



# Delaware City Schools

Distinguished Alumni  
Hall of Fame

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Heidi Kegley  
Superintendent of Schools

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the accomplishments of five outstanding individuals who are being inducted into the Delaware City Schools Hall of Fame. This joint event recognizes our alumni and friends of the district who have excelled in career achievement, athletics and the performing and visual arts.

Our students will have the opportunity to learn about our inductees next week. It is my hope that they will be similarly motivated to achieve in their respective fields of interest and will one day join this illustrious group. Please join me in thanking our inductees for making us so proud and for pointing our graduates toward excellence!

# Ceremony Agenda

Master of Ceremonies - Dr. Richard Stranges, Principal  
Rutherford B. Hayes High School Auditorium

Prelude Music	Hayes String Quartet
Welcome	Richard Stranges
Singing of the National Anthem & Alma Mater	Hayes Singers
Presentation of the Colors	AFJROTC
Remarks	Heidi Kegley Superintendent of Schools
Presentation of Awards	

Susan Hurd Barr - Class of 1982

Alice M. Batchelder - Class of 1961

Ashleigh Nicole Nordstrom Brown - Class of 2006

Janelle Thompson Gasaway - Class of 2001

Richard Hubbard - Class of 1955

Recognition of Former Inductees	Richard Stranges
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Closing Remarks	Richard Stranges
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Guests are invited to attend the football game for an on-field  
introduction of the honorees.

# Susan Hurd Barr

## Class of 1982

Susan Barr is a married, mother of four. As a registered nurse, she worked for 22 years in the emergency room and also as a hospital supervisor at Grady Memorial in Delaware Ohio. Taking her skills as a nurse to the air, she has worked with Honor Flight since 2006, assisting Veterans of all wars in their travel to Washington DC to see their memorials. To date, more than 230,000 Veterans have been able to make this trip from all over the United States. Susan helped train other states how to travel with their Veterans on these Honor Flights and still travels with different states when they request her assistance. After working in the PR and Marketing position for National Honor Flight, she founded Columbus Honor Flight, and they have flown over 6000 Veterans.

Susan and her husband live on a farm in Delaware County and they currently have 6 rescued horses. She received her diploma in Equine and Canine Acupuncture and uses this for assisting animals with their debilitating injuries. Susan is also certified in a Therapeutic Touch modality to assist Veterans and First Responders with PTS (PTSD) and has recently founded True North Veteran Support to provide equine therapy, Greenhouse farming, fly fishing, and other services for Veterans and first responders. She is in process of discussing and writing plans for an indoor arena complex with classroom/conference space. Mixing rescues and Veterans, plus our EMS has been an incredible path of healing for the first responders, Veterans and their families.

Susan was a guest speaker at The National Honor Flight Summit and Equine Affaire and has spoken to many Veteran and civic groups regarding Veterans and Honor Flight. Her family has many Veterans in their history including her father, a Korean War Naval Commander, an uncle who was MIA/KIA during WWII and a brother-in-law who is a bronze star (Desert Storm) and played football for West Point. Her father-in-law was in the Air Force in Vietnam and her grandfather was Army Corp of Engineers and carried the first American Flag into Occupied France in WWI. She also had a son in the Navy as a Fleet Marine/Corpsman stationed in San Diego.

Susan is the Ohio Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Committee Chair. She has earned many accolades including: Delaware County Outstanding Friend of the Veterans (2017), Delaware County Outstanding Veteran Service (2009), American Red Cross Exceptional Service (2002) and she was nominated for the Jefferson Award in 2019. She feels blessed to be able to assist and support Veterans and also honored to hear their stories.

# The Honorable Alice M. Batchelder

## Class of 1961

### **Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit**

From 1971 to 1983, Judge Batchelder served as an attorney in private practice with Williams and Batchelder. She obtained her first judicial post as a judge on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio in 1983. After two years, she was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. While a district judge, Batchelder obtained a Master of Laws degree from the University of Virginia Law School in 1988.

In 1991 President George Bush appointed her to her position as judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; which covers Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee. From August 2009 to August 2014, Judge Batchelder served as Chief Judge of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Batchelder received her B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University, her J.D. from Akron University School of Law. She is on the Board of Trustees of Grove City College, from which she received an Honorary Doctor of Law in 2009. She has been honored with several awards from The University of Akron and the University of Akron School of Law: the Law Outstanding Alumni Award in 1993; an Honorary Alumni Award in 1996; an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law in 2001; and in 2013 she received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. In 1993, she received the Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from Lake Erie College. In 2011, Judge Batchelder received the Defender of the Constitution award from the Heritage Foundation. In 2016, she was honored with the Claremont Institute's Ronald Reagan Jurisprudence Award.

