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Wall of Pride updates.

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Wall of Pride

2024 Induction Event

October 19, 2024

Wall of Pride

Our mission is to:

- Recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding members of our school community, DHS alumni and DCSD educators.
- Reconnect and maintain relationships within the DCSD community.
- Celebrate members of the school community while recognizing that DCSD encompasses many smaller communities that surround the Village of Dansville.

The Foundation for Dansville Education

Our mission is to secure educational opportunities for the children and youth of Dansville Central School District by preserving and expanding academic programs, with an emphasis on programs most susceptible to cuts or programs not mandated by New York State.

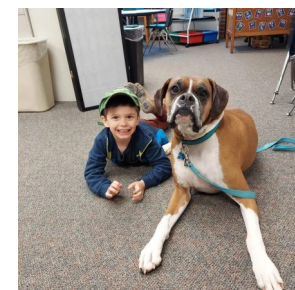
The Foundation for Dansville Education, Inc.

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Archery Club



Therapy Dogs

In its mission to enrich the lives of children and the Dansville school community, the Foundation continues to seek ways to secure funds to advance this mission. The Foundation's Dansville Alumni Association held its inaugural Alumni Weekend in June 2022.

Fundraisers and donations generate revenue, all of which is used to support programs and projects for DCS students. Thank you for investing in Dansville's most precious possession - children and the promise of a new generation.

- Dansville Alumni Association
- Wall of Pride Induction
- DCSD Therapy Dog Program

Mini-grants including:

- Sewing and Crafting Club
- Materials for Drama Club production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"
- Mustang Clothes Closet
- Archery Club
- American Sign Language Clubs at EBH & HS
- Mobile MacBook Recording and Editing Equipment
- Pony Express 7th Grade Transition Program
- EBH Running Club
- Lego Robotics

The Foundation sponsors an annual Senior Award, the Margaret E. Hondelink Scholarship, and the Bornt-Smith Awards (Dreams Can Come True, and Community Service). The DCS Alumni Association supports the community (Main Street Planter Program, Gary "Lark" Lemen Recognition, Clara Barton statue, and EBeauty Wig Program at Noyes) and they have reunited classmates through Alumni Weekend events and its Facebook page, both of which have seen an increase in alumni participation.



2023 Wall of Pride Inductees



Lego Robotics



**PARTNERS IN
EDUCATION**

- **WALL OF PRIDE**
- **MINI-GRANT AWARDS**
- **DHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**
- **GRADUATION MONETARY AWARDS**
- **ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS**

Reception

5:30PM

Welcome and Buffet Dinner

6:00PM

Dr. Paul Alioto

Choral Performance

7:00PM

DHS Chamber Singers, directed by Lindsay Buckel

Award Ceremony

7:30PM

Dan Dixon, Master of Ceremonies

INDUCTEE

INTRODUCED BY

Margaret E. Hondelink

Peter Hartmann

Represented by Marsha Freeman

Edward (EJ) Monster

David Mapes

Mary Ellen Webster

Christine Spoor

Represented by Eli Webster

Closing Remarks

Dan Dixon

Photographs Following Award Ceremony

Margaret E. Hondelink



Margaret E. Hondelink was the face of music for many in Dansville for nearly six decades. Margaret was born in Japan on April 29, 1906, to missionary parents. When the family returned to the U.S., they settled in Rochester. As a young child, Margaret studied at the Eastman School of Music. She graduated cum laude from Hope College in Holland, Michigan in 1928, and eventually returned to NY. With a desire to pursue music, her “first love,” Margaret earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Music at Eastman.

Arriving in 1935 to teach vocal music at DCS, Margaret captivated students with her warm and friendly personality and her musical skills. She built the choral program into several choirs, quadrupling the student enrollment and enlivening it with comic operettas such as Gilbert and Sullivan’s Mikado and H.M.S. Pinafore. She encouraged the formation of small vocal ensembles, working with them in many public appearances.

She was a favorite among pupils of every grade level, but her rapport with adolescents was especially notable. The Class of 1944 dedicated their yearbook “...to Margaret (E.) Hondelink, whose guidance and friendship have been an inspiration to all.” The Class of 1948, at their 40th class reunion in 1988, established a scholarship in her honor.

Upon her retirement from DCS in 1965, then school superintendent, John J. Smith said, in part, “For a chosen few, teaching is an art that transcends all other careers; the lives of other teachers and especially the students around them respond to the spirit of those who demonstrate a vital, wholly alive, uplifting outlook toward their work; the influence they exert will be exemplified in the generations that follow...”

Margaret was also active in the community, teaching piano lessons to many before and after school. For 36 years she led the music program at the Presbyterian Church. In 1969 she was the first woman named Dansville’s Citizen of the Year. In 1987 the Dansville Rotary Club’s ‘Sweetheart of Rotary,’ as Margaret was called, was reported to be one of the first women accepted into Rotary Club membership.

