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Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation*

Induction Ceremony

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017
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Ottawa Hills High School DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD 2017

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes Ottawa Hills 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), Betsy Brady ('64), Chris Hardman, Ben McMurray, Kevin Miller, Norm Niedermeier, Erica Silk ('89), and Judd Silverman ('74).

2017 Distinguished Alumni Inductees

Christine Brennan ('76)

Craig Burkhart ('69)

Russell Carson ('61)

Richard DeVore ('51)

John Galbraith ('41)

David Staelin ('56)

Sally Stuckey ('74)

Schedule of Events

5:00 P.M.

Cocktail Reception

5:30 P.M.

Dinner

6:30 P.M.

Induction Ceremony

7:15 P.M.

OHHS Football Game and Halftime Recognition

Distinguished Alumni inductees will be recognized on the field at halftime. Reserved parking is in the parking lot by the end zone. A tent is provided for inductees and their guests.



Christine Brennan (’76)

Christine Brennan is an award-winning national sports columnist for *USA Today*, a commentator for ABC News, CNN, PBS NewsHour and NPR, a best-selling author, and nationally-known speaker. Twice named one of the

country’s top 10 sports columnists by the Associated Press Sports Editors, she has covered the last 17 Olympic Games, summer and winter.

Christine earned undergraduate and master’s degrees in Journalism from Northwestern University. She is a member of the Ohio Women’s Hall of Fame and Northwestern’s Medill School of Journalism Hall of Achievement. She has received honorary degrees from Tiffin University and the University of Toledo, and is a member of Northwestern’s Board of Trustees. Christine was recently named a National Trustee of the University of Toledo.

During her time at OHHS, Christine was the Editor of the *Arrowhead*, a six-sport athlete, and the Salutatorian of the class of 1976. Christine is proud to be a Green Bear and proud to be a homeowner in the Village of Ottawa Hills.

Reflecting on her time at OH, Christine says: “What’s great about Ottawa Hills Schools? Where to begin? I barely can remember what I had for lunch a few days ago, but I certainly can remember the lessons that specific OHHS teachers gave, the books we read, the assignments we were given and the fun we had in class, on the playing field and putting out the *Arrowhead* – and I graduated 40 years ago. That’s the impact that Ottawa Hills has had on my life. The teachers are the best, and so is the entire community of supportive parents, coaches, administrators and staff. We all know the quote, ‘There’s no place like home.’ It’s true. There is no place like Ottawa Hills.”



Craig Burkhart (‘69)

Dr. Craig Burkhart was actively involved in the theatre program at OHHS. He had the lead role of Tony in *West Side Story* as well as other productions during his high school career. He played three sports and won

the Ohio High School Athletic Association state tennis doubles title with fellow alumnus John Buckey (‘70). Craig notes, “I would like to thank Ottawa Hills High School for preparing me both in intelligence and character for future challenges. The teachers taught me to believe in myself and have confidence in my abilities. Special thanks to Mary Smith (English, yearbook), Bob O’Connell (tennis, history), and Vance McCarter (drama).”

Craig has embraced the Green Bear attitude of being a lifelong learner. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania, his Doctor of Medicine from the Medical College of Ohio, and his Master of Public Health from the University of Toledo. Dr. Burkhart owns six U.S. patents, is current editor of three journals, and is author of over 700 publications and 25 book chapters in the fields of entomology, parasitology, dermatology, otology, and internal medicine.

Craig lives in the Toledo area with his wife, Anna. They have three children – Kristiina, Craig, and Heidi – and six grandchildren.



Russell Carson (’61)

Russ has had an extraordinarily distinguished career in both the business world and in transformational leadership of non-profit organizations in the fields of education, healthcare, social service, community

development, and cultural institutions. Russ earned his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Dartmouth College in 1965, and his Master of Business Administration from Columbia Business School in 1967.

Equally active in community affairs and caring for others, traits Russ very much inherited from his parents and his upbringing in Ottawa Hills, Russ and his family have been deeply committed to education at all levels. The Carson family has been focused on providing opportunities for those with disadvantaged backgrounds that have transformed the lives of countless families. Perhaps most notable is Russ’s founding 18 years ago of the Partnership for Inner City Education, which he continues to oversee. This group has raised millions of dollars for scholarships that allow thousands of students to attend Catholic inner-city schools in New York City. The effectiveness of the organization’s efforts attracted Pope Francis to visit one of the supported schools.

Russ has also had a significant impact on some of our most important local institutions, including the first Toledo Public Schools Boys & Girls Club partnership at Sherman School. This pilot paved the way for the thriving collaboration today in three TPS schools, changing thousands of lives and serving some of the poorest neighborhoods in the city, including at the Carson Family Club at Marshall School in the South End.

Russ is married to Judy, and has two children, Cecily and Edward. Russ truly exemplifies the tradition of excellence and lifelong service to others that the Ottawa Hills community has always represented and embraced.



