



Celebrating achievements in
ACADEMICS, ARTS & ATHLETICS
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ALMA MATER

All Hail, Alma Mater
All Hail, The Black and White
All Hail, Alma Mater
Our sign of truth and right.

Her strength and honor shall last
While future triumphs are cast.

So hail to the Panther's reign,
And to dear old Upper St. Clair.





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WELCOME

DR. JOHN ROZZO

Superintendent of Schools

We proudly recognize 10 outstanding individuals whose achievements in academics, the arts, and athletics have brought great pride and distinction to our Upper St. Clair High School and community.

As a lasting tribute, each inductee's name will be added to the Hall of Fame plaques prominently displayed at our school entrances. These honorees stand as inspiring role models for our students and as reminders of the limitless potential that lies within each of them.



The Halls of Fame celebration reflects the very heart of our district's mission and vision. We extend our deepest gratitude to our inductees for sharing their talents and accomplishments, to their families and friends for their support, and to the many staff and volunteers who make this event possible each year.

AGENDA

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

6 p.m. Dinner & Ceremony, LGI Room

- Star Spangled Banner & Alma Mater
Chanteclairs
Laura Surguine, Choral Director
- History of Halls of Fame
Student Leaders
- Welcome Remarks
Dr. John Rozzo, Superintendent of Schools
- Inductee Introduction & Recognition
 - Academics Hall of Fame
 - Arts Hall of Fame
 - Athletics Hall of Fame
- Closing Remarks

DR. TIMOTHY WAGNER

Halls of Fame Chairperson

USCHS Principal & Supervisor of Secondary Education

I am very proud to celebrate our 26th Annual Halls of Fame with our newest class of inductees. Throughout more than a quarter century, our Halls of Fame has recognized 357 individuals - including this year's 10 honorees - 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.

2025



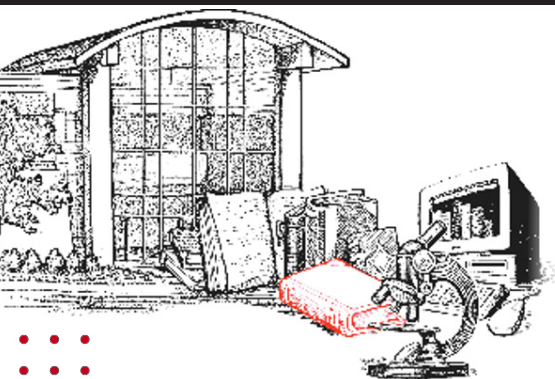
USCHS HALLS OF FAME



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ACADEMIC HALL OF FAME

Founding Member: Jane Hollman

Committee Members: Ben Edwards & Kristin Pardini, Co- Chairs

• Ed Callahan • Tanya Chothani • Steve Miller • Melissa Tungate •

Dr. Timothy Wagner • Gavin Williams



TANYA CHOTHANI

Retired Teacher

- Served as an USCHS social studies teacher for 26 years
- Coordinated the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program for 11 years; leading three 5-year evaluations and writing curriculum for numerous courses
- Managed the school's Resource Center for 11 years
- Sponsored student activities including Forensics (speech & debate), USC Girl Child Network, and the IB DP Club
- Served as the school's Keystone Exam coordinator for 8 years



JOE DEMAR

Retired Administrator

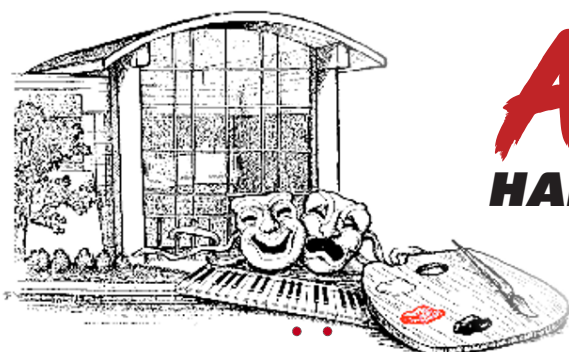
- Served as USCHS Assistant Principal for eight years
- Founded the monthly Deans' Awards that continues today
- Emceed the first seven Halls of Fame events
- Served as Fort Couch Middle School Principal from 2005 until his retirement in 2023 - earning Pennsylvania PTA's 2007 Dr. Walt Kealey Leadership Award, the prize for best principal.
- Achieved Pennsylvania Schools to Watch honors five times and earned National Blue Ribbon School status at Fort Couch Middle School
- Named a Champion of Learning Award winner in 2020 by the Consortium for Public Education and the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania
- Graduated from Slippery Rock University & Westminster College



