

THE WALTER E. STEBBINS OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD
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The Mad River School District has established a long-standing tradition of academic excellence. Many graduates who distinguished themselves in the classroom and in the scholastic competition continued to distinguish themselves after graduation.

The Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumnus Award recognizes graduates making exceptional and noteworthy achievements both professionally and personally. Their success inspires young people who are preparing to become tomorrow's leaders.

Nominations for this prestigious award may be submitted by family members, friends, co-workers, past and present faculty, or anyone aware of the special accomplishments of a Stebbins alumnus. The candidates themselves may also make nominations.

Eligibility

Graduates of Walter E. Stebbins High School may be nominated for the Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumnus Award. Nominees will be judged on their outstanding accomplishments since graduation from our high school.

- Be graduates of at least ten years ago from Stebbins High School (The 2026 award will be considered for members of the 2016 graduation class and before.)
- Exhibit a high level of achievement in both their professional and personal lives.
- Demonstrate integrity and qualities of leadership, character, and service in a variety of ways that will motivate others to reach their highest potential.
- Be committed to lifelong learning.
- Mad River employees and Board of Education members, and their children are not eligible.
- **Individual Nomination Only:** Nominations are open solely to individuals.
Nominations of couples or groups will not be considered.

Nomination materials will be evaluated by a select committee of teachers, administrators, staff, parents, and alumni who value the integrity of the Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumnus Award. There is great emphasis on keeping the selection process fair and unbiased. Award recipients will be notified within one month after the nomination deadline and honored at a ceremony. Their names will be engraved for permanent display on the Wall of Fame outside the high school building.

THE WALTER E. STEBBINS OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD NOMINATION FORM – Part A

Nominations must fulfill these requirements:

1. Complete the nomination form. Please print or type. Be as specific as possible.
(Please note: Nominees must meet one or more, not necessarily all, criteria.)
2. **Please attach resume/ curriculum vitae.**
3. **List any activities that the nominee was involved in during their years at Stebbins High School.**
4. Please answer all the questions on the application and submit all necessary materials to alencia.smith@madriverschools.org or mail to:
Alencia Smith
Mad River Local Schools
801 Old Harshman Rd.
Riverside, OH 45431

5. Nominations must be received by mail or delivery no later than January 1, 2026.

Nominee: _____
First Name Last Name

Nominee's Year of Graduation from Stebbins High School: _____

Nominee's Address:

Street City State Zip

Nominee's Contact Information:

Phone Number E-Mail Address

Nomination Submitted by:

First Name Last Name

Nominator's Address:

Street City State Zip

Nominator's Contact Information:

Phone Number E-Mail Address

**THE WALTER E. STEBBINS
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NOMINATION FORM – Part B**

I. Why is this nominee worthy of the Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumni Award? How has this nominee been a good role model for the graduates of Stebbins High School and others?

II. Career/Avocation: Please indicate the special qualities/leadership skills that this nominee has exhibited in his or her life's work or personal endeavors. What special honors, awards, or recognition has this person earned?

III. Volunteerism: What unique contribution has he or she made in service to his or her community? In doing so, how has this nominee exhibited outstanding character and citizenship and motivated others to achieve their highest potential?

IV. How has the nominee demonstrated a commitment to lifelong learning?

V. List any activities that the nominee was involved in during their years at Stebbins High School.

VI. Additional comments: Please share any additional information that you feel supports your nominee's worthiness for this award.

If you need additional space, attach a separate sheet. Please include separate supportive documents such as resumes, newspaper clippings, etc. To ensure a competitive application, please make sure to answer each question. Nomination forms will be kept on file for two (2) years following their original date of receipt. If this nominee is not selected for the first year, he or she will be reconsidered for a second year. Any additional/updated information for reconsideration should be mailed by January 1, 2026.

If your nominee is chosen to receive the Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumnus Award, the information you provide will be released to the media for publication. **Please note any confidential information or statements that should not be made public.**

Thank you for bringing this outstanding alumnus to our attention.

Signature of Nominator

SAMPLE FORMAT

What a pleasure it is to submit the name of Dr. David Engstrom, J.D. for the Outstanding Alumnus Award of Stebbins High School. An educator can sometimes sense that a student will achieve great things and that was the case with David. I had the opportunity to instruct him in college prep government and in the honors Readings In Political Science Course. He was one of those rare students who cared more about "knowing" than about the grade he received. I also had the privilege of having David in Student Senate for several years and as Vice President during his Senior year. He was one I could always count on when put in charge of a committee or activity and I never had to worry that he would not carry out his responsibilities.

When writing a letter of recommendation for a student, we try to project what we hope a student will accomplish in the future. With David, what I wrote in a letter to a scholarship committee in 1989 was right on target for his future accomplishments. I wrote: "He is a pleasure to instruct and to have in class as he is always prepared, well-read, and eager to engage in discussion and intellectual pursuits. I have had the pleasure to instruct David in the college prep American Government Course as well as the Honors Readings In Political Science and he functions well in both. The very fact that David has elected an accelerated course with a more demanding set of requirements, gives an indication of his desire for academic challenge. And, it is reassuring to find a student who is interested in gaining knowledge and not just in achieving the highest grade status. David does both!"

