

## **EASTWOOD EAGLE WAY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

(Inductee plaques are displayed at the east entrance of Eastwood HS)

### **CHAPLAIN COLONEL DAVID A. BOWLUS**

- Inducted into the Hall of Fame Class of 2019 as a service member
- Born February 10, 1971, Dave grew up near Lemoyne, Ohio. He graduated from Eastwood HS in 1989, received an appointment to the United States Military Academy (West Point), and began basic training in June 1989.
- After graduation, Dave was commissioned in the U.S. Army as an Armor Officer in 1993. Following a call to full-time ministry, Dave attended seminary, was ordained, and returned to active duty as an Army Chaplain in 2002. Between 2002 and 2017, he deployed twelve times to Afghanistan and Iraq to spiritually care for soldiers.
- Served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division in the Republic of South Korea, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), and as an instructor at the U.S. Army Chaplain School
- Degrees include a Bachelor of Science (USMA); Master of Divinity (Alliance Theological Seminary); Master in International Strategic Studies (U.S. Army War College); Doctor of Ministry (Alliance Theological Seminary)
- Earned the Ranger Tab, parachutist Badge, Air Assault, Badge, Combat Action Badge, and Gold Badge Recruiting Award
- Twice awarded the Bronze Star Medal for combat deployments

### **DR. TED BOWLUS**

- Inducted in the class of 2022 as a Community Contributor
- Born on May 26, 1949 in Kalamazoo, Michigan
- 1967 graduate of Eastwood High School
- Graduate of Western Michigan University with a 4-year athletic football scholarship
- Graduate of Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine
- Master's degree in Neuroscience and Anatomy from the Medical College of Ohio (University of Toledo College of Medicine) with a full tuition scholarship. Named Graduate Student of the year in 1998)
- Volunteer member of the Midwest Medical Mission team serving in third world countries
- Devised a single-stage severe clubfoot correction in lieu of amputation for patients in third world countries
- Member and past president of the Wood County Board of Health (1999-2012)
- Member of the Eastwood Board of Education (2012-2016)

- Wood County Commissioner 2016 to present (service a second term)

### **DR. TOM BOWLUS**

- Inducted in the class of 2018 as a Contributor to Eastwood/Community
- Born May 11, 1923, raised in Pemberville, and died at the age of 91 on July 11, 2014
- 1944 Pemberville HS graduate
- He and his wife Marilyn had seven children, James, Jeanne, Tom, Jon, David, Mark, and Susan and all attended Eastwood schools.
- Served in WWII as a medic for the 23<sup>rd</sup> American Infantry Division in the South Pacific
- Attended BGSU; received his B.S. from Eastern Michigan University and M.D. from the University of Michigan
- Family physician at the Family Medical Center in East Toledo for 50 years and at Otterbein-Portage Valley from 1981 – 2001
- Was the driving force and the founder of the Portage Valley Retirement Center
- Provided physicals for the athletes at Eastwood; Served as the football team physician
- Was president and a member of the Wood County Board of Health from 1977 – 1986
- Served as president of the Lucas County and Ohio divisions of the American Cancer Society
- Served as an Elder in the Pemberville Presbyterian Church for many years.

### **DARLA BOYK**

- Inducted into the HOF class of 2023 as a Noteworthy Alumni
- Darla has spearheaded Mission Honduras since 2018, a nonprofit that brings water filters to the rural areas of Honduras. Began the journey traveling with John Carroll University as part of a Water Brigade.
- - Mission Honduras has distributed about 1500 home filters since inception to the mountainous villages of Honduras, bringing to about 7500 people clean water in their homes, and schools.
- - Because of providing a means for clean drinking and cooking water there has been a decrease in the cases of gastric problems in the villages, due to fewer bacteria and parasites in the water.
- - Mission Honduras continues to go into these villages, collect data on water quality, and medical information, and train local people about the filter systems.
- - Organized many mission trips to Honduras with local people, spending several days in Honduras, traveling to mountain villages, bringing filters to the homes, and teaching how to correctly use the filter.
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### **GEORGE BRINKER**

- Inducted into the HOF class of 2020 as a Noteworthy Alumni, Community Contributor, and Service member

- Born Oct. 29, 1923 on the Lemoyne Road family farm and was schooled at Troy Township School where he was class president his sophomore and junior years. Completed his education by attending the Civilian Conservation Corp.
- Served in WWII in the Army Corp of Engineers from 1942 – 1945; Received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for Bravery; Participated in Honor Flight to Washington, D. C. at the age of 89
- Has a successful bridge building and excavation business which designed and built nearly 60 lasting “Brinker Bridges” in NW Ohio
- Founding member of the Luckey Kiwanis and member for 50+ years; Helped to start the Luckey Fall Festival; Troy Township Trustee for eight years; Facilitated the building of the current Luckey Fire Station;
- On building committee for the Troy-Luckey Post 240 Legion Hall; member for over 75 years and commander for two years
- On Eastwood School Board for eight years ('62 – '70); president for four years when the Middle School was decided upon, levy obtained, and ground broken.
- Married Donna Rollins and they had two children: Diane, EHS class of 1969, and David, EHS class of 1971.
- George believed in public education, being practical, and never giving up.