DR. CHRIS HANES

USCHS Class of 1997

- Serves as Assistant Vice Provost for Student Well-Being and Senior Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at Purdue University with a campus community of more than 50,000 students
- Provides leadership for Purdue's campus-wide efforts to promote student well-being and align resources into a cohesive community of care. Purdue was recently recognized nationally by Forbes for its well-being initiatives
- Presented at national conferences on topics related to mental health, well-being, and strategic leadership for campus-based initiatives;
- Earned an undergraduate degree in psychology at Indiana University-Bloomington, a graduate degree in counseling from the University of New Hampshire, and Ph.D. from Indiana University



ARTS HALL OF FAME

Founding Member: Jim Bennett

Committee Members: Matt Cosgrove, Chair • Dr. Dan Beck • Paul Fox • Thomas Kikta • Laura Moeller • Shari Shriver Opferman • Angela Petersen • Dr. Steve Torquato • Susan Hofrichter-Watts



DR. VINCENT EDGAR REYES

USCHS Class of 1994

- Serves as the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Chief Medical Officer - Medical Oncology Network; Hematology & Oncology Section Chief - St. Clair Health; and Clinical Assistant Professor - University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
- Earned numerous awards including Pittsburgh Magazine's "Top Doc" Award; St. Clair Hospital Physician of the Year; and the Leo Crip Award, given annually to top oncologist at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center
- Published in journals including Lancet, Current Oncology, Psych-oncology, and Leukemia Research
- Earned a bachelor's degree from Boston University, a master's degree from Carnegie Mellon University, and a medical degree from Cincinnati University

JENNY MALARKEY

USCHS Class of 2006

- Serves as the Senior Manager of Education at Pittsburgh Public Theater - leading educational initiatives that bring the art of acting and storytelling into schools across the region.
- Performs with theaters across the region and beyond - appearing in a wide range of productions from classical to contemporary
- At USCHS, participated in the spring musical, National Honor Society, Natural Helpers and soccer
- Graduated from Wake Forest University where she earned the Caroline Award for Excellence in Acting; Jordan Scholarship for theatre dedication and commitment; Collins Scholarship, for her professional theater potential



PETER MUDGE

USCHS Class of 2001

- Serves as a twice-Grammy nominated music producer/songwriter achieving platinum records with Mac Miller, Wiz Khalifa, J.I.D., and J. Cole
- Contributed to the album "Revenge of the Dreamers III" that made it to number one on billboard
- Graduate of the University of Pittsburgh
- At USCHS, he was a member of the basketball team and Break-dance Club



RICHARD ST. JOHN

USCHS Class of 1970

- Authored four books of poetry, including The Pure Inconstancy of Grace, which was first-runner-up for the T.S. Elliot Poetry Prize
- Earned an undergraduate degree from Princeton University; a graduate degree from University of Virginia; and the Loeb Fellowship for Independent Study at Harvard University
- At USCHS, served as Editor in Chief of the school newspaper; Class Vice President; and (by his own account) was always the last runner on the Cross Country team

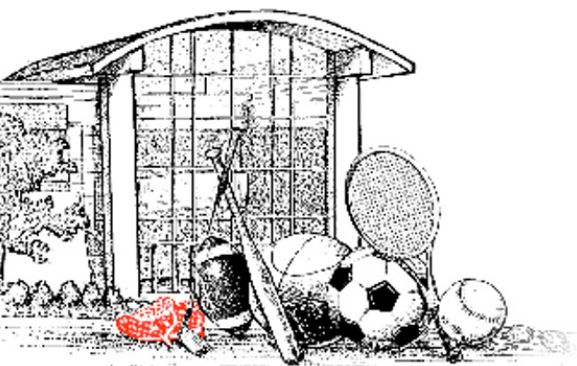




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ATHLETIC

HALL OF FAME

Founding Member: Jim Render

Committee Members: Dan Holzer, Chair • Mary Lou Einloth • Scott Hawkins • Jeff Joyce • Jerry Malarkey • Suzie McConnell-Serio • Matt Mellinger • Jim Render • Uwe Schneider • Cara Senger • Greg Wagner



BEN HUSS

USCHS Class of 2014

- Standout football player at USCHS and Duquesne University
- Earned 1st Team All-State, All WPIAL 1st Team, 1st Team All Conference (twice), Post-Gazette Fabulous 22 honors and was selected to play in the Big 33 in high school
- As a four-year starter at right guard at Duquesne, achieved Freshman All American, two-time All American, three-time 1st Team All Conference, Second Team All Conference. He is one of two players in Duquesne history to be a four-time All Conference player and the university's first player to participate in the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
- During his time at Duquesne, the team earned two NEC titles
- Graduate of Duquesne University and currently serves as an account executive for Micro-Tech Endoscopy.



