

Dear School Community Members,

This has certainly been a school year filled with ups and downs and as we embrace the holidays, now Is a time for celebration. Interruptions to learning have occurred, but they have been minimal.

Transportation gaps exist, but our buses are rolling every day. We have had waves of high and low positivity rates and quarantines, but our teachers are

teaching and our kids are learning. In short, we are persevering and we have much to be thankful for.

What a great year for our student athletes, musicians and artists and their coaches and teachers! What a great year for our club members, fitness enthusiasts and advisors!

Academically, our kids are growing stronger and are really enjoying being in school. Students are getting the help they need in the classroom. Counselors and teachers are providing personal support while we ensure a structured environment with routines that make children and teens feel safe.

This year we added many new employees who are introduced later in this newsletter. We have hired good people who are all about kids and they are doing fantastic work.

We have also been working closely with the YMCA to bring adult programming to our community. In addition, we will be adding a Family Resource Center at GCC and we plan to open it in January. The FCR will be staffed by ProAction of Steuben and Yates. They will be available to provide a variety of resources to parents and children including: play and exploration, connection, child development screenings, structured groups and activities and parenting education.

So, while we have had some challenges, we have achieved some victories. We continue to serve and we are expanding opportunities for our kids and our community. Thank you for all you have done to support us. Happy holidays to you and your families, Merry Christmas and best wishes for a very happy 2022!

Sincerely,

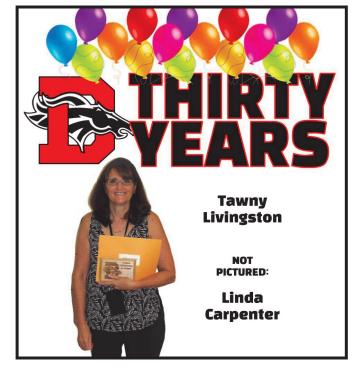
Dr. Paul J. Alioto Superintendent



To these DCSD family members for their years of service!











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#### **Food Services**

Rosmary Mesiti Jocelyn Santiago

#### **EBH**

Hannah Pettengill (AIS teacher)
Natalie Puccio (Special education)
Elizabeth Fisk (Paraprofessional)
Megan Sears (Special education)
Elizabeth (Libby) Warman (6th grade)
Shanna Burley (Lunch monitor)

#### **Primary School**

Melissa Goho (Primary School Principal) Lauren Cutting (District Caseworker) Becca LaForce (Special education) Nicole Gardner (AIS teacher) Rachel Sacks (Speech) Mary Debasitis (Kindergarten) Amy Winslow (2nd grade) Bridget Blodgett (LTS Kindergarten) Hasret Yurdakul (ESOL teacher) Deborah Rivera (Paraprofessional) JoAnne Moore (Paraprofessional) Penny Leven (Part-time paraprofessional) Lindsay Lohman (Paraprofessional) Tammy Lafaye (Paraprofessional) Leighanne Partridge (Paraprofessional) Jessica Fronk (Paraprofessional) Kirstin George (Paraprofessional) Shannon Robinson (LTS paraprofessional)

#### **High School:**

Matthew Angel, 7-9 Assistant Principal Janice Hamilton (Clerk Typist)
Hannah Rice (English Teacher)
Ann Ball (PE Teacher)
Heather Paler (Psychologist)
Tracy Gregorius (Special education)
Naomi Jamison (Paraprofessional)
Heather Roberts (Cafeteria Monitors)
Melissa Walker (Paraprofessional)
Hannah Farrell (Paraprofessional)
Kyle Dougherty (LTS Social Studies)

#### **District Office**

Tom Frazier (Executive Director for Administration & Human Resources)
Amy Shattuck (Asst. to Exec. Director for Administation & HR; Asst. to Director of Facilities; z Asst. To Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology; Deputy Clerk)
William Shattuck (Maintenance)

#### **Transportation**

Dan Proctor (Director of Transportation)

