

UPPER ST. CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

# HALLS OF FAME

**OCTOBER 7, 2022** 



### CRITERIA FOR STUDENT INDUCTEES

A former student must meet the following criteria to be considered for the three halls of fame. The individual must be a graduate of Upper St. Clair High School and must be away from the high school for at least five years. The individual must have made a positive contribution during high school as well as significant achievements after leaving USCHS. After the initiation of the Halls of Fame in 2000, the students will be nominated by members of the high school staff, the Upper St. Clair alumni, or the Upper St. Clair community. Each Hall of Fame Committee will include representatives of the high school staff, of alumni, and of the community. The nominees must earn a 75% vote of a quorum of the committee.

During and after high school, the student could have excelled in one or more of the following:

#### ACADEMICS

Activity Service and/or Leadership Citizenship Recognition

Class Officer

Collegiate Recognition Contribution to Society Leadership in Field National Honor Society National Merit Recognition

Overcame Obstacles

Post Graduate Recognition Professional Accomplishments

**Publication of Work** 

Special Scholarship or Academic Honor

Student of the Year

Valedictorian

#### ARTS

Art Award Band Award

Benefactor of the Arts

**Chorus Award** 

Collegiate Recognition Contribution in Field Director's Award

National Recognition of Work

Orchestra Award

Post Graduate Recognition Professional Accomplishments Service and/or Leadership

**Thespian Society** 

USC League of Arts Award

#### ATHLETICS

Athlete of the Year (USC)

Citizenship

Collegiate Recognition

Media Athlete

Multiple Sport Athlete

**National Recognition** 

**PIAA Champion** 

Post Season Recognition

**Professional Accomplishments** 

School Record

Service and/or Leadership

WPIAL Champion

### CRITERIA FOR ADMINISTRATION/STAFF INDUCTEES

A staff member or volunteer must meet the following criteria to be considered for the three halls of fame. The individual must no longer be employed by Upper St. Clair School District. The individual must have made a significant and positive contribution during his/her association with USCHS. After the initiation of the Halls of Fame in 2000, the staff members or volunteers will be nominated by members of the high school staff, the Upper St. Clair alumni, or the Upper St. Clair community. Each Hall of Fame Committee will include representatives of the high school staff, of alumni, and of the community. The nominees must earn a 75% vote of a quorum of the committee.

The individual's association with USCHS could have been as one or more of the following: administrator, teacher, activity adviser, coach, support staff member, school board member.

During his/her association with USCHS, the individual could have contributed in one or more of the following ways:

- Gave outstanding service in their position
- Made impact on students' lives
- Made innovative contributions
- Initiated new programs
- Provided leadership in the development of facilities, curriculum, programs, etc.
- Earned local, state, and/or national recognition
- Represented USCHS in local and/or national educational groups
- Published work

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT DR. JOHN ROZZO

Congratulations to our Upper St. Clair High School 2022 Halls of Fame inductees! These twelve individuals distinguished themselves in academics, the arts, and athletics – bringing tremendous pride and prestige to our school and our community.

As a lasting tribute, the names of our newest inductees will be added to their respective plaques, which are proudly displayed at each of our entrances. All of our Halls of Fame inductees serve as notable role models for our students and as stark reminders of their own unlimited potential.

In many ways, our Halls of Fame event represents and celebrates the actualization of our district's mission and vision. Thank you to our inductees for sharing your talents and accomplishments; to friends and family who have joined us in support and celebration; and to our many staff and volunteers who make this annual event possible.

### ORDER OF EVENTS

- 4:00 4:30 p.m. Social Hour and Hor D'oeuvres Outside the Arts Entrance
- 4:30 4:45 p.m. Visit the Buffet & Transition to the Ceremony
- 4:45 6:30 p.m. Ceremony and Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Transition to the Stadium
- 7:00 p.m. Kick-off USC vs. Bethel Park High School
   Halls of Fame inductees' names will be announced as part of the halftime show

### HALLS OF FAME MISSION STATEMENT

To identify and to honor those who have distinguished themselves in academics, the arts, or athletics at the high school, collegiate or professional level and who, in doing so, have contributed to the pride and prestige of Upper St. Clair High School.

