

Circleville High School Alumni Association

Annual Dinner

Featuring

The Tenth Annual

Achievement Hall of Fame

6:00 Social

6:30 Dinner

Welcome, Invocation

Historical Highlights & Events

Scholarship Presentation

Presentation of Inductees

Singing of the Alma Mater "The Red and Black"

~~~2019 Honorees~~~

Addison E. Dewey, Class of 1939

Dan Musser, Class of 1950

W. Barry Adams, Class of 1966

Kathy Uland Kelley, Class of 1974

Richard Gerhardt II, Class of 1989

Scholarships

The Circleville Alumni Association is dedicated to supporting the academic, athletic, arts and social service activities of students attending Circleville City Schools. It has been awarding scholarships since 2006. Criteria include a parent or guardian who is a CHS graduate.

2019 Circleville High School Senior Scholarship Recipients

Garrott Kennedy will attend Capital University and plans to study bio chemistry and play baseball. He is the son of Scott and Susan Kennedy. Susan (Harrison) is a 1986 graduate of CHS.

Lauren Crabtree will study radiology at Columbus State Community College. She is the daughter of Larry and Shelly Crabtree. Shelly (Hulse) is a 1992 Circleville graduate.

Madelyn Clark plans to attend Kent State University and study speech-language pathology. Madelyn is the daughter of the late Eric Clark and Tami Clark. Eric graduated from CHS in 1986.

Alumni Scholarship Winners

JENNY SCHERER GRIFFIN '06	LEAH HIVELY HOOKS '10	ANDREW CRIST '13
BEN WINNER '06	ZACHARY LANMAN '10	TORY LANMAN '13
JUSTIN STYERS '07	EDWARD STRAWSER '10	ASPEN DOWDEN '14
KARA VALENTINE DAVIS '07	MICHAEL THEIS '10	SARAH RUFF '14
KORY HARTINGER '08	NICHOLAS FOSTER '11	ETHAN WARNER '14
ELIZABETH SCUDDER RAYMOND '08	JENNA GRUNDEN COBB '11	DARBI BREWER '15
RACHAEL SPANGLER ' YODER '08	REILY KISER '11	HANNAH JOHNSON '15
JILL TRUEX LIST '08	CASEY LOCKARD '11	ALYSON LEIB '15
BEN ANKROM '09	EMILY MARCUM DOUGHTY '11	TANNER BIGAM '16
ALEX GREENLEE '09	KAYLA THEIS '11	ANYA BINGMAN '16
JENNIFER KELLER HEDGES '09	JOSEPH HUGUS '12	JARRED UTT '16
LYNSEY YOUNG '09	SARAH KELLER SOWERS '12	MORGAN BIRCHER '17
ASHLEY BIVENS COX '10	JULIE RICHARDS '12	ASHLEY SARK '17
KASSANDRA COOPER HOLBROOK '10	DENISE CLINE '13	GREG BREWER '17
		EMILY DENGLER '18
		OLIVIA FAUSNAUGH '18
		JACOB RHYMER '18



Addison Eugene Dewey '39

Described by many as a delight, Addison Dewey was "Circleville High School's Drum Major, won the county championship as a featherweight boxer and once struck out 22 batters in a baseball game against Ashville. In addition, Addison was an excellent student." This quote is from Capital University Law Review reflecting on Professor Dewey's retirement.

He was honored on four occasions by his Law students who elected him "Professor of the Year" for teaching excellence. He received the Alumni Achievement Award from Capital's Alumni Association.

Virginia Irene Dewey, said he served in the U.S. Army and was buried with military honors. His widow knows he would have been proud of the Alumni Award. "He loved Circleville and Pumpkin Show," she said

His first cousin Letitia "Tisha" Overly of Circleville said he was delightful and humble. "His Grandpa Witson Neff always said 'Add will be president one day'", she recalls. She remembers him as a "dapper" young man who was very intelligent. "He had a fund to help youngsters with college expenses and wrote speeches for Governor Michael DiSalle", she said.

He was a faculty member at Capital for 22 years. In 2002 he was named to the Ohio Tax Hall of Fame. He served on the national church Council of the American Lutheran Church and served on the commission for a new Lutheran Church resulting in the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Professor Dewey was teaching when Melody Steely, 1972 CHS graduate, attended Capital Law School from 1975-1978. He was the first professor she encountered in law school and always her favorite. Traditionally, law school professors love to embarrass first year law students. "The only day I missed class the entire year, Professor Dewey called out to the entire class 'Ms. Steely, where are you? Are you hiding out at the Circleville Pumpkin Show? We'll find you hiding behind the pumpkins!'"

After recovering, Steely remembers that "he was a wonderful professor with a truly entertaining method of teaching us not just the law, but how to analyze fact patterns and find answers. Forty years later, there are few professors I still recall, but Professor Dewey will never be forgotten."



R.D. MUSSER JR., '50

