EAGLE WAY HALL OF FAME
2025 INDUCTEES

JANET KNAPE
Noteworthy Alumni

JAN OBERHOUSE McLAUGHLIN
Noteworthy Alumni

DENNIS MOCK
Noteworthy Alumni

March 7, 2026

EAGLE WAY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2014
Dale Bruning Family
Doyse Filiere Family
Dallas Gardner Family

2015
Ron Dunmyer
Richard Lowrie
Jane (Schuerman)Kohlenberg
Adolph Madaras
Leroy Minnix
Kenneth Krukemyer
Jerry Sigler

2016
Mark Deerwester
Roland Huss
Fred Koester
Larry McCormic
Mike Van Camp
Gary White

2017
Sarah M. Deal
Lloyd Dierker
Jodi (Juergens) Evans
Terry McKibben
Jerry Rutherford

2018
Dr. Tom Bowlus
Randy Gardner
Charles Kurfess
Helen Rolfes

2019
Chaplain Col. David Bowlus
Bob Bruning
Emanuel Enriquez
Dr. Jeremy Walston

2020
George Brinker
Robert W Brueggemeier, Ph.D.
Linda (Hetrick) Dunmyer
Michael Gardner
Dr. Lisa Lattanza

2021
The Bob Frobose Family
Michelle Kahlenberg M.D., Ph.D.
James Opelt
Jim Welling

2022
Dr. Ted Bowlus
Dr. James D. Kurfess
Dr. Kreig Spahn

2023
Darla Boyk
Joseph R. Hirzel
John F. Kurfess
Aaron Lawniczak
Tom & Jane Lingenfelder

2024
Dennis Helm
Kathy J. Loomis
Timothy L. Meyer
Amy Huffman Pennell
Lieutenant Colonel Donald Tracy Prey
Ralph Cubberly

Visit the east entrance of Eastwood H.S. to view the plaques of each inductee. Additional information on each inductee can be found by clicking on the Alumni tab on the Eastwood Schools homepage and scrolling down for the links on the inductees.

EAGLE WAY HALL OF FAME
ANNUAL EVENT
March 7, 2026

6:00 - 6:30 P.M. Social Time

6:30 Welcome Julie Luther, President
Eastwood Alumni Association Board
Mr. Brian Hughes, Superintendent of Eastwood Schools

The Pledge of Allegiance

6:45 Presentations

JANET KNAPE
Nominators: Janis Kleine & Kathy McCann

JAN OBERHOUSE McLAUGHLIN
Nominator: Lynne Beard

DENNIS MOCK
Nominator: Roger Bostdorff

Get your 50/50 tickets! 50% of the money raised will go towards defraying the cost of the annual event and allow excess monies to be used for future student scholarships.

EASTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The purpose of this Association is to enhance the educational process and learning environment in the Eastwood School District by encouraging membership in the Association, establishing an alumni database to promote networking; to award student scholarships; to potentially assist with financing of school district projects or events; and to honor distinguished alumni and noteworthy citizens with induction into the Eagle Way Hall of Fame.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month.
All alumni members are welcome!

Consider joining the Eastwood Alumni Association! For a graduate or non-graduate of Eastwood, the cost is **$20** for a lifetime membership to join the Alumni Association.

Make your check payable to: Alumni Association of Eastwood
Checks can be mailed (or given tonight) to Eastwood Alumni Association, c/o Marcia Cousino, PO Box 397 Pemberville, OH 43450.
Remember, you **must** be a member of the Alumni Association to submit an application for consideration to the Hall of Fame.

Eastwood Alumni Association Board Members
Julie Luther, President
Betty Kahlenberg, Vice President
Janis Kleine, Secretary
Marcia Cousino, Treasurer
Members at Large:
Lynne Beard
Nancy Risenburg

If you are interested in joining either the board or just attending our meetings, please let us know. Our meeting dates, times, and place can be found on the website and also our facebook page! Check it out!

Eastwoodalumniassociation **eastwoodschools.org/alumni**

Janet Metzger Knape



Jan was born to Paul & Eleanor Metzger in 1953 and grew up on Dowling Road, Luckey, with her sisters Barbara and Nancy. A 1971 graduate of Eastwood and a 1978 graduate of BGSU, she obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design. She studied with Sandra Jacomini in high school and Ronald Jacomini at BGSU. After working at Owens-Illinois for six years and then at Stahl Associates for three years, she started her own graphic design/marketing firm, Knape Designs, in 1982 when her daughter Ashley was born. Her work included developing brands, comprehensive writing, designing brochures, annual reports, catalogs, logos, and billboards which were all done by hand until the early 1990's when Apple computers were just becoming available. She also created videos and trade show exhibits for national shows for her clients.