### HALLS OF FAME CHAIRPERSON DR. TIM WAGNER

I am very proud to celebrate this year's inductees. Over time we have recognized 315 individuals who have distinguished themselves in academics, the arts, or athletics and who have contributed to the pride and prestige of Upper St. Clair High School. We strive to continue the mission of the Halls of Fame and to make an even greater impact on the current students at the High School.



#### HALLS OF FAME COMMITTEE ★ACADEMICS★

Ben Edwards & Kristin Pardini,
Co- Chairs
Ed Callahan • Steve Miller
Melissa Tungate • Tim Wagner
Gavin Williams

### NATALIE HERNANDEZ DEPALMA CLASS OF 1996

- Member of NHS, Student Government, and Natural Helpers
- Graduated from Tufts University, B.S.
- Graduated from Boston University, M.A.
- Graduated from Penn State University, Ph.D.
- Senior Director, Counseling and Psychological Services at PSU
- PSYPACT Certified, Association of State & Provincial Psychology Boards
- Responsible for a center that provides clinical services to more than 4,500 students, has over 10,000 outreach contacts annually and operates in three locations on campus.

### DOUGLAS GIBSON CLASS OF 1983

- Graduated with honors from USCHS
- Graduated with honors from Johns Hopkins University, B.S.
- Graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School, J.D.
- Chair of Covington & Burling LLP, a law firm headquartered in
- Washington DC with more than 1,400 lawyers across 13 offices globally.
- Recognized by SportsBusiness Journal on the "50 Most Influential People in Sports Business" list
- Recognized by SportsBusiness Journal on the "Power Players: Outside Counsel" list in its highest tier, "Chairman's Club"
- Current interests include exercise and golf

### MATTHEW A. LENTZ CLASS OF 2006

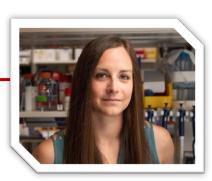
- Valedictorian
- Speech and Debate Captain and Varsity Football letterman (both 2 years)
- Graduated from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, B.S.
- Vice President of Enterprise Consulting of Media. Monks.
- Named to Consulting Magazine's 35 under 35 list in 2021 as a rising star in the industry.
- Adexchanger Awards: Best Overall Programmatic Excellence in 2021
- Has completed 10 half marathons and currently training for the NYC marathon

### LISA R. VOLPATTI CLASS OF 2009

- Valedictorian
- Member of National Honors Society, Varsity Track, and Montage Editor
- Graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, B.S.,
- University of Cambridge, Chemistry and Masters of Philosophy
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D.
- Distinguished Young Scholars Seminar Best Presentation Award, University of Washington (2019)
- Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Chicago, conducting research on COVID-19 vaccines, cancer immunotherapies, and anti-inflammatory
- Current interests include running the Chicago Marathon (Oct 9, 2022), swimming, hiking, snowboarding









#### HALLS OF FAME COMMITTEE ★ARTS★

Christine Hestwood & Matt Cosgrove, Co- Chairs

Dan Beck • Claudia Benack • Jim Bennett
Paul Fox • Thomas Kikta
Shari Shriver Opferman • Angela Petersen
Susan Hofrichter-Watts

### STACY CHBOSKY CLASS OF 1991

- Valedictorian
- Named one of the 20 "Best and Brightest High School Seniors" in the country by USA Today
- In 1987, published the children's book *Who Owns the Sun?* which is still in print today, 35 years later. The book was adapted into an award-wining short film by Disney, as well as a ballet narrated by James Earl Jones.
- Graduated from Carnegie Mellon University, BFA, Drama
- Television writer, producer, screenwriter, and actress
- Written and produced for the shows "Joe Pickett" and "Waco: Aftermath," and is the creator of the upcoming series, "Murder at the State Fair."
- Founding member of the beloved NYC sketch comedy group "Shirley Chickenpants."
- Lives in Los Angeles with John Dowdle, husband and frequent collaborator, and two awesome kids, John and Maggie.