#### **Buildings & Grounds**

Aaron Baird (Director of Building and Grounds)

### Transportation Department

Dan Proctor



Currently seeking bus drivers and monitors. Applications can be picked up at the Transportation Department, 9350 Main Street, Dansville. 585-335-4070

proctord@dansvillecsd.org



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The Dansville Lady Mustangs Volleyball LCAA Division 1 League Champions



Girls' Cross Country Team **LCAA/GRAA Division 1 Champions** 



Coach Lynn Auble LCAA Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year

### **Mustangs of the Month: September**

Kaitlyn Lee – Girls Swimming Calab Rigdon – Boys Cross Country Danielle Lewis – Girls Cross Country Holdyn Freeman - Football Hannah Bennett – Fall Cheerleading Madison Lee – Girls Soccer Tyler Harris – Boys Soccer Tessa Gregorius - Volleyball

### **Mustangs of the Month: October**

Ella Frazer – Girls Swimming
Colin Draper – Boys Cross Country
Sofia Rodriguez – Girls Cross Country
Collin Gray – Boys Soccer
Erin Patanella – Volleyball
Summer Foster – Girls Soccer
Kayleigh Camacho – Fall Cheerleading
Evan Pruonto – Football



Brianne Hurlburt won her first sectional patch.

Maggie Bacon finished 5th with a time of 21:44 and qualified for the state meet in Chenango Forks.

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## Dansville High School - Mustang Athletics Wall of Fame Committee Announces the Induction Class of 2021 (Sponsored by the Dansville Rotary Club)



On December 11, 2021 as part of the Dansville Rotary Boys Basketball Tournament, 3 DHS Alumni were honored as the newest members of the Dansville Athletics Wall of Fame. The ceremony was held between the varsity consolation and championship games. Inductees were introduced to the crowd and walked the length of the court before receiving a members only jacket and a personal frame of their accolades. Inductees proceeded into the Hall of Fame area and hung their personal plaques on the honorary wall.

Chairman of the Athletic Wall of Fame Committee, Dave Moodie, stated: "Dansville Athletics has a proud tradition of talented athletes and coaches, fierce competitors and championship levels of achievement, both individually and as teams.

The members of this year's induction class exemplify the standard of excellence that is required to become a Mustang Wall of Fame Member."

**Tatter Kysor Graduated from DHS in 1998** and was an outstanding wrestler. He finished with a career record of 141 wins and only 45 losses (a school record until 2018). Tatter was a LCAA & Section V Champion in 1997 and 1998. He earned multiple tournament championships, was a 2x recipient of the most outstanding wrestler award and a 3x league all star. The LCAA sportsmanship award is named in his honor. Tatter would like to dedicate earning this award to his brother, Ben Kysor. Tatter states, "without Ben's guidance, none of it would have ever happened."

Steve Hine Graduated from DHS in 2008. He was a 3 sport athlete at Dansville High School and competed at the Varsity level for 15 seasons. Steve competed in the New York State Championships in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track. During the 2006 cross country season, Steve earned a 1st place finish at the league championship race, finished in 8th place at the state championship meet, and was selected as 1st team all-state. In 2007, Steve placed 1st at the Section V Class C cross country championship race, finished in 4th place at the state championship meet, qualified for NYS Federation, was selected as 1st team All Greater Rochester, and was the recipient of the Section V Cross Country Sportsmanship Award. In 2008, Steve finished 1st in the 3200 at the outdoor track league championship race, 1st at Sectionals (400, 800, 1600 and 3200), 1st in the steeplechase at the Section V race and 4th in the steeplechase at the state championship meet.

