



Delaware City Schools

Distinguished Alumni
Hall of Fame

September 12, 2025

Ceremony Agenda

Rutherford B. Hayes High School Auditorium

Prelude Music

Hayes String Quartet

Welcome

Jake Shafer

Principal, Hayes High School

Singing of the
National Anthem & Alma Mater

Hayes Singers

Presentation of the Colors

AFJROTC

Remarks

Keith Pomeroy

Superintendent of Schools

Presentation of Awards

Scott Hemans

Emily Richards

Teri L. Riggs

Steve Tilson

Andy Warnock

Diane L. Winters

Recognition of Former
Inductees & Closing

Jake Shafer

Guests are invited to attend the football game for an on-field introduction of the honorees.

Scott Hemans Class of 1974 Distinguished Service Award

Scott Hemans, a proud member of the Delaware community, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and moved to Delaware in the sixth grade with his parents, Marlyn and Al Hemans. He has two brothers: Mark Hemans (Class of 1970) and Kurt Hemans (Class of 1976). Scott graduated as part of the Class of 1974, during which time he distinguished himself as a dedicated student-athlete. A three-year member of the varsity football team, he earned OCC Honorable Mention in 1973 and served as team captain his senior year. Additionally, he participated in wrestling for one season and competed in track and field.

Following high school, Scott built a successful career with PPG Industries, where he dedicated 36 years of service before retiring in 2014.

Beyond his professional career, Scott has devoted considerable time and energy to supporting Delaware athletics. Beginning in 2000, he cooked meals for athletic boosters on Friday nights and became a reliable presence in a variety of volunteer roles. Over the years, he has contributed as a bingo worker and caller, a line judge for volleyball at both Dempsey Middle School and Hayes, and an operator of scoreboards and clocks for football, basketball, and volleyball games. He also kept scorebooks for freshman basketball, worked with the chain gang for football, assisted in setting up and taking down the field, and was a ticket taker at Hayes football games.

His steady presence at countless athletic contests has made him an integral part of the community's sports culture, where his dedication and reliability have left a lasting impact on Delaware athletics.

He and his wife, Cathy (Class of 1977), have made their home in Delaware, where they have raised their family. They are the proud parents of daughter Brenda (Class of 2006) and her husband, Mark, as well as son Chris (Class of 2011) and his wife, Sarah. Together, the family has been blessed with four grandchildren: granddaughters Amelia and Paige, and grandsons Owen and Rhett.

Emily Richards

Class of 2014

Emily Richards, a Rutherford B. Hayes Class of 2014 valedictorian, made her mark both on the track and in the classroom. A two-time school record holder in the 100m and 400m dash, she was an OHSAA Division 1 girls 400m state qualifier and an OATCCC all-state finisher in the indoor 400m. Emily was also a cross country regional qualifier, remembered for her humility and leadership. In her honor, the Hayes cross country team established the “Emily Richards Team First” award.

Upon graduation, Emily attended Ohio Northern University, following in the footsteps of her late grandfather Evan Richards, an inductee of the Shelby (OH) High School Hall of Distinction for his lead in building the first cellular phone. At ONU, Emily earned a B.S. in Chemistry with a minor in Multimedia Journalism, graduating summa cum laude.

During her athletic career at Ohio Northern, Emily became one of the most decorated NCAA Division 3 athletes in history. She captured 13 All-American honors, 9 national titles, and set the indoor and outdoor women’s 800m national records under the tutelage of her college coach, Jason Maus. Her outdoor national record still stands today. In 2017, she placed 8th in the country at the USATF Outdoor Championships, launching her toward a professional career.

Emily has since competed for sponsors HOKA New Jersey New York Track Club, Tracksmith, and Atalanta NYC. While running for Tracksmith, she returned to ONU as an assistant coach for the men’s and women’s cross country and track and field teams. In 2024, she joined non-profit team Atalanta NYC, where she currently trains professionally and mentors youth at under-resourced high schools in the Bronx.

