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Jefferson High School announces 2025 inductees to the Hall of Fame

Jefferson High School is pleased to announce the 2025 inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame. The honorees were inducted at a ceremony at the Rohrman Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, Oct. 17.

The criteria used to select these candidates includes special achievements, honors, community service, responsibility, leadership, contributions to society, and national and/or world service.

New inductees include Kelsey Cornell, Class of 2010; Daniel Moore, Class of 1995, Barry Richard, Class of 1978; and Perry Wilkins, Class of 1955.

Kelsey Cornell, Class of 2010, has forged a career in television production. She is a staunch advocate for the rights of the LGBTQ+ community and participates annually in AIDS Walk Across America, which honors the memory of her late uncle, Troy Longest, a 1983 JHS graduate. Her work is fueled by a lifelong belief in the transformative power of storytelling and a commitment to building a more inclusive and empathetic world.

Daniel Moore, Class of 1995, was elected judge of Superior Court 7 in 2020. In 2025, he was chosen by the Indiana Supreme Court to become the state's 11th Commercial Court Judge, where he helps resolve complex business and commercial disputes. He is an active volunteer with many Tippecanoe County organizations.

Barry Richard, Class of 1978, joined the police force in 1979, eventually becoming the first D.A.R.E. officer. In 2009, he was named Executive Director of the same Boys and Girls Club that helped him in his youth. He was elected Tippecanoe County Sheriff in 2015 and is currently on the Tippecanoe County Council. He continues a life of service, advocating for students who may feel unseen.

Perry Wilkins, Class of 1955, enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the Navy. After nearly three decades of service, he retired as captain, a highly decorated veteran. After retiring, he worked for Piedmont Airlines as a commercial pilot. He worked in defense contracting, eventually starting Wilkins Aviation, an aerial mapping company that developed several unique mapping techniques/systems.

“We are proud to honor this distinguished group of alumni,” said Principal Mark Preston. “Each of these distinguished honorees credits getting their start to the experiences they had here at Jefferson High School.”

We are pleased to congratulate this year's honorees.

(Pictured L to R: Barry Richard, Perry Wilkins, Kelsey Cornell and Daniel Moore)

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