You probably have seen some of her work without knowing it throughout Bowling Green and NW Ohio. Her clients included manufacturing facilities, social service agencies, educational and governmental institutions, economic development and travel organizations, and entrepreneurs. For 12 years she was the creative director and publisher of BG Health Magazine, writing stories, determining content and layout, finding sponsors, dealing with printing companies – one of her most fulfilling projects. Jan mentored several wonderful employees over the years as they worked with her from her home office on South Main Street in Bowling Green, in her 1895 Victorian home that she has lived in since 1978. Jan officially retired in 2024.

Since the early 1980's, Jan has been involved in some kind of community service, whether through Rotary International, on drug addiction and mental health boards, community organization boards, or serving on the United Way of Greater Toledo Board for 12 years. Between Behavioral Connections and Harbor she served on those boards for 23 years. Jan was recognized in both Lucas and Wood Counties for her volunteerism. Awards include the YMCA Milestones Honor for Volunteerism, the Athena Award from the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, and the J.C. Penney Volunteerism Golden Rule Award.

Jan was inducted into the Bowling Green Rotary Club in 1991, and it has been a big part of her life ever since. She's a past president of

the club and has been very active in fundraising and other philanthropic projects. She has traveled to other countries as a goodwill ambassador to see the work that Rotary is doing there, including St. Petersburg, Russia, where the Bowling Green chapter had sent pediatric medical supplies. She was a Group Study Exchange team leader to Australia in 2014, taking four young professionals with her and connecting with Rotarians there for a 30-day cultural exchange. She's still active in Rotary, which meets every Thursday in BG.

Recently, she was part of the research team for sixteen interpretive signs of historical buildings in the downtown Bowling Green area, which resulted in an award from Heritage Ohio for Best Historical Placemaking Signs in October 2025. She was instrumental in the design and organization of the sign information during the intensive ten-month project. The next time you're in downtown Bowling Green be sure to check out one of the many signs posted across from historical buildings for some interesting local history.

Jan was married to Tom Knape and they raised two daughters, Ashley and Alexandra. After working together on remodeling and updating their Victorian home for 11 years, and camping, boating and traveling the US with their family, the marriage sadly ended in 2001. Tom passed away in 2018.

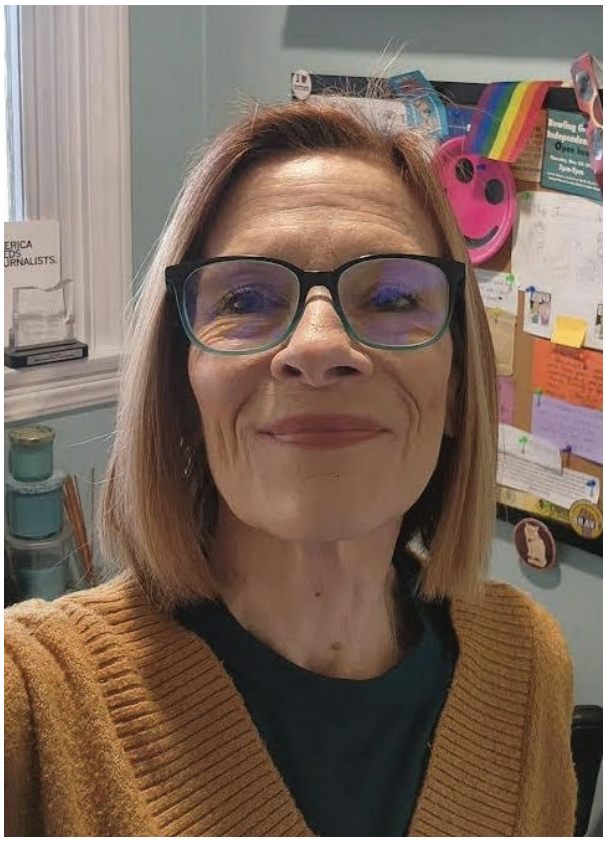
Jan and her daughters traveled extensively with the Hockettes Synchronized Ice Skating team from Ann Arbor during their high school years. They competed internationally in Milan, Italy, Rouen, France, and Zagreb, Croatia, on 4 assignments from the USFSA. Jan continues to travel when the opportunity arises, with recent trips to Portugal, Hawaii, and Tanzania on safari.

