



Celebrating achievements in
ACADEMICS, ARTS & ATHLETICS



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WELCOME

DR. JOHN ROZZO

Superintendent of Schools

Congratulations to our Upper St. Clair High School 2023 Halls of Fame inductees! These nine 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.



AGENDA

Thursday, September 14, 2023

5 p.m. Arrival & Social Hour, Arts Entrance

6 p.m. Dinner & Ceremony, LGI Room

Academics

John Hellerstedt, Class of 1970
Patricia Palazzolo, Retired Teacher
Eva Roy, Class of 2014

Arts

Jubal Battisti, Class of 2001
Aditya (Adi) Rao, Class of 2007
Susan Hofrichter-Watts, Retired Teacher

Athletics

Emma Hasco, Class of 2016
Dylan Reese, Class of 2003
Savannah Shaw, Class of 2018

Friday, September 15, 2023

5:30 p.m. Welcome Reception, USCHS

6:45 p.m. Gather along home sidelines

6:55 p.m. Halls of Fame Inductees announced

7 p.m. Football Game - Kick-off

DR. TIMOTHY WAGNER

Halls of Fame Chairperson

USCHS Principal

I am very proud to celebrate our Halls of Fame Class of 2023 inductees. Over time we have recognized 327 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.

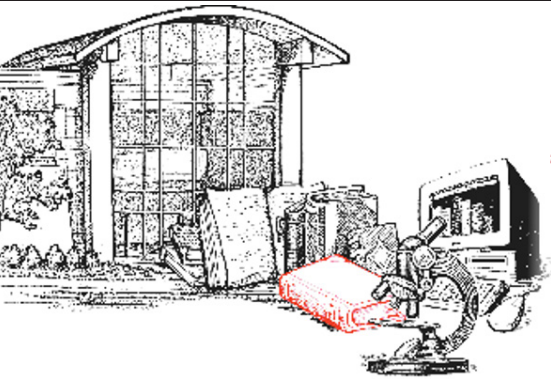




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ACADEMIC HALL OF FAME

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DR. JOHN HELLERSTEDT

USCHS Class of 1970

- Graduate of Allegheny College and University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; completed Pediatric Residency at University of Texas at San Antonio Health Science Center
- Previously served as Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services and Director of Texas Governor's Infectious Disease Taskforce, leading the state's public health response during the COVID-19 pandemic; Chief Medical Officer, Seton Family of Hospitals; Vice President of Medical Affairs, Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas; Medical Director, Texas Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program; and General Pediatric Practitioner
- Currently serves as Principle, Hellerstedt Consulting LLC; Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor, Texas A&M University Medical School; Board Member, Texas Health Institute and Texas H
- Awards include: Texas Pediatric Society Child Advocate of the Year, 2007; State Bar of Texas 2021 Friend of The Judiciary Award; Texas Hospital Association 2022 Board of Directors Award



PATRICIA PALAZZOLO

Retired Educator

- Graduate of the State University of New York and Duquesne University
- Served as Upper St. Clair High School's Gifted Education Coordinator as well as teacher of IB Diploma French and social studies; Sponsor of the World Affairs Club, French Club and KDKA Hometown High Q academic competition
- Pennsylvania Finalist for NASA's Teacher in Space Project
- Member of Future Problem-Solving State Program Advisory Board, Moonshot Museum Education Advisor Committee, and NASA Space Ambassador
- Community activities include International Education Week ("Global Q") and NASA-related activities



DR. EVA ROY

USCHS Class of 2014

- Graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
- Currently serves as a Clinical Fellow in Surgery at Harvard Medical School. She is one of three residents selected each year to train at the Harvard Plastic Surgery Residency program, which is a six-year integrated program, consisting of training at Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham & Woman's Hospital, and Boston Children's
- She has presented at conferences nationally regarding research on breast reconstruction outcomes and innovation in medical education for plastic surgery
- Current interests include increasing access for breast cancer screening and breast reconstruction, improving medical education and innovation in plastic surgery, and quality improvement in the hospital. In her free time, Eva enjoys cooking, baking, trying new restaurants, and drone photography and videography



