

# **PERRY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

*Presents*

*The Distinguished Alumni  
and  
Athletic Hall of Fame  
Induction Ceremony*



***September 24, 2011***

**PERRY HIGH SCHOOL**  
One Success Boulevard • Perry, Ohio 44081

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# *Perry High School*

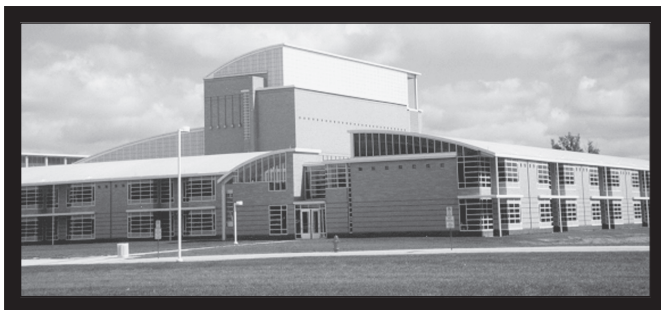
## *Through the Years*



*1921 - 1968*



*1968 - 1993*



*1993 - present*

# *The Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony*

Welcome .....	Robert Knisely, Principal Perry High School
Master of Ceremony .....	Phil Cassella
Hall of Fame History .....	Dr. Jack Thompson, Superintendent Perry Local Schools
Alumni Associations .....	Dr. Chandice Richards
Invocation .....	Dr. George Tarbuck
Dinner .....	Perry Food Service Dept. Vicki Peters, Director
Induction Ceremony .....	Goodwin Theatre
Introduction of Inductees .....	Phil Cassella Elaine Lillback <i>presented by:</i> Peter Lillback Jack Huxel <i>presented by:</i> Bob Wilson Adam Santee <i>presented by:</i> Dave Rowan
Closing Comments .....	TJ Rockwell

*A special "thank you" to Bill Sarvis for creating the  
Alumni Photo Presentation.*

# 1993–2011 Inductees

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## CLASS OF 2011

Jack Huxel (A)  
Elaine Tikka-Lillback (D)  
Adam Santee (A)

## CLASS OF 2010

Dennis Hudson (A)  
Renee Lynch (A)  
Mike Patrick (A)  
Martha Shepard-Behm (D)

## CLASS OF 2009

T.J. Huxel (A)  
Lou DiDonato (A)  
Don Martony (A)  
Dr. Lawrence W. Stauffer (D)

## CLASS OF 2008

Jackie Altenweg (A)  
Donald E. Carter (D)  
Judy Miller Church (D)  
Nathan Comes (A)  
Karl W. Locke (D)  
Michelle Rizzo Wardle (A)

## CLASS OF 2007

Chandice Albrecht-Richards (A)  
George H. Hazel (D)  
Don Johnson (A)  
Carole Martin (D)  
Tim Ritley (A)

## CLASS OF 2006

James Adams, Jr. (A)  
Robert Lyons (D)  
Kevin Marty (D)

## CLASS OF 2005

Elisabeth Brahler Mortimer (A)  
James Cicero (D)  
Jack Melvin (A)

## CLASS OF 2004

Tom Advey (A)  
Barbara Bacon-Inscho (A)  
Ray G. Few (D)  
Jack R. Kless (D)  
Carl F. Torch (A)  
David J. Winter (D)

## CLASS OF 2003

Marvin A. Bihn (D)  
Phil Cassella (A)  
Bob Ritley (A)

Robert Sater (A)  
Jim Siegel (A)  
Raymond Sines (D)  
Bob Wilson (A)

## CLASS OF 2002

Russell Adams (D)  
Vernon C. Hull (D)  
Darrell Allen (A)  
Bret Born (A)  
Cindy Cecconi Allen (A)  
Tom Flenner (A)  
Ben Johnson (A)  
Rebecca L. Moroose (D)  
Richard Palmer (A)  
T. J. Rockwell (A)  
Loyal G. Tillotson (D)  
Nancy Watson-Brown (D)

