



# TATTTLER



Calvin M. Woodward High School • Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Issue • Winter 2023

## Woodward Hall of Fame Banquet Announced for March 25, 2023

The Woodward High School Alumni Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the individuals who have been selected for the 2023 additions to the Woodward Alumni Hall of Fame. Six outstanding inductees will be honored for their accomplishments and contributions that have added to Woodward's rich history.

### Dinner & Induction Celebration

During the 40th induction celebration, inductees' friends and family will join loyal Woodward supporters to pay tribute to our honorees. The Inverness Club will be the setting for the induction event on **Saturday, March 25, 2023**.

The agenda for the evening is:

5:30 – 6:15 p.m. – Cocktails,

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6:15 – 7:30 p.m. – Dinner

7:45 – 9:15 p.m. – Formal Program

9:15 – 11:00 p.m. – Social Time

The cost for the event is \$50 per person, which includes a served dinner. Choose from entrees of chicken, pork, or vegetarian. Advance reservations are required and space is limited. Reservations can be made until March 13, 2023. Please contact Tom and Deb Radwanski at 419-536-0247, or email [thomasradwanski@yahoo.com](mailto:thomasradwanski@yahoo.com).

Please join the inductees, your Woodward friends, and our Master of Ceremonies Elizabeth Pilliod, PhD., Class of 1972 and Hall of Fame Member.

### Congratulations Inductees!

*The 2023 Woodward High School Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees are:*

#### **Dennis Thayer, 1964**

Dennis enjoyed school and admired teachers like Marie Williamson, Thelma White, and Dave McMurray so much that he chose a career in education with Toledo Public Schools. His Woodward pals became his lifelong friends: George Gusses, Dick Hoffman, Rick Lovett, and Don Reinbolt. Dennis grew up across the street from Riverside Park. He has fond memories of attending games, Student Council, The Tattler, and Aquatatis parties. Dennis earned his Bachelor's, Master's and Specialist's Degrees in Education from The University of Toledo. He had a distinguished and respected career as a teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal, principal, then assistant director of elementary education. He has been active in a variety of community organizations and has been chosen to lead many groups. Dennis enjoys reading, Tai Chi, walking, hiking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. He is married to Jean and they have three children: Craig, Becky, and Stephanie, and nine grandchildren.

#### **Bruce Birr, 1972, Posthumous**

Bruce's dedication to, and knowledge of, law enforcement led him to many positions within the Lucas County Sheriff's office and a highly-respected 42-year career after graduating from the Ohio Peace Officers' Police Academy. His career started in Road Patrol in the county. He worked in these areas: Arson Investigator, Homicide, Burglary/Robbery, Investigator, Detective Bureau, Vice/Narcotics, and the Critical Incident Response Team. He was with the U.S. Secret Service in a variety of positions including dignitary security detail when governors, vice presidents and presidents visited the area. He worked with the U. S. Marshals Task Force. Due to his diligent work, he has been acknowledged by being honored with numerous achievement awards for his outstanding service in multiple areas, most notably one of only two people to receive The U. S. Marshal Task Force Officer of the Year Award for Investigative Excellence. He loved becoming "Grandpa Chauffeur" for his grandchildren in his retirement! Bruce was married to Kathy Hobbs, Woodward class of '73. They had three children: Angela, Andy, and Matt, and six grandchildren.

#### **Dennis Byrd, 1972**

Former WHS music educator, Gordon Simpson, was among the first to observe that Dennis was extremely gifted and multi-talented. Dennis' abilities have grown into an extraordinary career. He is a noted singer, songwriter, playwright, pianist, organist, choral director, music publisher, music studio technician, and the pastor of his church in Atlanta! All this stems from his background at his family's North End church, True Vine, M.B., and being mentored by Mr. Simpson, who chose Dennis to direct the annual school talent show. He was a part of many musical activities at WHS. He was a radio announcer for the campus radio station while in college at The University of Toledo. All the Byrd siblings, who grew up in the Stickney neighborhood, are Woodward grads, too! Dennis and his wife Rosalyn Rowlett, Woodward '75, live in Atlanta. They have five children: Charline, Dennis, Jr., Daniel, Darnell (deceased), Rochelle, and eight grandchildren.