### **ROBERT (BOB) BRUEGGEMEIER, PhD**

- Inducted into the HOF class of 2020 as a Noteworthy Alumni.
- Member of the Eastwood class of 1968 and then obtained degrees at Michigan State University (B.A., 1972) and the University of Michigan (M.S., 1975; PhD, 1977)
- As professor (1979-2014) and Dean (2003-2013) of The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, Dr. Brueggemeier is highly respected in his field.
- Research specializations include medicinal chemistry, steroid chemistry and biochemistry, and hormones and breast cancer.
- Bob’s lifelong research work and passion have contributed to the health and well-being of many breast cancer patients.
- Mentor to over 80 graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and undergraduate researchers in the areas of chemistry, biochemistry, hormones, and breast cancer
- Research focused on aromatase and aromatase inhibitors, a class of drugs for the treatment of postmenopausal women with estrogen-dependent breast cancer
- Author of 139 peer-reviewed research publications, 21 book chapters, 18 articles, invited presenter at 69 national and international conferences; holder of four patents
- Recipient of several national honors including AAAS Fellow (1999, 2008), APhA Tyler Prize for Research, and APhA-ASP Outstanding Dean of the Year Award (2011)
- For nearly 40 years, highly involved in student scholarship and cancer fundraising events; active as a church council member, church council president, and member of several church committees

## **BOB BRUNING**

- Inducted into the HOF class of 2019 as a Noteworthy Alumni and Community Contributor
- Born June 10, 1932, he grew up in the Pemberville area and graduated from Pemberville H.S. in 1950. Bob attended BGSU and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, graduating from their Graduate School of Banking in 1982.
- Bob married his wife, Joanne, in 1957 and they have two children: Lisa and Thomas.
- He retired from the Citizen's Savings Bank in 1992 after 35 years, the last 22 as President and CEO.
- Korean War veteran with rank of sergeant from 1953 – 1955 and awarded the United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant
- Board member of the Citizens Savings Bank, Wood County Historical Society, Portage Valley Nursing Home, Community Pool Corporation, Pemberville Fair Board, Community Bankers Association of Ohio, Pemberville Village Councilman
- Original board member of the Eastwood Educational Foundation
- 1976 President of Wood/Lucas Banker's Association
- 1976 Master of Pemberville Masonic Lodge #516 and 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason
- 1986 Eastwood FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer
- Previous owner of Multi-County Real Estate Appraisal Service, state licensed certified real estate appraiser, and Probate Court appraiser for Wood and Sandusky Counties
- Realtor with Newlove Realty and Home Town Realty
- Commander of the Freedom Post #183 American Legion, 2006 – 2008
- 2007 Pemberville Fair Outstanding Citizen
- Honor Flight veteran to Washington, D.C., 2018
- 2018 Pemberville Fair's Outstanding Senior King Award (wife Joanne was Senior Queen)

## **DALE BRUNING FAMILY**

- Inducted in the inaugural class of 2014 as an Iconic Teacher/Coach and Community Contributor
- "Coaching is doing things for people. If you only win and the winning doesn't contribute to something on a higher level, then we as coaches haven't been successful and have missed the entire purpose of athletics." – Dale Bruning
- Born in 1927 in Pemberville. Married in 1950 to Betty Lou and had three children. Married Elizabeth Ann Grieser in 2001.
- Bachelors and Masters degrees from Bowling Green State University

- Taught for 35 years in various districts
- Named to the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1971 with a career record of 278 – 102
- When retired, Dale spent countless hours researching the history of Pemberville and the surrounding areas documenting 617 homes in the village
- Strengthened the bond between Pemberville and Rodinghausen, Germany as a Friendship City
- In 2007, a local and family History Center was named in his honor in the Pemberville Library

### **SARAH M. DEAL**

- Inducted in the class of 2017 as a Service Woman
- Born September 14, 1969 and grew up in the Luckey area
- 1987 Eastwood HS graduate with varsity letters in cross country, track, and basketball
- Completed Officer Candidate School for the U.S. Marine Corps in 1991
- First Marine Corps female aviator
- Selected the CH-53E Super Sea Stallion
- Commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps
- Inducted into the Ohio Woman’s Hall of Fame
- Deployed to Afghanistan in December 2008
- Awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (November 1999 and March 2002), the Presidential Unit Citation (April 2003), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation (December 2003, April 2004, June 2004), the Air Medal with Strike Fight Numeral 4 (November 2009), and the Afghanistan Campaign (November 2009).

### **MARK DEERWESTER**

- Inducted in the class of 2016 as an Iconic (music) Teacher
- “Mr. Dee” 1939 – 2011
- 1961 BS in Education from BGSU
- 1964 – 1972 Eastwood HS Director of Choral Music
- 1972 Masters in Choral Conducting from BGSU
- Co-wrote the Eastwood HS Alma Mater and Fight Song with Larry McCormick
- Formed the Swingin’ Ez, the first high school show choir in the area
- Constant ratings of superior at district and state contests
- Directed numerous Eastwood musicals
- Director of numerous community chorales, hand bell choirs, church choirs, and musicals
- Invited to study at numerous workshops and summer programs throughout the U.S.

- Volunteered in the community for Meals on Wheels and Feed My Kids
- Married for 50 years to Bev. Children include Laura, Mark L., Michael, Matthew, and Robert

### **LLOYD DIERKER**

- Inducted in the class of 2017 as a Contributor to Eastwood/Community
- Born August 30, 1930 outside of Pemberville
- 1950 Troy-Luckey graduate where he was a standout athlete in basketball and baseball
- Served two years in the U.S. Army in Korea
- Coached semi-pro women's basketball from 1955 – 1961
- Webster Elementary custodian for 24 years
- Helped create the Webster Little League and coached many teams
- In 1971 he started the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball program at the elementary school
- Drove the Band Van for 23 years
- Affectionately known as the "Governor" and the "Band Van Man"

### **LINDA DUNMYER**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2020 in the Community Contributor category
- Born in Pemberville in 1947 to Irvin and Clara (Eilert) Hetrick
- Eastwood HS class of 1965; B.S. in Education in 1968 from BGSU and Master of Education from Ashland University in 1990
- She and her husband Ron married in 1966 and they have three children: Shelly, Ron Jr., and Stephany.
- Taught 30 years at Eastwood in first through seventh grades, four elementary buildings, and at the middle school
- Selected as a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar in 1976
- Joined the Ohio Department of Education's Project Discover to instruct teachers about the Ohio Math Model and Cooperative Learning
- Named NW Ohio Teacher of the Year by the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics in 1993
- Worked to establish the Quilting Eagles group which annually gives quilts and books to preschool children and Quilts of Valor to veterans in the community
- Supporter of Braedan's bridge and research for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
- Linda has achieved her goals by believing that our purpose in life is to help others.