## CLASS OF 2001

William E. Coleman, Jr. (A)  
Ann Cook-Whitman (D)  
Dick Drews (A)  
Lucille Kraws-Banks (D)  
Dennis Loria (A)  
Carl Meglan (D)  
Ralph Rockow (D)  
Bernie Trubisky (A)  
David R. Trubisky (A)  
Leonard Trubisky (D)  
Phyllis Wilson-Hudson (D)

## CLASS OF 2000

Joseph Harold Medlen, Sr. (A)  
Terry Rich (A)  
Ray Tenkku (A)  
Brenda Tenney (A)  
Dana Tharp (A)

## CLASS OF 1999

Thomas P. Barrett (A)  
Lisa Fiske Boylan (A)  
Patrick J. New (A)

## CLASS OF 1998

Clifford Brewster (A)  
Tracy Nichols Busch (A)  
Barbara Moore (A)  
Noel Sferra (A)

## CLASS OF 1997

Fred Colburn (A)  
Lee Katona (A)  
Bill Meredith (A)

## CLASS OF 1996

Don Crawford (A)  
Denny Hoffacker (A)  
Julie Lukey (A)  
Stephanie Soppitt (A)

## CLASS OF 1995

Rick Brewster (A)  
Paul “Dean” New (A)  
John Smith (A)

## CLASS OF 1994

Timothy R. Brainard (A)  
C.M. “Doc” Brown (A)  
Robert Dale Brewster (A)  
Norman G. Hoyt (A)  
Jerry Judd, Jr. (A)  
Jim Rockow (A)

## CLASS OF 1993

Larry Brainard (A)  
Larry Brewster (A)  
Norvin Carter (A)  
Barry Deming (A)  
Charlene Digman (A)  
Penny Crofoot Harris (A)  
Harry Hawkins (A)  
Ray Joles (A)  
Keith Klinger (A)  
Henry Kobulnicky (A)  
Larry Logan (A)  
Bruce Phillips (A)  
Gary Richmond (A)  
Ron Richmond (A)  
James Secor (A)  
Cindy Seese (A)  
Larry Thompson (A)  
D. R. Trisket (A)  
William Walker (A)  
Halley Weaver (A)  
Dr. Janis Zemzars (A)

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**A = Athletic Hall of Fame**  
**D = Distinguished Alumni**  
**Hall of Fame**

## **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HISTORY**

**T**wenty years ago, the Perry Pirate Booster Club authorized the formation of a Hall of Fame Committee to honor Perry Athletes by developing a process to create an Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame.

In March of 1992, Perry Local Schools' Board of Education authorized the concept of the Perry Pirate Booster Club. The Club selected a committee and developed the guidelines for how the Hall of Fame would be established. The policies and procedures were approved by the Booster Club in the spring of 1992.

A committee and public nomination procedure was put into place during the fall of 1992. In January of 1993, 65 individuals qualified to be placed on a ballot for voting by the committee. The first induction class of 21 former Perry athletes, coaches, or community contributors was selected in May of 1993 after receiving sufficient votes for induction. Since its inception, the Hall of Fame committee has inducted a total of 84 athletes, administrators and coaches.

It is our hope that Perry's Athletic Hall of Fame not only honors the accomplishments of our inductees, but also serves to inspire future Perry High students to aspire to the accomplishments of those Hall of Famers who have built the fine tradition of Perry Athletics.

## **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME HISTORY**

**I**n the spring of 2001, the Perry Board of Education established The Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame to honor former students of Perry High School whose lives are exemplary for both their career accomplishments and their contributions to the well being of others. They have been selected because they have distinguished themselves in their field of study, career or community service. In addition, these individuals will serve as an inspiration to the students of Perry Local Schools, encouraging them to live their dreams and to pursue personal excellence in all future endeavors.

The members of the charter committee of the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame began their work early that year. Their task was to establish the policies and procedures that would guide the future selection of all Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame inductees. These members were nominated by the Board of Education and represented a cross-section of school and community members.