#### **Thomas Toth, 1974**

Tom grew up in Point Place and lives there to this day! While at Woodward, he was on The Tattler staff with Miss Markopoulos as his advisor. His career was with Ford at the Maumee Stamping Plant. There, he had a variety of positions: heavy duty equipment operator, machine operator, welder, metal finisher, instructor, and shipping/receiving clerk. He served on many committees

there as well. Tom has volunteered in Scouting and many other organizations over the years. He earned a Bachelor of History from Lourdes College (now University), a Master of Liberal Studies from The University of Toledo, and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice. Tom is the Vice-Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, serves on the Woodward Stadium Committee, and is the administrator of the Woodward Hall of Fame Facebook page. Tom is married to Mary and they have four children: Thomas, Will, John, and Marisa, also on our Hall of Fame Committee, and four grandchildren.

#### **Julie Wilczynski Fulton, 1984**

At Woodward, Julie was awarded The Tattler Achievement Cup, voted a class officer many times, inducted into the Senior National Honor Society, and played a lead in the musical, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* and graduated fifth in her class! Those experiences were a springboard to truly succeeding in business and in life with hard work and multiple talents. After much experience working for others, she is now the owner and freelance copywriter for her own business, Julie A. Fulton Creative LLC! She received her Bachelor's degree from The University of Toledo and her Master's from BGSU. She took the Radcliffe Publishing Course at Harvard and classes at The Loft Literacy Center. Her life's work is in writing advertising, blogging, and marketing. She volunteers and has hobbies in a variety of meaningful areas. Julie and her husband, Doug, live in Minneapolis. They have two children: Edward and Jenna, and one grandson.

#### **Wendi Brocus Sabo, 1995**

This is the second time we have honored Wendi. She has what it takes to be honored this year with her distinguished career as a marketing executive. She is Director of Marketing Communications and Brand for ECI Software Solutions in Fort Worth, Texas. The first time we honored her was when she was selected for one of our scholarships her senior year. This enabled her to go on to earn her degree at The University of Toledo! Wendi grew up in Point Place, where her parents' garage was the site of building many WHS Homecoming floats! Wendi especially remembers Gary Mayesky's helpfulness in geometry class as well as Alice and the late Bob Murray for their extraordinary coaching and mentoring skills. Her mother, Becky Brocus, remained active at Woodward and is now the Chairperson of our Hall of Fame Committee. Wendi lives in Southlake, Texas, with her husband, Derron, and their two children, Kylee and Reese.



### Become a Patron Sponsor

Support our Scholarship Program by becoming a Patron Sponsor. For 2023 donations, please make your check payable to: Woodward Alumni Hall of Fame Assoc., and mail to: Michelle Jacob, 4233 Penelope, Toledo, OH 43623. Deadline for this year's donations to be received and acknowledged in the program is by March 6, 2023.

### 50/50 Scholarship Raffle

Support the Scholarship Program by buying 50/50 raffle tickets. Priced at \$5 each or five for \$20, tickets can be purchased at the dinner or via mail by completing the enclosed order form. The winning ticket will be drawn at the induction event on March 25, 2023. Winner need not be present to win. The 2022 winning amount was \$1,100. For information, contact Barney Tompkins at: (419) 464-1187.

### Wear Your Medallion!

We look forward to seeing many of the esteemed past inductees at the 2023 event. Each Hall of Fame member is encouraged to wear his or her commemorative medallion.

### Tattler Mailing List

Attention: All Tattler Readers!

We would like to begin sending The Tattlers electronically to those of you who would appreciate receiving it in that format. It would be a great help to save funds in printing and mailing, and it's more environmentally sound. To join this program, please email Tom Toth at: vice.chair@woodwardhalloffame@gmail.com. Thank you!