## **RON DUNMYER**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2015 as an Athlete and Coach
- “Fundamentals are vital. They make success.” – Ron Dunmyer
- Born in 1946 in Toledo, married Linda in 1966, and has three children: Shelly, Ron Jr., and Stephanie
- Vietnam veteran
- Earned eight varsity letters in baseball, basketball, football, and track
- Chosen All-League NLL in football in 1962 and 1963
- Coached 14 youth league and school teams in baseball, basketball, and softball
- Assisted the Eastwood volleyball program for 27 years
- Lived by the rule “Honesty is the best policy.”

## **EMANUEL ENRIQUEZ**

- Inducted into the Hall of Fame class of 2019 as a Noteworthy Alumni
- Born April 10, 1946, Emanuel, a 1966 Eastwood HS graduate, served his country in Vietnam, retired from Chrysler, and has spent a life time earning a reputation as a very diversified and highly accomplished artist in the Midwest.
- Known for his involvement, caring, and support of the arts throughout the area, Emanuel freely gives of his time to support and encourage youth.
- “It’s not what we have that matters. It’s what we leave behind.” – Emanuel Enriquez
- Vietnam veteran serving in Vietnam from October 1968 through October 1969 with the First Calvary. “Vietnam opened the world to me, gave me confidence, and allowed me to see the possibilities in life.”
- Earned his Bachelor’s of Fine Arts (1978) and Masters of Fine Arts (2000) from Bowling Green State University
- “The Legacy Continues” – the 8 x 24 foot mural of Chrysler history (1994)
- “Empathy” sculpture (2002) at the Toledo Botanical Gardens
- “Who’s Up?” - An 8 x 10 foot bronze sculpture showcasing life-sized children peeping through knotholes in the fence to view a baseball game. Dedicated in 2002 at Fifth Third Field in Toledo, the home of the Mudhens
- “Migration Series” - Multiple award winning series of paintings highlighting the topic of personal family migration from Texas (2003)
- “Metamorphosis” – Large limestone sculpture located on the BGSU campus (2003)
- “El Fin Del Mundo” – painting depicting the landing of Cortez in Mexico 500 years ago
- Three time winner of the Toledo Museum of Art Area Artist Award

## **FROBOSE FAMILY**

- Inducted in the 2020 class as a Community Contributor
- Robert and Elaine Frobose have raised four children, Benjamin (1997 EHS Grad), Jacob (1999 EHS Grad), Abigail (2007 EHS Grad), and Zachary (2009 EHS Grad)
- All the children and some of the grandchildren are involved in the families businesses
- Bob has been involved in the meat business for 50 years. His entire life has been in beef production and agriculture. Bob was instrumental in making certified Herford beef a national brand
- In July of 1999, Bob and Elaine purchased the meat locker on Front Street of Pemberville
- In October of 2012, Bob and Elaine purchased the Pemberville IGA
- In 2015, the family was awarded the IGA Retailer of the year out of 275 stores
- In 2017, Bob and Elaine purchased the Pemberville Carryout
- In 2020, Bob and Elaine purchased 213 Front Street

## **JODI JUERGENS EVANS**

- Inducted in the class of 2017 as an Athlete
- Born in Bowling Green in 1968
- 1986 Eastwood graduate and 1991 Univ. of Akron graduate in education
- Earned 12 varsity letters in volleyball, basketball, and track
- Scored 1127 points, 5<sup>th</sup> all-time scorer in girls' basketball
- All-League and All-District in volleyball and basketball as a junior and a senior
- 1985 Third Team All-Ohio in volleyball and 1986 First Team All-Ohio in basketball
- Earned four varsity letters on Akron Zip volleyball teams and was 1989 Conference Player of the Year
- Conference First Team and Akron MVP in volleyball in 1988 and 1989
- Member of the Akron "Millennium Club" with over 1000 kills and over 1000 digs
- Inducted into the University of Akron Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004 making her the first Eastwood female athlete to be inducted into a Division I Athletic Hall of Fame

## **DOYCE "FRENCHY" FILIERE FAMILY**

- Inducted in the inaugural class of 2014 as a Coach
- "Anything worth doing is worth doing to the best of your ability." – Frenchy Filiere
- Voted into the Ohio Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1968
- Born in 1912 in Milton Center and married Gladys in 1938 and had two children.
- Attended BGSU majoring in biology and physical education
- Class B coach of the year in 1956



- Overall basketball record of 343 – 82
- Seven regional tournaments including the 1960 Eastwood team
- Three Wood County Championships in '47, '56, '57 and four runner-ups
- 17 League Championships
- Team voted #3 in state in 1956 and #1 in 1957
- In 1959, the Ohio State Legislature passed a resolution honoring Frenchy as one of Ohio's Outstanding Men

