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ALUMNI & FACULTY HALL OF FAME Recognition Ceremony

Friday, August 24, 2018

3:30 Cocktails (cash bar)

4:15 Dinner (\$40 per person)

5 p.m. Speeches and Presentation of Bricks

6 p.m. Conclusion

Center for Visual & Performing Arts

1040 Ridge Road

Munster, IN 46321

**RSVP must be received by August 17*

Click here to buy tickets online at EventBrite

Checks made out to Munster High School can be mailed to:

Athena Svolos c/o Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner

1733 Poplar Lane Munster, IN 46321

I/We will be present for cocktails and meal.

Total number in attendance: _____ Total check amount: _____

I/We will attend only the speeches/conclusion. Total in attendance _____

Recently Munster High School announced the Class of 2018 Alumni/Faculty and Staff Hall of Fame. This annual event continues to grow in popularity and recognizes notable Alumni and Staff members who once walked the halls of Munster High School. We hope you will be able to make this year's induction ceremony on August 24, 2018 at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts. The event will be start at 4 p.m.

The following individuals will be inducted into the class of 2018:

ALUMNI

Barbara Deeb

Stephen Hess

Larry Johnson

Michael Konopasek

Glenn Scolnik

Dr. Dennis Stevens

Scott Yonover

See P. 3 for more about our inductees.

FACULTY

Gene Fort

Jon Jepsen

Ruth Stout

Alumni Association Presents First Scholarship to Senior Sara Mavity

Hello fellow alumni and friends of Munster High School!

I hope you're enjoying the start of summer. It's hard to believe that the Munster High School Alumni Association is heading into its third year. It seems like only yesterday that the steering committee first met and started the wheels in motion to get the association up and running. As a result of our success, I was honored this past May to present our first MHSAA scholarship at the MHS Academic Awards Night to graduating senior, Sara Mavity. We plan on continuing this annual tradition and hope to expand it in the future.

This coming August 24, 2018, will be the fourth MHS Hall of Fame Banquet honoring outstanding alumni and retired faculty/staff members.

I'm personally excited about this year's Hall of Fame induction since it will include one of my classmates, class of 1982 alumnus Scott Yonover, as well as former boys' swim team coach Jon Jepsen, who lead MHS to seven state championship titles. I invite you to join me at the banquet to honor all of this year's inductees and to celebrate

Munster High School. And after the banquet you can head over to the football field to watch our Mustangs take on the Chesterton Trojans!

All of the inductees are listed in this newsletter. Information about attending the event is available on the MHS website.

In our current newsletter you can read about MHS's ranking as one of the best high schools in Indiana; the many successes of the MHS dance team; and our top ranking by the National Speech and Debate Association. You'll also learn about MHS's showing in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Mustang pride is riding high!

I encourage you to visit the alumni webpage to stay up to date on MHS and alumni association activities. And please consider purchasing a personalized brick on the MHS Pathway to Excellence for yourself or to honor a friend or loved one.

Go 'Stangs!
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President
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<http://alumni.munster.us/>

MHSAA is Seeking Additional

Alumni Board Members

If you would like to serve, please contact us
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School Updates

Superintendent Hendrix keeps us informed about all the building updates with the **Monthly Mustang Express** and his **Superchat Podcast**. Both can be accessed at <http://mhs.munster.us/>



2018 MHS Alumni & Faculty Hall of Fame Inductees

Alumni

Barbara Deeb 1975 Radio Host/News Reporter, NPR All Things Considered Host

Stephen Hess 1989 Yale Law School, Best Lawyer in Spain

Larry Johnson 1970 President/Lightning Ridge Enterprises - Management of Family Office

Michael Konopasek (2007) TV Reporter, Emmy Award Journalist

Glenn Scolnik 1969 Former professional football player, Attorney- Partner/Hammond, Kennedy, Whitney & Company, Inc.

Dr. Dennis Stevens 1967 Neonatal Doctor, Former director of an educational grant program entitled Leadership Education of Neurodevelopment Disabilities

Scott Yonover 1982 Former CFO/ City of Chicago, Attorney, Former Special Assistant to the Mayor of Indianapolis

Faculty & Staff

Gene Fort School Town of Munster 42 years, Nominated for Who's Who in Education, Golden Apple Award, Developed US History Program for MHS

Jon Jepsen School Town of Munster 24 years, Swimming Pool Director, 16 Times Selected Sectional Coach of the Year, President Indiana HS Swim Coaches Association, Won 7 Indiana HS State Championships

Ruth Stout School Town of Munster 32 years/ Art Teacher, President and originator of local art sorority, Tri Kappa

MHS Ranks Among Top 5 in Indiana

Munster High School was recently awarded Silver Medal status by U.S. News and World Report.