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ARTS HALL OF FAME



ADITYA ADI RAO

USCHS Class of 2007

- Graduate of Penn State University and Carnegie Mellon University
- Previously ran business development at one of the largest entertainment public relations firms in Los Angeles, working with major brands in the automotive, telecommunications and technology industries
- Currently works as a singer, songwriter, and producer with more than 56 originals/collaborations. Serves as lead vocalist for films and television series and has been a choir member/performer for Carlos Santana, Billie Eilish, Camila Cabello, and Thirty Seconds to Mars
- Nominated for an International Indian Film Academy Award for Best Male Singer in 2023; Winner of India's State Award for Excellence in the Performing Arts in 2013 and Best Debut Artist in 2015

SUSAN HOFRICHTER- WATTS

Retired Educator

- Graduate of Carlow University and the University of Pittsburgh
- Served as Visual Arts Educator K-12; Founder of 3-D Art Club, Outdoor Adventure Club, and Art History Travel Abroad Program
- Member of the National Council in Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), Society for North American Goldsmiths (SNAG), and Society of Sculptors (Pittsburgh)
- Community activities include Trotwood Acres Garden Club, 1830 Log House, Community Day Art Activities, Community Foundation Visual Arts Chair, Friendship Village volunteer art teacher and Gilfillan Farmstead volunteer

JUBAL BATTISTI

USCHS Class of 2001

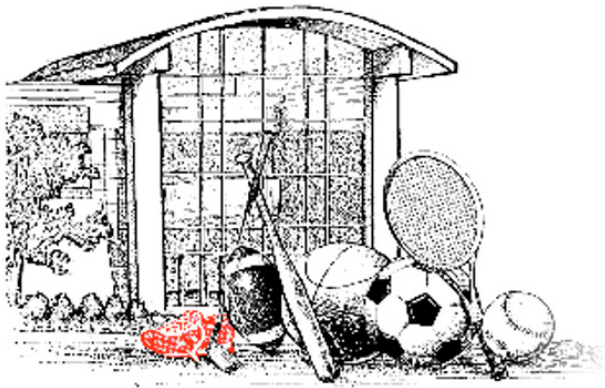
- Graduate of The Juilliard School with Scholastic Distinction
- Danced professionally with Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet in New York City from 2004-2012; GöteborgsOperans Danskompani in Sweden from 2012-2014; and as a freelance performer in Berlin, Germany from 2014-2020
- Currently works as a Berlin-based freelance photographer and filmmaker specializing in dance



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EMMA HASCO

USCHS Class of 2016

- Graduate of the University of California, Davis
- Standout high school and collegiate soccer player with accolades that include the HOBY Leadership Award; 2015 Player of the Year for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Tribune-Review and The Almanac; three-time All-WPIAL and All-Section honoree; two-time All-State honoree; two-time regional All-American; 2015 National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-American; TeamSnap Fall 2015 All-America First Team; 2018 Big West Conference All-Academic Team, Big West Conference Offensive Player of the Week; 2014 USYS National Championship Best XI; Sports Illustrated Faces in the Crowd
- Scored both goals in USCHS's 2-1 win in the 2015 PIAA State Championship; at Beadling Soccer Club, six-time State Cup champions and led the team to the 2014 Region II Championship
- Currently serves as Creative Director for Adda Coffee & Atithi Art Gallery and is interested in sustainable fashion, architecture and design, and building community through art



DYLAN REESE

USCHS Class of 2003

- Graduate of Harvard College
- Standout high school hockey player who played for several hockey clubs, including the Pittsburgh Hornets, USA Select Team, Pittsburgh Forge as well as the USCHS varsity team. In his senior year of high school, his Pittsburgh Forge team won the NAHL National Championship and he was named NAHL MVP Defenseman and NAHL All League First Team
- As a college student, named to the U.S. National Junior Team; Harvard's team earned two ECAC conference championships and three NCAA tournament births; twice named Second Team All-ECAC and First Team All-Ivy League; senior year named captain, MVP, New England Writers Division I All Star and ECAC All Academic Honors
- Drafted by the New York Rangers in the seventh round in 2003. Played professional hockey for 11 years with the New York Islanders, Pittsburgh Penguins and Arizona Coyotes
- Currently raising two young children and playing sand volleyball