### **DALLAS GARDNER FAMILY**

- Inducted in the inaugural class of 2014
- "Everyone has a hero. There has only been one in my life, and that was the teacher who cares." – Dallas Gardner
- Born in Indiana in 1926
- Attended and has various degrees from Ashland University and The Ohio State University
- At Ashland Univ., Dallas was an accomplished athlete
- Helped lead Eastwood's successful consolidation in the 1950's
- Eastwood Superintendent 1958 – 1970
- Wood County Superintendent 1970 – 1991
- Served 41 years in education
- Recognized as one of Ohio's Top Education Leaders
- Mrs. Velma Gardner worked as an Eastwood teacher's aide for 20 years
- Dallas and Velma's children and grandchildren were accomplished students and athletes
- Dallas, a champion golfer, recorded six hole-in-ones during his lifetime

### **MIKE GARDNER**

- Inducted into the HOF class of 2020 as a Community Contributor, Athlete, and Coach
- Born in 1949 in Ashland, Ohio to Dallas and Velma Gardner.
- Graduated from Eastwood HS in 1968 and BGSU with his bachelor's degree in 1972 and master's degree in 1978
- Married his high school sweetheart, Judy Hagemeyer, in 1972 and they have three children: Amy, Bryan, and Chris.
- Spent his entire professional career as a teacher and coach in Eastwood Schools beginning in 1972
- Earned 13 varsity letters at Eastwood, which at this time, is the most of any Eastwood athlete, including five letters during his senior year
- Quarterback of the 1966 football team, Eastwood's first league champion in football
- Point guard on the 1966-67 basketball team that went 22-1
- Advanced to the state tournament in gold as a senior

- Member of the BGSU golf team in 1972 which won the MAC Championship
- Taught elementary physical education for 41 years at Eastwood
- Eastwood golf coach for 48 season during which his teams have won 13 league titles and made four trips to the state finals
- Elected to the Ohio High School Golf Coaches Hal of Fame in 1992
- Has worked at Tanglewood Golf Course for 59 years

### **RANDY GARDNER**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2018 as a Contributor to Eastwood/Community
- Born in 1958 to Dallas and Velma Gardner
- 1977 Eastwood graduate
- Bachelor and Master's Degrees from BGSU
- Served the Eastwood community and all of Wood County for more than three decades in the Ohio Senate and the House of Representatives beginning in 1985
- Married Eastwood alumnus Sandy Ford and they are parents of Brooks, Christina, and Austin
- Has served in the Ohio General Assembly longer than anyone in Wood County History
- Elected to more leadership positions than any legislator in Ohio history
- Served as Senate President Pro Tempore, Senate Majority Leader, and House Speaker Pro Tempore
- Commonly received more than 80% of the vote from Eastwood precincts in his campaigns
- Held numerous student leadership positions at Eastwood including senior class president, National Honor Society, student council, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Earned 10 letters in basketball, baseball, and golf achieving all-league honors eight times
- Held Eastwood records in assists and points for 20 years and was the first ever 1,000 point scorer in basketball

### **JOSEPH R. HIRZEL**

- Inducted in the Class of 2023 as an Eastwood Community Contributor
- Joe has contributed to Eastwood Local Schools through scholarships and employment opportunities for students.
- - He has contributed to the Village of Pemberville as a business owner, a part of the local governing groups, and an active community member.

- - Joe offers strong examples of community engagement and participation, bringing others in processes, and giving them chances to gain experience and feel community pride.
- - He has successfully led Hirzel Canning Company through the majority of its 100 years, being presented with many awards individually and to the company.
- - He is a lifetime citizen of the Eastwood community, always ready to help with the next community venture, stepping up when assistance is needed.

## **ROLAND HUSS**

- Inducted in the class of 2016 as an Iconic Teacher/Coach
- Born May 12, 1929 in Toledo and graduated from Troy-Luckey in 1947
- 1951 graduate of Defiance College and began teaching in Camden, Ohio
- 1942 – 1947 earned 11 varsity letters: 4 in baseball, 3 in basketball, and 4 in football
- First team district and 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-State in basketball his senior year
- While at Defiance College, Rolland earned three varsity letters in baseball, four in basketball, and one in football. Inducted into the Defiance College Hall of Fame in 2002
- Signed a minor league contract with the Cincinnati Reds in 1953
- 1952 -1956 was a Troy Luckey teacher and coach
- 1959 – 1966 was an Eastwood schools teacher, coach, and athletic director

## **MICHELLE KAHLENBERG, M.D., Ph.D.**

- Inducted into the 2021 HOF Class as a Noteworthy Alumni
- Graduated Valedictorian from Eastwood High School in 1994; Summa Cum Laude and Valedictorian from Denison University in 1998
- Obtained MD (2006) and PhD (2004) graduate degrees from Case Western Reserve University
- Received top graduation honors for both Internal Medicine residency at Case Western Reserve University and Rheumatology fellowship at the University of Michigan
- Launched a successful research career to uncover the drivers of systemic lupus erythematosus
- Was awarded tenure at the University of Michigan in 2018
- Has trained and continues to train the next generation of physician scientists and researchers in autoimmune disease; has an NIH award for mentoring
- Received numerous national awards for her research work, including the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, given by the President of the United States of American

## **JANE (SCHUERMAN) KOHLENBERG**

- Inducted in the class of 2015 as a Contributor to Eastwood/Community
- “The door to knowledge is labeled push.” – Jane Kohlenbeg
- Born June 18, 1944 outside of Pemberville and graduated from Eastwood in 1962
- BS and MS in Education from BGSU and Masters of Library and Information Science from Kent State
- She and her husband Ray have three children, Laura, Lisa, and Jill.
- Jane’s career included 40 years of service to the Pemberville Public Library
- Pemberville’s Outstanding Citizen in 2006
- Around 1995, Jane worked on the WCnet Board to bring the internet into the libraries of the Eastwood community
- Helped to bring automation which significantly impacted library service abilities
- In 2003, she participated in the Ohio Bicentennial celebration committee which included casting a special bell that is now displayed at the Wood County Courthouse.
- For over 20 years, Jane worked on the Community Education Committee which brought many noted authors and illustrators to the Eastwood elementary schools.

