



2025
Hall of Fame
Induction
Dinner

October 11
2025

Hall of Fame Induction Program

Alma Mater Show Tunes
Under the Direction of Mrs. Jessica Hammond

Welcome & Acknowledgements.....Dr. Jeffrey Hartmann
Superintendent

Dinner

InvocationRev. Chris Buckingham-Taylor

Opening Remarks.....Mr. Brian Treisch
Galion Alumni Association

Induction Ceremony.....Mr. Brian Treisch
Galion Alumni Association
Mr. David Spraw
Galion Community Foundation

BenedictionRev. Chris Buckingham-Taylor

Special Acknowledgements

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Welcome...

to the 16th annual Galion City School District
Hall of Fame Induction Dinner!



This evening, we're gathered to honor the remarkable achievements of Galion graduates, educators and staff. They will be inducted into our Hall of Fame, joining a prestigious circle of other distinguished members.

Welcome to a weekend that epitomizes the spirit of Galion. I genuinely hope this event becomes a treasured memory for you and one that beckons you back, year after year.

What began as a simple conversation has evolved into Connections Weekend, a three-day extravaganza teeming with special activities. Orchestrating this vibrant affair is our Connections Committee, a devoted team of volunteers. This committee is a collective force, harnessing the energies of various community organizations. We thank everyone for their collaborative efforts to support this weekend, especially the Galion Alumni Association, the Galion Community Education Foundation, the Galion Tiger Alumni Band, the Galion Community Foundation, the Galion Booster Club, and the Galion Parent Teacher Organizations.

Since its inception, Connections Weekend has grown into a cherished Galion custom. It's a platform for alumni, students, and community members to forge meaningful relationships that endure through time. Whether you're engaging in Career Day, rooting for the home team at the football game, performing in the band, or joining us at the Hall of Fame Dinner, your participation adds invaluable richness to the educational journey of Galion City School District's youth.

Let's keep this extraordinary weekend's momentum going! We encourage you to share this experience with fellow Galion alumni and nominate deserving individuals for next year's Hall of Fame. Please check out our district website if you have a Tiger alumni deserving of recognition.

Our past is full of triumphs, and the prospects for our future are limitless. A heartfelt thank you for investing in our collective heritage and for your ongoing support of both the Galion City School District and the wider Galion community.

Dr. Jeffrey Hartmann
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Galion City School District
Superintendent

Criteria for Galion Hall of Fame

What is the Galion Hall of Fame?

This is a program to honor Galion Graduates and Faculty members who have gone on and shown excellence and leadership in their careers and community activities. This excellence can be in business, the arts, the military, athletics, politics, or in any of the professional fields as well as recognized community service activities. Those honored as members of the Hall of Fame will have their names and accomplishments on permanent display on the campus of Galion City Schools.

General Criteria for selection into the Galion Hall of Fame

1. Individual must be a graduate of Galion High School or have served on the faculty of the Galion City Schools and be retired 2 years or more.
2. His/her activities must show excellence and leadership in their field of activity.
3. An individual must be nominated and their names submitted to the selection committee.

Nominating

1. Nominations must be submitted by July 1st of each year.
2. Nominations must be in writing. A general form for this nomination will be made available to highlight individual achievements.
3. Anyone can make a nomination.
4. Nominees must meet the general criteria as shown above.
5. Nominees will be evaluated by the selection committee.

Selection

1. A committee consisting of representatives of the Galion Alumni Association, The Galion Education Foundation, the Galion City Schools, and the Galion Boosters Club will serve as the selection committee.
2. This committee shall be chaired by the president of the Galion Alumni Association.
3. This committee shall review all nominations and evaluate these nominees by an agreed upon process and standards.
4. There is no limit to the number of awards to be given each year.
5. Candidates must receive the unanimous vote of the committee to receive this honor.

SUBSECTION

Standards

1. Recognition of achievements must be in a public announcement such as newspaper, radio, or television.
2. Achievement must be of a level to show a positive impact in the field of the achievement.
3. Ideal candidate will have exhibited leadership and excellence not only in his/her field, but in service to the community.
4. Nomination form should include references to publications that have made note of the individual's achievements as well as personal recommendations.

Completed forms should be mailed to:

- Galion Board of Education Office/ HOF
- 470 Portland Way North
- Galion, OH 44833

* Nominating cards are available on each table.

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MS. ALINDA DICKINSON WASNER CLASS OF 1963

A Michigan (Detroit and Lansing) high school English teacher, a library media specialist, an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit Mercy and Mott Community College, and a Public Relations Director for Detroit Public Schools, Alinda Dickinson Wasner totaled 37 years with Michigan public schools.