A 12-time U.S. national qualifier, Emily has competed in two U.S. Olympic Trials (2021, 2024). At the 2025 USATF Championships last month, she ran a personal best of 1:59.87 in the 800m to finish 12th in the U.S. and become the first NCAA D3 athlete in history to break the monumental 2-minute barrier in this event.

Emily is the daughter of Troy and Laura Richards and the proud sister of fellow Hayes graduates Erik and Luke Richards.

Teri L. Riggs Class of 1969

Teri L. Riggs, Delaware Hayes Class of 1969, has dedicated her life to excellence in athletics as both a coach and official, leaving a lasting impact on interscholastic and collegiate sports in Massachusetts. Riggs went on to officiate college lacrosse in Massachusetts for 35 years. Her leadership and commitment earned her recognition as an Eastern Massachusetts/USA Lacrosse official and induction into the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of USA Lacrosse.

Riggs served as President of the Eastern Massachusetts Women's Lacrosse Umpires Association for eight years, where she mentored officials and worked tirelessly to advance the standards of the game. Her contributions to women's sports extended well beyond lacrosse, as she also enjoyed an outstanding career as a coach and official in basketball, volleyball, and field hockey.

Among her many accomplishments, Riggs guided the 1981 Cambridge Rindge and Latin School girls' basketball team to the Eastern Massachusetts State Championship and a Massachusetts Division I State Runner-Up finish. That same team was later honored with induction into the Cambridge Alumni Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Her excellence on the field and court was matched by recognition from her peers, including being named the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Girls Lacrosse Official of the Year for 2019–2020. Additionally, her lifelong contributions to women's athletics were celebrated with induction into the New Agenda Northeast Hall of Fame.

Throughout her career, Teri L. Riggs has embodied integrity, leadership, and a love for competition. Her influence continues to inspire athletes, officials, and coaches across generations.

Steve Tilson

Class of 1967

Steve Tilson was born near Nashville, Tennessee, in 1949. He is a graduate of Delaware Hayes High School, Ohio Wesleyan University (B.A. with honors), and Ohio State University (J.D. with honors).

At Delaware Hayes High School, Steve set a school record and was league champion in the shot put, attained all-conference honors as a football fullback, played basketball and captained the track and field team. He was a student government officer, student council class representative, and was active in literary and journalism societies. At Ohio Wesleyan, he served as a member of the Religion Department Board and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

In October of 2017, Steve was awarded the Ramey Award by the Ohio State Bar Foundation, which is a statewide award given to one Ohio lawyer each year in recognition of distinguished community service. In May of 2018, Steve was awarded Professional of the Year by the Galion-Crestline Area Chamber of Commerce for his contributions, commitment and dedication to the community.

Steve is an active member of several bar associations and has held numerous leadership roles, including Past President of the Ohio State Bar Foundation, the Crawford County Bar Association, and the Galion Community Center–YMCA. He served on the Ohio State Bar Association Board of Governors as a district delegate to the Council of Delegates, and chaired multiple OSBA committees, including the Board of Editors for Ohio Lawyer magazine. Steve has contributed to drafting Ohio finance laws and co-authored provisions of the Ohio Revised Code on garnishment and property seizure.

Beyond the legal field, Steve has served on the boards of local banks, businesses, community organizations, and mental health and education groups, and with his wife, Dawn, was co-president of the Renschville Elementary P.T.L. He is a former member of the Crawford County Business/Education Advisory Council, which named an award after him, and a former trustee of Planned Parenthood of North Central Ohio.

Steve, and his wife, Dawn, have two children, and two grandsons. Steve's first interest is family activities. He also enjoys playing guitar with his son and good friends in their band, The Crazy Gringos. His other hobbies include canoeing, fishing and sports.