Dan Musser was a standout: class president, golf team, stage performer, and an officer in nearly every organization to which he belonged. Outside school, he was known for raising purebred livestock and for his dog, a full-size Marmaduke look-a-like who playfully interrupted many pick-up football games held in the Musser pasture.

Later in life, Dan and his wife, Amelia (Epler), also a former Circleville resident, became well known for another dog. The coveted "Best of Show" winner at the 2010 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, a Scottish terrier named Roundtown Mercedes of Maryscot, or "Sadie" for short, belonged to the Mussers.

Dan's hotelier career began shortly after graduation from Dartmouth College when he sought fulltime work from his uncle, W. Stuart Woodfill, owner of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan. Having worked summers at the hotel since the age of 18, Dan developed a fascination with the intricacies of hotel work, and when his uncle offered him a permanent position, it came with a caveat. Because he was the owner's nephew, he would need to work "twice as long and four times harder" than other employees. From bellboy to the bar, front desk to kitchen, he proved himself in nearly every department before being promoted to assistant manager and later, president.

In 1979, presented with an offer to buy the hotel from his uncle, Dan and Amelia became the new owners of the world's largest summer hotel. During his 60 years with the Grand Hotel, Dan doubled its size to 385 rooms, extended the length of the hotel's open season and though his leadership on local, state and national levels, is credited with reinvigorating the hospitality and tourism industry in Michigan.

Although Dan died in 2013, the hotel -- now in its 132nd year -- remains very much a Musser-owned business with Amelia and children protecting a legacy spanning three generations.



BARRY ADAMS '66

Directly after high school, this 1966 Circleville graduate served in the U.S. Navy. His service record includes assignments as a cryptologic technician and later as a U.S. Navy Reserve intelligence officer on a Fleet Intelligence Rapid Support Team. Holding a top secret clearance, he often served abroad for special operations. Barry was trained in image interpretation, area threat analysis, and counterinsurgency.

Following his active duty service, he received both a journalism and a master's in international affairs degree from Ohio University.

He has a distinguished career at five universities spanning nearly 40 years. During his career he has received many accolades, including national,

regional honors and state awards for publications, special events and programs.

When Barry began as Alumni Director at Ohio University in 1977, he was recognized for initial program changes by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) of Washington, D.C. Only three years later CASE honored him with its top award, the Grand Gold, for directing the most outstanding alumni organization in the nation. Within the next five years, Barry received both of those awards at the College of William and Mary. He is the only advancement professional to claim all four awards at two different institutions.

Significant to our community is the scholarship endowment fund established at OU in Barry's name. It has resulted in more than 25 Circleville High School students with a freshman scholarship to OU that amounts to about \$1,000 annually.

Ohio University presented him with its highest alumni award, the Medal of Merit, in 1994 and CASE presented him with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.

Even his 'retirement post' at Franklin University, where he specialized in teaching Global Issues, he earned an Excellence in Teaching award.

Barry's dedication, expertise, and resolute belief in advancing public education eventually lead him to becoming chair of the Circleville City School Foundation. He played a key role in propelling its success in funding programs and scholarships for Circleville students.

Among past posts are stints as a volunteer coach, a board member for the Humane Society, and a founding board member for a community health foundation. Currently Barry serves at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, is a member of U.S. Senator Brown's Service Academy Interview Committee and is on the *Columbus Dispatch* Readers Advisory Board.



KATHY ULAND KELLEY '74

Kathy Uland Kelley, CHS Class of '74, has lived and worked the past 30 years in New Hampshire. The mother of four is recognized as an advocate for issues that further the aspirations of undereducated and underemployed women. She has served on her school board and shares her talents as a CPA, grant writer and fundraiser with numerous non-profits, many

