

Volume 4, Circleville HS Alumni Association Achievement Hall of Fame Inductees 2013

*Circleville High School Alumni Association*

*Annual Dinner*

*Featuring*

*The Fourth Annual Achievement Hall of Fame*

*6:00 Social*

*6:30 Dinner*

*Invocation, The Rev. Ted Davis '53*

*Program, Emcee Tom Strawser '76*

*~~~2013 Honorees~~~*

**ERNEST WALKER IRVING**

**DANIEL M. DICK**

**JO MYERS THOMPSON**

**MARY ANNE YATES**

**SCOTT E. WUNSCH**

*Alumni Scholarship Winners ~Honoree Escorts*

JENNY SCHERER GRIFFIN '06

ALEX GREENLEE '09

NICHOLAS FOSTER '11

BEN WINNER '06

JENNIFER KELLER '09

JENNA GRUNDEN '11

JUSTIN STYERS '07

LYNDSEY YOUNG '09

REILY KISER '11

KARA VALENTINE '07

ASHLEY BIVENS '10

CASEY LOCKARD '11

KORY HARTINGER '08

KASSANDRA COOPER '10

EMILY MARCUM '11

ELIZABETH SCUDDER '08

LEAH HIVELY '10

KAYLA THEIS '11

RACHAEL SPANGLER '08

ZACHARY LANMAN '10

JOSEPH HUGUS '12

JILL TRUEX KEMPTON '08

EDWARD STRAWSER '10

SARAH KELLER '12

BEN ANKROM '09

MICHAEL THEIS '10

JULIE RICHARDS '12



**Dr. Ernest Walker Irving '89**

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, African-Americans seeking a medical education were faced with difficult prospects. Few medical schools would admit black students regardless of their academic excellence.

Dr. Irving, became one of the country's earliest African-American physicians and rose to prominence as a doctor, teacher, businessman and philanthropist.

Often cited in historical references by only his first initials, E.W, Irving attended Duckworth Business College in Columbus before accepting a position as principal of a

school in Mississippi. Eight years later he enrolled at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, one of two medical colleges designated specifically for African-Americans.

Born in Circleville in 1869, Irving established himself as both a scholar and athlete at Circleville. In the book, "The Bright Side of Memphis: A Compendium of Information Concerning the Colored People of Memphis," the author described Irving as a member of his alma mater's "crack baseball team and a veritable 'Casey at the Bat.'" Upon high school graduation, he also was recognized as the class orator.

In 1897, after graduating with honors from medical school, Irving practiced medicine his entire life in Memphis, a city he loved and one that returned the gesture. With a welcoming smile, charming intellect and professional manner, he quickly became well respected in the city for his willingness to help others regardless of their status in life.

He became the health inspector for Memphis City Schools, a member of the Memphis Board of Health and a business associate with several banks and growing businesses within the community. His popularity in Memphis also led to him being asked to deliver a welcoming address to President Theodore Roosevelt during a visit to that city.

Irving, with his position of leadership, often looked for opportunities to help those less fortunate than himself, and his name is often referenced as one of the founding members of organizations such as the Memphis Lodge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and medical associations for African-American physicians.

Irving died in 1944 and is buried with his wife, Elvira, in Memphis.



**Daniel M. Dick '66**

In the late 60s, Dan graduated from high school, received his BS degree in industrial engineering from Virginia Tech and subsequently a Master of Science degree in Business Management from Troy University, Alabama.

During the time he was a student, the national news highlighted draft dodgers and the anti-war sentiment. His focus, however, was centered on the military. Dan served our country for 33 years, distinguishing himself as a caring leader, commander and fighter pilot.

During his career, he commanded an operational F-16 fighter squadron, an F-16 fighter wing, all Air Force forces in the Persian Gulf who were enforcing the United Nations no-fly zone and air embargo over Iraq, and the 13th Air Force responsible for USAF operations in a 32-country area in the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans.