### STEPHEN CLINK CLASS OF 1998

- NAfME All Eastern Orchestra Member on Viola 4-year PMEA All State Orchestra Member on Viola
- District Band on Trumpet and Jazz Band (Lead Trumpet)
- BM Oberlin Conservatory of Music; MM Hartt School of Music.
   Additional study with Kenneth Keisler (Waterville Valley Conducting Workshop),
   Rose City Conducting Workshop and Festival and Training in Suzuki Pedagogy
- Collegiate level recipient of Presser Music Award at Oberlin Conservatory, Evening of Stars recipient for Flower Mound HS, and orchestras have been named state finalist in statewide TMEA Honor Orchestra Competition
- Currently directs the orchestras at Flower Mound HS in the Dallas Fort-Worth Area (5 orchestras involving 250 students) and teaches Studio Viola at Texas Woman's University where he also directed the orchestra and taught string pedagogy.
- Current interests include hiking, biking around the world via indoor spin classes, and anything involving music

### STEPHANIE MALONEY CLASS OF 2006

- Pennsylvania Governor's School for The Arts, Dance Major
- 4 year member of choir, member of Chanteclairs, 3 years Pantherettes, Band Secretary, and restarted Thespians Club
- University of Michigan, B.F.A., Musical Theater
- Actor touring nationally and internationally with Broadway's Chicago
- Semi-finalist in Kurt Weill Foundation for Music Lotte Lenya Competition
- Nominated for Best Actress in a Musical by the Carbonell Awards for her portrayal of Fanny Brice in The Wick Theatre's production of Funny Girl
- Television credits include "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"
- Enjoys spending time as a freelance video editor and being a mom







### HALLS OF FAME COMMITTEE ★ATHLETICS★

Dan Holzer, Chair
Mary Lou Einloth • Renee Connors •
Sam Gaetano • Scott Hawkins • Jeff Joyce
Jerry Malarkey • Matt Mellinger • Jim Render
Uwe Schneider • Suzie McConnell-Serio
Mike Sheleheda • Cara Senger • Greg Wagner

### DAKOTA CONWELL CLASS OF 2012

- 4,179 career yards as USC QB
- Tribune Review -2010's WPIAL All Decade Team
- State of PA- #2 rated OLB 2011
- Twice Named 1st Team All State-Junior & Senior Year 2010 & 2011
- Graduated from West Liberty University, B.S., Business Finance, 2017
- West Liberty University school quarterback rushing record
- 2<sup>nd</sup> all time total offense, passing, touchdown passes, and completions
- Business Owner of SKY Development Athletics and Field Sales Pro for BSN Sports
- Current interests include golfing, pick-up basketball, flag football, and enjoying life with wife Alexis and dog Benny.

### BRIAN DRECHSLER CLASS OF 1993

- Member of 1992 first team all-conference in football
- United States Naval Academy, B.S., Economics, 1998
- George Washington University, M.A., Organizational Management, 2009
- US Naval Academy Hall of Fame, 1995 All East in Football
- 2017 US Navy VADM James B. Stockdale Award for Leadership Winner
- Commander, Naval Special Warfare Center
- Navy SEAL BUD/S Class 224
- Hobbies include spending time with family, working out, kettle bells and working around the house

### KYLE DUDZINSKI CLASS OF 2011

- 12-time NISCA All America Top 100 Recognition
- 3-time PIAA Champion/Swimming
- 8-time WPIAL Champion/Swimming (7 individual titles, 1 relay title)
- USCHS School Team Record Holder and Pool Record Holder/Men's Swimming
- USCHS Male Athlete of the Year
- University of Virginia, B.A.
   University of Virginia Men's Varsity Swim Team/ACC Conference
- University of Michigan, M.A.
   University of Michigan Men's Varsity Swim Team/Big Ten Conference
- Managing Consultant at Mastercard Advisors Client Services
- Hobbies include Golf, cooking, and hikes with his 1-year-old golden retriever







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### JOHN MASCARO, JR. CLASS OF 1985

- USCHS Football 4 years, Senior year Team Co-Captain
- All Conference Center/Linebacker
- USCHS Baseball 4 years
- Graduated from Ohio University, B.S.
- 4-year linebacker, Ohio University
- Sr year Intramural Champs at Broomball & Softball
- Proud member of Laborers union, working summer and winter breaks
- Recipient of Heinz History Makers Award (Mascaro Family)
- President and CEO of Mascaro Construction Company.
- Engineering News Record Top 400 U.S. Contractors for past 20 years
- Hobbies include leading construction company, watching kids play sports, and spending time with wife and high school girlfriend, Holly.