### Nominations for 2024

Please nominate deserving individuals for induction in 2024. Visit our webpage, [www.woodwardhalloffame.org](http://www.woodwardhalloffame.org), and select Nominations, or contact: Marisa Toth McLeod at [marisaSmcleod@gmail.com](mailto:marisaSmcleod@gmail.com). A Nomination Form is attached.

## Calvin M. Woodward High School Update

### Message from the Chairman

Dear Alumni and Friends of Woodward High School,

Thank you for your continued support of the Woodward High School Alumni Hall of Fame Association. Our purpose is twofold: (1) to honor Woodward's graduates for their outstanding accomplishments as well as individuals who have provided exemplary service to Woodward, and (2) to promote the achievement of our students by awarding scholarships to further their education and pursue their goals. We've had another very successful year. One reason for our success is the dedication of our committee members, who have encouraged donations to maintain our scholarship funding. The future of the Hall of Fame depends on what we do today. We'd love to hear from our dedicated Polar Bears as we invite you to connect to our group.

We continue to receive financial assistance from many of you and greatly appreciate your generosity. Please join us this year for the presentation of our 2023 Hall of Fame inductees.

Thank you,

Becky Brocus - Chairman, Woodward High School Alumni Hall of Fame Committee

*A message from the Woodward Hall of Fame Committee: We will be following the most current, up-to-date COVID restrictions at the time of the banquet.*

Website: [www.woodwardhalloffame.org](http://www.woodwardhalloffame.org)

Facebook: Woodward Hall of Fame

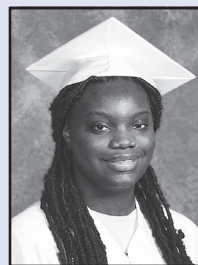
### 2022 Woodward Hall of Fame Scholarship Winners Awarded \$3,000 Each!



Nabeel Baksh



Saudiyah Baksh



Da'Nautica Hines



Makayala Holmes



Sonya Ramey



Kayla Robinson



Daniela Rodriguez



John'Naysia Roundtree



Emma Snyder



Michaela Williams



Shantel Wilson



Tamia Smith

### Save This Important Date for Polar Bears!

*"Celebrating 100+ Years of Woodward"*

WHEN: Saturday, October 21, 2023

WHERE: The Glass City Center (the former SeaGate Convention Center) in downtown Toledo.

INFO: Facebook: Alumni and Friends of Calvin M. Woodward High School

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# Woodward High School Hall Of Fame

## 1920's WTHS Graduates

1921 – Harry Friberg  
1925 – Jay J. Shuer  
1926 – Samuel Rogolsky  
1927 – Dr. Marvin Shapiro  
– Harvey Straub  
– Danny Thomas

## 1930's Graduates

1930 – Sidney Goldberg  
1931 – Martin A. Janis  
1932 – Joseph Altschuller  
1932 – Seymour Rothman  
1933 – Edmund A. Brooks  
1933 – William Rosenberg  
1933 – Mildred Dawson Szombati  
1934 – Reverend Charles T. Klinksick  
1935 – James F. Hope  
1935 – Alfred Samborn  
1935 – Maryellen DuMonte Schaefer  
1936 – Lucian Lupinski  
1937 – William L. Bondy  
1937 – Max Davis  
1937 – Genevieve Filipczak Dokurno  
1937 – Dr. Aaron Novick  
1937 – Paul A. Shaw  
1937 – Dr. Robert V. Shuff  
1937 – Prince Spencer  
1938 – Robert J. Brotje, Jr.  
1938 – Frank Goldie  
1938 – Ted Szelagowski  
1939 – Harold Jaffe  
1939 – Raymond Sheline