Nicole Welch graduated from DHS in 2003. Nicole was a 3 sport athlete. In cross country, she was a 4x Varsity D recipient, 4x sectional qualifier, member of the Section V Class C championship team, and competed at the NYSPHSAA Cross Country State Championships. Nicole swam at the varsity level for 5 years. She was a 5x LCAA all star, selected as the LCAA female MVP, a 5x Section V qualifier, 3x team MVP, 2x captain, and selected as Rookie of the Year. At the time of her graduation, Nicole held all girls' swimming records at DHS except for diving. In outdoor track, Nicole competed at the varsity level for 4 years. During that time, she qualified twice for the meet of champions and was a 4x Section V qualifier. Nicole earned the Dedicated Junior Female Athlete Award and the Most Outstanding Senior Female Athlete Award. She was selected as a national nominee for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award and went on to compete at the collegiate level.

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## **Setting Records**

DHS Food Service Department set a record this year by serving 404 lunches to students in one day. The department also offers their assistance on the first Friday of the month by providing hot coffee and cocoa to employees. Thank you for being the best!





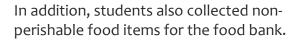
## Remodeled Bus Garage

The DCSD Transportation Department welcomed members of the local town and village highway departments for a luncheon to show our appreciation for all they do for us throughout the year.



## DHS Students Collect for the Holidays

DHS students collected games and puzzles, hats and mittens and wrapping paper for The American Legion's Project Christmas.



Thank you DHS students!

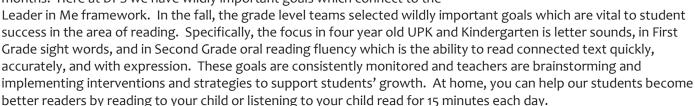


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## Letter from Melissa Goho, Primary School Principal

Happy New Year! The excitement was in the air at DPS during the month of December. The four days leading up to Christmas our Student Lighthouse Committee selected theme days for faculty, staff, and students. The theme days included Candy Cane Stripes or Colors Day, Christmas Headwear Day, Merry Christmas Colors Day, and Cozy Pajama Day. There were lots of smiles and Christmas cheer!

The New Year is a time to reflect on our goals and hopes for the upcoming months. Here at DPS we have wildly important goals which connect to the



This year we started a Student Lighthouse Committee with students from kindergarten to second grade. After an application process, teachers selected a student for the first half of the year to represent their class at these monthly meetings. The Fall 2021 Student Lighthouse Committee includes Ava Coburn (2nd), Blaikley Dixon (1st), Alexandria Fassbender (2nd), Piper Gartz (K), Seeley Gibbs (2nd), Natalie Gray (2nd), Zayden Jeffords (2nd), Arthur Leven (1st), Natalie LeVesque (1st), Stella Mitchell (1st), Easton Murphy (K), Korbyn Smith (1st), Kerri Taylor (K), and Riley Young (K). This group meets one or two times a month with the DPS Faculty Lighthouse team to synergize, including discussing leadership opportunities in our school and ways to make our building even better. Also, they will share updates with their classroom and lead them. Some of their examples of leadership include selecting the theme days for Red Ribbon Week and making signs to hang in the hallways as a reminder, coordinating the Halloween parade sign for their classroom, and being morning hallway greeters. In January, we will start the application process for a new round of Student Lighthouse members.

Hopefully you've had an opportunity to read my weekly newsletter sent out via email as well as available on the website to keep up to date on all the DPS happenings. The newsletter has important information about the upcoming week, a Did You Know section which highlights academics or Leader in Me activities students are engaged in, a Give This a Try section with an idea to engage with your child at home, a weekly question, and information about community events and activities.

I appreciate the warm welcome to Dansville and am enjoying getting to know the students, teachers, staff, and families. By working all together we can help our students do great things now and in the future!

Best, Melissa Goho



January 3—Back to school

January 17—No School, Martin Luther King Day

January 28—No School, Record keeping day

February 1—3PK and 4PK Registration

February 21 thru February 25—Presidents Recess

March 1—Kindergarten registration

March 17 & 18—11:30 Dismissal—Parent/Teacher Conferences

April 11 thru April 15—Spring Recess

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Winning door from the PS Door Decorating Contest!