### ROBBIE MERTZ CLASS OF 2015

- Member of 2011 WPIAL and 2012, 2013 PIAA Champion Soccer Teams
- Team Captain, 2013, 2014
- Student of the Year, 2012, 2013
- University of Michigan, B.A.
- Won programs first Big Ten Championship, 2017
- Soccer Team Captain, 2017, 2018
- Recipient of the University of Michigan Bates/Deskins Award, 2017-18
- Recipient of the Big Ten Medal of Honor, 2018-19 (highest scholastic and athletic honor given by University of Michigan)
- Drafted in 4<sup>th</sup> round of 2019 MLS SuperDraft, Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (2019-20, 2022 present)
- Happy to be back in Pittsburgh playing soccer, engaged to be married, plans to pursue a law degree after soccer career





### HALLS OF FAME MEMBERS

#### CLASS OF 2000

#### **ACADEMIC**

**David Brewton** Ed Chekan Ray Bandi Tricia Hwang Connerly Mark Katlic Trisha Meili **Brian Phillips Jack Phillips** Karen Swartz Robert Christiana John DeBlassio Donald Eichhorn Niles Norman

#### CLASS OF 2001

#### **ACADEMIC**

Raj Chakrabarti Lori Cherup Jeffrey Cooper Melisa Wenna Lai **Donald Lund** Kenneth Lund Stephanie Fulmer Smentek **Robert Swartz** Joe Argiro\* Robert Brosnahan Frank Carr Rosemarie Rocher Don Stoicovy Vic Zuraw

#### CLASS OF 2002

#### **ACADEMIC**

Lynn Digby Baxter Jonathan Bickham Joseph Wesley Coltman III **Daniel Cooper** George Davis Amy Snyder Kaminski Simona Pautler Linda Decker Steindorf Norman Wagner William Warren Kathy DeBlassio Joseph Ferderbar\* Ann Gladden Jane Hollman George McClintock **Alex Perinis** 

#### CLASS OF 2003

#### **ACADEMIC**

Kavita Babu William F. Froehlich **David Kimmel** Sean P. McHugh Deirdre O'Connor Jack W. Radke Heidi R. Vollmer Snarr George Betcher\* Bruce N. Carney **Charles Fleming** D'nis L. Lynch William A. Pope Stanley A. Zingle\*

#### CLASS OF 2004

#### **ACADEMIC**

Jennifer DePalma Alan T. Popp Richard St. John Donnan Stoicovy Barbara Carney Herbert C. Kirkwood James Saunders

#### ARTS

Carl Streams\*

Stephen Chbosky John Graulty Laura Schrock Ann Talman Michael Werner

#### ARTS

Claudia Curley Benack John Edkins Wynn Harmon Thomas Kikta Preston Simpson Tom Harshman Linda Serene

#### ARTS

Paul Pryor John Small

Ed Driscoll Sean Garnhart Martin J. Smith Robert J. Gielas George McClintock Paul Pavlov

#### ARTS

Joseph A. Bonasso III Caryn Wunderlich Gott Randall Morgan Newsome David E. Norton **Heather Page** Margaret Shortridge Werd James Bennett Obbie McClintock

#### ARTS

Jonathan Baker Samuel R. Hazo John F. Sholl, Jr. **Robert Truver** Charles Wood **Donald Mincher** Sandra L. Stein

#### **ATHLETIC**

Missy Berteotti Joey David Jeff Delaney **Bob Johnston** Jeff Joyce Marty Sieckmann Dave Vanchina Frank Vancin Mandy West **Doug Whaley** Mark White

#### ATHLETIC

Mark Battaglia Sean Casey Craig Dunaway Mark Hondru Scott Hawkins Kathy Tomko Kappert Laura Koerner Jack Maitland Marty Moran **Gary Schick** Nancy Tomich