Richard DeVore (’51)

The ceramic work of Richard DeVore is unprecedented. During his career, the veteran artist and teacher specialized in ceramic pots with a distinctive, sophisticated look that transcended traditional notions of clay vessels. His work is known for simple, organic forms finished in dull glazes that suggest polished stones, sun bleached bones, or even translucent skin.

Richard earned a Bachelor of Education degree with an art major from the University of Toledo in 1955, and earned his Master of Fine Arts degree from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1957. In 1966, Richard became head of the ceramics department at Cranbrook Academy of Art. He was a member of the Colorado State University art faculty from 1978 to 2004. In 1987, he was installed as a fellow of the American Craft Council.

Richard’s work is represented in more than 40 institutions worldwide, including the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C. The Smithsonian American Art Museum describes Richard’s work: “Emphasizing irregularity and studied spontaneity, DeVore enlivens the common place. In his mature work he dispenses with color, except for subtle variations almost lost in viewing, to concentrate on form and finish.”

Richard was married to wife Jan. The couple had two children, Nik and Tori.



John Galbraith ('41)

John is the last remaining member of the Ottawa Hills Class of 1941 – OH's first graduating class. He has seen or met every President starting with Calvin Coolidge.

John was an active student at OHHS, participating in theatre, basketball, and football. John went on to the University of Michigan, and three years later, went into the Navy as an officer. Thereafter, John attended law school at the University of Michigan. He worked in a few local businesses in the Toledo area, and then became an Ohio legislator, serving from 1966 to 1986. John and his wife Cynthia have been married 66 years, and had four children, John Michael, Cindy, Goeffrey, and Tenley.

John Galbraith and his Class of 1941 classmates shaped the course of Ottawa Hills history by helping to get the bond issue for the new Ottawa Hills High School passed. As the first graduating class, they established a tradition of academic excellence, student involvement, and dedication to the school they love that continues to define Ottawa Hills today.

For John, memories of the class of 1941 are still a valued part of his life. He notes, "Ottawa Hills played a major part in my life. You can't measure the benefits I received from Ottawa Hills. It was a wonderful period. A wonderful time. I have treasured memories of it."



David Staelin (’56)

David worked for more than a half century in the labs and classrooms of Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a professor of electrical engineering and computer science. During his MIT career, David taught generations of students in electrical engineering and advised over one hundred and forty graduate students on their theses. He was assistant director of the MIT Lincoln Laboratory from 1990-2001.

David co-discovered the Crab nebula pulsar in 1968 as a radio astronomer and later pioneered air quality monitoring networks and video teleconferencing. The discovery of the Crab nebula pulsar provided proof of neutron stars, whose existence was predicated by theoretical physicists.

In 1977, David worked on the NASA Voyager 1 and 2 spacecraft missions, studying radio emissions from other planets.

David was described by family and friends as brilliant, self-effacing in nature, and devoted to the open exchange of scientific information. He was engaged with people and engaged in life.



Sally Stuckey (’74)

Sally was born and raised in Toledo. She moved to Ottawa Hills in 1965 in the third grade. While at OH, she was active in the Girls Athletic Association (GAA) and many sports, including field hockey, basketball, volleyball, softball, and track. Sally graduated in 1974 and entered Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. Sally then transferred to Wellesley College and graduated in 1978 with a degree in Psychology.

After graduation, Sally moved back to Toledo and worked at several area companies including Fox Software. Sally was a part of the original development team of FoxPro, an innovative database program that combined speed and database management in a user-friendly program. It was the first of its kind, a database management product developed for users without a high-tech background. The program had the ability to link Macintosh and PC networks and share databases between them. Not only was that type of compatibility innovative, it contained the fastest PC-based database engine available at the time.

In 1992, Fox was bought by Microsoft and Sally moved to Redmond, Washington. She retired in 2002 and moved back to Toledo in 2003. In her retirement, Sally enjoys volunteering with Humane Ohio, a low-cost spay-neuter clinic. She spends her summers on South Bass Island and winters in Florida. She enjoys kayaking, sailing, gardening, walking, golf, and tennis. Sally says, “OHHS gave me the fundamental skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and confidence to always challenge myself in both my personal and professional life.”



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 \$880,000 in gifts and pledges.

Gifts to the Foundation support many endeavors that enhance and extend the Ottawa Hills experience: Choraliers trips to New York City and Chicago, Agora programming, Music and Theatre productions, robotics camp, Science Olympiad camp, an expert choreographer for the OHHS dance team, and a classroom set of ukuleles for the elementary music program. These programs support the mission to inspire confident, compassionate, independent, and creative thinkers who embrace lifelong learning.

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Foundation Mission

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

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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

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 Athletic Fund

To provide ongoing support for athletic programs at Ottawa Hills.

The 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

Donors who plan for a bequest in their will.

How to Give

Your gift is appreciated! Please make checks payable to Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation and mail to the address below. For questions about the foundation and related giving opportunities, please contact:

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