

Vol. 8, Circleville H.S. Alumni Association Achievement Hall of Fame 2017

Circleville High School Alumni Association

Annual Dinner

Featuring

The Eighth Annual

Achievement Hall of Fame

6:00 Social 6:30 Dinner

Welcome, Invocation

Historical Highlights & Events

Scholarship Winners

Presentation of Inductees

Recognition of previous

Scholarship and HOF Recipients

Singing of the Alma Mater "The Red and Black"

~~~2017 Honorees~~~

JOHN STEVENSON Class of '51

RONALD BENNINGTON Class of '54

TRACEY BECK SIEMS Class of '84

MATTHEW CURTIS Class of '93

SAMANTHA JACKSON JAGLOWSKI

Class of '98



JOHN STEVENSON '51

As a founding board member of this Alumni Association, John showed his dedication to his school in the same manner as he did for his community, his state and his country. After graduation from OSU in 1955, he joined the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant and served as a fighter interceptor pilot during the Cold War.

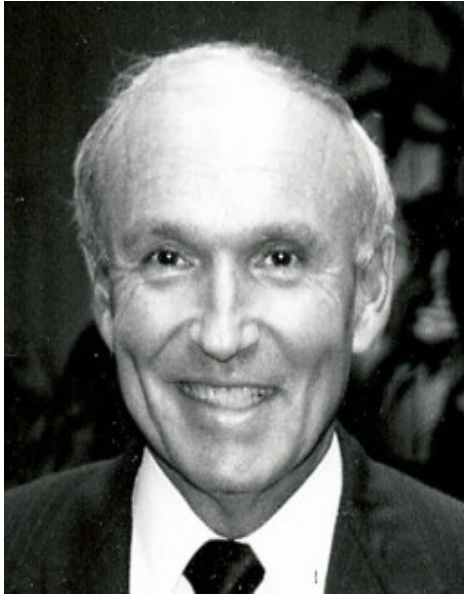
After service, John returned to Pickaway County and spent many years farming the family farm. John's service to the community included the

Farm Bureau, county campaign manager for Jim Rhodes and president of Circleville Chamber of Commerce. He was founder and president of Ohio Corn Growers Association, president National Corn Growers Association, state and federal executive director USDA Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, state executive director USDA Farm Service Agency. He served as agricultural specialist for office of Congressman Boehner, Senator Voinovich, the Ohio EPA and division chief for Ohio Department of Agriculture. He was a board member for South Central Power Company and Rotary. He served as Pickaway County commissioner from 1999 until 2006 and on the Session and Board of Deacons of the Circleville Presbyterian Church.

John was a member of AmVets, and was active in Sons of the American Revolution and a variety of political efforts. An avid pilot, John was involved in the establishment of the Pickaway County airport, served on the airport Authority, and hangered two planes there, including a Van's RV-9A he built in retirement.

"John was a great man. It was a pleasure working with him as fellow County Commissioners" recalls Bob Huffer, CHS class of '48. "We were opposites politically, but when it came to what was best for the county, we were on the same page."

John helped establish the Alumni Association in 2005 then accepted a federal position in 2006. He passed in 2015. He was married to Linda Given Stevenson, class of '54. His daughters Susan and Sharon graduated from CHS in '77 and '79.



RONALD BENNINGTON '54

Ron grew up on a farm in southwest Ohio, where he acquired his strong work ethic at a young age. He and his brother Roger received their primary education together in the same classroom of a country schoolhouse. When Ron was in the eighth grade, his family moved to Circleville where he graduated from Circleville High School with highest honors.

He graduated from Kenyon College magna cum laude, and was selected to Phi Beta Kappa at Kenyon in 1958. His baseball and football talents followed from CHS to quarterback at Kenyon and baseball MVP.

In 1961 he earned a law degree summa cum laude from Ohio State, serving with distinction as editor-in-chief of The Ohio State University Law Review. Ron practiced law for 47 years in Canton, retiring in 2002. He then joined Mercy Medical Center as senior vice president and general counsel, retiring from that position in 2008.

In parallel with his legal career he attended football referee school in 1962 and began a long and distinguished tenure as a referee at the junior high, high school, and college levels. He served as a Big Ten Conference football official for 20 years and remained active in the Big Ten officiating program through the 2012 football season. He cherished his time as a college official and regaled his friends with many thrilling accounts of his experiences.

Ron was an active leader with Christ Presbyterian Church of Canton. His service to the local community included Jaycees, Stark County Mental Health board, Mercy Medical Center board, many medical, university and business foundations, the Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce and United Way of Stark County.

