treat a wide variety of works. In 1981, she opened her private conservation studio. With referrals from Met colleagues, she founded ArtCare Conservation ([artcareconservation.com](http://artcareconservation.com)), and began working with museum, corporate, and private clients throughout New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

In 1986, Mrs. Levenson opened a second studio in Miami, Florida, and recently a third in Los Angeles. Her teams of conservators treat paintings from all eras. Recent projects include the monumental "Domes of Yosemite" by Albert Bierstadt from the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum in Vermont; the "Coronation of the Virgin," a 1492 collaboration between Domenico Ghirlandaio and Sandro Botticelli from the Bass Museum of Art; a series of 14 paintings by Donald Judd for the Judd Foundation; and numerous works by Salvador Dali for the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Florida. Having drinks in the old King Cole Bar at the St. Regis Hotel in New York would give fellow alumni an opportunity to see her studio's work on the Maxfield Parrish mural there.

In addition to conserving paintings and supervising conservation studios, she and art historian Andrea Kirsh co-authored "Seeing Through Paintings: Physical Examination in Art Historical Studies." The award-winning book is used in art history courses and graduate schools. She lives in Miami with her husband, Randal, a photographer. Their three children live in Brooklyn, New York, and New Haven, Connecticut.



## Robert "Bob" Shopneck '68

Mr. Shopneck is general partner of Denver-based Pinetree Financial Partners, which he founded in 1990. He graduated from the University of Toledo with degrees in business and history while working for Sheller-Globe Corporation. After moving to Denver, he earned master's and law degrees from the University of Denver. He quickly realized that investing in real estate and not a career in law was his

chosen path. Colorado and the West allowed him "to spread my entrepreneurial wings." He met his wife Cappy while in graduate school; the couple have two sons and this year they celebrate a 40th wedding anniversary.

His business career began through investing in small houses near the University of Denver. He parlayed those investments into building new homes; renovating apartment buildings and converting them to condominiums; buying and building mobile home parks in Florida; and other real estate investments throughout the country. As business grew, he realized that making loans on real estate also presented a great opportunity so he moved into commercial lending. Today, the private bank he founded is the largest of its kind in Colorado.

Service has always been important to him, such as when he became an Eagle Scout while in high school. As a young businessman, he joined the board of trustees of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver. In recognition of his 35 years of service, he received the organization's "Champion of Youth Award." Mr. Shopneck made the lead gift and spearheaded fundraising to construct the Denver region's first new club since 1964. The Robert M. Shopneck Boys & Girls Club opened in 2007 and annually serves the largest number of children of any of the Club's branches.

In addition to the Boys & Girls Clubs, his public service includes 10 years on the board of the Yellowstone Association, the educational partner of Yellowstone National Park. He currently serves as vice chair of the board of the Western National Parks Association. In addition, he is chair of the Denver Tennis Club and recently made a lead gift for the Denver Tennis Park, a new facility in central Denver. He also has supported the University of Denver with the Shopneck Writing Center.





## Dr. Catherine Webb '66

Dr. Catherine L. Webb, MD, learned curiosity, concentration, compassion, integrity, and hard work from her teachers at Ottawa Hills as well as her parents. She graduated from Smith College with a major in geology in 1970 and tried on several "career coats" before settling on a career as a physician with the help of one of her mentors at the University of Toledo.

She graduated from the Medical College of Ohio in 1980. After hearing a lecture in medical school by a pediatric cardiologist, she became fascinated by congenital heart disease. She spent nine years in clinical training at the University of Michigan. In 1989, she joined Children's Memorial Hospital (now Lurie Children's Hospital) at Northwestern University, retiring as professor emeritus in 2010. She then returned to the University of Michigan Congenital Heart Center and currently works as an outreach pediatric cardiologist in Northern Michigan.

Dr. Webb is internationally known with more than 50 published peer-reviewed papers. She served more than 30 years on many American Heart Association councils and committees, and chaired the Council on Cardiovascular Disease in the Young. She has been a journal reviewer for many medical journals and a speaker at many meetings. She has received numerous research grants, the recent focus of which is telemedicine and how it improves care to patients in outlying areas and the diagnosis of rheumatic heart disease in Third World countries.

She is a governing member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and a Sustaining Fellow of the Art Institute of Chicago. She continues her membership at the Toledo Museum of Art. She has been a director-at-large of the Alumnae Association of Smith College.

