

## 2013 Inductee Bios

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Carl Tinstman III

Class of 1963

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According to his biographical summary, Carl Tinstman, known as "Terry" in high school, was born in Washington, D. C., and lived there for three months and has been traveling ever since. One of the stops during his travels was Galion, Ohio, his home for his sophomore, junior and senior years, arriving here from Downingtown, PA.

A 1963 Galion High School graduate, Carl was very involved in a wide variety of school activities ranging from clubs to athletics. A National Honor Society member, he won scholarships from the National Merit Program and Case Western Reserve University. He transferred to Miami University and was awarded his undergraduate degree in 1967. He later earned an MBA from Columbia University (1969) and an MPA from Harvard University (1977). He identifies himself as a student of French, Yoga and Naturopathy, Asian, African, and Texan cultures, motorcycling, digital photography and cross-country skiing.

Tinstman had a distinguished thirty year career with the UN, serving at UNICEF Headquarters in New York and WHO Headquarters in Geneva. In addition, he has worked in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East heading UNICEF programs in Afghanistan, Liberia, Yemen and Ethiopia. During the last five years of his UN career, Carl was partnership manager for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Since 2004, he has been active as a private consultant on humanitarian reform, public health, human resources, and social mobilization/communications; as a lecturer, speaking at the Third Annual Caux Forum for

Human Security in Caux, Switzerland in 2010, and as a volunteer, writer and student.

In 2007 Tinstman was named the recipient of the International Human Rights Award from the Boulder, Colorado, Chapter of the United Nations Association. In an article profiling him following his receiving this award, Carl was asked about his career specialty. In response, he suggested we should "adapt to the world's problems" rather than having a specialty. In answer to what he considered his greatest career successes, he noted: "The most obvious is the near eradication of polio."

The father of three, Carl is married and splits his time between Boulder, CO., and Geneva, Switzerland, striving to "make the world a better place."

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Dr. James T. Oris

Class of 1975

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Â "Need something done, ask a busy person" is a popular adage that is epitomized in the life and career of Dr. James T. Oris, GHS Class of 1975. Professor, toxicology researcher, academic advisor and leader, consultant and resource on environmental issues, author, editor, lecturer, and volunteer: Dr. Oris has achieved all of this since leaving Galion.

While in high school, Oris was involved in various activities, including marching, symphonic and concert bands. Following his graduation, Jim enrolled at Wittenberg University and earned a B.A. in Biology (1975) he then entered Michigan State University's graduate program and received a Ph.D., Environmental Toxicology " Fisheries & Wildlife (1985).

After earning his graduate degree, he began his tenure at Miami University as an Assistant Professor of Zoology (1986-93), Associate Professor of Zoology (1993-96), and Full Professor of Zoology (1996). During 2008-2012 he served as the Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship, and in 2011-12, he became the Interim Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Oris currently serves as the Associate Provost for Research and Scholarship & Dean of the Graduate School. The Miami University Board of Trustees awarded him the title of University Distinguished Professor, effective July 1, 2013.

A Miami University press release announcing his being named Distinguished Professor says: "An environmental toxicologist and a leading authority on phototoxicity, he centers his research on the ecological toxicity of organic chemicals in the aquatic system, with a primary focus on the effects of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (formed when oil burns with gasoline engines) in freshwater systems." Identified as one of the "top couple of scientists in the world dealing with the effects of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) on aquatic organisms," his work led California to ban certain watercraft from Lake Tahoe. Additionally, he has assisted in assessing the effects of the oil spill in Prince William Sound by the Exxon Valdez and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

An advisor/consultant to numerous communities and agencies in the continental United States, Oris has served on panels and boards for the EPA, the National Science Foundation, and the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry. He has also written extensively and served as an editor and editorial board member for a number of publications.

Dr. Oris and his wife, Dr. Laurie Isaacson, Neuroscientist, have two adult children.

Truly, Dr. James T. Oris is a busy, committed individual.