She is married to William G. Batchelder III, former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives. She makes no effort to be objective about her two wonderful adult children and their wonderful spouses, and her eight grandchildren whom she adores.

# Ashleigh Nicole Nordstrom Brown

## Class of 2006

Ashleigh Brown was a four time letter winner and two time captain for the Delaware Hayes basketball team, helping them achieve a record of 66-26 during her four years. Ashleigh averaged double digits in the last three seasons of her time at Hayes and in her senior season averaged 20.0 points per game, leading her team to a 19-4 record. Brown was named Central District Player of the Year and Ohio Capital Conference MVP as well as First Team All-Ohio in 2005-2006. She competed in the North-South All-Star game and helped her team win the OCC Championship. While in high school Brown also competed with the top ranked AAU team, Dayton Lady Hoopstars, where they finished among the Top 10 teams nationally, winning the AAU State Title for 3 consecutive years. Ashleigh was also a letter winner in track and field. She placed sixth at the Division I State OHSAA track and field tournament in 2003, running a time of 57.9 in the 400 meter dash. Brown earned a spot on the Wall of Champions at Hayes High School.

Brown continued her basketball career and education at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, on a full scholarship. She graduated with a degree in Arts and Science with a focus on English and Education. Brown helped her college team win a MAC Championship in 2008 that led them to the NCAA Division I Tournament. After college, Ashleigh played semi-professional basketball with the Hidden Gems who was ranked number 1 in the nation multiple times during the season. On the bus ride back from the National Tournament for the Women's Semi professional league, Brown accepted the offer to play in Visby, Sweden for her professional rookie season.

While playing overseas Brown was ranked among the top players in the Swedish league averaging a double/double during her 8 years of professional play. She earned honors as Player of the Month in the Baltic Cup league and multiple Player of the Month honors in the Swedish league. During Brown's final seasons in Sweden, she played with the number one team, holding undefeated records and winning the regular season two years in a row. That same team (Udominate) competed in the European Cup and finished among the top 16 teams in Europe. While playing in the Swedish league, Brown was also working in the schools as a mentor to students from a variety of backgrounds.

Currently speaking the language fluently, she is an educator working closely with her students in the classroom and after school to help them further their education and grow as young people. After retiring from her professional playing career, Ashleigh began her coaching career with the professional basketball team as well as the developmental team. Wanting to move up and expand her vision, she was hired as the Sports Director of a professional team in Uppsala, Sweden and was in charge of the program's development and recruitment. Ashleigh currently resides and is a citizen of Sweden but plans on moving back to the states in the future.

# Janelle Thompson Gasaway

## Class of 2001

Janelle Thompson Gasaway had an active career during her time at Delaware Hayes High School from 1997-2001. Janelle was a 3 sport athlete, lettering in volleyball, basketball, and softball. She was also involved in the music department, performing in Symphonic Choir, Women's Choral, Hayes Singers, and the variety shows. She sat on Student Council and was involved in Key Club, Renaissance Club, Spanish Club, and the National Honor Society. In 2001, in addition to graduating with honors, Janelle was awarded the United States Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award, was a Delaware Gazette Teen of the Week and Columbus Dispatch Scholar Athlete, received the Ohio Capital Conference Academic League Journalism Award, and the Delaware Hayes Athletic Boosters Scholarship. She was one of two incoming freshmen to Ohio Wesleyan University to be awarded the Battelle Scholarship for exhibiting outstanding participation in community service and strong leadership skills.

Janelle was the captain of the volleyball team and was named All-OCC Honorable Mention in 1999. While she loved the game of volleyball, softball was her main passion as a Pacer.

Janelle achieved many firsts for the Delaware Hayes softball program as a pitcher and was a 4-year varsity starter. As a sophomore, she was named All-OCC Honorable Mention and threw the school's first no-hitter against West High School. As a junior, Janelle led the Pacers to the school's first Ohio Capital Conference Championship, Sectional Championship, and first District Finals appearance in program history. She was named Captain and MVP, as well as 1st Team All-OCC and 2nd Team All-District. In 2001, Janelle traveled to France to represent the United States in the 2001 Softball World Cup. As a senior Captain, Janelle pitched 140 out of 169 total innings, earning a 14-6 record and a 0.65 ERA. She led the team in RBIs. She pitched a second no hitter against Watkins Memorial and was named the team's MVP for a second season. The team won a Sectional Championship and made a second appearance at District finals. Janelle received 1st Team All-OCC, 1st Team All-District, and 2nd Team All-Ohio. She was the first softball player in Delaware Hayes history to be named to the All-State team.

