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presents

Wall of Pride

2025 Induction Event

June 29, 2025

Wall of Pride

Our mission is to:

- Recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding members of our school community, DHS alumni and DCSD educators.
- Reconnect and maintain relationships within the DCSD community.
- Celebrate members of the school community while recognizing that DCSD encompasses many smaller communities that surround the Village of Dansville.

The Foundation for Dansville Education

The mission of The Foundation for Dansville Education is to enhance educational opportunities, celebrate the achievements of our students, graduates, educators, and community members, and foster a lifelong connection to our schools. The Foundation seeks to enrich educational experiences for the children and youth of the Dansville Central School District. As a proud partner with our small, rural community, the Foundation works to foster a culture of excellence and pride.

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The Jungle Book Kids



Biking Club

In its mission to enrich the lives of children and the Dansville school community, the Foundation continues to seek ways to secure funds to advance this mission. The Foundation's Dansville Alumni Association held its inaugural Alumni Weekend in June 2022.

Fundraisers and donations generate revenue, all of which is used to support programs and projects for DCS students. Thank you for investing in Dansville's most precious possession - children and the promise of a new generation.

- Dansville Alumni Association
- Wall of Pride Induction
- DCSD Therapy Dog Program

Mini-grants including:

- Sewing and Crafting Club
- Archery Club
- 7th/8th Grade Attendance Challenge
- EBH Running Club
- Lego Robotics
- EBH Musical "The Jungle Book Kids"
- First Person View (FPV) Drone Kits
- Instrumental Repair Kit
- Mustang Market
- Music Seniors Trip to NYC
- Pageturners Team T-Shirts

The Foundation sponsors an annual Senior Award, the Margaret E. Hondelink Scholarship, and the Bornt-Smith Awards (Dreams Can Come True, and Community Service). The DCS Alumni Association supports the community (Main Street Planter Program, Gary "Lark" Lemen Recognition, Clara Barton statue, and EBeauty Wig Program at Noyes) and they have reunited classmates through Alumni Weekend events and its Facebook page, both of which have seen an increase in alumni participation.



2024 Wall of Pride Inductees



EBH Running Club

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PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

- **WALL OF PRIDE**
- **MINI-GRANT AWARDS**
- **DHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**
- **GRADUATION MONETARY AWARDS**
- **ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS**

Reception 9:30AM

Welcome 10:15AM

Superintendent Kelly M. Zimmerman

Induction

Jim McMahon — **Master of Ceremonies**

INDUCTEE	INTRODUCED BY
David Gilbert	Nancy Helfrich
Bob Glover	Shelly Glover
William C. Packard	Graham Frazer, II
Represented by Dr. Bill Packard	
Kyle York	Jack York

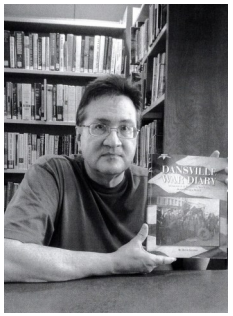
Closing Remarks

Jim McMahon

Photographs Following Award Ceremony

Optional tour of the High School and Athletic Field

David Gilbert



David Gilbert, a lifelong Dansville resident and 1977 DCS graduate, has been an invaluable resource for knowledge about our area's history. He has served on the Dansville Area Historical Society's Board of Directors for over 40 years and continues to keep Dansville's history alive and accessible.

David's keen interest in history began when he took a local history class from Dansville High School teacher, Richard Eades. To quote David, "I realized I could step out my front door and see history right here in Dansville." He pursued his interest in local history by reading books, researching at the library, and consulting with local historian Wilfred "Wutz" Rauber to find out more about Dansville's beginnings. Local history became a passion.

Over the years, David began to write about Dansville's rich past with eloquence, wit, and charm. His articles published in the Genesee Country Express in the 1990s, entitled Dansville Turns 200, gave substance to the "what, where, why, and who" of the happenings in Dansville from 1975 to 1996. Later publications include Dansville's Castle on the Hill, a Brief History (2004), Dansville's War Diary (2019), and True Stories of Dansville (2022).

Another passion of David's is music. He has been the vocal choir and handbell director at the Dansville Presbyterian Church for 30+ years, leading the Ecumenical Handbell Choir at several community concerts. In addition to writing several publications for the church, David is currently working on the history of the 100 most-sung hymns.

David's contributions to the Dansville Area Historical Society are significant. He currently holds the DAHS title of Vice President/Researcher and has also been referred to as the DAHS historian and curator. David is responsible for starting and continuing the Dansville Historical Hall of Fame, which to this date has inducted 30 women and men who have significantly affected Dansville's place in history.

David is often sought out to share his historical knowledge, and he does so willingly, whether it be for a reunion group touring the museum or for the 2024 Clara Barton Statue Dedication. Every activity in David Gilbert's free time involves giving back to the community, supporting Dansville, and preserving its history.

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Bob Glover



Bob Glover was born and raised in Dansville. As a member of the DCS Class of 1964 he was inducted into the National Honor Society and claimed the title of 1964 Livingston County Champion in the 2-mile track and field event. Bob carried his passion for running beyond high school, becoming a well-respected figure in the running community. He went on to have a significant impact as a coach, author, and mentor to countless runners.

Bob was the first of his family to attend college. He spent four summers working at Shay's Trucking Company unloading trucks on the night shift to finance his tuition at SUNY Oswego. In 1968 he graduated with a degree in education and a concentration in social studies. During his college years he pursued his passion of running and was on both the cross-country and track teams, while also writing for the college newspaper.

