2016 Inductee Bios

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Gayle (Gail) A. Dull

Class of 1903

Galion's First Olympian and Medalist

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His
trainer at the University of Michigan said of Dull, "The boy was ambitious to run but I ...thought there was no hope for success." Contrary to his trainer's impression, Dull did succeed, going on to run in the 1908 Olympic Games, participating in the the 3200 meter steeplechase as an individual and in the 3-mile team run, the squad consisting of 5 runners. While not medaling in the steeplechase, finishing second in his heat thus not moving on to the finals, Dull did earn a medal in the team race, which was scored like cross country is today with the places of each nation's top three finishers being combined to determine the final standings. Though Dull was not among the top three finishers, he and the other US runners did earn silver medals.

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leaving Michigan Dull moved to Pittsburgh and continued to run as part of the newly formed Pittsburgh Athletic Association. According to June 7, 1912, edition of The Pittsburgh Press, Gayle, the "national junior five-mile champion of the United States," would be joining another area man (Emil Marshall, a 179-pound Greco-Roman wrestler) in an attempt to qualify for the 1912 Olympics, entering the 3000 meter run. The newspaper noted that "Both young men are in excellent physical condition, and are confident of making a favorable impression on the members of the team selection committee at the Chicago tryouts." Sadly, Dull did not qualify for his second Olympics.

Born
May 4, 1883, in Galion, Dull attended city schools and played a significant role in sports within the system. According to The Annual 1903, when Galion was encouraged to take part in athletic meets to foster school spirit, "Dull '03, was chosen president of the association" that was formed in 1901. During the 1902 football season, Dull was the captain of the football team, playing halfback on a squad which finished 4-0-1. (Dull is pictured in the center of the yearbook's team photo, holding a football with the inscription "G.H.S. 1902.") When Galion was invited to participate in a field meet in Mansfield in 1902, Dull was asked to captain the track team that would compete. The Annual reported that he tried hard to recruit schoolmates to join him, but only one other Galionite participated. Dull took a first and two thirds and his teammate added two seconds. Together, they finished third in the team standings. And when basketball was started (1902-3), Dull was chosen as captain of the team. He was obviously an all-round athlete.

Gayle
Dull's father was a train master in Galion but was transferred to Michigan. Dull and his mother stayed in Galion until his graduation and then joined his father in Michigan where Gayle enrolled at the University and continued his athletic pursuits. He eventually moved to Pittsburgh and coached at Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon). Married and the father of two children, Dull died October 6, 1918, from complications following surgery for appendicitis.

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William R. Durtschi

Class of 1940

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Born
in Galion, Ohio, on November 22, 1922, William R. Durtschi returned to his hometown as a teacher, coach and, later, businessman following his college and military years. While at GHS, Durtschi "...was active in numerous clubs and team sports but excelled in football." In 1937 Bill, a sophomore halfback, averaged 8 yards a carry and earned All-NCOL second team honors. In 1938 he led the area in scoring and was named First Team All-NCOL running back; and in 1939, he again earned First Team NCOL honors. The â€˜37 and â€˜38 teams were the NCOL champions.

After
graduating from high school in 1940, Bill was recruited by Ohio State University, where he played for Paul Brown. Enrolled in the College of Education, Bill played freshman football that fall. In 1942, Bill played halfback on both offense and defense and also served as the team's punter. Unfortunately, he sustained a knee injury in the 1942 game against Southern California, ending his playing career. The â€˜42 team earned the school's sixth conference title and OSU's first national title. (Coincidentally, two of his 1942 Buckeye teammates, Cecil Souders of Bucyrus and Robert Frye of Crestline, had been high school opponents.)

In
1943 Durtschi entered military service but re-injured his knee and was given a medical discharge. He then returned to OSU, graduated in 1948 and took a job at Newcomerstown where he taught physical education and coached football and basketball. As the head coach in 1949, Bill led the team to its first league championship in twenty years. He then became the backfield coach for four years at Cuyahoga Falls, and in 1956, he replaced Earl Bruce as assistant coach for football, basketball and baseball at Mansfield Senior.