Janelle played softball for Ohio Wesleyan University, as a pitcher, and was named All-NCAC Honorable Mention in 2002 and Academic All-District in 2003. She graduated from OWU in 2005 with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education. She graduated from The Ohio State University in 2007 with a Master's degree in Sport Administration and worked in non-profit before choosing to stay home with her children and working within the Delaware City School District. Janelle is now a Realtor, serving the central Ohio area and resides in Delaware with her husband, Matt, and children, Dylan and Audrey.



# Richard Hubbard

## Class of 1955

Richard (Dick) Hubbard was an outstanding tennis player for Willis High School from 1952 to 1955. Following his graduation from Willis in 1955, Dick enrolled in the University of Arizona in Tucson where he graduated in 1960 with a BSEE. Shortly thereafter in 1961, Dick married his high school sweetheart, Rachel Reaney (Class of 1956). Earlier this year the couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Dick and Rachel have been blessed with three children and six grandchildren.

At Willis, Dick participated in both basketball and tennis. Dick was promoted to the varsity basketball team near the end of his sophomore season. He was a starter on the Willis basketball team in his junior year and was elected captain by his teammates in his senior year. He was never a high scorer or the best player on the basketball team. However, his leadership qualities showed through on several good teams with talented teammates.

In tennis, Dick had more personal success. He was undefeated in the singles from 1953-1955. Hubbard was three times the Central Ohio District tennis winner: In 1953 he won doubles with Jerry Rinehart and in singles he was Central District winner in both 1954 and 1955. In all three years at State, he was defeated by the eventual state champion in close matches. The Willis tennis team also enjoyed success culminating with a CBL title in his senior year, due in part to Hubbard's victories.

Following high school, Dick lettered in tennis for three seasons at the University of Arizona (1956-58). In the fall of 1955 he and his partner, Herman Carrillo, won the junior doubles title at the Southwest USA competition. Dick continued his college education and received an MBA from Santa Clara University in 1969. Dick has been recognized as an international expert in the design, construction and operation of nuclear power stations. Following his graduation from college, Dick joined the General Electric Company for the period from 1960 to 1976. The last 12 years of his employment was in the GE nuclear power division in a variety of technical and supervisory positions in the application, manufacturing and marketing of components for nuclear power station.

In 1976, Dick joined two other GE managers in publicly resigning from the nuclear division because of their concerns regarding deficiencies in the commercial nuclear program. Following participation in a number of state nuclear initiative campaigns, the three ex-GE engineers formed a consulting company, MHB Technical Associates. In his 23 years with MHB, Dick provided consulting assistance to 15 states and the District of Columbia, ranging from Maine to Texas to Alaska. His MHB partners also had a number of opportunities to provide consulting services in Europe including Germany, Italy and Sweden. Their recommendations helped the development of the policies regarding the expansion and operation of nuclear power facilities in Europe.

# Hall of Fame Inductees

## **Delaware City Schools Hall of Fame**

### 2013 - Combined Hall of Fame

Richard J. Blakeslee - Class of 1970  
John C. "Jack" Hilborn - Class of 1967  
Christian Howes - Class of 1989  
Dan Morrison - Coach  
Will Morrison - Class of 2003  
Herbert H. "Bill" Williams - Class of 1954

### 2014 - Combined Hall of Fame

Brent Carson - Class of 1966  
Clifford Dochterman - Class of 1943  
Larry Eberst - Class of 1973  
Charles "Tony" McCleery - Class of 1945  
Abigail Nims - Class of 1997  
Joseph DiGenova - Friend of the District

### 2015 - Combined Hall of Fame

Noah Cowan - Class of 1990  
John Edwin Dewey - Class of 1957  
Timothy Flahive - Class of 1975  
Linda Lukas - Class of 1974  
Bill Rietz - Class of 1976  
James D. Schlichting - Class of 1971

### 2016 - Combined Hall of Fame

David Hackel - Class of 1967  
Warren Wilson Hyer - Class of 1972  
Vincente Minnelli - Class of 1921  
Frank Lee Ruggles - Class of 1985  
Doborah Poling-Schooley - Class of 1975  
Richard "Dick" Shively - Class of 1954

### 2017 - Combined Hall of Fame

Jacob C. Edwards - Class of 2007  
Paul L. Gaus - Class of 1967  
Terry Johnson - Class of 1952  
Stephen M. Reed - Class of 1966  
Ezra F. Vogel - Class of 1947

### 2018 - Combined Hall of Fame

Carrie Banks - Class of 1996  
Douglas Baxter - Class of 1968  
Richard Andrus Hagar - Class of 1954  
Jeannee Parker Martin - Class of 1973  
April Nelson - Class of 1974  
René Landon Weber - Class of 1974  
*Distinguished Service*

### 2019 - Combined Hall of Fame

E. Fred Carlisle - Class of 1952  
Emily Chenoweth - Class of 1990  
Leonard "Mike" Clark - Class of 1953  
Donald Keebaugh - Class of 1950  
Barry King - Class of 1963  
Kevin L. Reed - *Distinguished Service*

