

2025 Hall of Fame Bios

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Â 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>

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MR. CHARLES "CHUCK" NEAL

CLASS OF 1970

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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

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MR. MICHAEL A. EVANS

CLASS OF 1978

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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)

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Pillsbury, Division of Grand
Metropolitan

Wellston, OH Plant (September
1987-September 1993

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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.

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SANDRA K. POWELL, ED.D.

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OF 1972

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Board Member of the Galion
Community Foundation, 2009 to present; Chair 2022-2025

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Member of Church and Ministry team

- Northwest Ohio Association of the United Church of Christ, 2023 to present

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Adjunct Faculty for the Galion SD

Professional Development, Ashland University 2012

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Member of Crawford County's

Family and Children First Council, 2005 - 2015

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Various leadership positions at

Galion First United Church of Christ, 1998 to present

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President, Bucks County Association of the International Reading Association, 1991

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Chair, Lower Bucks County Education/Business Partnership Committee, 1989

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Recipient of the 1991 Lower Bucks

County Chamber of Commerce, SITAWA (Shot in the Arm with Enthusiasm) Award, an annual Chamber award

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Presenter, American Newspaper

Publishers' Association - Newspapers in Education Conference, Dallas, TX (1987) and Los Angeles, CA (1985)

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Literacy Volunteer Trainer for Bucks County Chapter of Literacy Volunteers of America, 1984- 1988

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Co-Authored 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 at 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."

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MR. TIMOTHY WEISKOPF

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORÂ

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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.Â