## 1940's Graduates

1940 – Ursuline Markowski Brunemann  
1940 – William Copeland  
1940 – Louis Emm  
1940 – William F. Prebe  
1941 – Dr. Mildred Carstensen Johnson Allred  
1941 – Charles A. Harris  
1941 – Richard Koster  
1942 – Donald Baker  
1942 – John Powell, Jr.  
1942 – Ray Saba  
1943 – Marilyn Hainbuch Ewing  
1943 – Louis Kaczmarek  
1943 – Lois "Sally" Schoonmaker Lowe  
1943 – Charles F. Mann III  
1943 – Edward K. Sloan, Jr.  
1943 – Roger Weiher  
1943 – Irvin C. Wisniewski  
1943 – David F. Wynn  
1944 – Walter Bonkowski  
1944 – Ramon "Buddy" Carr  
1944 – James C. Knierim  
1944 – Robert L. Long  
1944 – John Payak  
1944 – Dr. Elizabeth Douglas Wagner  
1944 – Norman Wolfe  
1944 – Dr. Robert J. Wysocki  
1945 – Robert Harrison  
1945 – Charles W. Lentz, Jr.  
1945 – Paul Seymour  
1946 – Clifford David  
1946 – Andrew J. Fenady

1946 – Calvin Katz  
1946 – Lorraine Kwiatkowski  
1946 – Norman Sobacki  
1946 – Dr. Edward G. Voss  
1947 – Mark Adams  
1947 – John Claerhout  
1947 – Col. Charles Connor, Jr.  
1947 – Eugene Czerwinski  
1947 – Jack Kennedy  
1947 – John "Jack" Kesling  
1947 – John Kornowa  
1947 – George Madras  
1947 – E. James Wilusz  
1948 – Joseph S. Badyna  
1948 – Richard Buchholz  
1948 – Georg Fenady  
1948 – Shirley J. Foxe-Hall  
1948 – Patricia Becker Hamilton  
1948 – John C. Sinkovic  
1949 – Philip Baker Hall  
1949 – Donald D. King  
1949 – Thomas G. Papps

## 1950's Graduates

1950 – Andy Douglas  
1950 – John P. Kempton  
1950 – Temoleon Rousos  
1950 – Adolph Robert Stadel  
1951 – Dr. Morris Reichlin  
1951 – Sylvester Smith  
1952 – Peggy Ann Crispin Cook  
1952 – Jamie Farr  
1952 – Richard "Dick" Krell  
1952 – Stanley Meyer  
1952 – James Ray  
1952 – Jack W. Renz  
1953 – Charles J. Clark, Jr.  
1953 – William D. Tailford  
1954 – Harry "Bud" Kerwin  
1955 – William F. Fernow  
1955 – Robert Roman  
1955 – Ben Williams  
1956 – Diana Attie  
1956 – Robert Bell  
1956 – Vivian Bowling Blevins, PhD  
1956 – Fred Cieslewski  
1956 – Elaine Markopoulos DePue  
1957 – Ruth Kronmann Holzshuh  
1958 – Diane Vizneau Churdar  
1958 – Carol Dilgart Liebich  
1959 – Thomas D. Bollin  
1959 – John R. Gregory  
1959 – Thomas Grzywinski  
1959 – Edna Brooks Robertson

## 1960's Graduates

1960 – John R. Husman  
1960 – Howard "Butch" Komives  
1960 – Donald L. Kornowa  
1960 – A. William Lingnell, III  
1960 – Richard B. Murphy  
1960 – Dr. John Russell  
1961 – Emmett C. Beavers, Jr.  
1961 – Joseph Dempsey  
1961 – Chuck Janowiecki  
1961 – James Robinson  
1962 – Joyce S. Van Tassell Baska  
1962 – Gerald Cichanski  
1962 – Dr. Tom Wojciechowski  
1963 – Richard Drago  
1963 – Joan Elias Gore  
1963 – Jim Leininger  
1964 – Gene Collins