### **FRED KOESTER**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2016 as an Iconic Teacher/Coach
- Born in 1942 in Toledo and died in 2018.
- Married Karen in 1964 and they had two children, Kara and Kami.
- 1960 Genoa HS graduate
- 1964 BGSU grad majoring in biology
- 1969 Masters in biology and chemistry from Ball State University
- 1982 certificate in Education Administration from the University of Toledo
- Eastwood teacher and coach from 1964 – 1979
- Asst. varsity football coach from 1964 – 1967
- Eastwood’s head football coach from 1968 – 1978
- SLL Coach of the Year in 1977
- District Coach of the Year in 1977 while leading the team to its first undefeated season in school history
- Under his direction, his teams finished in first place in ’74 and ’77, second place in ’73 and ’75, and third place in ’72 and ’76

### **KENNETH KRUKEMYER**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2015 as a Service Member
- “All gave some; some gave all.”
- Born April 24, 1949 and was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in New Rochester
- Entered the U.S. Army on July 18, 1968 and served with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division
- Served in Vietnam where he was killed in action on May 23, 1969
- Recipient of the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart Medals

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## **CHARLES KURFESS**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2018 as a Contributor to Eastwood/Community
- Born to John and Margaret (Zingg) and has been a lifelong resident of Wood County
- Raised Eastwood graduates Todd, Ann and Lauren with wife Helyn (Rudolph)
- Has served the Eastwood community, Wood County, and the State of Ohio as a faithful, high integrity public leader and community servant for over 65 years
- 1947 Troy-Luckey graduate
- 1951 Bachelor of Arts from BGSU
- 1957 Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University College of Law
- Served in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corp 1952 – 1954
- Ohio House of Representatives 1956 – 1978
- Speaker of the House 1967 – 1972
- Minority Leader 1972 – 1973
- National Legislative Conference President 1972 – 1973
  
- Wood County Common Pleas Judge 1990 – 2002
  
- Recognized as being “at the forefront of judicial reform, criminal justice reform and access to justice issues.”
- 2017 Thomas J. Moyer Award for Ohio Judicial Excellence; 2017 PSI Archie M. Griffin Professional Achievement Award; BGSU Top 100 Most Prominent Alumni; BGSU Distinguished Alumni Award
- Board member: Citizens’ Council for Ohio Schools, Wood County Public Library, Otterbein-Portage Valley, Ohio Historical Society, Family Services of NW Ohio
- Lifelong member of St. John’s Lutheran Church

## **DR. JAMES D. KURFESS**

- Inducted into the Eagle Way Hall of Fame in 2022 as a Noteworthy Alumni
- James is the son of John and Margaret Kurfess and raised on the family’s Dowling Road farm along with siblings, Nancy, Charles, and John
- Graduate of Eastwood High School in 1958 where he was a member of the IQ Team, National Honor Society, Basketball, Football, Student Council (Sr. VP), Band, Trojan Yearbook Staff, Voted “Most Studious” of the Senior Class
- Case Institute of Technology (CIT) BS in Physics 1962; MS in Nuclear Physics 1963, Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics in 1967. Research Assistant at Rice University in 1967
- Principal Investigator of the Oriented Scintillation Spectrometer Experiment (OSSE)/Gamma Ray Observatory launched on the space shuttle Atlantis on April 7, 1991.
- Holder of three patents and a publication record of 180 articles

- Memberships include: American Astronomical Society; American Physical Society (Fellow); International Astronomical Union; Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers; Dept. of Defense, NASA, and the National Academy of Sciences.
- Lifelong athlete: Troy Luckey football and basketball; Basketball Case Institute of Technology; Navel Research Laboratory basketball team and Marine Corp Marathon
- He married Mary Deffley having children Victoria, Christopher and stepson, John Skaggs

### **JOHN F. KURFESS**

- Inducted into the HOF class of 2023 as a Iconic Teacher/Administrator
- Served over 40 years on local School Boards-North Troy (Lemoyne) starting in 1937; Troy-Luckey until 1958 when Eastwood was formed, Wood County Board of Education (16 yrs.). An early advocate, instrumental in school consolidations to form Troy-Luckey & Eastwood schools.
- -Promoted vocational education by being a Charter Board member for Penta County Vocational School. Trustee for Owens Community College, being a Charter Board member in 1965.
- -First recipient of the Wood County Spirit Award for Education and Civic Responsibility.
- -Farmed over 50 yrs. being a Board member for: Wood Co. Farm Bureau Co-Op. Inc.; Northern Ohio Breeder's Assn.; Ohio Agricultural Marketing Assn.; Farmer's Savings Bank, Stony Ridge. Active in Luckey Kiwanis Club; St. John's Lutheran Church-being on Church Council.
- -John married Margaret Zingg (65 yrs. of marriage); Father of Nancy, Charles, Jim, and John D.

### **DR. LISA L. LATTANZA**

- Inducted into the HOF class of 2020 as a Noteworthy Alumni
- Born to Norm and Milli Lattanza and graduate from Eastwood HS in 1981
- BS in Physical Therapy from BGSU and MD from the Medical College of Ohio (1993)
- Completed her residency training in Orthopaedic Surgery and then subspecialty training in Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery at Roosevelt/Columbia New York City and Texas Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in 1999.
- Highly respected leader in her surgical field, teacher, mentor, and diversity champion
- Chair and professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Yale School of Medicine. Only 2% of U.S. Orthopaedic chairs are women
- Former Professor and Vice Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of California San Francisco, Chief of Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery, Fellowship Director, Consultant at Shriners Hospital for Children
- Nationally and internationally recognized expert in the treatment of complex upper extremity problems in adults and children
- Co-founder and President of the Perry Initiative, a non-profit organization inspiring young women to be leaders in Orthopaedic Surgery and Engineering.