He received the Outstanding Alumnus Award of The Ohio State University College of Law in 1996, and the Greater Canton Chamber of Commerce Award of Merit in 1990.

He passed away at the age of 77.

He was presented for induction by Hall of Fame Member Cal Ellis, Brent Bell, and Pete Hartinger all from the CHS Class of '59.

TRACEY BECK SIEMS '84



While she was still a student at Circleville High School, Tracey Beck Siems started showing her leadership qualities. As a senior, she was named Editor of the Circle, Captain of the Women's Tennis team and she was a Lieutenant Governor of Key Club. She was also the Valedictorian of the Class of 1984.

General Siems began her military life as a cadet at the United States Air Force Academy. She graduated as a Lieutenant in 1988, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. In 1993 she earned a Master of Science degree from Troy University.

She received further military education from the financial Management Staff Officer's Course, the Squadron Officer School, the Air Command and Staff College, and from the Air War College. She also attended the Reserve Component National Security Course and the National and International Security Leadership Seminar.

The importance of computer security is a world-wide concern and General Siems' leadership reflects a high degree of computer safeguards on the military front.

General Siems left active military service in 1996, but has served a stint in the Illinois Air National Guard from 1996 until 2003. In 2003 she joined the US Air Force Reserve, and has served in that assignment to the present day. Her current reserve duty assignment is Mobilization Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Budget, Washington, D.C.

To the present in her military career, General Siems has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

General Siems pointed to retired CHS English teacher Meg Lares Kadunc as a teacher who inspired her. "She showed me how to not just set high goals, but also how to develop them and carry them out."



MATTHEW CURTIS '93

Matthew Curtis aced his high school years, undergraduate and graduate academia, and settled in the Columbus area. His long term employment and community service shows a gentleman who never quits running.

Beth Smith Chrimer CHS class of '70, and her husband Dan nominated him. "We believe that Matt would provide a great example of the type of students the Circleville City Schools have produced in recent years."

At CHS, Matt was on the honor roll every quarter. He was a class officer every year. He was in

the symphonic and swing choir, Key Club, Math Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He received numerous awards and was valedictorian of his class.

Matt graduated magna cum laude from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. In 2002, he earned his Masters of Business Administration from The Ohio State University. He began his career with American Electric Power in 1998. He was project manager for a \$1.2 billion flue gas desulfurization retrofit project in Charleston West Virginia from 2006 to 2009.

He currently lives and works in Columbus as AEP's Director of Transmission and Distribution Services. Along with the professional awards, honors and achievements he has received through his career, he has served in the community sector as well. He was a charter member of the Young Leadership Council of the Breathing Association and currently serves on the administrative council of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Marble Cliff. He is also a PTO volunteer for Barrington Elementary.

He is currently an executive board member of The Breathing Association which, through its support of lung health, tethers with another of his passions—running. In high school, he took honors in basketball, track and soccer and then continued running. He has completed three full and five half marathons and many road races including our own Roundtown Classic. He has taken top honors in the Classic's 5K three times; most recently last summer.

Matt's parents Becky and Ken Curtis live in Circleville. He is married to Julie and has one son, Drew.



**SAMANTHA JACKSON
JAGLOWSKI 98**

