

## FRAN WINEGUEST BULLOFF (CLASS OF 1967)

PRESENTED BY BROOKLYN BENNETT (CLASS OF 2022)

*In recognition of her teaching and subsequent legal career representing the disabled and marginalized, her extensive volunteerism, and her leadership of the Validation Training Institute, an international nonprofit organization teaching caregivers effective communication with older adults experiencing dementia-related cognitive loss.*

Fran attended Beachwood Schools from second grade through graduation. She excelled scholastically, was founder/editor of *The Introspect*, was on the first *It's Academic* television team, and was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by her 1967 class. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Michigan in December 1970. Her first career, teaching English, started one week thereafter, initially at junior high and community college levels, then at Cleveland State University in the English Department and the Division of Special Studies. Her "special" students typically came from poor neighborhoods and immigrant homes; many had challenging physical conditions.

### Message to the Community:

Personal success is not measured by fame nor fortune, but by living a fulfilling life.

While teaching full-time at CSU, Fran earned an M.A. in English, attended night law school classes, and obtained a law degree cum laude in 1978. In her second career as an attorney, she focused on Worker's Compensation and Social Security Disability law, representing injured people seeking benefits from adversarial state and federal bureaucracies. Fran interrupted her practice in 1980, when her first child arrived eleven weeks prematurely, and resumed in 1982.

Sandwiched between a declining elderly mother and stepfather, and two school-aged children, Fran retired in 1993 to devote more time to family and community. She served as a longtime volunteer for the Jewish National Fund, JCC Book Festival, JCC Book Club, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Bar Association's 3 R Program, and CWRU Association for Continuing Education. To date, she remains a Better Business Bureau arbitrator.



Since 1989, Fran has served on the Board of the Validation Training Institute, a nonprofit organization founded by fellow Clevelander, Naomi Feil, to train caregivers in techniques for communicating with older adults experiencing dementia-type cognitive loss. President of VTI since 2010, Fran has helped spearhead its growth from a small organization to an international one, with 23 training centers in 13 countries, more than 430 certified Validation teachers around the world, and online resources available in nine languages.

Fran and her husband, Aaron, reside in Beachwood. The couple has two children and three grandchildren.

## ERIC DESATNIK (CLASS OF 1997)

PRESENTED BY ALICE ANASTOS (CLASS OF 2022)

*In recognition of his successes in the fields of strategic communications and public relations, and for his dedication to leveraging film and mass media to raise global awareness of important environmental and conservation causes.*

Named to the list of "PR 50: The best public-relations people in the tech industry," by Business Insider, Eric Desatnik is an award-winning strategic communications and global public relations executive who helps brands create real-world impact at the convergence of science, technology, and media. He consults for clients that have included *National Geographic*, Google, Waymo, SpaceChain, the Milken Institute, ABL Space Systems, Tye Sheridan's Wonder Dynamics, and Adrian Grenier's DuContra Ventures.

For nearly a decade, Eric led the Global Communications team at XPRIZE, the leading nonprofit organization that manages high-profile competitions to encourage technological breakthroughs to benefit humanity, including the \$30 million Google Lunar XPRIZE and Elon Musk's \$15 million Global Learning XPRIZE.

Eric created and populated a Science Fiction Advisory Council to help guide the work of XPRIZE, working closely with 120+ of the leading science fiction voices in the world, including Margaret Atwood, Neal Stephenson,

Andy Weir, Ernest Cline, and Neil Gaiman. He also designed and managed STEAM education programs for Disney, Sony Pictures, Will Smith's Overbrook Entertainment, and J.J. Abrams' Bad Robot.

Previously, Eric led the communications team at WildAid, a global conservation organization focused on ending the demand for illegal wildlife products, managing influencer engagement programs for Leonardo DiCaprio, Richard Branson, and Jackie Chan. He also spearheaded a global campaign to highlight NBA star Yao Ming's first visit to Africa to raise awareness of the elephant and rhino poaching crisis, generating global media coverage.