- World-renowned in the use of 3-D surgical planning and technology; performed FIRST ever elbow-to-elbow transplant in the world in 2016
- Awards include the Exceptional Physician; Compassionate Physician; Jefferson Award for Community Service; San Francisco Bay Area Top Physician (2012 -2019)
- More than 40 peer reviewed publications and 17 book chapters
- Past President of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society
- Global Health Surgical Volunteer in Central and South America and Asia
- Teacher and mentor to 30+ fellows, 100+ residents and students

### **AARON LAWNIZAK**

- Inducted in the Class of 2023 HOF as an Athletic Individual
- During his time at Eastwood, Aaron broke 27 Eastwood HS basketball records as well as several Eastwood HS baseball records. He is Eastwood's all-time leading scorer in basketball with 1,635 points and holds the school baseball record with 51 hits in a season.
  - Threw a no-hitter as a freshman in his first varsity baseball game.
  - All-Ohio in 1997 in both basketball and baseball; 1997 Ohio North-South All-Star Game MVP
  - Scholarships in Aaron's honor have helped dozens of students in their pursuit of their college education.
  - Aaron was not only a gifted athlete but also one of the most considerate and kind individuals you could meet. He maintained a quiet and unpretentious demeanor and was highly respected by his peers, teammates, coaches, and community members.

### **TOM AND JANE LINGENFELDER**

- Inducted into the HOF class of 2023 as and Iconic Teacher/Administrator
- Tom was Eastwood Elementary School Principal (33 ½ yrs.); Jane -Eastwood Elementary School Teacher (35 yrs.) helped create excellence in Eastwood school's education/community.
  - Tom was instrumental in consolidating Eastwood's elementary schools: Webster/Pville (26 yrs.); Pville/Luckey (2 yrs.), Pville/current campus (5 ½ yrs.). Gave major input on design implementing today's campus impacting > 1500 students; hiring/managing > 100 top teachers.
  - Eastwood Elementary School-Natl Blue Ribbon School, U.S. Dept. of Education, 2020 (less than 2 yrs. after Tom retired). During his tenure, Pemberville was runner-up Ohio OAESA Hall of Fame.

- - Jane-taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to > 1000 students. Now last 6 years.- Prevention Specialist for Wood Co. Ed. Service Ctr, teaching B.A.B.E.S.to > 1000 children, to prevent child abuse/neglect & providing counseling to young families. A Wood Co. teacher mentor last 10 yrs.; mentoring > 25 teachers.

## **RICHARD LOWRIE**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2015 as an Administrator
- “Eastwood should never take a back seat to any other school.” - Richard Lowrie
- Born August 14, 1928 in Lorain.
- A.B. and B.S. degrees in Education from Ohio Northern and his masters from Indiana University
- He and wife Joan had three daughters Mary Jo, Elizabeth, and Colleen and following her death he married Dee and acquired two other daughters, Denise and Andrea.
- Devoted 20 years of his 30 year years in education as Eastwood HS principal
- Worked endlessly towards the consolidation of the Eastwood School District
- Instrumental in communicating the necessity of a new high school and assisted in the design of the high school
- Believed in fairness and honesty before judgment.

## **LARRY McCORMIC**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2016 as an Iconic (music) Teacher
- “Mr. Mac” 1934 – 1988
- 1956 Bachelor’s Degree from Manchester College
- 1963 Masters from Ball State University
- 1963 – 1984 Eastwood HS Director of Instrumental Music
- Co-wrote the Eastwood HS Alma Mater and Fight Song with Mark Deerwester
- First high school in the area to march in summer uniforms and form a flag corp
- Grew the Eastwood Band to 200 members, largest in school history
- ‘Eddie the Eagle’ was the band mascot prior to being the school mascot
- Constant superior ratings at district and state competitions
- Full summer marching season as a constant trophy winner
- Co-directed Eastwood musicals
- Named a Leader in American Secondary Education in 1971

## **TERRY McKIBBEN**



- Inducted in the HOF class of 2017 as an Iconic Teacher/Coach
- Born in 1957 in Bluffton, Ohio
- 1980 BGSU graduate in comprehensive science education
- Masters of Education from the University of Toledo in 1988
- Eastwood HS science teacher for 35 years from 1980 – 2015
- Creator of Eastwood HS's Marine Science and Forensic Science classes
- Coordinator of Eastwood School's Talented and Gifted program for over 20 years
- Co-facilitator of Eastwood's Carpe Diem program for 20 years
- Leader of the Pemberville Boy Scout Troop 344 since 1998 and has assisted in mentoring over 45 Eagle Scouts
- High Adventure coordinator for Troop 344 with trips to national parks, wilderness areas, and ocean locations
- Coach of Eastwood cross country and track teams early in his teaching career. Later, he was the pole vault coach for BGSU and the University of Findlay.