When Samantha Jackson graduated from Circleville High School in 1998, she already had earned two years of college credit from Ohio State University. A juggernaut in the classroom, the wisdom she shares today with students preparing for college is less intensive.

“I tell students their years as an undergraduate is the time to learn new things and develop a diverse repertoire,” she said. “Learn a

little bit about everything and more about yourself.”

Now married, Dr. Samantha Jaglowski is a well recognized name at The Ohio State University Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital where she is hematologist specializing in stem cell transplants for patients with lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

At Ohio State, she earned an undergraduate degree in zoology prior to completing medical school in 2004. Following a residency and fellowship, all at Ohio State, she was recruited to join the faculty in the hematology division where today she is an assistant professor. She also holds a degree in public health.

“From the age of four I wanted to be a physician,” she said. “I never knew a time when I *didn't* want to be a doctor.” In high school she found inspiration from science teachers John Karg and the late Carolyn Thomas. “They treated us like adults and were very supportive of their students’ ambitions,” she recalls. “They made learning enjoyable.”

Although she sees seriously ill patients everyday, she is energized by their optimism as they progress through stem cell (bone marrow) transplantation and a long, tedious recovery. “Hope and a positive outlook are so important,” said Samantha, speaking both as a doctor and a former cancer patient.

Samantha has authored several articles for peer-reviewed journals and currently is preparing a manuscript for submission to the New England Journal of Medicine.

She is the daughter of Bob Range and Mary Jackson and the mother of three girls, an 11-year-old and nine-year-old twins.

Scholarships

The Circleville Alumni Association is dedicated to supporting the academic, athletic, arts and social service activities of students attending Circleville City Schools.

Since 2006, this organization has awarded forty two \$1,000 scholarships. Criteria include a parent or guardian who is a CHS graduate.

2017 Circleville High School Senior Scholarship Recipients

Morgan Bircher, plans to attend Shawnee State University and enter the field of nursing. Morgan is the daughter of Tyler and Kathi Stonerock Bircher. Tyler and Kathi both are graduates of CHS, Tyler in 1988 and Kathi in 1990.

Ashley Sark, will attend Cleveland Institute of Art and study illustration. Ashley is the daughter of Robbie Sark. Robbie is 1979 graduate of CHS.

Greg Brewer, will attend University of Cincinnati and study business and communications. Greg is the son of John and Michele Brewer. Michele Wolfe Brewer is a 1987 CHS graduate.

Alumni Scholarship Winners and Honoree Escorts

JENNY SCHERER GRIFFIN '06	ASHLEY BIVENS COX '10	SARAH KELLER '12
BEN WINNER '06	KASSANDRA COOPER HOLBROOK '10	JULIE RICHARDS '12
JUSTIN STYERS '07	LEAH HIVELY HOOKS '10	DENISE CLINE '13
KARA VALENTINE DAVIS '07	ZACHARY LANMAN '10	ANDREW CRIST '13
KORY HARTINGER '08	EDWARD STRAWSER '10	TORY LANMAN '13
ELIZABETH SCUDDER RAMOND '08	MICHAEL THEIS '10	ASPEN DOWDEN '14
RACHAEL SPANGLER '08	NICHOLAS FOSTER '11	SARAH RUFF '14
JILL TRUEX '08	JENNA GRUNDEN '11	ETHAN WARNER '14
BEN ANKROM '09	REILY KISER '11	DARBI BREWER '15
ALEX GREENLEE '09	CASEY LOCKARD '11	HANNAH JOHNSON '15
JENNIFER KELLER HEDGES '09	EMILY MARCUM '11	ALYSON LEIB '15
LYNDSEY YOUNG '09	KAYLA THEIS '11	TANNER BIGAM '16
	JOSEPH HUGUS '12	ANYA BINGMAN '16
		JARRED UTT '16

First, Busy Year 2005-06

- Warren Gentzel, first president
- First board of Directors
- First Logo, first newsletter
- Bylaws drafted by Attorney Bob Huffer and approved as a 501-C3
- Data Base collected by Pete Hartinger from class representatives
- Electronic Data Base developed by Don Wolford
- Letters were sent requesting funding for “Founding Members”

Founding Officers

- President Warren Gentzel ‘58
- Vice President Ralph Ankrom ‘43
- Treasurers Hillary Dumm Herbert ‘97 and
Kim Allison Hartinger ‘75
- Recording & Corresponding Secretary