Jan's daughters both left Ohio for Denver, Colorado, after graduating from Miami University and Ohio University, where they began their successful careers. She is so pleased that her daughters and her five grandsons, along with their husbands, live about five miles apart in the lovely mountain town of Steamboat Springs with a ski village within view of their homes. Madden and Milo both are National Champion ranked snowboarders at ages 10 & 9, and Theo has been on the slopes since he was 18 months old. River and Teller are beginning skiers now too. Jan enjoys her visits to Steamboat immensely.

You can often see Jan working in her yard as you drive down South Main Street. She has a beautiful backyard with perennial gardens and pots overflowing with annual blooms, and takes much enjoyment from the work. Sometimes you'll still spot her up on a ladder painting the house exterior too. She enjoys decorating for the holidays, and entertaining friends for dinner parties. Always active, she recently joined the Valentine Theatre Board to add to her other interests including the Shakespeare Round Table study group since 2003, and the University Women of BGSU gardening, movie, and traveler groups. But best of all is the book club with five Eastwood High School friends which meets every month.

"Wherever I travel, my claim to fame is 'I'm a Luckey Girl' and I try to live with gratitude and hope everyday.

Jan Oberhouse McLaughlin



Pemberville roots

Jan Oberhouse McLaughlin grew up in Pemberville in a home where hard work and honesty were the most respected qualities one could have. Work was seen as a source of joy - not drudgery. Her mom, Gussie Oberhouse, was the first woman school principal in the Eastwood district and first woman mayor of Pemberville. Her dad, Don Oberhouse, was a builder who averaged one house a year since he believed in building the best quality home possible.

McLaughlin and her brother, Tom, grew up loved and motivated to do good. Tom found his joy planting trees and starting North Branch Nursery. McLaughlin found her joy writing stories about her community.

But the greatest joy for McLaughlin - far beyond writing a great story - is her husband, Frank, and their blended family of Anna and Hunter, Allie and Grant, Tom and Raquel, and Annie - spread out from Rhode Island to Kansas City to California.

Education

McLaughlin graduated from Eastwood High School in 1980, after being inspired by working on the school newspaper, the Eagles Eye. The newspaper adviser, Richard Heckman, instilled the values of journalism that she still holds today.

She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and photojournalism from Bowling Green State University. But her chosen career almost stopped before it started, when she convinced herself she didn't have the qualities required to be a good reporter. She wasn't aggressive, confident or worldly.

However, McLaughlin grew to realize that she didn't need to be obnoxious to be a good journalist. Instead, she focused on being quietly persistent, committed to accuracy, and perpetually curious. She has retained that curiosity and commitment to today.

For nearly 30 years, McLaughlin taught journalism at BGSU as an adjunct professor. Often asked to teach the journalism program's capstone class, she worked to show students that journalists wield a great deal of power - and must use it wisely. Their communities will be counting on them.

Writing for four decades

For more than 40 years, McLaughlin has been covering local news in Bowling Green and Wood County. She writes about those making decisions - like city councils, county commissioners and school boards - and those affected by those decisions. Many of her stories give voice to those otherwise unheard.

While McLaughlin believes most local elected and appointed officials want to do good, she also believes that having a reporter in the room often makes it easier for them to make the right decisions. She is motivated by the belief that a community functions best when its members know what is going on.

McLaughlin views good local journalists as public servants. They sit though the board of utilities meetings and school board meetings, so you don't have to.

She feels the weight of reporting and getting stories right every day.

People have trusted her to share their stories about horrible times in their lives - like a series of stories on families facing layoffs when a local plant closed, families losing their homes during a rash of foreclosures in the county, or people in hospice facing death.

While covering governmental meetings is important, journalism has given McLaughlin the opportunity to cover visits by every president from Ronald Reagan to Donald Trump, rallies held by the KKK on the courthouse steps, and protests over political policies. She has accompanied police officers when they shut down the Occupy camp in downtown Bowling Green, and sheriff's deputies when they raided the booby-trapped house of a man facing eviction in his barricaded home. She raced alongside the "runaway train" that barreled through the region.

McLaughlin offers a voice to the voiceless - a local migrant family, here legally, in which the father was deported, parents who struggle to feed their children, families who have lost members to suicide, and people with developmental disabilities who have to fight neighborhood resistance to their group home.
McLaughlin works hard to be a journalist who readers and sources can trust. During her career, she has received the following recognitions:

• Earned 22 Associated Press awards spanning news writing, features, breaking news, headline writing, page design, and community service reporting; honored four times as Ohio's best news writer among similar-sized newspapers.
• Renowned for in-depth, compassionate reporting on people with developmental disabilities, mental health, and public health issues, bringing attention and understanding to important community topics. Her work has illuminated critical challenges while celebrating resilience and hope in the community.
• Winner of the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Golden Touchstone Award from the Press Club of Toledo, marking 35 years of impactful journalism and dedication to northwest Ohio.