### **ADOLPH "DUFF" MADARAS**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2015 as an Iconic Teacher
- "Sportsmanship is the essence of good fellowship." – Adolph Madaras
- Born July 8, 1911 in Raab, Hungary but was raised in Pemberville
- Married June Adams in 1941 and had four children: William, Duff II, David, and Anne
- 1929 Pemberville HS graduate
- 1940 BGSU graduate earning nine varsity athletic letters.
- Inducted into the BGSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995
- Taught and coached at Pemberville and Eastwood Schools for 37 years
- World War II Naval officer
- Active community member in many organizations and a life-long farmer

### **LEROY MINNIX**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2015 as a Service Member
- "All game some; some gave all."
- Born June 3, 1946 and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Luckey.
- Entered the U.S. Army on December 7, 1964.
- Served in Vietnam and killed in action October 12, 1965 with the rank E3 Private First Class
- Served in the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade
- Recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart Medals

## **JAMES OPELT**

- Inducted in 2021 as a Community Contributor and Noteworthy Alumni
- Born and raised in Pemberville by Charles W. Opelt and Evelyn L. (Spicer) Opelt
- Eastwood 1971 graduate; lead role Fagen in “Oliver”. Flute player and Drum Major who led the band in Washington DC’s Cherry Blossom Festival and the Wapakoneta’s Neil Armstrong Homecoming Parade
- 1976 BGSU BS Graduate – Speech, Drama, and Journalism Education. 1988 University of Kansas Masters – Theatre and Media Arts
- Served in the 555<sup>th</sup> Ohio Air National Guard in Toledo Band six years conducting ceremonial concerts and dedications throughout Ohio
- Outstanding 26 year career as a Speech, Theater & Drama teacher at Clyde H.S. and Kansas Schools Gardner-Edgerton and Olathe South (K-12), directing over 100 productions. First high school production of Footloose in the U.S. “Our Town” production named top high school production in Ohio, performed at the Ohio State Thespian Conference, 1981. Many of his students went on to successful careers in the entertainment/media industries in NYC and LA.
- Authored Organizing and Managing the High School Theatre Program (1991) used at many high schools & universities such as New York Univ., Case Western, and U of Michigan
- BGSU Outstanding Speech Teacher, 1985; Outstanding 4A Theater Teacher from Kansas Gov. 1986; Lion’s Club Outstanding Citizen, 2004; Who’s Who of American Teachers
- Pemberville Mayor for 8 years; Chair of the Fair Parade, 7 years; Member Pemberville Opera House Guild; Trustee of Historical Society; Choir Director and Organist; Village Councilman
- Owner of Star Tours of Ohio for 24 years which fostered the love of travel while promoting strong fellowship and relationships to hundreds of people of all ages

## **HELEN ROLFES**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2018 as an Iconic Teacher
- Born November 1, 1912 in the family farmhouse on Devil’s Hole Road to Lewis and Katherine (Poggemeyer) Rolfes. She had one brother and five sisters. She passed on May 24, 1991.
- “She has probably had a greater influence for good with more young people than anyone certainly in this part of the country, both because of her personality and teaching, and because of the number of years she has taught.” – past Ohio Speaker of the House Charles Kurfess on her 50 year retirement party in 1981
- 50 year dedicated teacher at Troy-Luckey, Pemberville, and Eastwood Schools. She taught Math, English, Latin, and Physical Education.
- 50 years of assisting with extracurricular school activities such as plays, cheerleading, athletic, and music events. She was a lifetime Eastwood Athletic Booster member.
- Bachelors (1931) and Masters (1932) of Education from the University of Toledo. Ms. Rolfes was a graduate of Woodmore HS and the one-room Sweitz schoolhouse on Devil’s Hole Road.

- Member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Pemberville Library Board of Trustees (1962 – 1990) and the original planning committee to establish the Pemberville Library.
- Member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Greater Toledo Council of Teachers of Mathematics, National Education Association, Ohio and Eastwood Education Associations.
- 1971 Martha Holden Jennings Scholar, a prestigious title for Ohio teachers
- 1981 Governor’s Proclamation for being an Outstanding Teacher in Ohio
- Member (baptized, confirmed, and buried) of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church on Bradner Road. She volunteered thousands of hours at the Lutheran Old Folks’ Home and Orphanage.

### **JERRY RUTHERFORD**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2017 as a Coach
- Grew up in Green Springs, OH and was a 1977 graduate of Clyde High School.
- 1981 graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College
- Married Connie (Gardner) in 1985 and they have three sons, Craig, Eric, and Jeffrey.
- Initially retired from teaching Physical Education at Eastwood in 2013 but has returned to assist in that department beginning in 2017.
- Eastwood’s head football coach from 1982 – 2016
- 227 – 140 overall record and 168 – 75 in conference play
- 10 Conference championships and nine runner-up finishes
- 10 State playoff appearances
- 2007 Regional runner-up
- 2011 Associated Press District Coach of the Year
- 2002 Toledo Blade Coach of the Year
- National Football Foundation Hall of Fame Coaches Award in 2002, 2004, 2007, 2011, and 2016

### **JERRY SIGLER**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2015 as a Coach
- “Offense sells tickets; defense wins championships.” – Jerry Sigler
- Born November 23, 1945 and raised in Pemberville
- Coached at Sylvania Northview HS from 1975 – 2013 with a coaching record of 675 – 177.
- 2015 Inductee of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame
- 2014 Inductee into the Sylvania Schools Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame
- Sylvania Northview’s Basketball floor was named “Jerry Sigler Court”
- 37 varsity winning seasons

- Third winningest coach in Ohio girls' basketball history
- OHSBCA Division I Coach of the Year 1997 – 1998; 2003 – 2004
- Associated Press Coach of the Year 1978 – 1979; 2003 – 2004