Eric founded the Environmental Film Festival at Yale, now the largest student-run festival of its kind, for which he was named one of *Variety's* "Standout Students." Alongside Ryan Reynolds and Scarlett Johansson, Eric executive produced the documentary, *The Whale*, named a "Critic's Pick" by the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*.

He held previous roles at BWR Public Relations, Management 360, and JFK Jr's *George* magazine.



Eric, a 1997 BHS graduate, holds a Master of Environmental Management degree from Yale University, a bachelor's degree from Ohio University's Scripps College of Communication, is a LEED® Accredited Professional by the U.S. Green Building Council, and is on the advisory boards for WildAid and SXSW Eco. He resides in Los Angeles.

### Message to the Community:

If I'm in a position to offer advice, it's to not be beholden to your own life story.

**SOPHIA L. HALL** (CLASS OF 2005)  
PRESENTED BY ALYSSA MURPHY (CLASS OF 2022)

*In recognition of her courageous legal advocacy on behalf of women, people of color, immigrants, individuals living with HIV/AIDS, and other underserved populations experiencing discrimination and inequities at work or in their community.*

Sophia Hall is a civil rights attorney at Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR), a nonprofit legal organization in Boston, Massachusetts, that provides legal services to communities of color and immigrants facing discrimination. She currently serves as the deputy litigation director at LCR.

As an experienced litigator, Sophia handles a broad range of civil rights matters, with a particular focus on employment and police misconduct litigation. Her legal work is regularly featured in media such as the *New York Times*, the *Boston Globe*, and NPR. In addition to her litigation, Sophia spearheads a statewide nonpartisan voter protection initiative, Election Protection, mobilizing hundreds of volunteers statewide to ensure equal access to the ballot box. She has been recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, a “Top Lawyer” by *Boston Magazine*, and as one of Boston’s Most Impactful Black Women.

Prior to joining LCR, Sophia was a staff attorney with the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, New England’s largest HIV/AIDS service organization. There, she represented low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS on a wide range of legal issues and advised the organization on legal matters. Sophia also worked at the Boston College Law School Legal Assistance Bureau, supervising law students in a variety of civil matters.

Sophia serves on the board of directors for Community Servings, a nonprofit organization that provides medically tailored meals to low-income persons

**Message to the Community:**

Life is long. It is incredibly important to be nimble and open-minded to all opportunities that present themselves, because you may find yourself in a position to make a significant difference for people in need.



living with disabilities. She also serves on editorial boards for the Boston Bar Association’s Boston Bar Review and *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*. Sophia actively mentors other women-of-color attorneys and law students in the Boston area through the Women’s Bar Association and the Boston College Law School Black Alumni Network.

Sophia is a graduate of Boston College Law School, where she served on the National Frederick Douglass Moot Court Team. She also holds a bachelor’s degree from Emory University. While at BHS, she actively participated in the Model United Nations Team and the Student Council. Sophia lives in Boston with her fiancé, Jemel Robinson, and their daughter.

**JUDSON A. KLINE** (CLASS OF 1968)  
PRESENTED BY RADHA PAREEK (CLASS OF 2025)

*In recognition of his successful career in architecture, his volunteerism at the school and community level, and his local and national leadership in organizations dedicated to architecture and design, and as a champion of sustainability, equity, and educational engagement.*

Judson A. Kline, following 37 years as senior director/partner of Herschman Architects, Inc., established CIVITAD Services, LLC, to work with community economic directors. He is a licensed architect, LEED AP, and an adjunct professor in the Kent State University College of Architecture and the North Coast College.