His post high school accomplishments are really something to behold. With a B.A from Dartmouth with Phi Beta Kappa honors and summa cum laude, a Fulbright Scholar to Oxford (England) where he graduated with distinction, a Law Degree from Stanford where he served on the Law Review, and a PhD from Yale with distinction, he has excelled at every level of higher learning. He had a great experience when he volunteered for the Teacher Corps and was placed in a rural impoverished school. That experience has lead him to do work with inner city educational reform quite apart from his profession of law. His legal experience includes clerking to a U.S. Appeals Court Judge, researching and practicing in Georgetown Law School and a firm that dealt with national issues and, of course, being accepted into a prestigious law firm which represents clients before the U.S. Appeals Court and the U. S. Supreme Court.

Beyond his degrees, his legal profession, and his volunteer work, David remains an individual who continues to pursue knowledge as is evidenced by his research and his writing. I know that he is a great family man and he will be a great influence on his children. I believe that David brings honor to all that he pursues and it would be an honor to have him recognized with the best of Stebbins High School as an Outstanding Alumnus.



Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumni

1999

Col. Jonathan House, Class of 1962

U.S. Army Deputy Commander,
Defense Electronics Supply Center (Retired)

Gary Haines (dec.), Class of 1968
Montgomery County Sheriff 1988-2000

Dr. Sherman Alter, Class of 1969
Children's Medical Center

JoLynn Barry-Butler, Class of 1969
Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Former State Representative, 94th Ohio House District

James DeBrosse, Class of 1970
Published Author, Features Writer; Dayton Daily News

John Dominguez, Esq., Class of 1970
Assistant U. S. Attorney

Duane Lapp, Class of 1970
President, Lapp Roofing & Sheet Metal Co., Inc. (Retired)

Daniel S. McClure, DDS, Class of 1970
Dentist

Dr. Leigh Gilbert-Segal, M.D., Class of 1983
Rheumatologist

Don Brown, Class of 1978
Sports Anchor and Reporter

Douglas Barnhart, Class of 1985
General Dynamics, Former Air Force Captain

2000

Jeffrey T. Hodge, Class of 1972
Senior Counsel, Bank of Nova Scotia

Dr. Larry Augustin, Class of 1980
CEO of SugarCRM, Former Venture Capitalist,
Former Chairman of VA SoftwareVA Linux Systems, Inc.

Ronald D. Jones, Class of 1982
CEO & President at The Copious Group, LLC

David S. Hogsette, PhD, Class of 1986
Published Author, Professor of English,
New York Institute of Technology

Ray Crawford, Class of 1989
Sports Anchor

2001

William Ames, Class of 1969
Retired Chief of Police; City of Riverside Ohio

Teresa Meese-Harrison, Class of 1969
Director of Government Relations,
State Teachers Retirement System; Columbus, Ohio

Danny Palmer, Class of 1973
Chief of Graphics, Defense Institute of Security Mgmt.

Claudia Ramsay-Dalton, Class of 1974
Trial Lawyer and Partner in Practice - Legal Consultant

Dr. John Sefton, Class of 1977
Board Certified Family Physician

Christopher Teleha, PhD, Class of 1979
Scientific Director at Janssen R&D, Johnson and Johnson

Mark Back, Class of 1980
Lawyer-Office of the Corporation Counsel,
City of Washington D.C.

2002

Richard Carey, Jr., Class of 1972
Vice President of People and Organizational Development,
Data Return

Wilbur Wisecup, Jr., Class of 1975
General Manager/Founder, Eagle Mold Company, Inc.

Kip Chappell, Class of 1988
Fashion Design Partner and Co-Founder/Owner Rubin
Chappelle

Steve Dixon, PhD, Class of 1982
Project Leader, Ligand-Based Design Schrodinger, Inc.

2003

Randy Palmer, Class of 1976
Award-Winning Staff Artist; Dayton Daily News

DuWain Ake, Class of 1981
Engineer and Inventor, YSI Inc.

USAF Staff Sgt. Gregory Fry, Class of 1989
Russian Linguist, U.S. Security Agency



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2004

Karen Vitunac-Martin, Class of 1962
Circuit Court Judge; Palm Beach County Florida
Maureen Burnley, Class of 1974
GTS Vice President for Finance & Operations; New York
James Ellis, Class of 1974
Bogin Patterson Ellis Slaton & Stump, LLP
Dr. Keith Bidwell, Class of 1975
Chairman of Medical Imaging, Kettering Medical Center
Tom Studevaut, Class of 1976
VP Sales at gokeyless.com

2005

Mark Morgan, Class of 1970
MainSail Productions, Inc.
Annemarie Meike, PhD, Class of 1974
Business Development Executive,
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
Karen Terry, PhD, Class of 1977
Clinical Psychologist, Private Practice
Chris Casterline, Class of 1979
CSD Express
Major Scotland Roddy, Class of 1981
Deputy Director of Test Operations, Joint Data Link
Information Combat Execution; Nellis Air Force Base