Andi Porter Humphries ‘72
- Directors
Pete Hartinger ‘59
John Stevenson ‘51 Cheryl Kirkwood Stout ‘76
Greg Heiskell ‘71 Ty Ankrom ‘70
Rick Hartinger ‘74 Patty Ankrom Truex ‘73
Don Wolford ‘60 Tom Scherer ‘77

What's going on in 2017

- *Your Circleville High School Alumni Association, under the leadership of Ace Elsea prepares for the 9th Annual Roundtown Classic Race ATMary Virginia Crites Hannah Park July 15 .*
- *This family event also includes the Don Leist Kids' Fun Run in memory of Don, class of '59, who was instrumental in the original race fundraising efforts.*
- *We also provide team meals for the high school sports and other CHS school organizations.*
- *Alumni funds continue to provide financial support for the Mock Trial program, Yearbook, After prom, Buckeye Boys and Girls State and the new Club Future program.*
- *We continue to contribute to the Circleville Schools building campaign based on our \$50,000 pledge.*
- *We are thrilled that the School Board and many other groups meet in the Alumni Room at Circleville High School .*
- *We annually host a reception for the Athletic Hall of Fame inductees .*

THE NEXT TEN!

PLANS FOR THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**A bronze tiger on or around the
CHS Campus.**

**Intriguing? Email Circleville-
Alumni@gmail.com**

for more information.



HALL OF FAME HONOREES

2010

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

2011

JAMES G. DUNTON '17	ANNE ADKINS
CLIFFORD KERNS '42	WEISSENBORN '57
WILLIAM J. BARTHELMAS '54	RICHARD A. BANKS '57

2012

DR. HARRY D. JACKSON '01	THE REV. GEORGE FRY '54
ANNETTE GROCE WILL Inst	ROBERT D. SHADLEY '60
M.E. JACK SENSENBRENNER '19	

2013

DR. ERNEST WALKER IRVING 1889	JO A. MYERS THOMPSON '74
DANIEL M. DICK '66	SCOTT E. WUNSCH PhD '88
MARY ANNE YATES '67	

2014

CLARENCE A. REID '13	NED BARTHELMAS '45
CHARLES L. JACKSON '35	CHARLES L. ZAENGLEIN Inst

HALL OF FAME HONOREES

2015

CALVIN L. ELLIS '59

BRAD FOX '81

LARRY SCHIEBER '76

2016 Hall of Fame Recipients

John T. Davis PhD '60

Professor, Percussionist

Founder of

Davis Demons Drum Corps

But most of all, Friend

Joseph G. Leahy PhD '78

Strong family, community,

Work ethic helps Microbiology

Professor overcome tragedy

Robert I. Elsea '48

Federal Servant & Veteran

Devoted Retirement to

Lion Club's Sight Programs

W. Douglas McCoard '59

Master of Divinity

Founder and CEO of

Huckleberry House, Columbus

E.J. Wunsch '89

General Counsel, North America

The Procter & Gamble Company

Noted for Political,

Community Service

Achievement Hall of Fame Committee

Chair, Julie Kazmierczak Scherer '78

Carol Ann Johnson Bowling '57

Pete Hartinger '59

Rick Bumgarner '74

Amy Kazmierczak Rhymer '89

Kellie Willis Schwalbach '09

Nancy Ankrom Dye '56

Tom Strawser '76

Andi Porter Humphries '72

Jenny Scherer Griffin '06

Program information was gathered from the original applications, then embellished by the inductees and local writers David Cranford, Craig Allison and Andi Humphries. Kudos to CHS students in Fred Styers' Class for assembling tonight's program.

**Circleville High School Alumni Association
2016-17 Executive Board**

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First Vice President Kellie Willis Schwalbach '09
Treasurer Jeff Harr '72
Recording Secretary Terri Strawser Carter '78
Corresponding Secretary Andi Porter Humphries '72
Past President Rick Bumgarner '74

Board of Directors

Nancy Ankrom Dye '56	Patty Ankrom Truex '73
Carol Ann Johnson Bowling '57	Julie Kazmierczak Scherer '78
Ace Elsea '59	Tom Strawser '76
Pete Hartinger '59	Jenny Scherer Griffin '06
Don Wolford '60	Casey Lockard '11

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Visit our website for news or to order alumni apparel

www.CirclevilleAlumni.org

*Visit www.RoundtownClassic.com for information on
Alumni's biggest fundraiser, the 5 K, 5 Mile Roundtown Classic
Run/Walk. Always set for the third Saturday of July*

Special thanks and appreciation to the Circleville City Schools Board of Education and Administration for allowing us to use the high school for this celebration.

Jonathan Davis Superintendent

Chris Thornsley, H.S. Principal

Board of Education:

Todd Stevens, Amy DeLong, Tony Reeser, Patty Rothe and Dan Bradhurst