1964 – George Gusses  
1964 – Richard Hoffman, PhD  
1964 – David R. Kornowa  
1964 – Rick Lovett  
1964 – Walter Piatkowski, Jr.  
1964 – Dennis C. Thayer  
1964 – Martin A. Torgler  
1965 – Smitty G. Belcher  
1965 – Kenneth R. Dickson  
1965 – James E. Funk, Jr.  
1965 – Dolores Jechura Hildebrandt  
1965 – Richard W. Knepper  
1965 – Ron O'Neil  
1965 – Robert Pfefferle  
1965 – Dr. Mark Eric "Rick" Worshtil  
1966 – Barbara Czyzewski Masten  
1966 – Cathleen Duszynski Heidelberg  
1966 – Peter F. Hess  
1966 – Charles A. Kallil  
1966 – Terry Lesniewicz  
1966 – Bonnie Sahadi Werner  
1966 – Daniel J. Winarski PhD  
1967 – Linda Brown-Ewing  
1967 – David J. Simko  
1967 – David R. Taylor, III  
1968 – James S. Adray  
1968 – Toni Heidelberg Gerber  
1968 – Rebecca Nowak Erd  
1968 – Cynthia Kwiatkowski Grow  
1968 – Gayle Morgan Schaber  
1968 – Shanna Davis Smith  
1968 – Lonelle G. Walls  
1968 – Carolyn Lake Yenrick  
1969 – Kathleen Cranon Alexander  
1969 – Barbara Simon Berebitsky  
1969 – Richard C. Chesko, Jr.  
1969 – John James Lepiarz

## 1970's Graduates

1970 – Stanley Czerminski  
1970 – Paul Niefert, Jr.  
1970 – Ric Wolkins  
1970 – Homer James Yarrito  
1971 – Martin Blaszczyk  
1971 – Joe Correa  
1971 – Janina Obloza Douglas  
1971 – Ed Johnson  
1971 – James M. McGill  
1972 – Bruce Birr  
1972 – Joseph R. Bublick  
1972 – Dennis Byrd  
1972 – Mitchi L. Collette  
1972 – Roosevelt Gant  
1972 – Dr. Susan E. Ellerbush Orosz  
1972 – Pam Hays  
1972 – Elizabeth Pilliod PhD  
1973 – Michael P. Bell  
1973 – Judith Anne Babka Furlong, M.D.  
1973 – Mary Grzecki Kaiser  
1973 – Dennis S. Sankovich  
1973 – Sharon Haumesser Stump  
1973 – Barney Tompkins  
1973 – Keith Wilkowski  
1974 – Keith M. Bell, Sr.  
1974 – Shelley Brown Milano  
1974 – Thomas G. Toth  
1975 – Leslie Gunner Losh  
1975 – William B. Hones  
1975 – William Alan Laskey  
1976 – Kirk Heidelberg

1976 – Francella Washington  
1977 – Jeanne Cranon Fuqua  
1977 – Tammy A. Miller  
1977 – Robert A. Murray  
1977 – Kevin A. Wietrzykowski  
1978 – Stan Clarke  
1978 – Rita T. Simon Sheely

## 1980's Graduates

1982 – Margaret Bernard Thurber  
1983 – Tamara Hall Geer  
1983 – Mark A. Kowalski  
1984 – Amy Bishop Bostwick  
1984 – Jonathan Dallas  
1984 – Tom Marsh  
1984 – Julie Wilczynski Fulton  
1985 – Jill Laytart Trendel, PhD  
1986 – Dr. Jill E. Thomley  
1988 – Sara Monhollen

## 1990's Graduates

1990 – Tamara Browder Hageage  
1991 – Keary J. Sarabia  
1992 – Christopher Junga  
1992 – Glynis L. Kolling, PhD.  
1993 – Bryant Robinson  
1995 – Wendi Brocus Sabo

## 2000's Graduates

2001 – Eduardo Jaramillo

## Principals

Frank Duvendack  
Charles C. LaRue  
Emilio V. Ramirez  
Robert Rettig  
Virgil Sloan  
Ted Szelagowski

## Faculty/Administration

Martin J. Bogue  
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Samuel Szor  
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