#### **ATHLETIC**

Kirk Ferentz **Cullen Hawkins** Joseph Luxbacher Kevin Orie Kristen Elias Pakela Joseph DePalma Willard Hartley

#### **ATHLETIC**

John Bruno, Jr.\* Tom Cherry Rebecca Desman Lonny W. Harrison William McArdle

#### ATHLETIC

Katherine Haddox Clark Nick Cullen Beth Friday Steven Tazza John Welch Joe Moore\*

### HALLS OF FAME MEMBERS

#### CLASS OF 2005

#### **ACADEMIC**

**Shawn Douglass** Jack W. Elliott Lesley Retallick Lee Andrea Spadaro Morrison David J. Lind **Amy Purdy** James Purdy Catherine Luke

#### CLASS OF 2006

#### **ACADEMIC**

Joseph J. Buggy Cheryl Bruno Gambler Scott Hahn Catherine Moraytis Ulicny **Edward Callahan** Susan N. Hughes Paul A. Schlachter

#### CLASS OF 2007

#### **ACADEMIC**

**Terrence Hammons** Rebecca Norman Harbaugh **David Mathews** Sarah O'Brien Zirwas Walter Henricks

#### CLASS OF 2008

#### **ACADEMIC**

Kelly Doran Paul Savidge Carissa Tener Patricia Dunkis Kathleen Kirsch

#### CLASS OF 2009

#### **ACADEMIC**

Arlene Brown Baratz Melanie Brown Fukui Julia Scheib Martin Christina Greenwell Mullins Anne Newman Vida Tyc

#### **ARTS**

Meredith Bell Gail Deibler Finke

#### **ARTS**

**Dwight Kennedy** David Lander Susan Forry Locke Shari Shriver Opferman Jessica Spencer Karen Sommer Turnbull Rick Valicenti

#### **ARTS**

Jacqueline Bayne Marcia Froehlich Ponny Conomos Jahn Daniel Mazzarini

#### **ARTS**

Camile Hulin Kristin McClintock-LeBeau Rhonda Schaffler Tim Meehan **Douglas Williams** 

#### **ARTS**

**Douglas Roth** 

Terrence Kushner

#### **ATHLETIC**

**Beth Babbitt Bales** Dave Barzler Peter Smith Sheryl Klick Strobl

#### **ATHLETIC**

Gary DePalma Philip Michael Dunn Zachary Ellis

#### **ATHLETIC**

Amy Lienhardt Hochanadel Lori Harris Merel Hommen Wilson Nathan Meerstein

#### **ATHLETIC**

Kyra Kaylor Kurt Keller

#### **ATHLETIC**

**Douglas Harmon** Chris McIntyre Leigh Sulkowski

#### CLASS OF 2010

#### **ACADEMIC**

Jennifer Bell James Eshleman Aimee Hernandez Brendan McGuire David Seidenfeld **Thomas Smedley** 

#### CLASS OF 2011

#### **ACADEMIC**

Alicia Avick Michael Barnard Michelle Boss Catucci Nicholas Beck

#### CLASS OF 2012

#### **ACADEMIC**

Amanda Stehura Dishong Robin Williard McGovern David Spagnoli Linda Swartz Gavin Williams