Andy Warnock

Class of 2002

Born and raised in Delaware, Ohio (parents Doug and Kathi Warnock), Andy Warnock is a 2002 graduate of Delaware Hayes High School. While at Hayes, Andy was a distinguished student-athlete. As the valedictorian of his senior class, Andy was also named the Delaware County Teen of the Year by the Delaware Gazette. He was an all-conference, all-district, and all-state selection in soccer, basketball, and track (10 varsity letters). His track and field 4x800 meter relay school record still stands over 23 years later.

Andy was awarded an academic scholarship to Ohio Wesleyan University where he went on to graduate Summa Cum Laude. President of his fraternity, captain of the basketball team, and active volunteer with the Council for Older Adults, Andy was also a member of the Phi Eta Sigma, Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Epsilon, and Sigma Beta Delta honor societies. As a senior, he was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American team and an NCAC All-Conference selection in basketball. Andy earned his MBA in Finance from Ashland University.

Andy currently serves as a Senior Managing Director of Lument in Columbus, Ohio. Lument is one of the nation's largest providers of debt to the multifamily and senior housing industries. During his time at Lument (and predecessor companies), Andy has been responsible for the origination of over \$4.84 billion dollars in financings.

In addition to his work at Lument, Andy is a long-time real estate investor and developer. His real estate firm, The Westwood Collective, was named after Westwood Avenue, the original street he grew up on in Delaware, Ohio. Andy has ownership in nearly 2,200 multifamily rental units and over 163,000 square feet of commercial space in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Florida including his partnership with Redwood Living in Delaware, Ohio (335 multifamily units). He credits the Westwood Fieldhouse as his favorite project – a 17,000 square foot gymnasium facility located in Hilliard, Ohio. Andy's newest development, Firefly Winery, was recently named Columbus Monthly's "Best Wine Bar" in 2025.

Andy was named a Forty Under 40 recipient by Columbus Business First in 2014. He and his wife established and operate Dot's Tots Foundation, a Central Ohio 501(c)3 dedicated to supporting area youth. To date, the foundation has raised nearly \$1.1 million dollars. Andy remains an active volunteer for his alma mater, Ohio Wesleyan, to which he was named a Young Alumni of the Year in 2022. And, in 2023, he was named to the prestigious national "Rainmaker in Commercial Real Estate" list by Globe Street.

Andy currently resides in Hilliard with his wife, Ashley, their two sons, Cason and Palmer, and two daughters, Aniston and Berkley.

Diane Winters

Class of 1966

Diane L. Winters, Delaware Hayes High School Class of 1966, has dedicated her life to horses, horsemanship, and youth mentorship in Delaware County.

Since 1958, Diane has been a constant presence at every Little Brown Jug race held in Delaware. Following Marilyn Evans' sixteen years of service as Outrider, Diane was chosen to step into this prestigious position one year after Marilyn's retirement—a role she would embrace for thirty-seven remarkable years. As Outrider, she became a revered figure in her colorful western attire, leading horses and sulkies around the track before races. The Outrider's responsibilities demanded courage and skill. Diane's duties included rescuing runaway horses and sulkie drivers, at times maneuvering at speeds up to forty-five miles per hour, weaving through racing horses to ensure safety and order.

Beyond Delaware, Diane extended her expertise as Outrider to other esteemed venues including Scioto Downs, the Indiana State Fair, and the Red Mile Track in Kentucky, earning accolades from industry legends such as Roger Huston—the renowned “Voice” of harness racing—who publicly named Diane the greatest Outrider he had ever known.

A champion of equine traditions in Delaware County, Diane has served as the chairperson of the Delaware County All-Horse Parade for eighteen years. Through her vision and leadership, the parade has grown from its inaugural showing of sixty horses to more than four hundred, now recognized as the largest all-horse parade east of the Mississippi River.