A two-time recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award at Detroit Henry Ford High School, Wasner is also one of Detroit's foremost poets, her works having appeared in 80 print and online journals/anthologies. Her 4 books include the collections Still Burning (2015) and The Day Sky (2024) and chapbooks Kissing the Icons (2013) and When You Don't Know Who You Are (2016). A forthcoming collection, Heart Houdini, will be published in 2026 by May Apple Press.

A review of When You Don't Know Who You Are notes Wasner

...has long been known as one of Detroit's finest poets, and this stunning, stark and deeply felt collection shows us why. Readers can see an experienced poet at work with her craft exploring the very essence of her own being and her own unique past (M. L. Liebler).

Alinda has won numerous literary prizes including the Chicago Poetry Center juried award, a Prague Writer's fellowship in 2007, second place in Ireland's International Poetry Prize in 2012, and most recently, she was an honoree in the Arts category in Detroit's Hannan Center's "Next Chapter 2025 Awards," a celebration of the senior community's extraordinary achievements and enduring potential. Currently, the Detroit Public Library Main Branch is archiving 5,000 of her poems.

Ms. Wasner has volunteered for many years at Michigan Interfaith Action and Interfaith Impact, serving as President of each in the 1990s. Since 1968 she has been active in support of peace and justice organizations, including civil rights and women's health issues, especially the National RCRC (Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice).

Her work may be found online at TheStarvingPoet.com and a video presentation is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNCnE2Dvoc8>.



MR. CHARLES “CHUCK” NEAL CLASS OF 1970

Charles “Chuck” Neal, son of Charles and Ruth Neal, is a proud 1970 graduate of Galion High School. During his years at GHS, Chuck distinguished himself in both the classroom and on the athletic field. He was a class officer, Boys’ State delegate, member of the National Honor Society, and the first recipient of the William F. Unckrich Scholarship. Athletically, Neal earned eight varsity letters: three in football, two in basketball, and three in baseball.

He was captain of both the football and baseball teams his senior year, earning Honorable Mention All-NOL honors as a defensive back in football and First Team All-NOL honors as a shortstop in baseball. His contributions were recognized with the prestigious GHS Athletic Award Plaque.

After graduation, Chuck pursued higher education, earning a B.S. in Education from The Ohio State University and an M.A. in Education from Bowling Green State University. He has dedicated his life to education and is now celebrating his 52nd year in the profession. His career includes 11 years at Colonel Crawford Schools, 25 years at Galion High School, and 16 years at Plymouth High School, where he has served as a teacher and school counselor.

Chuck also left a lasting legacy as a coach. Over 33 years of varsity football, he guided teams to four NCC championships and three NOL championships, while also coaching basketball, track, and softball.

In recognition of his impact on students and schools, he received the Martha Holding Jennings Award in 1988–1989.

Beyond his professional achievements, Chuck values his family above all. He and his wife, Maureen, have been married for 40 years and have raised three children—Eric, Amy, and Lauren (Neal) McCray, who is married to her husband Chad. Chuck is the proud grandfather of Mackenzie and Nathaniel. He also celebrates the support of his siblings: Linda, Pam Hayes and her husband Dan, and Gary and his wife Brenda.

Chuck reflects with gratitude on the many friends, mentors, colleagues, and - most importantly - the students who have made his journey meaningful. He takes great pride in the accomplishments and successes of the young people he has taught, counseled, and coached.

His advice to students is simple and powerful:

Commit to the Task; Maintain a Positive Attitude; Live with No Regrets



MR. MICHAEL A. EVANS CLASS OF 1978

After graduating from Galion High School, where he lettered in football (4 years), baseball (4 years) and basketball (1 year), Mr. Michael (Mike) Evans went on to earn his undergraduate Business Administration degree from Morehead State University (1982) and a Masters in Business Administration (1984) from the University of Toledo. Another part of his education was an internship in Mexico as part of the School for International Training (January 1980 - June 1980) with an emphasis on International Business. All of this served Evans well professionally and led to a highly successful career in business.

Evans describes himself as “retired (kind of),” having spent 40 years in “Operations/Supply Chain Management Food Processing.” Career stops along the way included:

- Maumee Equipment Company/Thermal Transmissions
Perrysburg, OH (September 1982-September 1983)
- Campbell’s Soup Company
Napoleon, OH (September 1984-September 1987)
- Pillsbury, Division of Grand Metropolitan
Wellston, OH Plant (September 1987-September 1993)
- Bellisio Foods/CPFNA/Luiginos Inc. (September 1993 - September 2023)
Oversight of Jackson, OH; Vernon, CA; Austin and Duluth, MN operations

From June 2023 to the present, Mike has served as “Advisor to CEO and Board for Bellisio Foods/CPFNA.” He also serves the company as a “Food Manufacturing/Supply Consultant.” Among the honors Mike has received are the Bureau of Workman’s Compensation “Best in Class Safety Processes (2006); “Processor of the Year” (Frozen Food Magazine 2010); and CP Foods Senior Chairman’s Award of Excellence for Technology and Development (2021).