A member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Jud served as Ohio 2012 and Cleveland 2001 president; AIA Diversity Council member; Center for Civic Leadership 2018 chair; the K-12 Member Group 2021 chair; the College of Fellows regional representative; and the president of the Greater Cleveland Real Estate Organization and the Shaker Heights Rotary Club. Currently an Orange Village councilman, he serves on the Planning Commission and also chairs the Village’s Sustainable Building Committee and the Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee. He has chaired the John Hay High School of Architecture and Design Advisory Board and has served on the International Council of Shopping

Centers CenterBuild Committee. Jud is a member of the North Coast College Interior Design Advisory Board and is the team leader at ACE Mentors program at East Tech; he leads the Lake Erie Boy Scout Council Architect Explorers Post 14 and serves on the Council’s Eagle Scout Committee.

Jud earned a BArch from Miami University and pursued studies at the Architecture Association of Bedford Square, London, U.K.; and Case Western Reserve University. He has authored and contributed to multiple publications, including: *The ICSC Guide to Renovating and Expanding Shopping Centers the Smart Way*; *The ICSC Guide to Operating Shopping Centers the Smart Way*; *Sustainable Retail Development*; *The Retail Project*; and *The Golf Song*, as well as *Orange Goes Green Certification Program*; *Living Your Life as a Leader*; *The Citizen Architect Handbook*; and *The Impact of Autonomous Vehicles on Urban Planning*. He has been a speaker at numerous professional association conferences.



Jud is a recipient of the ACE Mentor of the Year award, the AIA Ohio Community Service Award, and the Rotary District 6630 Governor’s Citation. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows and is an Eagle Scout.

Jud and his wife, Sheryl, live in Orange Village and have two children and three grandchildren.

**Message to the Community:**

My personal philosophy is, “You make a living by what you do, and you make a difference by who you are.”

## JAY B. LURIE (CLASS OF 1998)

PRESENTED BY REBECCA GIPS (CLASS OF 2022)

*In recognition of his integration of business, public policy, and sustainable development as a financier of global infrastructure projects that address public challenges including access to electricity and water, climate change, food security, traffic congestion, and affordable housing.*

Jay B. Lurie has cultivated a global career integrating business, public policy, and sustainable development.

The founding chief investment officer and member of the management team at DC Green Bank, a financial institution dedicated to providing innovative solutions to help Washington D.C. reach its ambitious climate targets, Jay was a lead architect of the organization's first transactions, supporting rooftop solar, stormwater resilience, and low-carbon affordable housing projects.

### Message to the Community:

When we forge relationships with people from different backgrounds and benefit from their kindness, we find that we have more in common than not. To our community's young people: I encourage you to practice tolerance and compassion and to take risks – seek out opportunities beyond your comfort zone.

Prior to joining DC Green Bank in 2020, Jay spent 11 years at the World Bank Group's private financing arm, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), where he led the financing of pioneering infrastructure projects in developing countries, most recently focusing on Latin America.

From 2008 to 2016, Jay lived in India and Singapore where his work spanned frontier markets of Asia and the Pacific, including Bhutan, Fiji, Bangladesh, and Indonesia. He launched his career in New York with roles at global investment banks, UBS, Credit Suisse, and Macquarie Capital. While in Singapore, he founded an infrastructure industry networking group, which now has more than 500 members across 100+ organizations.

Currently, Jay resides in a (nearly) fully-electrified, 113-year old row house in D.C. with his fiancée, Rachel. As part of a sabbatical from his desk-oriented career, he and Rachel recently returned from a three-month journey in Chile, where they volunteered on off-grid organic farms.



Through philanthropy and volunteer work, Jay has aimed to build community bonds, safeguard human rights, and champion sustainability. He is an ardent supporter of refugee assistance organizations and has served on D.C.-area leadership committees at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the American Jewish Committee, Upwardly Global, and Sixth & I Historic Synagogue.

Jay holds an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, a B.B.A. with High Distinction from the University of Michigan, and a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter.

A K-through-12 product of Beachwood schools, Jay remains close with many of his earliest classmates. In carrying out his "life term" as senior class treasurer, he has served on the planning committees and as emcee for both the 10- and 20-year reunions.