After determining the nominating criteria and process, the final task of the Charter Committee was to recommend individuals to serve on the Selection Committee. This committee was also comprised of a diverse cross-section of people including representatives from the Perry Board of Education, the Perry Historical Society, school administration, staff, students, and community.

## ELAINE (TIKKA) LILLBACK

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CLASS OF 1942

Elaine (Tikka) Lillback is a 1942 graduate of Perry High School. While attending Perry High School, she served as a Senior Class officer, was a member of the Glee Club, the Scholarship Club, and received the Silver P award. A lifelong learner, Elaine attended The Ohio State University, Judson College, Bowling Green State University, Lake Erie College, Kent State University, and John Carroll University. She earned a BA and MA, and studied Christian Education, Special Education, Elementary Education, and Economics.

Elaine shared her love for learning with students as an elementary school teacher for the Painesville and Chardon Schools. Her strong faith led her to attend the Northern Baptist Seminary and she did missionary work in Canada, Finland, Spain and Africa. She has enjoyed success as a writer, authoring three books chronicling Finnish American history and is currently working on her fourth, *They Came for Coffee*, a story about her family and other Finns in the United States. A talented watercolor artist, she has illustrated her own books. Her passion for her Finnish heritage, the books she has authored and her volunteer and leadership efforts at the Finnish Heritage Museum led to her induction into the museum's Hall of Fame in 2009.

Elaine has raised three healthy sportsmen: Larry, Peter, and Douglas. Her sons have served in various fields of education, church leadership, and business. Elaine is very proud of them, and of her husband Eugene who passed away in 1987. He served in World War II in the United States Army and was awarded three Medals of Honor, one being the Silver Star. He also served as a Math professor at Kent State University.

## ADAM SANTEE

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CLASS OF 1999

Wrestling: 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999

Football: 1996, 1997, 1998

**A**dam Santee (1999) was one of Perry's finest overall athletes, excelling in both football and wrestling. In fact, he is in that extreme rare class of athletes that earned All-Ohio honors in multiple sports. As a captain for the Perry Football team, Adam was named the team's MVP in 1998 and led the team to a CVC Championship and State Playoff appearance. He was later named to the Lake County Touchdown Club's 1st team, 1st team All-CVC and selected as an All-Ohio Wide Receiver.

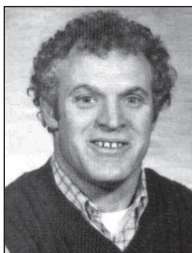
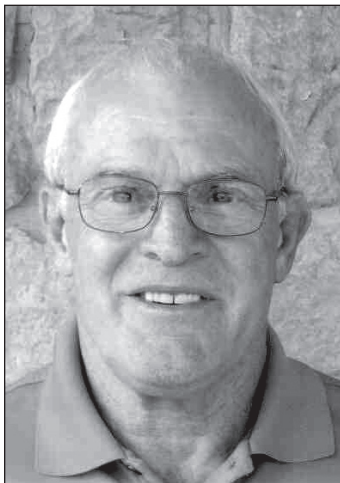
His accomplishments did not end with the fall sports season. As a captain for the Perry Wrestling squad, Adam was a two time All-Ohio honoree. Adam placed 2nd in the state during his junior year, which ties him for the highest all time finish in Perry Wrestling history. Adam not only qualified for the state meet twice, but was a four time District Qualifier as well as a Chagrin Valley Conference Champion during his time on the mat.

Adam received an athletic and academic grant to Brown University where he continued to excel athletically as well as in the classroom. He was a three year starter and letter winner for the Brown Wrestling program, also serving as a team captain during his career. Adam also was an All-Ivy League selection in wrestling and was named an Academic All-American.



# JACK HUXEL

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**J**ack Huxel coached for thirty three years at the Perry Schools, and was instrumental in the founding of three of its programs: Wrestling, Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer. During his outstanding coaching career, Jack coached wrestling, boys & girls soccer, football and boys & girls track.

Jack started the Perry Wrestling program during the 1971-72 school year and was the Head Wrestling Coach for ten years. During his tenure, Jack's teams won the GRC League Championship three times ('74, '75, '77) and went undefeated during the 1973-74 season. He always stayed very involved in the wrestling program, and went on to guide the middle school wrestling team for an additional 16 years.