In
1957 Bill returned to his hometown, accepting the Tigers' head coaching job. Taking command of a team that had not won a game the previous year, Bill's teams earned consecutive NOL titles (â€˜57 & â€˜58). Not without adversity, though, the 1957 team had to deal with a flu outbreak that postponed games and also suffered the loss of the team's uniforms and equipment as the field house burned to the ground. Despite the problems, the 1957 Tigers became the first unbeaten team since 1944. And the 1958 team, the first to use the new Heise Park facility, not only won a second title but also stretched the school record unbeaten streak to 19 games. Bill retired from coaching in 1961 and later became the Galion AD. In 1982, after 34 years of teaching and coaching, Bill retired from education but continued his Durtschi Real Estate business.

He
and his wife Betty, parents of three sons (Bill, Bob and Dave) and grandparents of five, later moved to Florida. Staying connected with the 1942 OSU team, Durtschi attended team reunions every five years in Columbus with his teammates and their coach Paul Brown.

In
summing up Durtschi's life, his daughter-in-law Donna Durtschi wrote of him:

Bill's heart was always in Galion and with the Ohio State
Buckeyes as he rarely missed attending a game. He was a hard-working coach who was dedicated to his players, teammates and, most of all, his family. Bill credited the success of the 1942 OSU team to the players' ability to put the team above the individual. A team composed of multiple nationalities and religious creeds were united in contributing to a winning environment. Bill carried this team philosophy throughout his years as a leader on the field and in the classroom. He believed that there were no role models as impressive to young people as Paul Brown and his 1942 team. He once was asked why he coached, "I'll never regret coaching. I met a lot of wonderful people and I saw a lot of boys grow up to be fine young men. That itself is reward enough.

Bill
passed away on July 13, 1994.

Information compiled and submitted by
Donna Durtschi

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Â Keven D. Arnold, PhD., ABPP

Class of 1975

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Born January 7, 1957, Kevin Arnold,
the youngest of Arlene and Jack Arnold's six sons, moved to Galion in 1968, attended North Elementary and graduated with the Class of 1975. While at the high school, Kevin displayed leadership skills right from the start, serving as Sophomore Class Treasurer, Junior Class President and Student Council Representative, and Yearbook Business Manager as a Senior. As a junior, Arnold was chosen to attend Buckeye Boys State; and the next year he earned the award for having the highest GPA among senior athletes. In addition, he served as the basketball team manager his sophomore and junior years and played tennis all four years (Varsity 11th and 12th grades) and lists his coach, Mr. James Erf, among his favorite teachers. (Others named were Mrs. Meyers and Mr. Daly.) For his all round abilities, he was recognized with induction into the National Honor Society, and his classmates chose him to speak at graduation. Following high school, Kevin earned a BS (Cum Laude) in 1979 from Grace College, his MS (1981) and a Ph.D. (1983) from The Ohio State University.

After leaving OSU,
Kevin went into practice as a psychologist, eventually opening The Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Therapy, which has been recognized as "a national model of innovation in practice management." Arnold has served his community in diverse ways, including founding the Parenting Coordination task force in Franklin county to assist children of divorce who were being exposed to harmful parental conflicts. Later, he served on the Ohio Supreme Court Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution. He has been active in the Ohio Psychological Association programs, workshops, committees and as an officer. According to the biographical information submitted with his nomination, Kevin is "...a leader in professional psychology specialization" and his efforts have "...led to the first ever summit in professional psychology on specialty among all the major national organizations." The author of numerous articles published in leading psychology journals, Arnold has also been a presenter for over 30 years at state and national conventions, has appeared on a number of radio and television programs and has served as a columnist for Columbus Parenting magazine. Over his career he has been recognized for his work, receiving the President's Award from the Ohio Psychology Associationn (2002); the President's Award from the Ohio Board of Psychology (2007); the Distinguished Service to a Specialty Board, from the American Board of Professional Psychology and the Heiser Award for advocacy work from the American Psychology Association (both 2016).

Arnold says Galion
"taught him his sense of community and commitment to friends and family" and notes that "if he's successful in anything, it's due in part to what he learned in high school and while working at Clancy's." He also credits Galion with giving him "the skills to succeed, to think creatively and for giving him his

best friend, Mike Jokerst." Arnold has identified their friendship "...the most significant gift from his class." They worked on projects and traveled together for many years, and when Jokerst was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, Kevin was with Mike for many of the cancer treatments. Eventually, Kevin was with his friend one last time, and he and another friend, Bill Mechling, spoke at Jokerst's funeral.

