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**MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE AT THE 2017  
**ALUMNI & FACULTY HALL OF FAME BANQUET**

**3:30 TO 6 P.M.**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18**

**THE CENTER FOR VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**1040 RIDGE ROAD**

**MUNSTER, INDIANA**

**YOU CAN RSVP ONLINE  
CLICK THE LINK BELOW.**

***Please Reply By August 11***

**[Click Here to RSVP](#)**

Last year's Alumni and Faculty and Staff Hall of Fame induction was a huge success. Please join us as we

celebrate the successes and service of our graduates and faculty members. The public is welcome to attend.

More information is available on the Munster High School web site!  
<http://alumni.munster.us/>



# ALUMNI AND FACULTY HALL OF FAME



**John Edington** Munster High School Faculty 1960-2004

John Edington was a Science teacher at Munster High School from 1960 through 2004. He was the Science Department Chair for many years and was one of the founders of “Project Biology” which continues to be a popular class at Munster High School.

**Linda Elman** Munster High School Faculty 1970-1998

Linda Elman was a very popular Spanish teacher while at Munster High School from 1970 through 1998. During her tenure she was active in the MTA, coached Speech and Debate and was on numerous other school committees.



**David Russell** Munster High School Faculty 1970-2011

David Russell taught English Language Arts at Munster High School from 1970 through 2011. He was the English Department chair, served on numerous committees, and was active in the MTA.



**Zal Bilimoria** Munster High School Alumnus 2000

Zal Bilimoria graduated from Munster High School in 2000. Zal has been a project manager for Microsoft, Google, Netflix, LinkedIn and is currently a partner in the venture capitalist company Andreessen Horowitz. Zal has successfully improved many apps and has started up two successful companies in Silicon Valley since leaving Munster.



**James Dedelow** Munster High School Alumnus 1980

James Dedelow graduated from Munster High School in 1980. Jim is the owner of WJOB radio and has mentored many broadcast students over the years and is affectionately known as the “voice of the region.” He has helped raise over \$100,000 for local charities and was named businessperson of the year by Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce.



**Donald Fesko** Munster High School Alumnus 1990

Donald Fesko graduated from Munster High School in 1990 and is the Chief Executive Officer of Community Hospital which has been rated as one of America’s top 50 hospitals. He is also an optometrist and serves as a board member on several other local agencies.



**Will Glaros** Munster High School Alumnus 1968

Will Glaros graduated from Munster High School in 1968. Will is the current owner of Employer Benefit Systems which is the largest employer benefit system in Northwest Indiana. Will is also active with several philanthropic organizations in Northwest Indiana.



**James Hamblin** Munster High School Alumnus 2001

James Hamblin graduated Munster High School in 2001 and is currently the senior editor of the Atlantic magazine. James has written articles for several national periodicals and was recently named by TIME magazine as one of the top 140 people to follow on Twitter.



**Michelle Plantinga Oakley** Munster High School Alumna 1987

Michelle Plantinga Oakley graduated from Munster High School in 1987. You may have seen her on the National Geographic channel as Dr. Oakley, Yukon vet. Recently she signed a contract on NBC and can be seen on Saturday mornings as the Wilderness Vet.



**Mara Candelaria Reardon** Munster High School Alumna 1982

Mara Candelaria Reardon graduated from Munster High School in 1982. She is currently serving as a state representative for the 12th district. She was the first latina female elected to the Indiana state legislature.



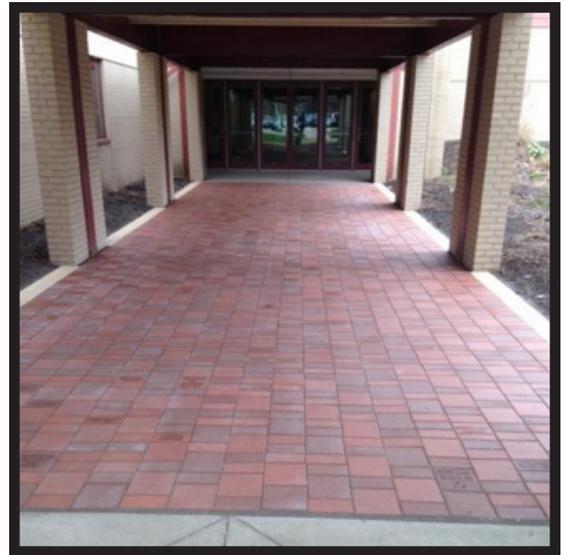
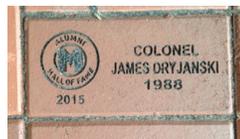
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# Pathway to Excellence

Recently, our brick walkway, Pathway to Excellence, was installed at the front entrance to Munster High School.

We look forward to more individuals and organizations joining the pathway.

Click the link below to place an order for your brick on the Pathway to Excellence.



<http://www.munster.us/mhs/Alumni/Pathway-to-Excellence>

## Coach Bob Shinkan Receives Honor

Munster High School Teacher and Head Baseball Coach Robert Shinkan was selected to receive the 2016 Central Sectional Coach of the Year award for the sport of Boys Baseball. The National Federation of

State High School Associations (NFHS) recognizes coaches at the state, sectional, and national level. Munster High School proudly congratulates Coach Shinkan on his sectional award recognition!



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## Mei Brasel's Artwork Recognized by Scholastic Exhibition

The second semester in the Munster High School Art Department is dedicated to scholarship opportunities, portfolio documentation and refinement and multiple exhibitions for the advanced classes.

On Jan.21, Mrs. Lopez delivered three winning works, all by AP Studio Senior Mei Brasel, to the South Bend Museum of Art for the 2017 Scholastics Art and Writing Awards

Regional Exhibition.

Mei was awarded two Honorable Mentions in Painting for Seeking Knowledge, and Reminiscing, both pieces are Oil on Canvas. Miss Brasel was also selected for the prestigious Gold Key Award in Drawing, for I Had Surgery While Hypnotized by a Witch Doctor; making her an automatic National qualifier for the New York awards. Top Nation-

al Award Medals will be honored through an Exhibition in NY this June. Munster has been twice previously recognized Nationally, one Silver Medal in 2012 by Ivan Gutierrez in Drawing, and one Gold Medal in 2009 by Lana Ngyuen in painting, whose work was displayed for several months in SoHo and was since granted to Munster HS's permanent collection. (*More Awards on P. 3*)

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