## AARON D. MARKS (CLASS OF 2002)

PRESENTED BY LEA SOKOL (CLASS OF 2022)

*In recognition of his courage and persistence to overcome addiction and his steadfast efforts to assist others suffering from substance use disorder, with schools, the community, and law enforcement, and to raise awareness and eliminate stigma.*

Aaron D. Marks' path to success was not a traditional one. While attending Beachwood High School, he was far from an ideal student. Between lackluster participation in furthering his education, a growing drug and alcohol problem, and a variety of disciplinary issues, there were many things to cause concern.

In 2004, while attending University of Cincinnati, he entered treatment for substance use disorder and began his journey of recovery and hope.

Aaron believes deeply in the principle of sharing your experiences to help others. There has always been a tremendous stigma surrounding substance abuse disorder; Aaron aims to eliminate it. By passionately and openly sharing his story, Aaron shows us not only that substance abuse happens everywhere, but that it is nothing of which to be ashamed. We must bring these difficult topics out of the shadows and address them as a community.

Today, Aaron is chair of the Education and Prevention Subcommittee for The United States Attorney's Heroin and

Opioid Task Force. His efforts have resulted in changes to state laws, making the overdose antidote, Naloxone, more widely available. His efforts have also provided a greater understanding among law enforcement and the broader community about the complexity of substance abuse disorder. Aaron's work on the Task Force contributed to the group receiving the Attorney General's Award, the highest honor in the United States Department of Justice.

Aaron supports many behavioral health nonprofit organizations in Northeast Ohio; he is president of the board of directors at Stella Maris, an addiction treatment

### Message to the Community:

My message is one of hope. People have the power to overcome what can sometimes feel like insurmountable challenges, and can use those experiences to help those around them.



center in Cleveland; and he was previously a member of the board of directors at Recovery Resources, an addiction resources center. He is a regular speaker at schools, community events, on news programs, and more. Aaron does all this while working full time at American Express as a director in its Global U.S. and Large Enterprises segment.

Aaron views his induction into the Gallery of Success as something bigger than a personal achievement. To him, this symbolizes that our community is moving closer to eliminating the stigma surrounding addiction and mental health disorders.

Aaron and his wife, Rebecca, reside in Cleveland Heights.



## ROBERT MARKS (CLASS OF 1984)

PRESENTED BY KIMIA ADABI (CLASS OF 2023)

*In recognition of his self-made success as an entrepreneur in the internet and telecommunications industries, and his long-time and continued community service, especially on behalf of Beachwood Schools' many school support organizations.*

Robert Marks is recognized for his pioneering professional career in the internet and telecommunications industries, his philanthropic contributions to numerous nonprofit organizations, and his volunteerism to the Beachwood community. Throughout his robust and successful career, Robert believed a strong community foundation could set up a person to reach his/her highest potential.

After earning a bachelor's degree in Economics with a minor in Computer Science at the University of South Florida, Robert returned to Beachwood and established himself as a successful entrepreneur by launching his own start-up company. Focused on customer service and innovative products, Robert established Fidelity Voice and Data in 1999 and soon grew the start-up into one of the largest competitors throughout the Midwest. He sold the successful company in 2015 and decided to focus his attention on continuing to give back to his local community of Beachwood, to mentor

and teach future entrepreneurs, and to volunteer to help others in greater need.

For over 20 years, Robert volunteered with many organizations throughout the Beachwood community and coached youth sports. He served as treasurer of the Beachwood Schools Foundation and the Beachwood Athletic Boosters, was on the board of the Beachwood Convention and Visitors Bureau to assist the city in attracting business revenue, and held many other volunteer positions. Recently, Robert became the technology chairperson for the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

In 2010, Robert chaired the Beachwood Schools bond levy campaign to rebuild and renovate Beachwood High School. His work not only helped our local education system, but also shaped the vision for the city's future for decades to come. In 2009, he was honored by the City of Beachwood with the Leo Weiss Sportsmanship Award for his outstanding work



with youth athletic teams in Beachwood. Robert was also involved with large-scale fundraising for many Beachwood school support organizations. His passion for the Beachwood community is endless, and Robert continues to give back in any way possible, dedicating his leadership and teaching skills to leaving the community a better place for future generations.

