

Collinwood High School Distinguished Hall of Fame Class 2014

Your CHSAA will be inducting these outstanding alumni who have made great achievements in their chosen field.

The 2014 inductees:

Eppie Barney, 1962, Sports

Eppie was one of the most dynamic running backs in CHS history. He then became a Iowa State Hall-of Fame wide receiver, where he became a 1966 All-American and a two-time “All-big 8” player. The Cleveland Browns drafted him in the 3rd round. He playing flanker for the Browns from 1966 to 1968.

Mike Cavotta, 1962, Sports-Business

Along with Theo Morrow (CHS-HOF) won the first ever Track & Field championship for CHS in 1962. He developed an innovative spin technique for the Shot-Put and Discus Throws. Following an engineering degree from Ohio State he developed a state-of-the-art personal health monitoring system business - Performance Concepts/Lifeclinic. Their units can be found in pharmacy kiosks nationwide.

Barbara (Baily) Cox, 1954, Arts

Her watercolor art-work can be found displayed in the White House, the Pentagon, and the Capitol. She was commissioned by the White House to paint a watercolor of the South Lawn. She conducts art workshops in New Jersey and Ohio.

Paul Disantis, 1957, Education

Following teaching in the Cleveland Public school system for 35 years, he then spent 13 years as Adjunct Professor in the Division of Education at Baldwin Wallace College. He earned numerous awards and recognition for his contributions to education.

Felix Fatica, 1953, Sports-Business

His first career was as a professional jockey where he accumulated nearly 600 victories. His second career was in carpentry where he established the “Fatica Cabinet Company”, then later the “Fatica Kitchens and Fine Cabinetry”.

Barbara Naugle-Grubb, 1959, Community Affairs

On a continuous basis served as Litchfield Township Trustee, Zoning Board, Medina County Planning Commission, Ohio Planning Commission, Litchfield Historical Society, Litchfield/York Seniors, Agency of Aging, Senior Levy Committee, Western Reserve Agency of Aging, Board Of Elections, CHSAA Newsletter, Membership and Scholarship Chairman.

Dan Hrvatin, 1952, Arts-Business.

Producer-director of the news, WKYC-TV, executive producer News Dept. WJW, Manager of video productions for 140 worldwide Eaton Corporation locations, manager of audio visual communications for American Greetings Corp.

Fred Lekson, 1948, Business.

A Korean War Veteran, he joined Kemet Co - Union Carbide subsidiary, then Preformed Line Products, before becoming a sales rep for Charlotte NC Engineering Sales Co. He started Fred Lekson Associates in 1977, selling it in 1996. In retirement, he served as an officer of "The Friendship Force International", started by President Jimmy Carter.

Major General, John Lekson, 1935,

Joined the National Guard in 1940 and then rose through the Armed Forces ranks to become a highly decorated Major General. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Jim Riley, 1956, Arts.

A graduate of Cleveland Institute of art, he became a renowned portrait artist, illustrator, and corporate design V.P.

Dr. Edward Sadar, 1961, Medicine.

Is an expert Neurosurgeon specializing in spine, head, and neck disorders with many accolades in the field.

Dr. George Waylonis, 1952, Medicine.

Medical Director at PM&R Services of Riverside Hospital in Columbus for 29 years and currently enjoys emeritus status as a Clinical Professor at OSU. To date, he has published 63 scientific papers.