with the purpose of empowering and improving the lives of young people.

It's a career Kathy says she didn't see coming. "I always thought I'd be a fashion designer," said the former Miss Pumpkin Show. Her father, however, encouraged her to keep an open mind and explore additional career opportunities, or as Kathy deduced – jobs with improved financial security.

The early 70s was a period when girls risked appearing "nerdy" if perceived by classmates as overly smart, particularly in math or science. "I did really well in both," she lamented. One day in algebra class, teacher Dannie Fouts remarked it was okay for girls to be good at math. "I still smile when I think about it," said Kathy. "It was a wonderfully timed, validating moment and I often wonder if dad had spoken to Mr. Fouts."

With degrees in accounting and computer science from The Ohio State University, Kathy was recruited by DuPont and placed in charge of auditing 94 DuPont sites around the country. She later became an auditor at the University of Massachusetts and then Brown University before moving to New Hampshire in 1988 and joining her husband in the management of his family's lumber business.

She is the recipient of a prestigious award for leadership, and was chosen to represent her state in a White House-sponsored summit to solve problems impacting youth. In 2018, she entered statewide New Hampshire politics and received more than 30 percent of the votes in a Senate contest against a three-term incumbent – an unusually strong showing for a write-in candidate.



RICHARD GERHARDT II '89

Rich Gerhardt is an entrepreneur and innovator who has used his passion for real estate and the law to succeed in today's tough business environment. He began developing his leadership skills as a high school honor student, CHS class of '89. He then went on to Ohio University's Honors Program where he studied in an accelerated track which allowed him to graduate in three years with a Bachelor's in business.

Rich's educational journey continued at Cleveland Marshall College of Law where he earned a JD degree while also becoming a Licensed Real Estate Broker.

Rich began his law career as a partner with his father in the Gerhardt Law Firm. However, Rich felt drawn to real estate law and was quickly hired in ascending positions in the General Counsel's office for Consolidated Stores, Glimcher Realty Trust, and in the top legal position for US Property Group, where he led the development of commercial real estate across the country.

In 2006, Gerhardt decided to take a big leap and follow his passion to develop and build by starting his own enterprise. Gerhardt and several partners founded an investment company - CTD Investments. Gerhardt operates CTD from Columbus, in the Huntington/Rogers mansions, listed on the national historic registry, which he bought and renovated in 2011. One of the businesses he took a chance on and grew to success is National Entertainment Network (NEN), now the largest front-end retailer in the US, with \$200 million in sales annually.

As an entrepreneur, Rich has been smart and practical, building seven unique and different businesses which collectively operated in all 50 states and seven foreign countries. Gerhardt has also invested and was the driving force in developing the iconic building, *The Point*, a seven-story property on Lane Avenue in the OSU area.

Rich also greatly values family time and volunteering. He is a coach in Upper Arlington's Youth Sports Programs and a board member for the Jefferson Avenue Center non-profit. Additionally, he is a former board member of the Franklin County Sickle Cell Association.

Rich credits many teachers at Circleville who inspired him, but especially the late Tom Harker, who he credits with "teaching us how to think."

But he gives the real credit to his immediate and extended family. "I have been extremely fortunate to have my Mom, Dad, and sister to support and inspire me in life and in business," said Gerhardt.

Rich lives in Upper Arlington with his wife Lisa and his two sons, Ethan, 14 and Noah, 11.

2005 and moving forward we celebrate... Our Presidents!

Warren Gentzel '58, founding president. His "Hey Gang" emails kept us informed on those beginning days. He established the Bylaws, Non Profit Status and the order of business.

Terry Frazier '71 took charge of building another display case for the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Bob Johnson '48 brought new energy, board members and clarity to future goals.

Tom Scherer '77 initiated committees and established the Achievement Hall of Fame.