Dr. Webb is grateful for an idyllic childhood in Ottawa Hills, where she ran and played outside all day long, walked home from school for lunch daily, and sadly learned that Santa Claus was really her parents on one of those lunchtime walks. She and her small class of 89 students spent 12 formative years together and, in 2016 she enjoyed with them their 50th reunion.

Dr. Webb splits her time between Chicago and Frankfort, Michigan. Her daughter, Cynthia Barton, is an architect in Brooklyn.



# Ottawa Hills High School ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Ottawa Hills High School Athletic Hall of Fame was established to formally honor the memory and contributions of the many outstanding athletes, teams, coaches, and supporters of our athletic programs. The Hall of Fame serves as a symbol of our appreciation of the excellence, honor, and devotion displayed by these celebrated individuals and teams. The Athletic Hall of Fame Award recognizes those who:

- Made exceptional and extraordinary contributions in our athletic program;
- Had outstanding statistical achievement in an individual sport or sports; and/or
- Conducted themselves in such a way as to reflect honor on the school and must have exhibited those qualities of character and standards of conduct consistent with their status as a role model to the community

If you would like to nominate yourself or an individual for the 2020 Ottawa Hills Athletic Hall of Fame Award, please complete the online application found at: [ohschoolsfoundation.org/distinguishedalumni.php](https://ohschoolsfoundation.org/distinguishedalumni.php).

Nominations will be considered by a committee comprised of Ottawa Hills alumni, faculty, and school district officials.

Nominations also may be emailed to Erica Silk at [esilk@ohschools.org](mailto:esilk@ohschools.org) or mailed to Erica Silk, Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation, 3600 Indian Road, Ottawa Hills, OH 43606.



## Jim Tenney '56

Mr. Tenney's greatness as a tennis player began at Ottawa Hills High School during a time when athletes and teams were "Green Arrows" and not "Green Bears". In 1956, he and playing partner John M. Hill (see bio on page 12) won the state doubles title, beating a team from Mansfield (6-4, 6-3). That same year, Mr. Tenney's brother Tom finished as state singles champion runner-up. In 1957, Jim Tenney

repeated his brother's achievement when he, too, finished as the state singles champion runner-up.

During this era, the high school did not have its own courts; students instead played at the Toledo Tennis Club. And competition was conducted among Ohio high schools regardless of enrollment.

In his junior year, Mr. Tenney was runner-up in state singles. As a senior, he not only was team captain but also won the state singles title. He also played varsity football during his junior and senior years. Under the outstanding leadership of team quarterback Jim White, the team finished undefeated both years.

While studying engineering at the University of Michigan, he played varsity tennis his sophomore, junior, and senior years. The team won the Big 10 tournament those three years and Mr. Tenney was team captain his senior year.

After graduation, he moved to Southern California and earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Southern California. He worked mainly in the aerospace industry until retiring at age 68.

In 1967, he married Joanne, a California native and physical education teacher. They have been married for 52 years and have two daughters; both are kindergarten teachers for public school systems. He and Mrs. Tenney have five grandchildren and in retirement enjoy traveling and playing with the grandchildren – and playing tennis, of course.



## John M. Hill '56

Mr. Hill was part of the tennis doubles team (along with fellow honoree Jim Tenney) who won the 1956 state title, defeating a team from Mansfield (6-4, 6-3). Mr. Hill made it back to the state tournament in 1956, but with a new playing partner.

After Ottawa Hills, Mr. Hill enrolled at Yale University, where he played lacrosse. He graduated in 1960 with a bachelor of arts degree in history. He played lacrosse at Yale and then spent a year in London as an insurance broker with Lloyd's of London. He worked as a reinsurance broker in New York, Chicago, and Minneapolis before returning to Toledo in 1969 to form his own insurance agency, which he subsequently sold. Clients included The Toledo Hospital, The Toledo Blade, and the City of Toledo.

In 1984, he moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to found a direct-response insurance agency specializing in marketing to bank checking-account customers. After later selling this company, Mr. Hill joined John Hancock, specializing in financial planning and long-term care. He retired in 2010.

Mr. Hill has served on the boards of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo and Nashville. He was a member of the Fine Arts Committee of the U.S. Department of State and Cheekwood Museum of Art in Nashville. While at Ottawa Hills, he captained the basketball and football teams. He has three children (Mawgie, Bijnie, and Lizzie) who attended Ottawa Hills, 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild. He current resides in Nashville.