## **Distinguished Alumni Hall of Honor**

### 2007 – Inaugural Class

William Hastings Eels – Class of 1942  
Esther Jo King – Class of 1977  
F. Sherwood Rowland – Class of 1943  
John Michael "Mick" Seidl – Class of 1957  
Henry Clay Thomson II – Class of 1926  
James Tull – Class of 1980

### 2008

Jeffrey T. Benton – Class of 1971  
Christopher "C.D." Davies – Class of 1983  
Douglas H. Dittrick – Class of 1951  
Richard E. Lee, Jr. – Class of 1969

### 2009

Lorraine Bahrack – Class of 1971  
Richard D. Gordin II – Class of 1969  
Anthony M. Heald – Class of 1967

### 2010

Cheri Florance – Class of 1966  
Douglas Gordin – Class of 1974  
Tiffany Lefevre Lillie – Class of 1991  
Nicholas Shaheen – Class of 1983

## **Distinguished Alumni Hall of Honor**

### 2011

David Fivecoat – Class of 1989  
Chris Geesman – Class of 1957  
Janet B. Hurst – Class of 1974  
Walter D. “Tom” Thomson – Class of 1956

## **Athletic Hall of Fame**

### 2000 – Inaugural Class

Jerry Cornell - Coach  
Liana Coutts - Class of 1984  
Roy Henderson - Coach  
Julie Schupp Long - Class of 1981  
Rick Middleton - Class of 1970  
Robert Muirfield - Distinguished Service

### 2001

T.K. Cellar - Coach  
Tiffany Feinberg - Class of 1984  
Ray Middleton - Coach  
Tom Reed - Class of 1963  
Donald Shannon - Class of 1966  
Jim Stimmel - Distinguished Service

### 2002

Gabe Banks - Class of 1991  
Jay Coffman - Class of 1976  
Jerry Fouts - Distinguished Service  
Vance Herrell - Class of 1973  
Sheila Martin - Class of 1983  
Richard Snouffer - Administrator

### 2003

Jerome Bohanna - Class of 1972  
Tony Heald - Class of 1967  
Gary Henery - Distinguished Service  
Carrie Houser - Class of 1986  
Mike Kinnaird - Class of 1975  
Tom Landsittel - Class of 1963

### 2004

Jim Burkhart - Class of 1962  
Dr. Bob Kedar - Class of 1988  
Gary Fivecoat - Coach  
Joe Reed - Class of 1952  
Dewey Warden, Jr. - Class of 1971  
Dr. Tennyson Williams - Distinguished Service

### 2005

Jim Hoffman - Distinguished Service  
Don Lockwood - Coach  
Bill Middleton - Class of 1968  
Frank Montgomery - Class of 1962  
Marge Moses - Coach  
Fred Terry - Class of 1955

### 2006

Frank Dalton - Coach  
Travis Dalton - Class of 1989  
Kris Leslie - Class of 1979  
John Talley - Class of 1956  
Ralph Young - Athletic Director  
Terry Kramer - Distinguished Service

### 2007

Dave Echols - Coach  
Jean O'Connor - Class of 1984  
Stacey Reed - Class of 1989  
Ed Starling - Coach  
Len Visci - Coach  
Tom Ackley - Distinguished Service  
Al Wood - Distinguished Service

### 2008

Lou Carozza - Coach  
John Dewey - Class of 1957  
Jack McKinnie - Class of 1950  
Richard Payne - Class of 1955  
Lynne Powers Weber - Class of 1978  
Tim Burchfield - Distinguished Service

## **Athletic Hall of Fame - Cont'd**

### 2009

Steve Aller - Class of 1963  
Wilbur Bills - Class of 1944  
Roy Clark - Class of 1960  
Clifton Davis - Class of 1950  
Krista Jacobs - Class of 1988  
Tony Rieman - Distinguished Service

### 2010

Andy Hull - Class of 1954  
Mike Milligan - Class of 1982  
Dan Mohr - Class of 1992  
Larry Seidl - Class of 1953  
Matt Weller - Class of 1986  
Mike Stimmel - Distinguished Service

### 2011

Tom Arnold - Class of 1969  
Mike Cornell - Class of 1973  
Todd Goebbel - Class of 1994  
Bill Williams - Class of 1954  
Nancy Young - Distinguished Service

## **Performing Arts Wall of Fame**

### 2004

Jay R. Smith - Class of 1970

### 2006

Eugene Raymond Ross - Band Director 1938-1971  
Brad Schroeder - Class of 1970

### 2007

Amy Eckert - Orchestra Director 1971-1997  
Erika Eckert - Class of 1982