## **DR KREIG SPAHN**

- Inducted into the Eagle Way Hall of Fame in the class of 2022 as a Noteworthy Alumni
- Growing up in Luckey, he is the son of Tony and Janice (Siek) Spahn, both EHS Graduates
- Valedictorian, Eastwood 1982 Class (4.0468 GPA); Class President (Senior and Freshman years); National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Scholar, 1981; Varsity Magazine "Scholar Athlete of the Year" Runner-up, 1982; College Academic All-American, 1985; Merit List Scholar: Sigma Sigma Phi member, a national Osteopathic Honorary Society
- Achieved 10 Varsity sport letters at Eastwood HS & 10 Varsity letters at Kenyon College in football, basketball and baseball; All-Conference and District honors; Kenyon Team Offensive Back MVP, 1985; Kenyon Baseball Team Captain, 1986; National Coaches Strength Association All-American, 1986
- Family Medicine Physician & practice leadership roles, Pennsylvania, North Carolina (30+ years); supervised many Residents; Chief Resident during last year residency at Akron General Medical Center; Medical Director of Beverly Healthcare PA (nursing home for 16 years); Neonatal Resuscitation Program Provider -7 years; True North Award – patient experience, 2018
- Three times Humanitarian Aid Physician to Nyakahanga Hospital in Tanzania, East Africa; Calvary Lutheran member and Church Council – 3 yrs (President and V.P.); Board Member of Meadville Community Health Services – 5 years; Meadville YMCA – 3 years; Director Physician's Division Meadville United Way – 3 years.
- Cochranton High School Asst Varsity Football Coach – 15 years; Franklin Middle School Head Coach – 3 years; Freedom HS Physician & Sports Medicine Comm; Kenyon College Grad Assistant Football Coach – 1 year; Community Sports Coach 5 years; Meadville Area Little Gridders Board – 7 years and Sec. 3 years; Friendship Thru Football, Inc board – 3 years serving team physician during trip to Moscow, Russia
- Kreig and his wife Beth (Behun) raised five children, in which two were adopted from Tanzania

## **MIKE "BUTCH" VANCAMP**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2016 as an Athlete and Coach
- Being humble and modest was his personality.
- 1960 Eastwood graduate
- Earned 12 varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball
- Starting quarterback, point guard, and pitcher as a freshman
- Captain of the 1959 football team and '59 – '60 basketball team that played in the State regional tournament

- '59 – '60 basketball 1<sup>st</sup> team NLL, NW District, and Class AA All-Ohio Honorable Mention
- Played basketball and baseball at Defiance College and led the nation in free throw percentage at 94%
- Taught at Lake HS for 34 years
- Coach 72 teams at Lake HS included basketball, football, track, and cross country

### **Dr. JEREMY WALSTON**

- Inducted into the Hall of Fame class of 2019 as a Noteworthy Alumni
- A 1979 Eastwood HS graduate, Dr. Jeremy Walston has distinguished himself as an internationally recognized Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He plays a leading role in setting national and international research and patient care agenda for older adults.
- Dr. Walston is quick to credit family members, teachers, and mentors “who helped me to envision how to move towards the incredible fulfilling personal and work life.”
- Graduate of Capital University (1983) , the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine (1988), Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine General Internal Medicine Residency (1991), and Johns Hopkins Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology Fellowship (1993)
- Leads the Johns Hopkins Older Americans Independence Center and is the deputy director of the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology at Johns Hopkins which was ranked as the #1 U.S. Geriatric Program by *U.S. News and World Report* In 2017 – 2018 and in the top three nationally ranked programs for over a decade.
- Holds the Raymond and Anna Lublin Chair for Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology at Johns Hopkins
- Has over 200 publications in the medical literature and serves as the American editor of the Oxford Textbook of Geriatric Medicine
- Has won numerous prestigious awards for his research including the Brookdale National Leadership Fellowship and the Glenn Award for Biological Aging Research
- Frequent invited speaker on aging-focused meetings in China, Germany, Spain, South Korea, and Saudi Arabia
- Loves visiting the family farm and family and friends in and around Pemberville

### **JIM WELLING**

- Inducted in the class of 2021 as a Noteworthy Alumni and Coach
- Jim was born to Russell “Barney” and Jane Welling in Luckey
- Jim was an all-around student and outstanding athlete lettering in basketball, baseball, golf (as a co-captain), and named several all-league teams

- Named National Coach of the Year, twice; inducted into the NJCAA Men's Hall of Fame as Owens' winningness basketball coach in history, graduation 86% of his players with 76 going to NCAA Division 1 colleges, 7 All-American players and 9 playing professionally
- As a basketball coach, Jim's teams recorded 550 wins and 127 losses (81.2%), won two Junior College National Championships, was named OCCAC Coach of the Year 8 times, Regional XII Coach of the Year 7 times and won 20 and 30 games in 19 out of 20 seasons
- Along with stressing academics, Jim also taught his players the importance of volunteering and giving back to their communities
- Jim guided Central Catholic to the State Final 4, 4 league titles in 6 years with 111-30 (78.7%) record and inducted into Central Catholic's Hall of Fame
- As a head basketball coach, overall in his career, Jim has recorded 708 wins vs. 196 losses for an amazing 78.2% winning record.

## **GARY WHITE**

- Inducted in the HOF class of 2016 as an Iconic Teacher/Coach and Community Contributor
- "You can't fool kids. They know. You must give an honest and concerned effort, be it as a teacher or coach."- Gary White
- Born in 1957, he graduated from Ferris State in 1979 with a major in mathematics.
- Married Kathy in 1980 and they have three children, Gary, Cassie, and Becky.
- Retired from teaching in 2014 after 35 years in education
- Voted into the Ohio Track and Field Coaches Hall of Fame in 2014
- Honored as District Coach of the Year four times
- Coached the Eagles to two OHSAA Division II State Track and Field Championships and two Runner-up finishes
- His teams were regional champions twice and captured six district championships
- During his 23 years of coaching, Eastwood had a 177 – 38 – 2 dual meet record and won 49 invitational meets. This included streaks of 69 and 77 consecutive dual meet wins.
- The Eagles were SLL champs 14 times during his tenure
- His teams won the OATCC Indoor State Championships three times and were runner-up once
- 51 of his athletes qualified or placed at the State Championships
- He helped form the Community Athletic Project (CAP) which donated over \$350,000 for athletic facility improvements at Eastwood