Soon after college Bob was drafted into the Army and stationed in Phu Bai, Vietnam as personal assistant to the Commanding General. While there he organized the Hue Olympics involving American and South Vietnamese soldiers competing in events. After his return to the US Bob was stationed at Fort Rucker, AL where he assisted GIs working to earn their GED. He also volunteered as an athletic and camp director at the newly-formed YMCA in Enterprise, AL. His experience with the YMCA led him to Rome, NY where he was hired as the athletic director for the YMCA. In 1975 he was recruited as Fitness Director of NYC's West Side YMCA, the largest in the country. In 1978 he started Robert H. Glover and Associates. As its president, Bob served as a consultant to the New York Road Runners, an organization that serves runners of all ages and abilities. With Bob as the consultant it grew from 200 to 60,000 members. While in NYC he also founded the acclaimed City Sports for Kids track program. Bob founded the Nike Elite Atalanta Running Team. This marathon team garnered world and national championship titles. Bob also wrote a best-selling book titled, "The Runner's Handbook." It rose to #1 in the country and sold over a million copies.

Bob has a special place in his heart for Dansville. Starting in 2011 he has been involved in the Dansville Cemetery Project. His extensive research in several cemeteries including Greenmount has led to the discovery of discarded tombstones which had originally come from the old village cemetery, now known as Pioneer Park.

William C. Packard



William C. Packard was a successful local businessman and community supporter for over 40 years. Bill was born in Grandville Summit, Pennsylvania in 1924, and he married the love of his life, Mary Alice Mott in 1944. After his honorable discharge from the Army Corps of Engineers in 1946, they made Dansville their home.

Bill began his career in the automotive business working at the C. H. Meeker car dealership. He acquired the dealership from the Meeker estate in 1970 and it became Dansville Chrysler-Plymouth. In 1978 Bill and Graham Frazer acquired the Dodge dealership. Bill was an active member of the NYS Automobile Association, holding several offices. As a zone chair of the National Dealers Council, he worked with Chrysler's then CEO, Lee Iacocca, to develop a loan guarantee in 1980 to pull Chrysler back from the brink of bankruptcy. Customer service was his business model as reflected by many Awards of Excellence.

While Bill's business pursuits were many he was also a strong supporter of the Dansville community. He was an enthusiastic sponsor of WDNY radio. As a veteran, he was an active member of the American Legion Post and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 1975 he donated a 1975 Fury auto to the American Legion for a raffle. You could enter for $1.00 a chance.

Bill was active in the Dansville Chamber of Commerce and was named Citizen of the Year in 1983. He actively supported the Noyes Memorial Hospital. He also supported Dansville Schools by first driving a school bus and later serving a term on the Board of Education. He funded the Packard Technology and Packard Art Scholarships for many years. Being a man of God, Bill attended the Dansville Presbyterian Church, where he served as an Elder and Trustee and taught Sunday School. His beliefs were a strong influence on how he conducted business and served local organizations. One of the many service organizations Bill supported was the Boy Scouts of America, where he was on the Five Rivers Council for many years. He received their 1987 Silver Beaver Award for exemplary adult leadership. Bill served on the Town and Village Planning Board and was a Director of the Clara Barton American Red Cross Chapter #1. He was a member of the Protectives Fire Company, the Dansville Fish and Game Club, and the Loyal Order of the Moose.

Bill was famous for his desire to work behind the scenes for the betterment of the community. His modesty typified the man. He was quiet, caring, generous, optimistic about the future, and a leader in the community.

Kyle York



With a career spanning over three decades in law enforcement, Kyle York has demonstrated unparalleled courage and commitment, making significant sacrifices to ensure the safety and well-being of his fellow citizens.

Born on January 5, 1972, Kyle graduated from DHS in 1990 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY Brockport in 1994. Kyle then embarked on a path that would see him become one of the nation's most respected law enforcement officers. His journey began as a Deputy Sheriff in Livingston County, where he established himself as a dedicated and capable officer. His commitment to justice and his exceptional skills soon led him to the Durham Police Department, in Raleigh, NC where he served with distinction for over 30 years.

Kyle's career is marked by his selflessness and bravery, particularly in his role as an undercover officer. He placed himself at great peril to remove illegal drugs and firearms from the streets, working tirelessly to protect his community. His undercover work required him to be on call at a moment's notice, often taking him away from family and friends for extended periods. Despite the immense personal sacrifices, Kyle remained steadfast in his duty, exemplifying the highest standards of law enforcement.

His distinctive service did not go unrecognized. In 2011, Kyle received the Outstanding Task Force Commander award, a testament to his leadership and effectiveness in managing complex and dangerous operations. His expertise and dedication culminated in his recognition as one of the top drug enforcement agents in the United States in 2015, an honor that underscores his significant contributions to public safety.

In addition to his hands-on work in the field, Kyle served as a patrol officer and senior investigator with the Raleigh Office of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. His exceptional service earned him numerous accolades and the respect of his peers. Even in retirement, Kyle's commitment to law enforcement remained unwavering. He served as a civilian Administrator at the DEA in Raleigh, continuing to contribute his extensive knowledge and experience to enhance public safety across the southern United States.

Kyle D. York's life has been dedicated to protecting others. His bravery, selflessness, and unwavering commitment to justice have left an indelible mark on the communities he served. Kyle's legacy reminds us of the extraordinary sacrifices made by those who serve in law enforcement.