Math work with Mr. Malone



Josie in Mrs.
Bennett's
sharing her
writing

DPS Student Lighthouse member Natalie Gray showing her winning design for the current DPS Student Lighthouse members. Each member was able to create a design and then they voted on the one they thought represented their group the best.

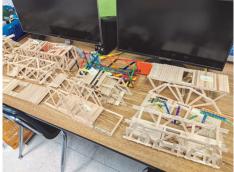


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### **PS Bridge Challenge!**

The DPS Steam Lab invited families to participate in a fun popsicle stick bridge challenge. It was a great success with many different amazing designs!







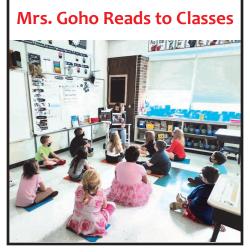
### **Agriculture in the Classroom**

In December, Bernadette Harwood came to provide DPS classrooms an Agriculture in the Classroom lesson. She read a book about how cows milk turns into ice cream and then the students had an opportunity to actually make ice cream. That was such a treat!





Mr. and Mrs. Malones' classes surprised the construction workers with thank you letters and snacks.





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### Letter from EBH Principal, Lisa Allen

November 2021 Newsletter

We have spent this first part of the school year taking time to get back into important routines and get used to "school" again. It is wonderful to see everyone here every day. Students were clearly very happy to be here as well.

Our Open House on September 1 was a great success. The attendance was excellent as usual. We were grateful to be able to have families come into the building. This was also a great time to meet new teachers and find classrooms for the first day of school.

Band and Chorus have begun. After a year off of traditional rehearsals and performances, we are getting back to it. Our 6th graders marched in the Homecoming Parade on October 15. This was the first time that they played as a group AND were asked to play and march at the same time! Thanks to Mrs. Sherman for her work in having them prepared. Chorus has also begun rehearsals and we look forward to our Winter Concerts. Be on the lookout for more details soon!

We have many clubs and activities and they are also in action this year. I am so happy that our students can participate in Chess cClub, Pageturners, Makerspace, LEGO Robotics, Fitness etc. We also added a few new - Sign Language and News Crew. We love to add opportunities for our students when we can!

Red Ribbon Week occurred at the end of October. The student committee that planned the week came up with some creative theme days and it was a fun week! We also had our annual Cross Country Run on October 22. We had to adjust the route to accommodate all of the construction in our back yard but thanks to Coaches Race and Welch, it went well!

I hope you are finding my weekly Parent Updates to be helpful for you to keep up on all that going on at EBH! I enjoy having that opportunity to check in with families.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Lisa Allen Principal



January 3—Back to school

January 12—Grade 5 Winter Concert (tentative)

January 17—No School, Martin Luther King Day

January 28—No School, Record keeping day

February 21 thru February 25—Presidents Recess

March 17 & 18—11:30 Dismissal—Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 29 thru April 1—Grades 3-8 ELA Testing

April 11 thru April 15—Spring Recess

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## **EBH CROSS COUNTRY RUN**



EBH held its annual Cross Country Run on Friday, October 28. Due to construction - we moved the route over to Babcock. Coaches Welch and Race planned a 3/4 mile run and we had help from some HS Cross Country Team members to keep everyone on the right path. Each grade level came over to the park and had their run. We recognized the top six boy and girl finishers in each grade level. A highlight of the Run this year was the big inflatable finish line! This is always such a fun event and a very long standing tradition. We are so happy that we could have it again this year. Thank you to the Coaches for arranging the details for us!

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## Letter from David Moodie, Primary School Principal



Dear Parents and Community Members,

Dansville High School is back in action! The first few months of school have flown by, and in that short period of time so much has been accomplished. Students are engaged in their academics and utilizing 9th period to receive extra support and to participate in various clubs/activities. We have established a winning formula that encourages students to be a part of something and our faculty & staff go above and beyond to do what's best for students. Furthermore, we recognize and celebrate our students' accomplishments.