As a resident of Jackson, OH, Mike has taken an active role in his community, including coaching youth league football in the Pee Wee Program (2006-2010) and serving as the Vice President of the Jackson Area YMCA (2010-2024). Other roles he currently holds (and has held) are Vice President of the Jackson Area Family Activity Center Board (since August 2024), Treasurer of Jackson Sideliners (since 2005), board member of Little Ohio Heritage Conference Board - Youth Football League (since 2005) and member of the CP Scholarship Fund Committee (since 2008). In 2023 Evans received the Leadership Excellence Award from the Jackson County Economic Development Partnership.

Mike and his wife Molly have 4 children: Lana, Jackie, Jarett and Reid and are proud grandparents of 5 - Archer, Annalee, Everett, Wrenyn and Kristopher.



SANDRA K. POWELL, ED.D. CLASS OF 1972

- Board Member of the Galion Community Foundation, 2009 to present; Chair 2022-2025
- Member of Church and Ministry team - Northwest Ohio Association of the United Church of Christ, 2023 to present
- Adjunct Faculty for the Galion SD Professional Development, Ashland University 2012
- Member of Crawford County's Family and Children First Council, 2005 - 2015
- Various leadership positions at Galion First United Church of Christ, 1998 to present
- President, Bucks County Association of the International Reading Association, 1991
- Chair, Lower Bucks County Education/Business Partnership Committee, 1989
- Recipient of the 1991 Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce, SITAWE (Shot in the Arm with Enthusiasm) Award, an annual Chamber award
- Presenter, American Newspaper Publishers' Association - Newspapers in Education Conference, Dallas, TX (1987) and Los Angeles, CA (1985)
- Literacy Volunteer Trainer for Bucks County Chapter of Literacy Volunteers of America, 1984- 1988
- Co-Author of publications for the Calkins' Newspaper Corporation Newspapers in Education program and the Pennsylvania Newspapers Publishers Association from 1984 - 1987.

Educator, community leader, author, in-service presenter — all of these are roles Sandra Powell has played over the course of her career as the above list indicates.

A 1972 GHS graduate, Sandra Powell went on to earn a B.S. Degree (1975) and an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership (1981) from Bowling Green, and an Ed.D. (1999) from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA.

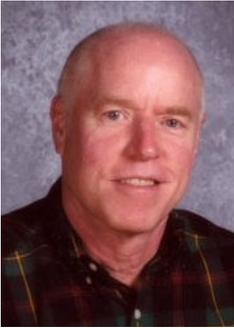
While not always in the classroom or school leadership role, Powell's career has long been related to education. After earning her degree in education, Powell taught from 1975 to 1984 in the Charleston County School District, Charleston, SC; the Haddonfield School District, Haddonfield, NJ; and the Galion City School District, Galion, OH.

Beginning in 1984 she served as the Director of Newspapers in Education for the Bucks County Courier Times in Levittown, PA. In this position she wrote curriculum for teachers, created multimedia instructional programs, presented in schools annually and worked with the local chapter of Literacy Volunteers of America to do teacher workshops and in-service programs.

In 1987 Powell transitioned to the position of School/Community Relations Director and Strategic Planning Facilitator, Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22, Doylestown, PA. In this capacity Powell oversaw publications, annual reports, press releases, and employee recognition programs for over 600 employees. Part of her job was coordinating annual strategic planning training sessions and district planning contracts in Pennsylvania.

In 1996 Powell returned to her hometown to serve as the Principal of Dawsett Elementary School. She became the Assistant Superintendent of the Galion School District, and in 2010 took on the role of Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Federal Programs. Sandy retired in 2015 but continued as Curriculum Consultant for the Mid Ohio Educational Service Center until 2021.

Today, she and her husband Mark like to travel and spend time with family including son Matt, daughter-in-law Kate, residing in Clintonville, Ohio and son Eric, presently serving at Fort Belvoir, Virginia."



MR. TIMOTHY WEISKOPF DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR

Tim Weiskopf grew up in Massillon, Ohio, and graduated from Washington High School in 1971. He earned a B.A. degree from Miami University in 1975 and taught English and Psychology at GHS from 1975-2011.

While at Galion Senior High Tim served as National Honor Society adviser and co-adviser for twenty years. Along with former student and local attorney Grant Garverick, Tim was Mock Trial adviser for twenty-five years. In addition Weiskopf was adviser to HI-Y, assisting members with running concessions at football games and Special Olympics and accompanying participants to the Youth in Government Program in Columbus.