Robert and his wife, Laurie, have four children.

### Message to the Community:

Get involved. The community is ours to manage and to provide vision for its future.

## DAVID B. OSTRO (CLASS OF 1975)

PRESENTED BY DAVID KUANG (CLASS OF 2022)

*In recognition of triumph over challenge, spirit of service, relentless work ethic, strong moral code, and financial acumen leveraged to benefit the Beachwood Schools, The Gathering Place, and Temple Emanu El, and for professional achievement at Parker Hannifin Corporation.*

"Given his deep spirit of service, relentless work ethic and moral code, and financial acumen that has delivered results, there is no better way for us to thank him for his example than to have his lifetime of achievement and service honored by the school district that he loves." It was with this touching tribute that David B. Ostro's sons, Stuart ('04) and Zachary ('06), nominated him for the Gallery of Success.

As vice president – treasurer of Parker Hannifin Corporation, a \$14.4 billion Cleveland-based global manufacturer, David has been responsible for managing the company's overall liquidity and capital structure during its period of impressive growth. After

graduating from Miami University, and while earning an MBA from CWRU, David remained in Beachwood where he and his wife, Hermine, proudly live today.

A lifelong stutterer, David credits his Fairmount School speech therapist and sixth-grade teacher for giving him confidence to face this challenge, unlocking his potential to achieve and lead. From that time forward, he made himself a promise to not only strive toward professional success, but more importantly to commit to using his talent and empathy to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of others.

Elected three times to the Beachwood School Board, serving thrice as its president over 14 years, David's combination of leadership skills and financial expertise were essential to the significant transformation of the physical campus, institution of key academic initiatives, and an upgrade in the district's financial condition. Remaining committed to our schools, David presently serves as chair of the district's independent Audit Committee.



Over a nine-year period, David served first as treasurer and then as chairman of the board of The Gathering Place, a not-for-profit benefiting thousands of people across Northeast Ohio who have been touched by cancer. His leadership spearheaded the completion of the organization's expansion to a new Westlake location, and a successful search for the CEO to succeed the organization's founder.

David has also played a key role as a multi-term member of his synagogue's board of trustees, including taking a leadership position in the financial planning for the current synagogue building.

In addition to their children, David and Hermine have three grandchildren.

### Message to the Community:

The world we live in may change at lightning speed, but staying true to one's values and goals will forever remain the true bedrock of success.

## DAVID M. ROSENBERG, M.D. (CLASS OF 1966)

PRESENTED BY ELIZABETH LIU (CLASS OF 2025)

*In recognition of his leadership and contributions in providing superior patient-centered medical care, his work as a medical educator including for Beachwood High School students, and his service and efforts with various agencies on behalf of people in need.*

Dr. David M. Rosenberg graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He completed his internal medicine internship and residency at the Duke University Medical Center and a pulmonary fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. David holds a Master's degree in Public Health in occupational medicine from the Medical College of Wisconsin. He is board certified in three areas (internal medicine, pulmonary disease, and occupational medicine) and serves as a national consultant on issues pertaining to occupational and environmental health.

### Message to the Community:

Giving back generates an incredible sense of self-satisfaction, and we all have the ability to contribute toward making the world a better place.

Currently, David is the medical director of UH Ahuja Lung Center, designed to provide pulmonary services for patients in Northeastern Ohio. In addition, he directs the UH COVID Recovery Clinic for treating patients with long-haul manifestations of COVID-19. He is on the faculty of the CWRU School of Medicine, serving as an educator for students and physicians, both in training and in practice. David believes that the foundation of the practice of medicine needs to be modeled on the importance of the physician-patient relationship. With this in mind, he helped originate an experiential course for health science students at the Case Western Reserve School of Medicine called Aging in Place. This course stresses the importance of relationship building, communication skills, and inter-professional team building. David has also worked with the UH Ahuja Medical Center to help create the Beachwood Medical Academy, a medical learning experience for high school students.