Margaret E. Hondelink’s long career was a very special one. She was more than a musician to her students, she was a friend. She was a master teacher influencing all with whom she had contact. Her character, ethics, personality, and leadership set an example that inspired both students and adults.

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Edward (EJ) Monster



Edward J. (E.J.) Monster moved to Dansville when he was in 7th grade. While attending Dansville High School (DHS), E.J. excelled in the classroom as a National Honor Society member and graduated as the Class of 1995 salutatorian. He volunteered at school through the Student Council and in the community at Noyes Hospital. He also worked at the Dansville Public Library. E.J. was the first student at DHS to study both French and Spanish and spent a summer abroad in the Netherlands through the Dansville Foreign Exchange Program, leading to many of

his post-secondary endeavors.

After graduating from DHS, E.J. attended Nazareth University continuing his studies in French and Spanish. He graduated magna cum laude and received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach at the University of Ghent in Belgium. He then earned a prestigious Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship to study at George Washington University where he pursued a Master's degree in International Relations. In 2002, E.J. began his career as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State. In 2024, he was promoted to the rank of Counselor in the Senior Foreign Service.

Over his diplomatic career, E.J. has traveled the world engaging foreign audiences to further U.S. interests. He has served at the U.S. Embassy in Malawi, South Africa, Bolivia, Poland, and Kenya. In Washington, DC, he has completed assignments at the U.S. Department of State and as a Duty Officer in the White House Situation Room where he briefed the President and senior U.S. Government leaders. A continuous learner, in 2019, E.J. earned a second Master's degree in National Security Strategy at the National War College for U.S. military and civilian leaders.

E.J. speaks highly of the education he received in Dansville, the community he grew up in, and the people who supported, motivated, and shaped him. Past educators speak highly of his accomplishments as a DHS student, noting his commitment to academic excellence and strong interpersonal skills. E.J. has maintained his Dansville relationships over the past quarter century, even inviting past teachers to visit him on his international and DC assignments. Though he regularly moves around the world for his work, E.J. hasn't forgotten the people and experiences from Dansville that provided a solid academic and moral foundation for his future endeavors. He proudly calls Dansville his hometown.

Mary Ellen Webster



With over 30 years of dedicated service as an educator, Mary Ellen Webster has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless students, parents, and colleagues, earning her a well-deserved place among Dansville Central School District's most revered educators.

Mary Ellen's career at DCSD is a testament to her unwavering commitment to fostering a love of learning, particularly in the realm of literacy. As a teacher, teacher mentor, and instructional coach, she consistently demonstrated a deep passion for education and an exceptional ability to connect with her students. Her innovative approach to literacy instruction was always at the forefront of pedagogical advancements, ensuring that her methods were both effective and engaging.

Colleagues and parents alike describe Mary Ellen's work as "next level," a fitting tribute to her relentless pursuit of excellence. She was not only a teacher but also an inspiration and role model, epitomizing selflessness and professionalism. Her classroom was a nurturing environment where children felt valued and motivated to achieve their best. Mary Ellen's unique ability to teach children to read, coupled with her keen insight into the latest literacy-based pedagogy, set her apart as a leader in education.

Beyond her instructional prowess, Mary Ellen was a beloved mentor to many teachers, guiding them with wisdom and compassion. Her influence extended beyond the classroom, shaping the teaching practices of her colleagues and enhancing the overall quality of education within the district. Her colleagues often sought her advice, knowing that her guidance was grounded in extensive experience and a genuine desire to see others succeed.

Mary Ellen's dedication to her students was unparalleled. She went above and beyond to ensure that each child received the support and encouragement they needed to thrive. Her selfless nature and unwavering commitment to her students' success have left a lasting impact on the Dansville community.

Mary Ellen Webster's exceptional career is to be honored. Her contributions to education have shaped the lives of many and will continue to inspire future generations of teachers and students alike. Mary Ellen's profound legacy is one of compassion, innovation, and an enduring commitment to excellence in education.

2024-2025 Chambers Singers



Front: Arianna Billups, Seth Mosman, Olivia Miller, Paisley Cosimano, Grace Rechichi, Elianna Woodard

Middle: Brett George, Mollie Herrmann, Fabian Gonzalez, Nathan Hall, James Bisig, Avalyn Hall, Abigail Kendall

Back: Arabella Fronk, Wyatt Swift, Kaelyn Oliver, David Sick, Georgene Scott, Cynthia Forrester

Not pictured: Lily Barron

The Dansville Chamber Singers are an auditioned group of the top vocal students in grades 9-12. They meet once a week after school to rehearse and put together a high level of choral music.