Tom Strawser '76 established the Scholarship procedure and still chairs it today.

Rick Bumgarner '74 continues to serve on the board after his presidency term.

Don Bradley '94 pushed for a clear budget process.

Kellie Willis Schwalbach '09, current president, brought the board into the 21st century with viable Facebook and other on line presence.

Behind the scenes!

We are deeply grateful to the able-bodied students who transform the room from a cafeteria to a banquet room for the weekend.

Kudos to CHS students in Fred Styers' Class for assembling tonight's program.

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Debbie Cook, '73, provides our banquet feast. Visit her at [ElegantEatsCatering.com](http://ElegantEatsCatering.com)

Jerry '78 and Amy '82 Isaac engrave the plaques.

Bob Good takes tonight's pictures. The photographer also manages the Facebook Page: "You Know Your From Circleville When" featuring interesting local info and historical images.

## Alumni Projects Benefit Schools

- The 11th Annual Roundtown Classic on July 20 will mark our largest fundraising event held annually at Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park. Carrie Patrick Dittey '97 is the chair.
- 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.
- 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 are proud to have completed seven of ten payments 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

### THE NEXT TEN

What would you like to see as a Project or direction of the Alumni Association? Contact us on Facebook or [CirclevilleAlumni.org](http://CirclevilleAlumni.org)



### Achievement Hall of Fame Committee

Chair, Julie Kazmierczak Scherer '78

Pete Hartinger '59

Amy Kazmierczak Rhymer '89

Nancy Ankrom Dye '56

Andi Porter Humphries '72

Carol Ann Johnson Bowling '57

Rick Bumgarner '74

Kellie Willis Schwalbach '09

Tom Strawser '76

Jenny Scherer Griffin '06

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Program information was gathered from the original applications, then embellished by the inductees, nominees and local writers Andi Humphries, David Crawford '76 and the late Craig Allison '72. Craig was an esteemed writer who could create beautiful essays or comedy on a dime. Rest in Peace Craig~Feb. 7, 2019

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 WEISSENBORN '57
CLIFFORD KERNS '42	RICHARD A. BANKS '57
WILLIAM J. BARTHELMAS '54	

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

In Memoriam

As some of Circleville's finest were deceased at time of their induction, others passed after the celebration. Ralph Starkey was alive at the time he was chosen for the award, however passed before he was notified of the honor. Rex Haecker was aware of the award, but couldn't come over from Pickaway Manor to receive it in 2010. He passed in 2011. Clifford Kerns was honored in 2011 and both he and his wife passed in 2014. Joseph Leahy was recognized in 2016 and passed in 2017.

HALL OF FAME HONOREES
2015

CALVIN L. ELLIS '59
LARRY SCHIEBER '76

BRAD FOX '81

2016

JOHN T. DAVIS PhD '60
JOSEPH G. LEAHY PhD '78
ROBERT I. ELSEA '48

W. DOUGLAS McCOARD '59
E.J. WUNSCH '89

2017

JOHN STEVENSON '51
RONALD BENNINGTON '54
TRACEY BECK SIEMS '84

MATTHEW CURTIS '93
DR. SAMANTHA JAGLOWSKI '98

2018 Hall of Fame Recipients

JOSEPH W. ADKINS ESQ 27
Lawyer, Role Model,
Mentor

KARA GERHARDT ROSS '88
White House Press Secretary
VP, Global Communications, UPS

HON WILLIAM AMMER '37
Respected County Judge
Promotes Learning with
Educational Trust Fund

Passionate Strategic
Communicator

RICHARD L. GERHARDT, ESQ '59
Lawyer, Public Servant
Prosecuting Attorney,
Circleville Mayor
Dedicated Lifetime Humanitarian

JEFFREY A. DEAN MD '89
West Point Graduate
22-years U.S. Army
Orthopaedic Surgeon

**Circleville High School Alumni Association
2018-19 Board**

President Kellie Willis Schwalbach '09
First Vice President Casey Lockard '11
Treasurer Jeff Harr '72
Corresponding Secretary Andi Porter Humphries '72
Recording Secretary Terri Strawser Carter '78
Past President Don Bradley '94

Nancy Ankrom Dye '56	Rick Bumgarner '74
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Ace Elsea '59	Julie Kazmierczak Scherer '78
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Don Wolford '60	
Patty Ankrom Truex '73	

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www.CirclevilleAlumni.org and friend us on Facebook
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 at Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park*

Special thanks and appreciation to the Circleville City School 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, Patty Rothe, Tony Reeser, Andrea Tipping