Starting over

After 31 years in print journalism, McLaughlin and fellow journalist David Dupont created the online Bowling Green Independent News, with the help of John and Elizabeth Zibbel and now Julie Carle.

They took a chance, and in the past 10 years BG Independent News has become a trusted member of the community.

McLaughlin and Dupont have been committed to not putting a paywall on the news site, since both believe that people should be able to read stories about their community regardless of their ability to pay for them.

Though some of the BG Independent writers are of a younger generation, most of them have been in the business for decades. Despite that, the news site has been called “scrappy” and “nimble” - high praise for old news dogs.

Community involvement

McLaughlin was named 2002 BG Woman of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce for her extensive service to organizations including Court Appointed Special Advocates, Wood County Historical Society, American Cancer Society, Wood Lane Human Rights Committee, Kenwood PTO, and the Wood County Family Literacy Board.

McLaughlin is a member of First Presbyterian Church, where she has served as deacon and trustee. She is also a member of Bowling Green Kiwanis Club and the Bowling Green Community Foundation.

She was recipient of the 2020 “I Love BG” Award, recognized for increasing the city’s visibility and enhancing quality of life for residents through advocacy and leadership.

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Dennis Mock



Dennis Mock was born on March 5, 1951, in Fremont, Ohio, to Jake and Alice (Jacobs) Mock. He grew up in the village of Luckey, Ohio, where he attended Eastwood Schools through graduation in 1969. Along with his lifelong friends, Dennis proudlly counted himself as “one of the Luckey boys,” a bond that remained important throughout his life.

Dennis earied his Bachelors of Education degree from Bowling Green State University in 1973, followed by a Masters of Education in Administration from BGSU in 1984. These degrees laid the thorugh foundation for a distinguished career in education that spaanned more than four decades.

On June 29, 1979, Dennis married Tracy (Konesky). Together, they raised two children and are the proud grandparents of four grandchildren. Their son, Ryan (Alissa) Mock, is a School Psychologist with Edison Local Schools, and they are the parents of daughters Isla and Adelyn. Their daughter, Emily (Kyle) Furderer, is employed by the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Headquarters in Ponte Vedra, Florida, in Community and Public Engagement. They are the parents of daughter Palmer and son Tucker.

Dennis began his teaching and coaching career at Holgate Local Schools from 1973 to 1979, where he coacched football, basketball, and baseball, and taught driver’s education. He then taught physical education and coached basketball and baseball at Bettsville Local Schools from 1979-1983 before becoming Principal in the Bettsville Local School District in 1984.

In 1988, Dennis accepted the position of Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Woodmore Local Schools, serving until 1990. he was promoted to Principal at Woodmore from 1990 to 1994, and in 1994, he accepted the Superintendency at Genoa Area Local Schools, a role he held with distinction until his retirement in 2015.

Following retirement, Dennis continued to serve students and communities across

Northwest Ohio through multiple iterim superintendent positions, including Wellington Local (one year), Margaretta Local (four years), Gibsonburg Exempted Village (two years), Genoa Area (two years), and most recently, Woodmore Local Schools.

Dennis is widely respected throughout Northwest Ohio for his strong leadership, steady guidance, and exceptional ability to build positive relationships with staff, students, families, and the communities he served. He has facilitated new school buildings and athletic enhancement projects in the districts he served. His career reflects a lifelong commitment to education, service, and the belief that schools thrive when students come first.

Eastwood Graduate $500 Scholarship Winners

2025

Adelyn Amrine, Riley Burtchin, Kyrie Henline, Adyssen Might, Mallory Sandberg, and Emerson Sheets

2024

Logan Brinker, Kayla Buehler, Amelia Ward, Isabelle Chappuies

2023

Mariah Hahn, Grace Kingery, Lydia Pinkleman, Ian Sander, Noah Smith

2022

Sydney Ameling, Jade Jenson, Kaitlyn Luidhardt

2021

Issac Badenhop, Owen Brinker, Emma Finley, Adam Graber, Jamie Lahey, David Russell, Sheriden Schuerman, Sidney Strauss

2020

Kylie McCoy, Austin Keifer, Lucas Pease

2019

Tabitha Escalante, Madison Finley, Alissa Ray

2017 & 2018 - $250 given to the Eastwood Education Foundation

Total: $16,500 given to scholarship winners