#### CLASS OF 2013

#### **ACADEMIC**

Tara Babu Eric (Rocky) Feuer Noah Gray Joseph Pickel Jessie Ramey

#### CLASS OF 2014

#### **ACADEMIC**

Susan Froetschel Lisa Hernandez Laura Rosenberger John Irwin

#### **ARTS**

**Timothy Hobbs** 

#### **ARTS**

Matthew Mehaffey

Kristi Olds Sogofsky Glenn Ward

#### **ARTS**

Alexandra Mayr-Gracik Megan Zediker Mullen Paul Fox

#### **ARTS**

Amelia Guarino

#### **ATHLETIC**

Sean Lee **Kevin Slowey** 

#### ATHLETIC

**Amy Balsinger Daniel Cafaro Bobby MacWhinnie** 

#### **ATHLETIC**

Scott Dillie Conor Lee Catherine Talarico

#### **ATHLETIC**

Alex Gensler **Todd Haley** Richard Saccani

#### **ATHLETIC**

Scott Freund Elizabeth Kline Amanda Lohman

### HALLS OF FAME MEMBERS

#### CLASS OF 2015

#### **ACADEMIC**

Jonathan Bayat Barbara Spotz Johnson Bill Maher Michael Rees Jeffrey A. Rudolph

#### **CLASS OF 2016**

#### **ACADEMIC**

Todd Ollendyke Karen S. Ho Mahesh Krishnan J.J. Plecs

#### CLASS OF 2017

#### **ACADEMIC**

Deanna Baird Kristen Clendaniel Clark Richard D. Crowley Lindsay Orchowski

#### CLASS OF 2018

#### **ACADEMIC**

John M. Bornyas Jean Kogut Melissa A. Lentz Karen M. Pillar Shailesh Rao Glenn C. Rice

#### **CLASS OF 2019**

#### **ACADEMIC**

Akshaya Kumar Chakravarthy Dennis Chao Dr. Dominick Frollini, Jr. Elizabeth Wellington Jeffords Melanie Wellington

#### **ARTS**

Tim Federle Lisa Wunderlich Wetzel Denise Wunderlich

#### **ARTS**

Earl "Bud" Marlett Chelsea Baratz Benny Benack III Anthony M. Jeselnik Mike Kopp

#### **ARTS**

Susan Matteson Carringer Duppy Demetrius Leanne Ford Eleni Romanias

#### **ARTS**

Susan Lynn Castriota Chuck Rea

#### **ARTS**

Sean McDowell Emily Ann Reason

#### **ATHLETIC**

Cameron Griffin Jeffrey A. Rudolph Aly Walker

#### **ATHLETIC**

Oren Eschenasy Michael McHugh

#### **ATHLETIC**

Dean Astorino Ernie Koontz Mack McGuire

#### ATHLETIC

Jerry Berteotti Austin Wilding

#### ATHLETIC

Nimit Bansal Peter Coughlin Coach Jim Render Thomas Steve

#### CLASS OF 2020/2021

#### **ACADEMIC**

Ben Burns Dr. Roy Phitayakorn Karl Zelik

#### **ARTS**

Tom Griffith David Moskowitz Brian O'Hare

#### **ATHLETIC**

Dane Conwell Emily Mueller Ciobota Ryan Dudzinski





### **USCSD ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. John Rozzo, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Sharon Suritsky, Deputy Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Amy Pfender, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Lou Angelo, Director of Operations & Facilities

Mr. Raymond Berrott, Director of Technology

Mr. Sean Bryson, Chief of School Police

Dr. Judith Bulazo, Director of Curriculum & Professional Development

Mr. Scott Burchill, Director of Business & Finance

Mr. Ray Carson, Jr., Sr. Director of Operations & Administrative Services

Dr. Cassandra Doggrell, Director of Special Education

Mr. Danny Holzer, Director of Athletics

Dr. Lauren Madia, Director of Pupil Services

Mr. Bradley Wilson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Grace Atencio Isaac Bernstein **Greg Boughner Reilly Caslin** 

Reese Copenhaver

Joe Donnelly Emma Hicks Ethan Jooste

Ian Kirk

Adam Levine

Noah Levine Lee Mammana

Luke McDonough Lucia Miles

Shubham Patel

Carter Richie

**Daniel Seewald** Asha Segall

Evie Sullivan

### SPECIAL THANK YOU

Mrs. Kristie Dawson

Mr. Ben Edwards

Mrs. Tina Vojtko

Ms. Melissa Tungate

Mrs. Brooke Tarcson

Ms. Claudia Benack

Mr. Danny Holzer

Mr. Anthony Sendro

Ms. Nancy Dunn

Mr. Paul Fox

Mr. Tim Briggs and the Custodial Staff

Coach Nique Schuster and the USCHS Cheerleaders Ms. Lorraine Milovac and the USCHS Chanteclairs

Mrs. Kim Sullivan and the Nutrition Center Staff

Ms. Christine Hestwood