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Lt. Col. David A. Miller

(Retired)

Class of 1981

David A. Miller graduated from Galion High School in 1981 and went on to earn degrees from Bowling Green University (1985), Texas A&M University, U.S. Air Force (1988), the University of Maryland at College Park (1994), the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (2005), and Georgetown University (Certification "Preparing and Delivering Congressional Testimony 2008).

Miller retired after 24 years of distinguished service in the United States Air Force, where he earned numerous awards and citations, including an Air Force Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

While in the Air Force, David served as the Flight Commander of the 55th Weather Squadron (1994-96) and as the Commander of the Detachment 5 of the 55th Weather Squadron in Hawaii (1996-99). In this latter position, he oversaw the operation of the Haleakala Solar Observatory. As the Chief of Weather for the Air Force Space Command (1999-2002), one achievement was inspecting and standardizing weather forecasting procedures for space launches from Cape Canaveral and Vandenberg Air Force Base. Between 2002 and 2006, he served as the Deputy Director of the International Fellows Program at the National

Defense University, coordinating education programs for officers invited to the program by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Following retirement from the Air Force, David entered the private sector, holding a position as Physical Scientist for the Joint Polar Satellite Program with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. He has been an advisor to the White House's Office of Science and Technology for GEO (Group on Earth Observations). During a recent reorganization of the NOAA program, David was named the Deputy Director.

Miller holds membership in numerous organizations, including the Disabled American Veterans, the American Meteorological Society, the Military Officers Association of America and the Retired Old Weather Forecasters.

The father of three – Christopher and Alexandra Miller and step daughter Danielle Darling, Miller and his wife live in Potomac Falls, Virginia

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Nathan Reinking

Class of 1992

Among the athletes participating in the 1912 Summer Olympics were Jim Thorpe, George Patton and Galionite Gayle Dull. One hundred years later, the athletes in the 2012 Games included LeBron James, Usain Bolt and another individual from Galion, Ohio – Nathan Reinking, who represented his adopted country, Great Britain, in basketball. Also, in 2012 Nate was inducted into the Crawford County Athletic Hall of Fame. What led to this selection to the team and the Hall? Success on and off the court, nurtured by years of dedication and hours and hours of practice.

For those familiar with Galion men's basketball history, Nate's name

stands at the pinnacle of achievement on the court. Galion's all-time leading scorer with 1702 points, he was the All District Player of the Year and First Team All-Ohioan in 1992, a three-time Crawford County Player of the Year (1990-91-92), and the NOL's leading scorer three times (1990-91-92).

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Following his stellar high school career, Nate went on to Kent State Uni-

versity where he again excelled on the basketball court, ranking 5th all time in KSU's scoring annals. Named team captain in 1995 and 1996, he was the leading scorer in 1994, 1995, and 1996 and earned All-League recognition in 1995 and 1996.

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His success on the college court led to a distinguished career on the

professional level, playing 6 years in Belgium and 9 years in England. Nate was named England's Player of the Year in 1998, 2003, and 2005 and was a member of the National Team from 2006 - 2012 and played for Great Britain in the 2012 Summer Olympics. This past summer he returned to England to serve as an assistant coach for the British National Team.

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Over the course of his career, Nate has returned to Ohio many times to

sponsor and work in youth basketball camps and visit area schools to teach basketball skills and provide health information. A frequent guest speaker at Fellowship of Christian Athlete camps around Wooster, Mansfield, Lexington, Loudonville and Smithville, Nate has also spoken at the Beulah Beach Bible and Church Camp in Vermilion.

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Among his other experiences are working in the Smithville Youth Bas-

ketball program and coaching with the Wooster College team this past season. An active member of churches in England and Belgium, Nate visited hospitals and homes for disadvantaged children throughout his playing days. Married in 2004, Nate and his wife Nikki met while attending church in England.

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Nate illustrates what combining one's natural talents with hard work and

perseverance can produce.

His experience as a professional athlete can inspire today's youth to dream big and to strive to accomplish their goals.