Beyond the academic setting Weiskopf currently sits on the board of trustees for the Galion Public Library and serves as vice-president for the Galion Community Education Foundation.

Among his other interests, Weiskopf indicated playing and following tennis, taking daily walks, listening to classic R & B soul music, and appreciating the quietude of reading.

In short, he tries to follow Emerson's notion of self-reliance: "Keep with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.

As for advice to future generations of Galion students, Weiskopf suggests:

Strive to know yourself and celebrate your individuality.



Hall of Fame

2009

Mr. Ralph Cobey
Miss Colleen Conry
Dr. David R. Curfman
Mr. Brent Gledhill
Mr. Carl Johnson
Mr. Peter Lawrence
Dr. Bernard Mansfield
Mr. Robert Phillion
Miss Miriam Sayre
Mrs. Nicole Paluga Stepro

2010

Mr. Richard E. Chandler
Miss A. Elaine Hottenroth
Dr. Steven R. Myers
Mr. Dan Ritchey
Col. (Ret.) Paul Kurtz Robinson
Dr. Douglas F. Smith
Mr. Eugene "Vic" Smith
Mr. William "Bill" Stepro
Mr. Jerry Tischer

2011

Mr. Jack Arlen
Mrs. Sara Beegle
Mr. Robert Blanz
Dr. William B. Epperson
Dr. H. Allen Garverick
Dr. Kathleen J. Kehrer Mikan
Mr. Renold Sentieri
Dr. James D. Young

2012

Mr. Bernard G. Elliker
Dr. Patrick Michael Epperson
Dr. David A. Fisher
Dr. Nathan C. Hall
Lt. Col. John "Jack" Karnes
Mr. Herbert C. Krichbaum
Mr. James A. Peterson
Mr. David P. Robinson

2013

Mr. Darrell Lemke
Mr. Casey E. McDonald
Lt. Col. (Ret.) David A. Miller
Mr. James T. Oris
Mr. Nathan Reinking
Mr. Carl Tinstman III

2014

Dr. Victor M. Cooley
Mr. Richard L. Ekin
Mrs. Joyce Hayden-Cating
Mr. E. Richard Hottenroth
Tyler K. Huggins, M.D.
Herbert L. Miller, P.E.
Mr. Mark Rodman
Miss Josephine Tracht

2015

Mr. Gary Frankhouse
Dr. Stanley E. Grogg
Col. (Ret.) Shawn Mateer
Professor John G. McWilliams
Mr. Robert W. Morgan
Pastor James (Scott) Reynolds
Mr. David E. Spraw

Inductees by Year

2016

Dr. Kevin Arnold
Mr. Gayle A. Dull
Mr. William R. Durtschi
Mr. Ricky L. Jobe
Mr. Scott Edward Palmer
Mr. James Wegesin

2017

Mr. Arthur Poister
Mr. Matt Smith
Mr. Mark Enright
Dr. Garrett "Lee" Burkam
Christopher M. Bailey, Ph.D.
Mrs. Judy Beers

2018

Mr. Horace Freese
Mr. John L. Swain
Mr. Michael J. Jokerst
Van Lewis Wagner, M.D.
Dr. Paul Kim
Mr. Mark Stepro
Mr. George Guins
2019
Mr. Harry Garverick
Mr. James Garverick
Mr. Harold "Tubby" Garverick
Mr. Paul G. "Jerry" James
Mr. Joe Kleinknecht
Mr. A. Kenneth Jarvis
Mrs. Kellie (Dye) Rowland
Victoria Trapp, MSA, JD, DM
Dr. Kyle D. Zeuch

2020

NO CLASS
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2021

Mr. Gerald (Gene) Bosler
Mrs. Martha Belle Boyd
Mr. Lupe Campo
Mrs. Mary Court
Mr. Chet Foraker
Debra A. Garverick, Esq.
Mr. Max Ness

2022

Mr. David Campbell
Terry Jobe DDS
Mr. Herbert (Chip) Durtschi
Ms. Lynn Stowe
Mr. Thomas O'Leary
Mr. Brian Treisch
Mr. Timothy Miller
Mrs. Patricia Miller
(Outstanding Educators)

2023

Mr. Phillip Bunyard
Mr. Cleve (Jim) Ricksecker
Mr. Daniel B. Beach
Mr. David B. Beach
Mr. Leo Jobe
Dr. Lorraine Dankowski Jordan
Mr. Christopher Heydinger

2024

Mr. Stuart Auld
Mr. Lawrence Michele
Dr. Theresa Michele
Dr. Christina Ann Hickie Walker
Mr. Fred McCumber





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