Diane's legacy extends into youth mentorship through the Delaware County 4-H program. A proud 4-H alumna, she continues to support and inspire new generations of horse enthusiasts, regularly attending meetings and organizing educational experiences at the fairgrounds and throughout the county. Over the years, hundreds of young individuals have benefited from Diane's guidance, encouragement, and tireless dedication to sharing her love and knowledge of the equestrian world.

Diane stands as a pillar of the Delaware equestrian community, celebrated for her record of service, advocacy, and the indelible positive impact she has made on countless lives.

Hall of Fame Inductees

2013 - Combined Hall of Fame

Richard J. Blakeslee - Class of 1970
John C. "Jack" Hilborn - Class of 1967
Christian Howes - Class of 1989
Dan Morrison - Coach
Will Morrison - Class of 2003
Herbert H. "Bill" Williams - Class of 1954

2014 - Combined Hall of Fame

Brent Carson - Class of 1966
Clifford Dochterman - Class of 1943
Larry Eberst - Class of 1973
Charles "Tony" McCleery - Class of 1945
Abigail Nims - Class of 1997
Joseph DiGenova - Friend of the District

2015 - Combined Hall of Fame

Noah Cowan - Class of 1990
John Edwin Dewey - Class of 1957
Timothy Flahive - Class of 1975
Linda Lukas - Class of 1974
Bill Rietz - Class of 1976
James D. Schlichting - Class of 1971

2016 - Combined Hall of Fame

David Hackel - Class of 1967
Warren Wilson Hyer - Class of 1972
Vincente Minnelli - Class of 1921
Frank Lee Ruggles - Class of 1985
Doborah Poling-Schooley - Class of 1975
Richard "Dick" Shively - Class of 1954

2017 - Combined Hall of Fame

Jacob C. Edwards - Class of 2007
Paul L. Gaus - Class of 1967
Terry Johnson - Class of 1952
Stephen M. Reed - Class of 1966
Ezra F. Vogel - Class of 1947

2018 - Combined Hall of Fame

Carrie Banks - Class of 1996
Douglas Baxter - Class of 1968
Richard Andrus Hagar - Class of 1954
Jeannee Parker Martin - Class of 1973
April Nelson - Class of 1974
René Landon Weber - Class of 1974
Distinguished Service

2019 - Combined Hall of Fame

E. Fred Carlisle - Class of 1952
Emily Chenoweth - Class of 1990
Leonard "Mike" Clark - Class of 1953
Donald Keebaugh - Class of 1950
Barry King - Class of 1963
Kevin L. Reed - Distinguished
Service

2021 - Combined Hall of Fame

Susan Hurd Barr - Class of 1982
Alice M. Batchelder - Class of 1961
Ashleigh Nicole Nordstrom Brown - Class
of 2006
Janelle Thompson Gasaway - Class of 2001
Richard Hubbard - Class of 1955

2022 - Combined Hall of Fame

Kay Grandstaff Conklin - Class of 1954
John Ditslear - Class of 1960
Paul E. Lyons - Class of 1982
Jim Mendenhall - Class of 1969
Frederick "Rick" Scarry - Class of 1960

2023 - Combined Hall of Fame

Ceena Dinovo Baker - Class of 1971
Shawn M. Flahive - Class of 1977
Jeffrey J. Richards - Class of 1973
Dr. Joseph Rieman - Class of 2000
Jim Shaheen - Class of 1985
Peter M. Strimer - Class of 1972

Distinguished Alumni Hall of Honor

2007– Inaugural Class

William Hastings Eels – Class of 1942
Esther Jo King – Class of 1977
F. Sherwood Rowland – Class of 1943
John Michael “Mick” Seidl – Class of 1957
Henry Clay Thomson II – Class of 1926
James Tull – Class of 1980

2008

Jeffrey T. Benton – Class of 1971
Christopher “C.D.” Davies – Class of 1983
Douglas H. Dittrick – Class of 1951
Richard E. Lee, Jr. – Class of 1969