In conjunction with Jewish Family Services, MedWish, and MedWorks, David has helped facilitate programming to improve the health of vulnerable individuals. Most recently, David has joined the board of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to advance programming and research in the area of food as medicine.

Giving back to the community generates an incredible sense of self-satisfaction for David, and he believes everyone has the ability to contribute toward making the world a better place.

David and his wife, Enid, a 2003 Gallery of Success inductee, are both BHS graduates of the Class of 1966. They reside in Pepper Pike, and have two children and four grandchildren.

## EMILY YAHR (CLASS OF 2004)

PRESENTED BY SAMAH KHAN (CLASS OF 2023)

*In recognition of her impactful, award-winning journalism covering pop culture and the entertainment world, from music to television to celebrities, as well as her commitment to giving back to a new generation of journalists.*

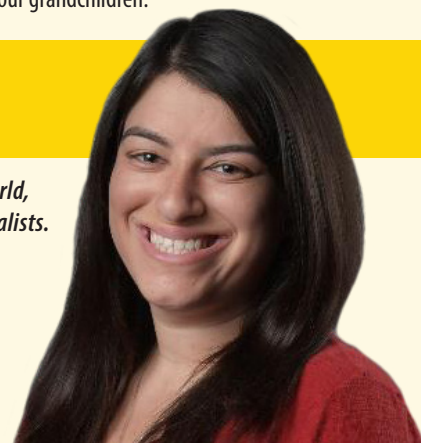
Emily Yahr dreamed of being a journalist since she was in elementary school and started a household newspaper that had everything from breaking news (the Yahrs are having a garage sale!) to comic pages. She continued on that path as sports editor of *The Beachcomber*, Beachwood High School's student newspaper. From there, she earned a degree in journalism from the University of Maryland and interned at the *Cleveland Jewish News*, the *Lexington (KY) Herald-Leader*, *USA Today*, and *American Journalism Review*; she also completed a six-month co-op/internship at *The Boston Globe*.

Shortly before she graduated college in May 2008, Emily was offered a job at *The Washington Post* as an editorial aide in the Style section to work with the TV critic and TV columnist. She spent nearly six years in that role before being promoted to pop culture reporter, the job she still has today, for which she covers TV, music, movies, and celebrities.

Emily has developed a niche writing about country music. In 2019, she was awarded the *Rolling Stone* Chet Flippo Award for Excellence in Country Music Journalism for a feature that looked at how the country music industry addressed the #MeToo movement. She often writes about the struggle for female artists to

break through in a male-dominated format. She has also covered the genre's reckoning with its historic lack of diversity, as well as its complicated relationship with the National Rifle Association after the mass shooting at a country music festival in Las Vegas.

Emily writes about a range of pop culture topics, including the inner workings of Hollywood, the psychological impact of appearing on reality TV, and in-depth profiles of stars, such as Conan O'Brien and Kelly Clarkson. She frequently covers major TV events, from award shows to Oprah Winfrey's primetime interviews. Her story on the 10-year anniversary of Kanye West interrupting Taylor Swift's acceptance speech at the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards (one of the world's first



viral social media moments) earned an award from the Society for Features Journalism.

Emily enjoys speaking to college and high school journalism classes, encouraging students who have a passion for writing and news to pursue the challenging yet deeply rewarding field.

A 2004 Beachwood High School graduate, Emily resides in Washington, D.C.

### Message to the Community:

Never apologize for your taste in pop culture. As an entertainment reporter, people approach me all the time and "confess" TV shows they watch or music they listen to, as if they're ashamed. They shouldn't be! I can't stand the phrase "guilty pleasure" because it implies you should feel bad about something that makes you happy. Life is challenging and the world can be overwhelming. If there's a show or movie or book or song or game or comedy album or concert that brings you joy, or just gives you a few minutes of escape, don't belittle that. Embrace what you like and don't worry about what other people think.