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Casey E. McDonald

Class of 1995

While in high school (and perhaps much earlier), Casey E.

McDonald was an avid golfer, lettering three years and earning All-NOL honors his senior year. This love of the game inspired him to pursue a career in agronomy and led to his enrollment at The Ohio State University following his graduation from Galion Senior High School in 1995.

At Ohio State, Casey earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, majoring in Turfgrass Science and minoring in Plant Pathology, in June 2000. While a senior in college, he teamed with the OSU Agriculture Extension Department to co-author a fact sheet discussing lawn diseases and another dealing with pumpkin fungus disease.

Casey joined Scotts Miracle-Gro Company in April 1999, while still in school, and served as Research Specialist and later as Senior Research Specialist. In October 2007, he moved to a position as buyer for Scotts North American operations. In September 2008, he began a three year stay in France while serving as Manager for Global Active Ingredient Sourcing of the Global Purchasing Department. In September of 2011, he returned to the US and took his current position as Director of Global Active Ingredient Sourcing of the Global Purchasing Department. He now travels all over the world to develop and negotiate working relationships with suppliers.

Casey is the co-inventor of a process designed to use silicone soaps as pest control agents. He is a three-time winner of the Scotts Star Award for Leadership (2003), Teamwork (2004) and Innovation (2005) and has won three R & D honors in 2005 and 2006.

He holds memberships in the Masons,  
Shriners and the Worthington Hills Civic Association.

After observing the Galion athletic fields used by GHS teams on a visit to Galion in 2008, he noted his former high school could benefit from a coordinated program of seeding, fertilization, and pest control for the various athletic venues. As a result, he developed a Scotts donation plan to provide needed supplies to implement a program at a cost of approximately \$5000 a year. This

donation is being provided again this year (2013).

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Casey resides in Columbus with his wife April and their four sons, Cooper, 6; Owen, 5; Finlay, 1 Â½; and Gray, 6 weeks.

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Darrell Lemke

Outstanding Galion Educator

1970-2007 & 2009-2011

(Posthumously)

In the fall of 1970, the Galion City Schools welcomed nineteen new teachers to the district. Among that group was Mr. Darrell Lemke, who joined the staff of Galion Middle School as a member of the Social Studies department. After graduating from high school in Northwest Ohio, Darrell went to Bowling



Green State University and earned his undergraduate degree in 1970.

His work while a member of the Galion Middle School staff included teaching American history; helping to organize the Middle School Political Conventions, modeled after the National Presidential Conventions; serving as the Student Council Advisor; manning the scoreboard for volleyball and basketball games (and later the P. A. for high school boys' basketball); being part of the Classroom of the Future program created in cooperation with Ashland University; and participating in the University of Toronto Study in Change Program. Darrell served two years as the Technology Integration Coach at the Middle School as part of the ARRA grant and finally moved to the high school to teach the Media Communications class for the last years of his career.

But Darrell's

career was much, much more than these duties. His greatest impact was on the those he met and mentored daily. For example, he and his wife Ruthie have two children, Brian and Jen, who both followed in his footsteps and became teachers. One former student, Leslie Holtshouse Copp said of him: "I loved his class due to his passion for teaching and his warm and engaging personality. He made learning fun and interesting, always keeping us on our toes but also imposing upon us the importance of learning about our history and how it affected our lives in the present."

He also had a great impact on colleagues. Lori Dray, Galion's current Technology Coordinator, worked with him for four years. She expressed her high regard for Darrell, saying: "After spending five minutes with him, I knew Galion had a treasure. His knowledge of technology was amazing. His positive attitude was incredible. His willingness to help was unbelievable. Looking at this incredible man, I can only imagine what he brought to the classroom each and every day." And, Andy Johnson, his former principal, said Darrell "had a passion for teaching that stayed strong for 37 years! I have met several special individuals during my career in education. Darrell Lemke ranks at the top!"

These words of love and respect indicate the high regard that students, friends and co-workers have for Darrell.

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