Currently Kevin not only owns and operates the Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Therapy in Columbus, but also is a Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiartry and Behavioral Health, The Ohio State University. He and his wife Melissa Wervey Arnold are the parents of two, a son Connor (who coincidentally will serve this year as a student council member at his school - shades of dad?) and a daughter, Alexandra. According to Jackie Lamb, one of his high school classmates, Kevin is "someone who hasn't forgotten where he comes from. He is just an all round good guy who is very thoughtful, likes to laugh and tells the funniest stories."

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Scott Edward Palmer

Class of 1981

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Diverse! What other word or words can by used to describe Scott E. Palmer?

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â€¢ Over 20 years in the US Navy and Air Force/Air National Guard;

â€¢ Over 24 years as an Educator

â€¢ A 20-year career as an Operatic performer

â€¢ Over 35 years on stage and behind the scenes as an actor, set designer, musical director

â€¢ Age-group swimmer

(Just competed in World Senior Games, winning 1 gold and 2 Silvers)

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Author/Lecturer/motivational speaker

â€¢ Furniture
maker/designer; woodworker and metalsmith

â€¢ Licensed Aerial
Drone pilot (FAA), specializing in aerial films

â€¢ Mountain climber
and Professional Disk Golfer

Born in New Castle,
IA, on August 7, 1962, to George and Martha Palmer, Scott is one of five children, graduating in 1981. While at GHS, Palmer was active in Marching Band (Vice President); swimming (Captain and 14 year recordholder in the Medley Relay and the 100 back); and the original Show Tunes group (80-81) under the direction of Mrs. Kitty Butterfield, one of his favorite teachers. Following high school, Scott went on to The Ohio State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Technology and Engineering. He later attended the Air Force Community College and earned a degree in Aircraft Maintenance. He then gained his Master of Science in Technology and Engineering from Utah State University. Finally, he received a certification/licence in Educational Administration.

While in the US Navy
(4 years) Palmer trained pilots in Electronic Warfare, specializing in AAA and SAM radar installations, and handled repair of and instruction in aircraft flight simulators and in-flight training on electronic warfare with countermeasures/tactics. During his 19 years in the US Air Force/Air National Guard, he specialized in aircraft controls and hydraulic systems and served multiple deployments around the world, with final deployment to Balad, Iraq, from 2005-2006. For the past 24 years he has been a teacher and administrator in Ogden, UT, city schools and an adjunct professor and guest lecturer with Utah State University where he works to prepare new teachers for the classroom.

Though active over
the years in the military and the classroom, Palmer has also found time to excel in a variety of other areas, singing with the Utah Symphony (20 years) and appearing in 54 theatrical productions, including small theater work. Among his roles were Edward Rutledge in 1776 and Lurch in a production of The Addams Family (which he is now completing). In addition he has competed as an age-group swimmer, holding current records in the 50-55 bracket. His most recent swims have qualified him to compete at the 2017 Nationals for Masters Swimming in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Beyond these pursuits, Palmer is an avid mountain climber/peak bagger (summit-focused climbing), achieving 24 peaks across Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and Idaho. As a disk golfer, Scott has achieved five "holes-in-one" over the last decade.

In reflecting on his
life, Palmer advised current students that Life can have roadblocks. See yourself around and over them...if you start to believe it can't be done, then it's already over. As you go, find your smile, as it's always about a happy heart. For me, I'm not trying to prove the world wrong...I'm trying to prove to myself that I can.

Married, he and his wife Jodie are the parents of two, daughter Charleen (Palmer) Yanagabashi, and son William, a Division I runner at Utah State University where he is a Junior. The Palmers also have a grandson Kai (10).

Truly, Scott Palmer is Galion's version of a "Renaissance Man" with multiple interests and wide-ranging skills. Make that "A Galion Man!"

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Rickey L. Jobe

Class of 1982

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According to Ms. Nita Huggins, who nominated him for induction into the Galion Alumni Association's Hall of Fame, Rick Jobe exemplifies the Class of 1982's motto:

Your success and happiness lie within you... Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form in invincible host against difficulties" (Helen Keller).