U.S. News recognized Munster High School as the fifth best public high school and the seventh best high school overall in the state. The rankings are based on the academic records of nearly 20,500 schools nationally.

Schools must meet a benchmark for graduation rate, demonstrate excellence in both English and Mathematics relative to their peers, and demonstrate that their students are prepared for college level coursework.

Munster High School's graduation rate of 97% and college readiness index of 47.9 propelled it to a national ranking as the 881st best school in the nation.

Speaking about the award, MHS principal Mike Wells had this to say, "Munster High School is proud of the partnership between our students, faculty, and parents. The fact that all three work toward the same common goal is why we are perennially in the top ten in the state."

10 National Merit Finalists

Munster High School is proud to announce that 10 students have recently qualified as finalists for the National Merit Scholarship program. The National Merit Scholarship is an academic competition, awarding scholarships to the nation's most promising students. In order to become a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, students must have an exemplary score on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test.

Varsity Dance Team

The Munster High School Varsity Dance Team ended the season with a 1st place finish in pom and 2nd place finish in jazz at the Indiana High School Dance Team Association state competition. The team consists of 16 members and is coached by Cindy Banas. The JV Team ended the season with a 1st place finish in pom and 2nd place finish in jazz.

MHS Tops in Speech and Debate in the U.S.

The National Speech and Debate association named MHS one of the top 100 schools in the U.S. MHS ranked 56th out of more than 3,000 schools. Congratulations to program director Jordan Mayer and to all of the Munster High School Speech and Debate members for this remarkable honor.

Munster High School defeated over 90 high schools at the 2018 IHSFA State Speech Finals held at Fishers HS on March 10. MHS won the Class 2A State Championship and the Ralph Lawson Award, the overall team state championship. This is Munster's 9th consecutive state title and Munster High School's 17th title since 1968. MHS advanced 38 out of their 39 entries into the elimination rounds and set a state record. MHS advanced 21 entries into the State Final Round, the second most finalists ever on record. The state record of 23 finalists was set by Munster High School in 2013. Munster Speech and Debate was founded by Helen Engstrom in 1965. Munster Speech and Debate Alums include Emmy award winners, Ivy League Professors, United States Representatives, High School Teachers, and even a billionaire.

MHSAA Highlights Coach Marsh's 38 Years of Accomplishments

Leroy Marsh has been the head coach at Munster High School for 38 years and was an assistant coach for seven years. He will continue to teach at Munster High School.

Coach Marsh has accomplished the following during his tenure at MHS:

- Overall record 228-166
- One Regional Championship
- Five Section Championships
- Nine Conference Championships
- Coach of the Year several times
- North All Star Coach four time (winning in 2004)
- 28 players selected to North All-Star Team



- 59 First Team All-State Players
 - 2003 Indianapolis Colts Coach of the Week
- Coach Marsh has been a board member of the Indiana Football Coaches Association for 38 years. He was a member of the IFCA rating

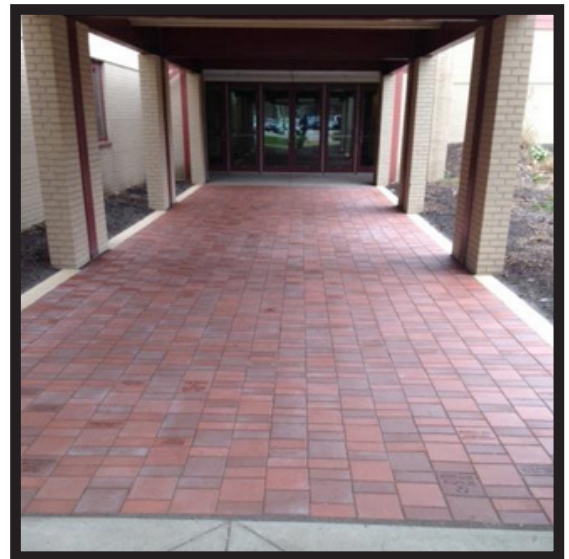
board for 37 years. He was also the IFCA Region One director twice and advisor for 25 years. Your dedication to this town, school, and community does not go unnoticed. Friday nights will look a little bit different come fall.

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>