TROYE KIERNAN

USCHS Class of 2014

- Standout soccer player at USCHS and St. Francis University
- Helped lead the Panthers to two PIAA state titles and one WPIAL title with a three-year record of 65-5-4
- Earned numerous individual high school honors, including All American; Gatorade Player of the Year Finalist; two-time All State, All WPIAL and All Section; All Regional; WPIAL All Star Game MVP; Almanac Soccer Player of the Year and two-time All Star; Post-Gazette Male Athlete of the Year and two-time All Star; and Pittsburgh Tribune Review Player of the Year
- Captained the St. Francis University men's soccer team captain - earning three-time NEC tournament finalist, All NEC 1st Team, and All NEC 2nd Team;
- Graduate of St. Francis University and Palmer Chiropractic College
- Serves as a doctor of chiropractic medicine - helping thousands of patients recover, annually, from severe traumatic injuries related to car accidents



KRIS MCDONOUGH

USCHS Class of 2006

- A four-year letter winner in baseball, set school records for most career RBIs (78); most home runs in a season (9); most career home runs (19) and most career hits (94). Served as co-captain his junior year and team captain his senior year, and was named MVP both years
- Earned Almanac Rookie of the Year and three-time Diamond Dozen; three-time WPIAL All Section; and WPIAL All-Star honors, as well as 2003 Keystone State Games MVP, 2005 Midwest Team One and 2006 Puma Preseason All-American
- Two-year letter winner at Ohio University with 102 career starts, senior year team captain, finished senior year in top three in home runs, slugging percentage, and on base percentage.
- Graduated from Ohio University with a degree in sports administration and business. He currently serves as Partner & Vice President, NDC Asset Management

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:

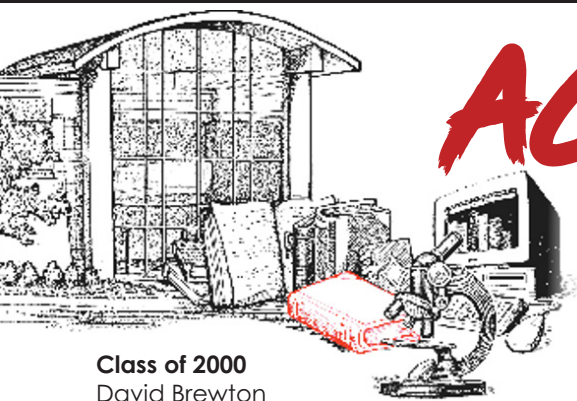
- Gave outstanding service in his/her position
- Made a positive impact on students' lives
- Made innovative contributions
- Initiated new programs
- Provided leadership in the development of facilities, curriculum, programs, etc.
- Earned local, state, and/or national recognition
- Represented USCHS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



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ACADEMIC HALL OF FAME

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

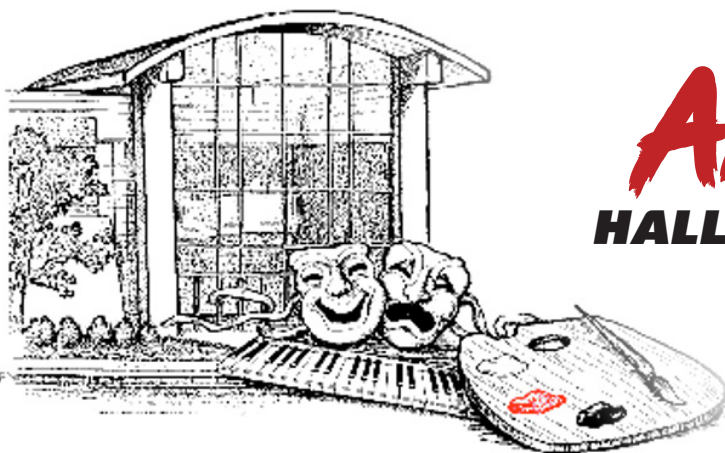
Class of 2023

John Hellerstedt
Patricia Palazzolo
Eva Roy

Class of 2024

David Carson
Vijay Kapoor
Sara Twerdok Wells, DVM

**Posthumously*



ARTS

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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