As a career fighter pilot, he logged over 3,600 flying hours in F-4s and F-16s, including 155 combat hours and 51 missions over Iraq. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1970 to 2003 retiring as a Major General. A lifelong supporter of Virginia Tech, he has been inducted into the Virginia Tech Academy of Engineering Excellence, the Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISE) Academy of Distinguished Alumni and received the 2008 ISE Department's Distinguished Alumni Award—an honor given to only one alumnus every two years.

Dan is married to Lynn (Sears) whom he met in college. They have three children, Danielle, Jeanine and Bryan. Circleville graduates from his family include his mom Dorothy '36, sister Diane and her husband Mike Wilson both in 1963, and his sister Debbie Harvey in 1969. His family grew up on Franklin Street where his parents lived for over 50 years.

While his Air Force career has taken him away from Circleville since graduation, he has maintained a close relationship with many of his high school friends and has been a faithful supporter of his class of '66 alumni group and reunions. He currently lives in Keswick, Virginia, where he provides consulting support to several defense companies.

### **Jo Myers Thompson '74**



From Central Ohio to the forests of Africa, this Circleville graduate has been a crusader with her passionate focus on bonobos.

Since 1992, Jo has worked in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on bonobo conservation. The bonobo is related to the chimpanzee however has long legs, pink lips, dark face and long parted hair.

In 1998 when war was officially declared in the DRC, she organized an international "human needs" approach to conservation with Congolese conservationists meeting state ambassadors at the United Nations.

In 2004, she received the Rolex Award for Enterprise Associate which summarizes her unique approach to her life's work. Those characteristics include: boldness and initiative in her quest to change the world, challenging the status quo through outstanding commitment and perseverance, working on her own outside the mainstream without traditional funding sources, facing and overcoming challenging odds, and inner determination. Her project won for originality, feasibility and potential impact to surrounding communities and the world at large.

Jo received her doctorate degree from the University of Oxford, England; her Masters from University of Colorado, Denver, and her Bachelor's from Wittenberg University.

Her 1991 Master's thesis included observations of bonobos at the Columbus Zoo. In 2002, she was honored when a bonobo born at the zoo was named "Jo-T" in recognition of her studies.

She has received other awards for her conservation efforts, and has contributed toward several popular wildlife and conservation publications. In 2010, she accepted a faculty position at The Ohio State University. She continues to lead the Lukuru Foundation in the DRC. The foundation supports the scientific study, documentation and preservation of targeted great ape populations.

She is the daughter of Dr. William and Joy Myers. Other Circleville graduates in the family include her twin brother John, Ann Myers Harr '73 and David '84. She currently lives in Marion, Ohio with her husband Craig.



### **Mary Anne Yates '67**

Mary Anne knew she wanted to be a chemist when she was in 8th grade. She said it was always her nature to find out how things worked, even as a young child. "My mom would say my first word was 'why?'" recalls Yates. Science and music were always her favorites.

Yates is senior advisor and has been the leader of the National Security Initiative and Department Head for national security in the Chemical Science and Engineering division at Argonne National Laboratory outside Chicago. Argonne is one of the U.S. Department of Energy's major multipurpose national laboratories.

At Circleville, Yates was active in the drama club, choir and of course, the science club. A salutatorian with the 1967 Circleville graduating class, Yates received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Rochester, and then master's and doctorate degrees, also in chemistry, from Carnegie-Mellon. At Rochester she started a women's singing group that still exists today.

For her thesis, she moved to Los Alamos National Laboratory and stayed for 30 years. One of her projects gained international recognition for a discovery in laser fusion.

In 1993, Yates was assigned to the Department of Energy headquarters as a technical advisor on arms control issues and later became involved in international discussions on disarmament.

Returning to Los Alamos, she was recruited as the chief of staff to the associate laboratory director for threat reduction. In that position, her responsibility was to build an organization that would assess the broad scientific expertise of Los Alamos to address emerging threats to U.S. national security.

During her career, Yates led the 9-11 response team for Los Alamos and coordinated homeland security initiatives, leading to her promotion to deputy center director for the Los Alamos Center for Homeland Security. In 2006, she joined the staff at Argonne National Laboratory. Her duties have included coordinating work with the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Department of Homeland Security.

