

PERRY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Presents

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



September 29, 2012

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One Success Boulevard • Perry, Ohio 44081

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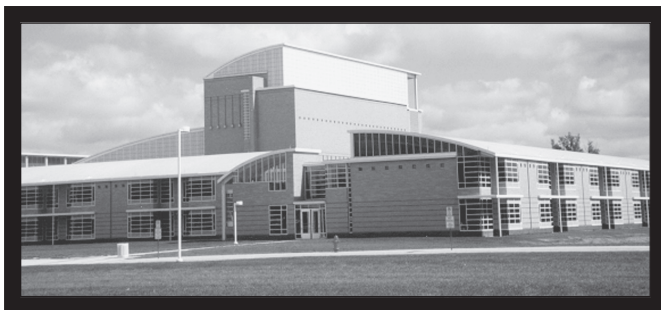
Through the Years



1921 - 1968



1968 - 1993



1993 - present

The Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Welcome	Todd Porcello, 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
DISTINGUISHED	
Robert Dawson <i>presented by:</i> Carole Martin	
ATHLETIC	
Pasquale "Pat" Giannell <i>presented by:</i> Mike Ryan	
Gene Kobus <i>presented by:</i> Phil Cassella	
Nicole Altenweg <i>presented by:</i> Dan D'Amore	
Corey L. Sarosy <i>presented by:</i> Mark Lomasney	
Brian Varsey <i>presented by:</i> Greg Rinyo	
Closing Comments	TJ Rockwell

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

1993-2012 Inductees

CLASS OF 2012

Robert J. Dawson (D)
Brian Varsey (A)
Corey L. Sarosy (A)
Gene Kobus (A)
Nicole Altenweg (A)
Pasquale "Pat" Giannell(A)

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 Advay (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. Morooso (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)

A = Athletic Hall of Fame

**D = Distinguished Alumni
Hall of Fame**

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HISTORY

Twenty-one 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 91 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.

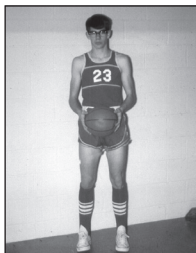
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME HISTORY

In 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.

ROBERT J. DAWSON



CLASS OF 1969

Robert J. Dawson is a 1969 graduate of Perry High School where he was involved in a number of activities including student council and varsity club. He earned 8 varsity letters and was a captain of the football, basketball and track & field teams.

Bob attended Lakeland Community College earning an Associate of Arts degree in 1972. In 2010, he was inducted into the prestigious Lakeland Community College Alumni Hall of Fame; recognition reserved for Lakeland graduates “whose vision, contributions and achievements have enriched the Lake County Community in remarkable ways”.

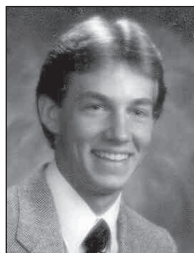
Bob is a lifelong resident of Perry and spent his entire professional career in Lake County working for Neff-Perkins Company as their Personnel Manager, with R.W. Sidley where he rose to the position of Group President and as the Program Administrator with the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services.

Bob is a dedicated public servant spending 17 years on the Lake County Board of Education and the Auburn Career Center School Board including 11 years as President. He has a 33 year affiliation with the Lake County Fair including 12 years as Board President. He has served on the Board of Directors for the 3,000 member Ohio Fair Managers Association for 17 years including 12 years as Treasurer. Bob is a recipient of the Outstanding Fair Supporter Award given by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Showman's Association Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his many contributions to Ohio's Fair Industry.

In 2011, Bob was recognized as a Certified Workforce Development Professional (CWPD) by the National Association of Workforce Professionals and in 2012 he was awarded the Grand Master's Community Service Award by the Grand Masonic Lodge of Ohio.

Bob's wife, Dawn, and his children, Rodney, Denise and Derek, are all Perry High School graduates.

BRIAN VARSEY



CLASS OF 1987

Athletic Contributions:

Golf: 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986

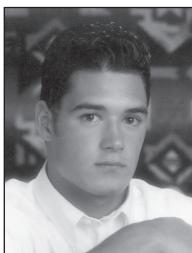
Basketball: 1986, 1987

Baseball: 1986, 1987

Brian Varsey (1987) was a three sport athlete for the Pirates, earning eight varsity letters throughout his time at Perry High School. Brian, however, is best known for his skill on the golf course as he has garnered many accolades throughout his golfing career, both at the high school level and beyond. Brian was 1st Team All-League as well as Team MVP during both his junior and senior years at Perry. During his high school career, Brian also qualified for the National PGA Junior Championship, finished 4th in the OHSAA District Tournament, and was a PGA Junior Golf Gold Medalist Winner. Brian also earned two varsity letters as a member of the Pirate Basketball and Baseball teams, while being selected 1st Team All-ESC in baseball.

Brian went on to play Varsity Golf at Baldwin Wallace College, where he was Team Captain and earned 1st Team OAC honors. After graduating, Brian was elected to membership in the Professional Golfers Association of America (PGA), eventually qualifying for the Nike Cleveland Open in 1999. Brian has furthered his career in the world of golf by working as a PGA Golf Professional at several prestigious courses all over the country. He also spent several years as a collegiate golf coach, with stops at the University of Oklahoma and Cleveland State University. Brian is a Class A PGA member and is currently the Director of Instruction and the Assistant Professional at Rumson Country Club in Rumson, New Jersey.