SAVANNAH SHAW

USCHS Class of 2018

- Graduate of North Carolina State University
- Standout high school athlete who earned accolades including Footlocker National Championship qualifier, Girls Athlete of the Year 2018 (Observer-Reporter), Team Captain for three years, cross country Team Section Champions, WPIAL Track & Field 1600m Champion, six-time PIAA State Qualifier, New Balance National Championship qualifier, KDKA Award 2017, and holds several school records
- In college, three-time All-American, 2019 World Cross Country Championship qualifier and a member of Team USA, two-time National Championship Cross Country Team, 2023 U.S. Championship Track and Field qualifier, and school record holder in the distance medley relay
- Recently signed a contract as a professional track and field athlete. Also works part-time as a marketing contractor

SELECTION CRITERIA



USCHS ALUMNI

A former student must meet the following criteria to be considered for one of the three Halls of Fame.

- The individual must be a graduate of Upper St. Clair High School.
- Must have graduated from USCHS a minimum of five years ago.
- The individual must have made a positive contribution during high school as well as significant achievements after leaving USCHS.

Alumni can be nominated by members of the high school staff, other Upper St. Clair alumni, or members of the Upper St. Clair community. Nominees must earn a 75% vote of a quorum of the respective Halls of Fame committee.

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

Academics

- Valedictorian
- National Honor Society
- Class officer
- Activity service and/or leadership
- National Merit Recognition
- Student of the year
- Special scholarship/academic honor
- Citizenship recognition
- Collegiate recognition
- Post-graduate recognition
- Professional accomplishments
- Leadership in career field
- Contribution to Society
- Publication of work
- Overcame obstacles

Arts

- Service and/or leadership
- Band award
- Chorus award
- Orchestra award
- Art award
- USC League of Arts award
- Director's Award
- Thespian Society
- Collegiate recognition
- Post-Graduate recognition
- Professional accomplishments
- Contribution in career field
- Benefactor of the Arts
- National recognition of work

Athletics

- Service and/or leadership
- School record
- WPIAL champion
- PIAA champion
- Athlete of the Year (USC)
- Media athlete
- Multiple sport athlete
- Citizenship
- Post-season recognition
- Collegiate recognition
- Professional accomplishments
- National recognition

STAFF VOLUNTEERS

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 High School.

The individual must have made a significant and positive contribution during his/her association with Upper St. Clair High School.

Staff members or volunteers will be nominated by members of the high school staff, one or more Upper St. Clair alumni, or members of the Upper St. Clair community. Nominees must earn a 75% vote of a quorum of the respective 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 and/or school board member.

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

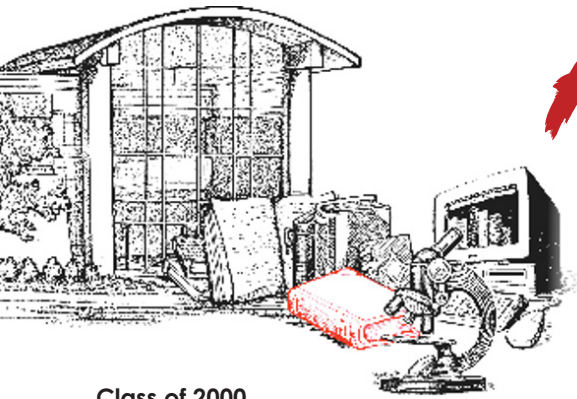
- Gave outstanding service in his/her position
- Made a positive impact on students' lives
- Made innovative contributions
- Initiated new programs
- Provided leadership in the development of facilities, curriculum, programs, etc.
- Earned local, state, and/or national recognition
- Represented USCHS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