Yates is the daughter of the late Melvin "Pat" and Mary May Yates, and is married to Alfred P. Sattelberger. They live in Darien, Illinois. Her older sister, Nancy Lou Yates Kramer was a 1965 graduate of Circleville High School.

**Scott E. Wunsch '88**



Scott is a member of the principal professional staff of the Applied Physics Laboratory at Johns Hopkins University, Laurel, Md. Wunsch has performed basic and applied research on oceanography and climate, developed new technologies for naval applications, published numerous scholarly research articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals and presented research findings at conferences and universities in the United States and Europe.

Before joining Johns Hopkins, Scott worked at Sandia National, where he performed basic research on fusion energy, combustion, climate, and astrophysics, developed new computational methods for the study of fluid turbulence, and disseminated his findings through journal articles and seminars.

Wunsch holds a Doctor of Philosophy in theoretical physics from the University of Chicago, and a bachelor's degree, *summa cum laude*, in mechanical engineering/engineering physics from Princeton University, where he double-majored in studies at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs.

In the community, he has coordinated activities for young professionals and soup-kitchen volunteers at his church parish. An Eagle Scout at Troop 52 in Circleville, Wunsch served several years as an assistant scoutmaster in Livermore, Calif. Wunsch is the winner of the Hertz Fellowship, Churchill Scholarship to Cambridge University, England; McCormick Fellow (University of Chicago), Caldwell Scholarship and Hayes-Palmer and J.O. Kephart prizes (Princeton), and Hart Prize Honorable Mention (Johns Hopkins).

A Phi Beta Kappa at Princeton, and CHS valedictorian, Wunsch earned varsity letters in cross country at Princeton and Circleville; and in track at Circleville.

He is the son of Ron and Linda Wunsch of Circleville. His brother Eric is also a Circleville graduate, in the class of 1989.

Scott currently lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

## *Past Achievement Hall of Fame Recipients*

### *2010*

<b>REX HAECKER '30</b>	<b>DWIGHT RADCLIFF '50</b>
<b>TED LEWIS '05-'07</b>	<b>W. W. HIGGINS, Inst.</b>
<b>RICHARD BOYD, Inst. Coach</b>	<b>GEORGE KERR '56</b>
<b>WILLIAM "BILL" RICHARDS '49</b>	<b>JOHN MAXWELL '65</b>
<b>RALPH STARKEY '49</b>	<b>WARREN SNEED '91</b>

### *2011*

<b>JAMES G. DUNTON '17</b>	<b>ANNE ADKINS WEISENBORN '57</b>
<b>CLIFFORD KERNS '42</b>	<b>RICHARD A. BANKS '57</b>
<b>WILLIAM J. BARTHELMAS '54</b>	

### *2012*

<b>DR. HARRY D. JACKSON</b> CHS Class of 1901 WWI and WWII Decorated Veteran Beloved Local Family Doctor	<b>M.E. JACK SENSENBRENNER</b> CHS Class of 1919 Long Serving, Forward Thinking Mayor of Columbus Approached Life with Enthusiasm
<b>ANNETTE GROCE WILL</b> CHS Educator 1947-68 Teacher with a Talent for Humor and School Relationships Community Leader	<b>THE REV. GEORGE FRY</b> CHS Class of 1954 Lifetime of Service as Educator, Author And Religious Ministry
	<b>ROBERT D. SHADLEY</b> CHS Class of 1960 Lifetime of Military Service Major General in the U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics

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Special thanks and appreciation to the Circleville City Schools Board of Education and Administration for allowing us to use the high school for tonight's celebration. This is the final ceremony in this building as the new high school will open January, 2014.

Kudos to the students of Fred Styers' Class for assembling tonight's program.

Kirk McMahon, Superintendent      Chris Thornsley, H.S. Principal

Board of Education

Dan Bradhurst, Chris Williams, Amy DeLong, Todd Stevens and Tony Reeser