## Laurie Imes '81



As a high school athlete, Ms. Imes and playing partner (and fellow honoree) Kelly Coleman won the Ohio Class A-AA doubles title in October 1980, defeating a team from Kenton (6-2, 6-1). They were coached by Ronald Ricketts.

Ms. Imes continued her tennis career at Ohio University via a full scholarship. She graduated from OU in 1985 with a

bachelor of fine arts degree. She then managed a small art gallery in Cleveland for several years before moving to Atlanta. Once there, she pursued a post-graduate degree in architecture from Georgia Institute of Technology.

She was a successful tennis player in the Atlanta ALTA league. She competed in the Double AA1 category for the famed Bitsy Grant Tennis Center and won the city title for five consecutive years, which garnered coverage in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Her career and athletics were second to her role as mother to daughters Anastasia, Mischa, and Ashley. Once her children were independent enough, she became an entrepreneur. Ms. Imes has owned several construction-related companies. She has managed multimillion dollar residential and commercial construction projects – and toted lumber and swung a hammer in the field.

She currently runs Laurie Imes Inc., providing CAD drawings to general contractors, estimating of projects, and expediting construction permits. She and her partner Scott Whitfield also own a successful moving company in Atlanta.

While she put her athletic career on hold temporarily, the athlete in her never gave up. Tennis was traded in for martial arts and running. She is a first-degree black belt in Goju Ryu Okinawan style. She has won several martial arts medals at the Georgia Games. As her 5K and 10K runs became somewhat blasé, she pursued triathlons. She has placed third, second, and first in the Tri the Parks triathlon series. She also has competed in more than a 100 triathlons, including sprint, Olympic, 70.3, and full Ironman (2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, 26.2-mile run) distance races. Even after a traumatic brain injury due to a motorcycle wreck in 2017, she races her bike on gravel forest-service roads in the North Georgia mountains with 5,000 feet of climbing.



## Kelly Coleman '82

As a high school athlete, Ms. Coleman and playing partner (and fellow honoree) Laurie Imes won the Ohio Class A-AA doubles title in October 1980, defeating a team from Kenton (6-2, 6-1). They were coached by Ronald Ricketts. In October 1981, Ms. Coleman defended the doubles title against a team from Bexley, but this time with partner Torrey Lott (5-7, 6-1, 6-4).

She received her undergraduate degree in exercise science and master's in sports management from the University of Georgia. She has a diverse background in the teaching, coaching, and healing fields.

She has had her own massage practice for 21 years specializing in sports, neuromuscular therapy, and stress relief. She also has worked as a clinic supervisor, grading and mentoring students at her former massage school, The Academy of Somatic Healing Arts.

She has been teaching spinning classes for the past 11 years in several health clubs around Atlanta. She is a Lifetime Certified Spinning Instructor with Mad Dogg Athletics. She was certified as a Level 1 Yogafit instructor in 2012.

She became a wellness coach in 2010 and was certified as a Professional Life Coach in June 2012. She has been on a consistent personal development path and desires to help others grow and be their best selves.

In the late 1980s through the mid 1990s, she was the tennis pro and director at two clubs in North Carolina; coached Atlanta ALTA Teams; and worked for the United States Tennis Association as a schools program director for the Southern section. She was "Georgia Female Player of the Year" in 1996 and played varsity tennis at the University of Georgia and University of Minnesota.

Her other interests include investigative research, bikram yoga, weight training, hiking, traveling, live music, and dancing.



The Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation  
invites you to join us in honoring our previous  
**Distinguished Alumni Inductees:**

*Christine Brennan '76*

*Dr. Craig Burkhart '69*

*Russell Carson '61*

*Richard DeVore '51*

*John Galbraith '41*

*Dr. James Geiger '79*

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# Donor Funds

## **The Talmage Family Fund**

The general fund for all unrestricted gifts to support emerging needs and initiatives at Ottawa Hills Local Schools.

## **The Eleanor Seifried Fund for the Performing Arts**

To support the enhancement of the performing arts – theatre, choir, and dance.

## **The Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation STEM Fund**

To increase and enhance student opportunities in STEM-based learning: science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

## **The Mindel Family Athletic Fund**

To provide ongoing support for athletic programs at Ottawa Hills.

## **The Irene A. Aubin Student Assistance Fund**

To provide financial assistance for students to participate in curricular, extra-curricular, and super-curricular programs, regardless of financial ability.

## **Cornerstone Planned Giving Society**

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To enhance student entrepreneurial initiatives and projects at Ottawa Hills.



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