2006

Ron Atkins, Class of 1970
Mad River Supervisor of Maintenance, Ret.
Daniel Sherman, Class of 1976
Navy Lieutenant Commander, Ret.
Gabe Brandt, PhD, Class of 1988
Post Doctoral Fellow, Brandeis University
Kelli Robinson, PhD, Class of 1990; Research Engineer,
Center of Ocean Engineering, MIT

2007

Judith A. When, Class of 1969
Chief of Education at the National Museum of the U.S. Air
Force
Susan Opt, PhD, Class of 1975
Chairperson/Associate Professor of Communication,
Salem College Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Michael Bridges, Class of 1977
Founder and President of Peerless Technologies
Corporation

2008

Loretta Taulbee-Kraus, Class of 1959
Federal Trade Commission, Senior Trade Investigator
Terri Wilkerson Riddiford, M.D., Class of 1981
Northeast Family Practice
Christine McCoy Haaker, Class of 1987
Thompson Hine LLP
David Engstrom, PhD, Class of 1989
Professor of Law, Stanford University

2009

Dee Ross Hastler, Class of 1965
Retired Stebbins High School Athletic Director
Bobbie Heath Strobhar, Class of 1971
Principal Harpist
Raymond Monell, Class of 1976
Monell Communications
Robert Pratt, Class of 1991
Operations Research Specialist, SAS

2010

Maryann Motza, PhD, Class of 1969
State Social Security Administrator of Colorado
Rick Potter Mann, PhD, Class of 1975
President of Crown College
Linda McClure Rumpke, Class of 1976
Commissioner of Finance & Admin.; Lexington, KY
Kim Lynch Vesey, Class of 1978
General Manager – VITAS



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2011

Greg Wylie, Class of 1967
Retired IBM Executive

Holly Powell Kennedy, PhD, Class of 1969
Internationally known midwifery researcher and professor

Richard Wells, Class of 1975
Retired GM/Delphi Engineer, Associate Professor,
Harding University

2013

Kyle Zaidain (dec.), Class of 1968
Zaidain Design Group

Laura Herbert, Ph.D., Class of 1975
Principal, Lloyd C. Bird High School

Major David Hale, Class of 1981
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Matthew Teleha, Class of 1982
Kettering Health Network

Mary Cole Mertz, Class of 1983
Ohio Attorney General's Office

Jessie Prewitt, Class of 1991
U.S. Secret Service

Dr. Michele Torres, Class of 1992
Physician

2014

Linda O'Keefe (dec.), Class of 1965
Sinclair Community College

Mike "Miles" Scully, Class of 1980
Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP

Dr. Donna Glowacki, Class of 1987
Professor of Archeology, University of Notre Dame

2015

Dr. Mark Bidwell, Class of 1973
Doctor, Kettering Reproductive Medicine; Centerville, OH

Brian Jarvis, Class 1973
Mayor, City of Beavercreek Ohio; Beavercreek, OH

Scott Buchanan, Class of 1983
CFO, The Ohio Masonic Home; Vandalia, OH

Charles Michael Davis, Class of 2000
Actor, The CW Network/The Originals; Los Angeles, CA

2017

Paul Sparling, Class of 1977
Cincinnati Bengals, Head Athletic Trainer

Bill Begley, Class of 1979
Houston Airport, Public Information Officer

Lisa Fleig Ames, Class of 1982
Catalyst Consulting Group, Owner

Brig. Gen. Stephen L. Davis, Class of 1983
Special Assistant to the Air Force Chief of Staff

Jeffrey Blair, Class of 1994
Savvux Technology, CEO/Magnus Information
Technology, Partner & Co-Founder

2018

Stephen Frey, Class of 1972
SWFTEC Technical Solutions, Owner

Robert Thomson, Class of 1974
Tri-Tech Engineering, Owner

Chris Miller, Class of 1975
Dir. of Ctr. Ops. & Vol. Services @ USO of IL

Elizabeth Richardson Brads, Class of 1990
School of Public & Intl. Affairs

Adj. Asst. Professor, Non, Western World
Wright State University

Heather Blair, Class of 1992
Chief Technology Officer/Auto Finance, JPMorgan Chase

2019

David Wylie, Class of 1973
Retired IBM Sales Executive

Jamie Greene, Class of 1980
Planning NEXT, Principal

Jamee Ranta, Class of 2004
Producer, CEO of Artifact Content; Los Angeles, CA

2023

Steve Post, Class of 1970
Retired Senior Vice President, General Counsel &
Corporate Secretary of L-3 Communications

Ursula Buehring Post, Class of 1970
Medical Technologist

Errik Hood, Class of 2003
Music Assistant Professor of Vocal Performance and
Director, Program in Vocal Performance, NYU Steinhardt



Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumni

2024

Lindsey Beaver-Smith, Class of 2003

The Wendy's Company, Dublin Ohio

Jason Norwood, Class of 2009

Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of
Michigan at United States Attorneys' Offices