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Class of 2000

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
Carl Streams*

Class of 2001

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

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
Paul Pryor
John Small

Class of 2003

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

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

Class of 2005

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

Class of 2006

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

Class of 2007

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

Class of 2008

Kelly Doran
Paul Savidge
Carissa Tener
Patricia Dunkis
Kathleen Kirsch

Class of 2009

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

Class of 2010

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

Class of 2011

Alicia Avick
Michael Barnard
Michelle Boss Catucci
Nicholas Beck

Class of 2012

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

Class of 2013

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

Class of 2014

Susan Froetschel
Lisa Hernandez
Laura Rosenberger
John Irwin

Class of 2015

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

Class of 2016

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

Class of 2017

Deanna Baird
Kristen Clendaniel Clark
Richard D. Crowley
Lindsay Orchowski

Class of 2018

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

Class of 2019

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

Class of 2020/21

Ben Burns
Dr. Roy Phitayakorn
Karl Zelik

Class of 2022

Douglas Gibson
Natalie Hernandez DePalma
Matthew A. Lentz
Lisa R. Volpatti

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Class of 2000

Stephen Chbosky
John Gaulty
Laura Schrock
Ann Talman
Michael Werner

Class of 2001

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

Class of 2002

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

Class of 2003

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

Class of 2004

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

Class of 2005

Meredith Bell
Gail Deibler Finke

Class of 2006

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

Class of 2007

Jacqueline Bayne
Marcia Froehlich
Ponny Conomos Jahn
Daniel Mazzarini

Class of 2008

Camile Hulin
Kristin McClintock-LeBeau
Tim Meehan
Douglas Williams

Class of 2009

Douglas Roth
Rhonda Schaffler

Class of 2010

Timothy Hobbs

Class of 2011

Matthew Mehaffey

Class of 2012

Kristi Olds Sogofsky
Glenn Ward

Class of 2013

Alexandra Mayr-Gracik
Megan Zediker Mullen
Paul Fox

Class of 2014

Amelia Guarino

Class of 2015

Tim Federle
Lisa Wunderlich Wetzel
Denise Wunderlich

Class of 2016

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

Class of 2017

Susan Matteson Carringer
Duppy Demetrius
Leanne Ford
Eleni Romanias

Class of 2018

Susan Lynn Castriota
Chuck Rea

Class of 2019

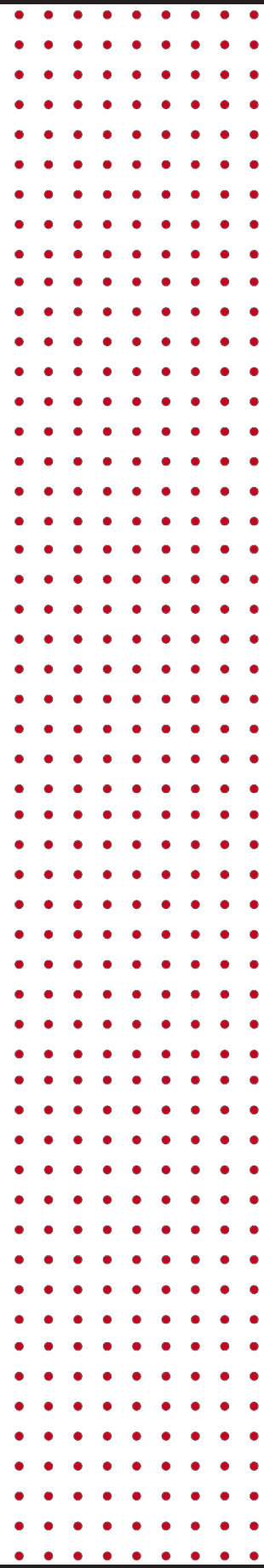
Sean McDowell
Emily Ann Reason

Class of 2020/21

Tom Griffith
David Moskowitz
Brian O'Hare