Jack was a longtime assistant track coach, having coached the boys' team for 26 years and the girls' team for 24 years. He went on to become the head track coach for both the boys and the girls for three years, in which time his teams compiled at 28-2 record. Jack coached four District Champions, nine State Qualifiers, six top ten winners at the State Meet, as well as one State Champion.



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# 2012 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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## CRITERIA

- Nominees shall be alumni of Perry Local Schools who have distinguished themselves at a high level of achievement in their particular field of study, life's work, or community service in areas such as, but not limited to, the arts, business, education, government service, community service, science and technology.
- Nominees must have graduated at least fifteen years prior to the selection date. Individuals may be nominated posthumously.
- Nominations may be submitted by any Perry High School graduate, Perry community member or member of the Selection Committee.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Perry Graduate – Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

Why I think this person should be nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*All nominations must be received by March 31st.**

**Send completed nomination form to:**  
**Perry High School, Attn. Mr. Robert Knisely, One Success Blvd.,**  
**Perry, Ohio 44081**

Updated nomination form is available at  
[www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us/district/community\\_info/index.php](http://www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us/district/community_info/index.php)



# 2012 PERRY ALUMNI ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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## CRITERIA

- Nominees must have graduated at least ten years prior to the selection date. Individuals may be nominated posthumously.
- Nominations may be submitted by any Perry High School graduate, Perry community member or member of the Selection Committee.

There are three (3) categories of nominees eligible:

1. **Athlete** – an athlete's class must have graduated at least ten (10) years prior to selection.
2. **Coach/Administrator** – a coach or administrator must have served on the Perry Schools staff for at least ten (10) years and must have retired or left the school system prior to selection.
3. **Honorary** – An alumnus or non-alumnus Perry resident may also be chosen for making a significant impact on the Perry Schools athletic program.

One or more of the following criteria should be of exceptional quality to justify a nominee's selection. Those nominated in the athlete category **must meet several** of the listed criteria to be chosen for selection.

1. Varsity level of competition\*
2. Leadership roles
3. Impact on athletic team success
4. Scholastic achievements\*
5. All Ohio, District, County selections\*
6. School, County, District, or State records\*
7. All League selection\*
8. Postgraduate achievements
9. Coaching achievements
10. Community achievements

\*These criteria must be completed if nominee is an athlete.

**Please complete each section thoroughly.**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Perry Graduate - Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_



- Sports Participated in (# years for each sport): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- High School Athletic Achievements (All League, All County, All State)  
(# years and sport each award was won): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- School, County, District, State Records and years set (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Leadership and impact on team success: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- High School Scholastic Achievements: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Post Graduate College (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Community Service Record (Civic/Charity): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Coaching Achievement (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Summary: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information (Attach): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*All nominations must be received by January 31st.**

**Send completed nomination form to:**

**Perry High School, Attn. TJ Rockwell, One Success Blvd., Perry, Ohio 44081**

The nomination form is available on line at:

[http://www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us/district/community\\_info/](http://www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us/district/community_info/)





# *Alma Mater*

## PERRY FOR YOU

*Our school is an emblem of spirit and fair play;  
Long will she stand thus as a shrine of our today.  
Proud are we of our charity and standards high in aim;  
Win or lose we will ne'er refuse to try to play the game.*

*Perry for you we'll work and fight, we'll honor your name.  
Perry for you we claim the right to spread far your fame.  
Courage and loyalty, qualities dear to all;  
For Perry, our alma mater, to us you will reign o'er all.*

*Written by Gilbert Porsch, a music teacher in Perry*

## FIGHT SONG

*We love you dear old Perry High School,  
For you, we're proud to serve  
'Tis our flag red and white,  
That inspires us to fight  
For the name we are proud to preserve.  
Red and white, let's fight!  
To you we will ever be faithful,  
Dear old Perry High,  
The team we will back  
They are so hard to crack,  
'Cause that's our dear old Perry High.*