Huggins wrote that "Rick was tremendously involved in numerous activities, clubs and organizations in his high school career." His resume indicates exactly that: Jobe was active in music, participating in Show Tunes, choir and band; student government, serving as a class representative; various clubs such as Varsity G, Hi-Y and Thespians; and athletics, playing tennis and competing in swimming/diving. His athletic prowess earned him four letters in swimming and All NOL recognition as a diver during 10th, 11th and 12th grades. In addition, he qualified for the state meet as a junior and senior and placed at the state diving championships as a senior. Huggins reported that "Rick continued his record winning ways in diving at Ohio Northern University" where he garnered letters 4 years (1983-86), set records in 1 and 3 meter diving and earned induction into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

Upon graduation from ONU in 1988, Jobe "...transferred those qualities that equipped him to obtain such enormous success in his early years..." (Huggins) to his career path and established his own marketing and special events company, the internationally known Jobe & Associates. As noted on the firm's website, the company "is part marketing innovation, part event coordination, and part promotional solutions. Simply

stated - one stop shopping."

Over the years, Jobe & Associates
has won numerous awards from the International Special Events Society (ISES), the Columbus Society of Communication Artists (CSCA) and Special Events Magazine, which presented Jobe & Associates a Gala Award, described as the "Oscar" of the industry, for the Best Invitation in 2010.

One of three children (Brother Terry
and sister Vickie are also GHS graduates.), Jobe is the son of Jean and Leo Jobe, a long-time Galion Schools employee and later a school board member. Rick and his wife Mary have four daughters and currently reside in Dublin, Ohio.

Rick Jobe has taken
what lay within him and used those qualities to achieve success on fronts ranging from high school and collegiate sporting endeavors and activities to today's modern world of busines

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Mr. James Wegesin

Outstanding Educator (1973-2008)

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The son of Bob and Ruth Wegesin, Jim
Wegesin grew up in Delphos, OH, and attended St. John's schools. In high school, he earned 3 letters, served as captain and was named All Conference in his favorite sport, football. A member of NHS, Wegesin was also chess and judo champion and president of FTA. In 1968 he entered Findlay, majoring in HPER and minoring in General Science. He earned 3 letters in football and wrestling, was football team captain (1972) and named All Conference and All District in football in 1971 and 1972. Earning his BS in November 1972, he married Elaine Bayman, also from Delphos, on December 2, 1972, and was hired at Galion in late January 1973. There, he coached varsity football and YMCA and middle school wrestling and middle school track. Wegesin later became head wrestling coach, serving from 1977 to 1999. Since retiring as head coach, Jim has continued as an assistant.

In his 43 years of teaching and
coaching, Wegesin has received a number of honors, including Coach of the Year awards from Findlay College (Wrestling Alumni 1983-84 and 1985-86) and North Central Ohio Wrestling Officials (1984-85 and 1985-86). Jim was recognized as the Bell Ringer Award winner (Galion Schools 1986) and the B.E.S.T. (Business/Education Student Teacher) honoree (Crawford County 2003). In 2012 he was the recipient of the J. C. Gorman Coaches Dedication Award. While serving as either the head coach or as an assistant, his GHS wrestling teams have won 6 NOL Team Championships (1978, '80, '84, '85, '86 and '87) as well as one NCC Championship (2013-14). Under his tutelage Galion wrestlers have earned 102

individual league championships, with 52 qualifying for the state meet. Twenty, including 1 Runner Up and 4 State Champions, have placed. In addition, two became High School "All Americans."

Wegesin's influence has ranged far beyond the halls of Galion Middle School and the mats of the Galion Wrestling Program. When interviewed, he noted, "It is not about me. It is about the athletes I coached and what they've accomplished after leaving high school." And those achievements at the college level and elsewhere are significant: Ten Academic All-Americans, eight All-Americans, one NCAA Champion, one Big 10 Champion, and one Big 10 Runner-up. In addition, two have been named Hall of Fame inductees at their respective universities. Eight went on to become head wrestling coaches, including two who came home to Galion. Dozens of others have worked as assistant wrestling coaches and five have become referees, with two working state meets. One is now a rules interpreter for the state as well.

The father of two sons, Wegesin and his wife have five grandchildren with whom he hopes to spend more time now that he is retired from the classroom. Perhaps some of them will follow in his footsteps. In the meantime, Jim hopes to coach six more years and influence many more youngsters as they pass through the Galion Wrestling Program to which he has dedicated so much of his adult life.

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