Class of 2022

Stacey Chbosky, 1991
Stephen Clink, 1998
Stephanie Maloney, 2006

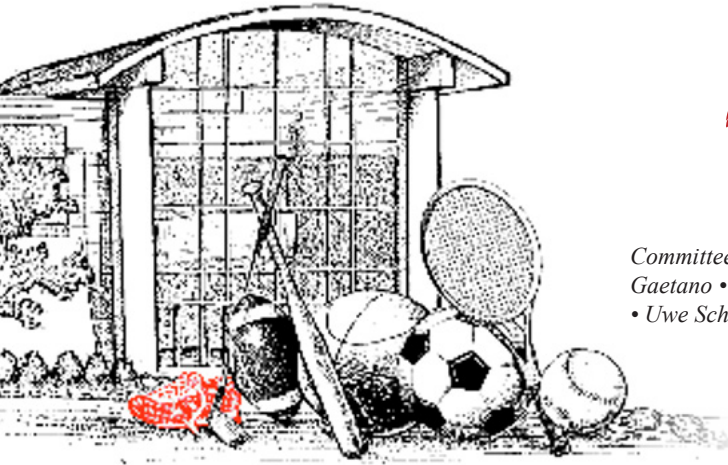




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Class of 2000

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

Class of 2001

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

Class of 2002

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

Class of 2003

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

Class of 2004

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

Class of 2005

Beth Babbitt Bales
Dave Barzler
Peter Smith
Sheryl Klick Strobl

Class of 2006

Gary DePalma
Philip Michael Dunn
Zachary Ellis

Class of 2007

Amy Lienhardt Hochanadel
Merel Hommen Wilson
Nathan Meerstein

Class of 2008

Lori Harris
Kyra Kaylor
Kurt Keller

Class of 2009

Douglas Harmon
Chris McIntyre
Leigh Sulkowski

Class of 2010

Sean Lee
Kevin Slowey

Class of 2011

Amy Balsinger
Daniel Cafaro
Bobby MacWhinnie

Class of 2012

Scott Dillie
Conor Lee
Catherine Talarico

Class of 2013

Alex Gensler
Todd Haley
Richard Sacconi

Class of 2014

Scott Freund
Elizabeth Kline
Amanda Lohman

Class of 2015

Cameron Griffin
Jeffrey A. Rudolph
Aly Walker

Class of 2016

Oren Eschenasy
Michael McHugh

Class of 2017

Dean Astorino
Ernie Koontz
Mack McGuire

Class of 2018

Jerry Berteotti
Austin Wilding

Class of 2019

Nimit Bansal
Peter Coughlin
Coach Jim Render
Thomas Steve

Class of 2020/21

Dane Conwell
Emily Mueller Ciobota
Ryan Dudzinski

Class of 2022

Dakota Conwell
Brian Drechsler
Kyle Dudzinski
John Mascaro, Jr.
Robbie Mertz



**Posthumously*

2023

USCHS HALLS OF FAME

Special Thanks

- Ms. Claudia Benack
- Mr. Tim Briggs & the Custodial Staff
- Ms. Karen Chisholm & our USCHS Strings Students
- Mrs. Kristie Dawson
- Ms. Nancy Dunn
- Mr. Ben Edwards
- Mr. Paul Fox
- Ms. Mary Beth Harkleroad
- Mr. Danny Holzer
- Coach Nique Schuster & the USCHS Cheerleaders
- Mrs. Kim Sullivan & the Nutrition Center Staff
- Ms. Laura Surguine & our USCHS Chanteclairs
- Mrs. Brooke Tarcson
- Ms. Melissa Tungate
- Mrs. Tina Vojtko

Student Leaders

- Michael Albert
- Siamak Bakhshi
- Michael Barrie
- Brady Bernard
- Luke Fisher
- Ryan Hyatt
- Ava Kasper
- Ryan LaRocco
- Oscar Leimkuehler
- Anderson Ploeger
- Holden Rickel
- Ben Seewald
- Danny Shanholtzer
- Carly Shontz
- Nate Stohl
- Emma Toosi
- John Tripodes
- Jack Yurcich

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- Mr. Sean Bryson, Chief of School Police
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- Mr. Scott Burchill, Director of Business & Finance
- Mr. Ray Carson, Jr., Sr. Director of Operations & Administrative Services
- Dr. Cassandra Doggrell, Director of Special Education
- Dr. Lauren Madia, Director of Pupil Services
- Mr. Bradley Wilson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

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- Ms. Cara Senger, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Danny Holzer, Director of Athletics
- Mrs. Brooke Tarcson, Head of Activities