Camille 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
Stephen Clink
Stephanie Maloney

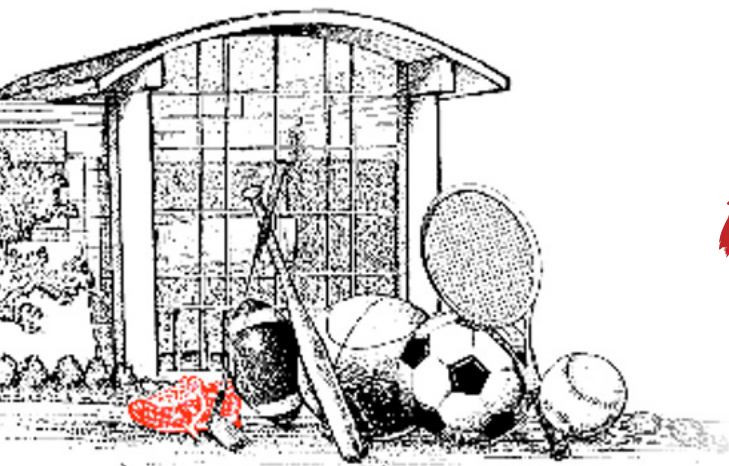
Class of 2023

Jubal Battisti
Aditya (Adi) Rao
Susan Hofrichter-Watts

Class of 2024

Jun Iida
Benjamin Reicher
Paul H. Page* &
Nancy J. Page*

**Posthumously*



ATHLETIC

HALL OF FAME

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 Orie
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

Tom Bogan
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 Saccani

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

Class of 2023

Emma Hasco
Dylan Reese
Savannah Shaw

Class of 2024

Josh Helmrich
Landy Mertz
Mike Quealy



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- Mr. Tim Briggs & the Custodial Staff
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- Mr. Paul Fox
- Ms. Mary Beth Harkleroad
- Mrs. Kim Sullivan & the Nutrition Center Staff
- Ms. Laura Surguine & the USCHS Chanteclairs
- Mrs. Brooke Tarcson
- Mrs. Tina Vojtko

Student Leaders

- Matteo Amorosa
- Nate Bode
- Dylan Bodnar
- Bea Boughner
- Danica Del Sole
- Thomas Garces
- Sophie Hicks
- Caty Howard
- Coco Jones
- Braden LeBeau
- Trevor McClintock-Comeaux
- Myles Owens
- Ian Putorti
- Harish Rajaganapathy
- Claire Reyes
- Anthony Rozzo
- Rachel Scharrer
- Justin Schuster
- Rex Wantje

School Board

- Dr. Danielle Z. Wetzel, President
- Mr. Michael R. Mascaro, Vice-President
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- Dr. Daphna Gans
- Mrs. Kelly P. Hanna
- Mr. Justin Lamber
- Mrs. Angela B. Petersen
- Mrs. Jennifer A. Schnore
- Mrs. Hallie H. Snyder

USCSD Administration

- Dr. John Rozzo, Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Amy Pfender, Deputy Superintendent
- Dr. Rachel Andler, Director of Special Education
- Dr. Lou Angelo, Director of Administrative Services
- Mr. Raymond Berrott, Director of Technology
- Mr. Sean Bryson, Chief of School Police
- Mr. Scott Burchill, Director of Business & Finance
- Mr. Danny Holzer, Director of Athletics
- Dr. Lauren Madia, Director of Pupil Services
- Mr. Jonn Mansfield, Director of Transportation
- Mrs. Chelsea Martini, Assistant Director of Special Education
- Mr. Dan Snyder, Director of Operations & Facilities
- Mr. Bradley Wilson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

USCHS Administration

- Dr. Timothy Wagner, Principal & Supervisor of Secondary Education
- Dr. Dan Beck, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Michael Joyce, Assistant Principal
- Dr. Cara Senger, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Danny Holzer, Director of Athletics
- Mrs. Brooke Tarcson, Head of Activities