We have had multiple students selected as **Mustangs of the Month** as a result of their positive attitude and commitment to excellence. Our seniors are being recognized as **Rotary Students of the Month** because of their character and

effort to be a model student. Almost 300 students in grades 7-12 have received a **Positive Report Home** for demonstrating their ability to **Learn, Lead, Succeed.** The results from Marking Period 1 are in: DHS had 280 students achieve Honor Roll and 116 students achieve Merit Roll.

Already this year, we have 20 different clubs underway. These typically occur during 9th period (2:30 - 3:20pm) and are open to all students. It has been exciting to see the increased interest and participation by students, and because of that we have and will continue to develop new clubs. Our fall sports teams were competitive, with varsity volleyball and girls cross country leading the way as LCAA League Champions. We are very proud of them! The PTO sponsored homecoming dance was well attended and students reported that they had the best time. Our homecoming week was a big success! Students enjoyed the opportunity to spend time together at the bonfire. Our varsity athletes had a nice breakfast together as part of our *Breakfast for Champions*. A lot of fun was had at our pep rallies. The parade, the floats, the band & drumline performance at halftime, and the winning effort by our football team all resulted in a memorable homecoming for everyone.

I hope my weekly DHS Updates are helping to keep you informed. I am very proud of our students, faculty and staff. I welcome the opportunity to discuss your child's educational experiences and can be reached by email at <a href="mailto:moodied@dansvillecsd.org">moodied@dansvillecsd.org</a> or by phone at 585.335.4010 ext. 1002.

Dave Moodie, DHS Principal



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GRADUATION CEREMONY: FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022

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## High School Students of the Month

The Dansville Central Schools "Rotary Club Student of the Month" has changed a bit from years past. Students are selected based on the Rotary "Four Way Test":

By applying the above "Four Way Test" to student nominations, we will be able to acknowledge students who are consistently helping others, volunteering their time, and generally being model students and citizens.

We are proud to announce the following students as September and October "Rotary Students of the Month":

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



#### SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

#### **Greg Young**

Parents: Fred and Elsa Young

Greg is an outstanding student athlete. He works hard in his classes, contributes with meaningful discussions, and has made great progress in his advanced placements classes.



#### **Braiden Halbert**

Parents: Robert and Miki Halbert

Braiden always strives to do her absolute best in the classroom. She walks in each day with a smile on her face, a positive outlook and attitude, and an eagerness to learn new writing techniques. She gets extremely engaged in our creative writing activities and is always willing to hand out a compliment where it is due. She provides a welcoming atmosphere to everyone around her, and brings a positive aura to her classmates.



#### OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

#### **Cody Rae Ziefel**

Parents: Johnnylee and Hilda Ziefel

Cody is a very respectful, collaborative, and dedicated student; he is a good role model in Spanish class. I would like to nominate Cody because he has shared that he wants to be a good example for his siblings and that he wants to make his family proud. I believe this is a great opportunity to show Cody that his teachers recognize what a good example he is for others.



#### **Sidney Stone**

Parents: Robert and Barbara Stone

Sidney has had a consistent work ethic in challenging courses throughout high school. She is a leader in sports and always displays a high level of sportsmanship. Sidney is a role model to her peers as she emulates what it means to be a successful student athlete.



#### **NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

#### **Lydia Kruchten**

Parents: Peter and Renee Kruchten

Lydia carries herself with a willing attitude, fantastic school spirit, takes initiative and always gives her best effort. Lydia is willing to go above and beyond, contributing to our school and community whenever possible.



#### **Jacob MacNeal**

Parents: John and Tara MacNeal

Jacob is an outstanding person. He carries himself with a sense of maturity and positivity. He understands the importance of school and having a strong work ethic. Jacob arrives to school early and stays late each day to work as a crossing guard.

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# Breakfast of Champions



Thanks to the DCSD Food Services Department for hosting "Breakfast of Champions" to kick off Homecoming Friday!