2009

Lorraine Bahrack – Class of 1971
Richard D. Gordin II – Class of 1969
Anthony M. Heald – Class of 1967

2010

Cheri Florance – Class of 1966
Douglas Gordin – Class of 1974
Tiffany Lefevre Lillie – Class of 1991
Nicholas Shaheen – Class of 1983

2011

David Fivecoat – Class of 1989
Chris Geesman – Class of 1957
Janet B. Hurst – Class of 1974
Walter D. “Tom” Thomson – Class of 1956

Athletic Hall of Fame

2000 – Inaugural Class

Jerry Cornell - Coach
Liana Coutts - Class of 1984
Roy Henderson - Coach
Julie Schupp Long - Class of 1981
Rick Middleton - Class of 1970
Robert Muirfield - Distinguished Service

2001

T.K. Cellar - Coach
Tiffany Feinberg - Class of 1984
Ray Middleton - Coach
Tom Reed - Class of 1963
Donald Shannon - Class of 1966
Jim Stimmel - Distinguished Service

2002

Gabe Banks - Class of 1991
Jay Coffman - Class of 1976
Jerry Fouts - Distinguished Service
Vance Herrell - Class of 1973
Sheila Martin - Class of 1983
Richard Snouffer - Administrator

2003

Jerome Bohanna - Class of 1972
Tony Heald - Class of 1967
Gary Henery - Distinguished Service
Carrie Houser - Class of 1986
Mike Kinnaird - Class of 1975
Tom Landsittel - Class of 1963

2004

Jim Burkhart - Class of 1962
Dr. Bob Kedar - Class of 1988
Gary Fivecoat - Coach
Joe Reed - Class of 1952
Dewey Warden, Jr. - Class of 1971
Dr. Tennyson Williams - Distinguished Service

2005

Jim Hoffman - Distinguished Service
Don Lockwood - Coach
Bill Middleton - Class of 1968
Frank Montgomery - Class of 1962
Marge Moses - Coach
Fred Terry - Class of 1955

Athletic Hall of Fame - Cont'd

2006

Frank Dalton - Coach
Travis Dalton - Class of 1989
Kris Leslie - Class of 1979
John Talley - Class of 1956
Ralph Young - Athletic Director
Terry Kramer - Distinguished Service

2007

Dave Echols - Coach
Jean-Marc Cowles O'Connor - Class of 1984
Stacey Reed - Class of 1989
Ed Starling - Coach
Len Visci - Coach
Tom Ackley - Distinguished Service
Al Wood - Distinguished Service

2008

Lou Carozza - Coach
John Dewey - Class of 1957
Jack McKinnie - Class of 1950
Richard Payne - Class of 1955
Lynne Powers Weber - Class of 1978
Tim Burchfield - Distinguished Service

2009

Steve Aller - Class of 1963
Wilbur Bills - Class of 1944
Roy Clark - Class of 1960
Clifton Davis - Class of 1950
Krista Jacobs - Class of 1988
Tony Rieman - Distinguished Service

2010

Andy Hull - Class of 1954
Mike Milligan - Class of 1982
Dan Mohr - Class of 1992
Larry Seidl - Class of 1953
Matt Weller - Class of 1986
Mike Stimmel - Distinguished Service

2011

Tom Arnold - Class of 1969
Mike Cornell - Class of 1973
Todd Goebbel - Class of 1994
Bill Williams - Class of 1954
Nancy Young - Distinguished Service

2012

Carthel Ransaw - Class of 1955
Jason Stofel - Class of 1989
Scott Yant - Class of 1981
Dana Minot - Distinguished Service

Performing Arts Wall of Fame

2004

Jay R. Smith - Class of 1970

2006

Eugene Raymond Ross - Band Director
1938-1971
Brad Schroeder - Class of 1970

2007

Amy Eckert - Orchestra Director 1971-
1997
Erika Eckert - Class of 1982