COREY L. SAROSY



CLASS OF 1995

Athletic Contributions:

Wrestling: 1993, 1994

Football: 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994

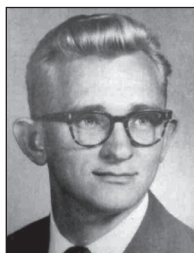
Track: 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995

Corey L. Sarosy (1995) was an outstanding three sport athlete for Perry High School, excelling in football, wrestling, and track. Corey was a three year starter and letter winner during his career for the Perry Football program. He was named team captain as well as team MVP in 1994 while at the same time being selected the Lake County Touchdown Club Defensive Player of the Year for all divisions, to date the only Perry Athlete to have won this honor. He also earned 1st Team All-Ohio, was the Northeast Ohio District Defensive Player of the Year and was the East Suburban Conference MVP and Defensive Player of the Year during his standout football career.

His accomplishments did not end on the gridiron. Corey was a four year letter winner and team captain for the Perry Track squad while competing in the 100, 200, 400 and 4x100 relay. Corey was also a two year letter winner for the wrestling program. He excelled in the classroom as well, graduating 12th in his class and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Corey went on to attend Grove City College where he continued to excel athletically as well as in the classroom. He was a three year starter and four year letter winner for the football program, while serving as a team captain his senior season. Corey was also named Defensive Player of the Year and was a 1st Team All-League (PAC) selection at linebacker during his career.

GENE KOBUS



Coach/Administrator

Gene Kobus served the Perry Local Schools in many capacities during his 50 plus year career. He began his career as an assistant Track and Field coach in 1960, later becoming the Head Track Coach for two seasons. In total, Gene coached Track at Perry in some capacity for thirty-two years, spending 16 years at the high school and 16 years at the middle school. Gene has either coached in or helped to run every one of the fifty-two Perry Relays. Beginning in 2013, the Perry Relays will now be officially known as the *Gene Kobus Perry Relays*. Gene was also the Head Coach for the Perry Cross Country program for nine seasons, from 1961-1970.

In 1981, Gene took over as the Perry Athletic Department's Faculty Manager. His job was to oversee athletic event management which included event workers and tickets sales. He was there to meet and greet everyone who came through the door. No matter the season, if you came to a Perry athletic event over the last 32 years, Gene was always there to welcome you with a smile. Simultaneous to being the Faculty Manager, Gene also served as Treasurer for the Perry Pirate Booster Club for 32 years. He unselfishly volunteered his time and energy to this group whose primary function is to improve athletics at Perry Schools.

Gene also dedicated 28 years of his career to the Perry Summer Recreation Program, where he spent his summers working and playing with the youth of the Perry Community. He was also a key leader in the creation of the Perry Community Fitness Center. From its inception in 1993, he helped oversee the day to day operation of the CFC and its employees.

NICOLE ALTENWEG



CLASS OF 2002

Athletic Contributions:

Soccer: 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001

Basketball: 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002

Track: 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002

Nicole (Nikki) Altenweg (2002) was one of Perry's finest overall athletes, excelling in soccer, basketball, and track during her athletic career. In fact, she is the only athlete in Perry history, to date, to be named All-Ohio in three different sports while earning 12 varsity letters. As a captain for the basketball team, Nikki was selected as the News-Herald and Plain Dealer Player of the Year, the Northeast District 1st team, the Chagrin Valley Conference MVP, and ultimately named 1st team All-Ohio, all while leading her team to the first District Championship in school history. Nikki is one of the few to have scored 1,000 points in her career and holds game, year, as well as career Perry records for steals and assists.

Her accomplishments did not stop when she stepped off the basketball court. As a captain for the Perry Track Team, Nikki qualified for the State Meet in the 300 Hurdles and earned All-Ohio recognition. She also captained the Women's Soccer Team while earning All-State honors during her senior year. Nikki flourished off the field as well, as she was her Senior Class President, Vice President of National Honor Society and Valedictorian of her class.

Nikki attended Baldwin Wallace College where she continued to excel athletically as well as in the classroom. She was a four-year starter and letter winner for the Baldwin Wallace Women's Basketball program, and is currently 3rd all time in school history in steals and assists. She was also named the school's Outstanding Female Athlete in 2006.

PASQUALE “PAT” GIANNELL



Coach/Administrator

Pasquale “Pat” Giannell coached multiple sports at Perry High School for 30 years, and was instrumental in the success of both the football and baseball programs. His loyalty, commitment, and persistence for the athletes of Perry throughout his coaching career, were second to none. For 30 straight seasons, Coach Giannell was the only JV Baseball Coach that Perry had. He knew very well that the Junior Varsity program was a developmental team for the varsity, and did not care about wins and losses at the JV level. He played every player in every game in order to give athletes the best chance of success when they became varsity players. Because of this dedication to the program, Coach Giannell was a major part in the baseball program winning 10 conference championships, plus a District Championship team that advanced all the way to the Final Four in the state. In 2007, Pat was named the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year.

Pat had the same “team first” attitude when it came to the football program. He was “The” Freshman Football Coach for 30 consecutive years, always focused on developing his players for their future under the Friday night lights. He was a key part of an excellent coaching staff that produced 217 wins, 11 Conference Championships, and five State Playoff appearances during his thirty-year career.

A graduate of St. John High School in Ashtabula, Pat went on to Hiram College where he played baseball and was selected as an All-American. He graduated in 1980 from Hiram, and due to his contributions on the baseball field was inducted into the Hiram College Athletic Hall of Fame.



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2013 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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. Todd Porcello, One Success Blvd., Perry, Ohio 44081

Updated nomination form is available at
<http://www.perry-lake.org/HallofFame.aspx>



2013 PERRY ALUMNI ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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:

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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.*