## 2021 Homecoming Court



Left to right:

9th Grade Logan Kendall and Casey Youngers

10th Grade Anthony Morrow and Kaitlyn Lee

12th Grade Emma Heiman, Greg Young, and Sidney Stone (not pictured: Ben Sick)

11th Grade Gabe Doe and Maggie Bacon

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## **2021 HOMECOMING**













































Varsity Girls Basketball recognizes teachers who have made an impact!

#### **Dansville Airport Field Trip**

Students visited our Dansville airport to tour the facility. This marks the beginning of our collaboration with the Dansville airport and the Dansville Pilot's Assocation. Throughout this school year, students will learn about

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different reer paths aviation.







**FUNDRAISER:** Purchase your Gertrude Hawk Chocolate bars before they sell out. This is the final Class of 2022 Fundraiser!

**CAP AND GOWN:** Seniors who have not already placed an order should see a class advisor ASAP!!!

**SENIOR TRIP:** Second payment is due by January 7, 2022

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** Ball will be on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at the Genesee River Restaurant and Reception Center

Email buckholzm@dansvillecsd.org and pullenk@dansvillecsd.org with questions!

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# Mustang of the Month

At monthly department meetings, discussions involve selecting students to represent the department as a Mustang of the Month. Each member of the department has the opportunity to nominate a student. The positive conversations that occur during this time are meaningful and celebratory in nature. Students who are selected receive a certificate and their picture, as well as, reasons for being selected are publicized. Who will be the next Mustang of the Month?

#### SEPTEMBER 2021

Hannah Frazier



Arabella Fronk



Neamiyan Hall



Alanis

Tyler Harris

Anthony Landon







Samantha Mackey Brayden Rawleigh Rodriguez-Santiago



Ben Sick



Ethan Taft



OCTOBER 2021

Addison Musto



Isabella Snyder



Edwin Washington





Greg Young



Stephanie Youngers





Cody Rae Ziefel















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#### **GLOW** with Your Hands

GLOW with Your Hands is a hands-on career exploration event for GLOW region students, highlighting high-growth & highdemand careers in Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Skilled Trades. Students can participate in a variety of activities including welding, bricklaying, electrical wiring, heavy equipment operation and much MORE!

In addition to careers in Agriculture and Skilled Trades, participants will learn about Advanced Manufacturing and Alternative Energy. GLOW with Your Hands provides an engaging, hands-on, applied experience for students and educators to increase student awareness and interest in local, high-growth and high-demand industries.







#### **Mustang Clothes Closet**

The Mustang Clothes Closet is a resource available to all DHS students in grades 7-12. With the help of generous donations, clothing and hygiene products are made available to students who want or need to "shop" for specific items.

Students can contact Miss Wolcott, a school counselor, for assistance accessing the Mustang Clothes Closet or complete the Google Form to schedule an appointment. This is located in the School Counseling Google Classrooms or on the flyer.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Varsity Volleyball Team—Livingston County D1 Champions and Varsity Girls Cross Country Team—League Champions.





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DCSD's Wellness Committee
hosted a wellness fair for
all employees in October during the
Superintendent Conference Day.

DCSD Wellness coordinators are Katie Bancroft, Kim Derrenbacher and Emily Wolf.



## Wellness Fair

Employees were invited to visit the various endorse learn more about their practices and specialties. Among the presenters were Noyes Hospital, Mill Creek Optical, YMCA, and the new Mandala Wellness Center. Wegmans was also present offering employees biometric screenings and flu shots. The Wellness Committee hopes to offer a wellness fair again in the near future and they are also working on other wellness offerings to employees throughout the year.

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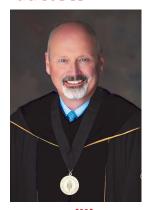
#### 2021 Wall of Pride Inductees



Carl F. Allen



**Brigadier General** Allman T. Culbertson



Dr. William A. Seymour



Jon H. Shay



