



ALUMNI & FACULTY HALL OF FAME

The Class of 2018

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 proudly present the Class of 2018:



Barbara Deeb



Stephen Hess (parents)



Larry Johnson



Michael Konopasek



Glenn Scolnik



Dr. Dennis Steven



Scott Yonover



Gene Fort



Jon Jepsen



Ruth Stout (sons)

Alumni Association Presents First Scholarship to Senior Sara Mavity

Hello fellow alumni and friends of Munster High School!

It's hard to believe that another school year has begun and winter break is upon us.

This past August 24th we celebrated our fourth annual Alumni, Faculty & Staff Hall of Fame Ceremony. It was again my honor and pleasure to emcee the proceedings. As always it was great to speak with all of the inductees and their guests.

The inductees enjoyed a full day of activities which included a tour of the high school, lunch, and an all-school assembly where the students and faculty enjoyed hearing speeches from each of the inductees. Later that evening, following the events at MHS, the Hall of Fame banquet and reception were held at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts.

Each inductee was presented with their own personalized memorial paver identical to the paver that will be installed on the Pathway to Excellence located at the main entrance to Munster High School.

Alumnus encouraged to attend event

I encourage all MHS alumnus, former faculty & staff, and friends of MHS to attend next year's Hall of Fame Banquet. I guarantee that you'll have a wonderful time catching up with your former classmates and faculty members.

A special thank you

I would like to especially thank a few individuals that were responsi-

ble for organizing the event. They are Principal Mike Wells, Athena Svolos and Dana Ziel. Thank you all for a great day!

You can read more about each inductee in this newsletter.

Nominate a student or teacher

If there is a former student, faculty member, or staff member of MHS that you would like to nominate for induction into the Hall of Fame, you can do so on the alumni website by clicking here: [nomination form](#)

Class of 1978 donates gift

And a big thank you to the Class of '78 and Friends for their donation to the MHSAA which will be used to help fund eleven scholarships for graduating seniors in 2019. Thank you Class of '78!

Lastly, I encourage you click here [alumni website](#) to stay up to date on MHS and alumni association activities.

Add to the Pathway of Excellence!

And please consider purchasing a personalized brick on the MHS Pathway to Excellence for yourself or to honor a friend or loved one.

[Learn More here](#)

I hope you have a great new year.

Go 'Stangs!

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Superintendent Hendrix keeps us informed about all the building updates with the Monthly Mustang Express and his Superchat Podcast.

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2018 MHS Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

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Barbara Dubczak Deeb 1975 distinguished herself in the journalism field. She began her career at WJOB in Hammond as a reporter and then moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky to start the public radio station WKYU-FM. In 1989, she served as Public Affairs Product with WKYU-Public television and helped to train journalists from Cambodia, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, and Vietnam. Mrs. Deeb has received two Emmy awards for her television work and was inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle in 2016. Currently, she serves as adjunct professor at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where she continues to work and live.

Stephen Hess 1989 was co-valedictorian before going on to major in political science at Duke University where he graduated summa cum laude. He then attended Yale Law School and graduated in 1998. As a member of the Fulbright Fellowship, he traveled to Madrid and conducted research there before returning to the USA to be a corporate attorney at an international law firm Washington D.C. IN 2003 Mr. Hess returned to Spain and began working at the Iberian law firm: Uria Menendez. Mr. Hess has passed the bar exam in California, the District of Columbia, Madrid, and England. Mr. Hess has been recognized as one of Spain's leading lawyers in private equity and continues to practice law today.

Larry Johnson 1970 received a scholarship to play football at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he received numerous accolades and awards. He graduated with a BSE in environmental engineering. Larry is distinguished by his successful career in the communications industry, including serving as president of Consolidated Press, US. Now that he is retired, he oversees a family office, managing assets for family and friends. Mr. Johnson continues to be active in the University of Michigan's athletic department and charitable organizations such as the YMCA and Mott Children's hospital.

Michael Konopasek 2007 holds a Bachelor of Arts in telecommunications and a minor in political science from Ball State University. He has worked as a reporter for affiliate stations of NBC and CBS. He works at the FOX affiliated TV station in Denver. The Denver Police Department has credited Mr. Konopasek for bringing safety initiatives to its attention such as hate crimes and AMBER alerts. He has reported on a multitude of subjects including tornadoes, wildfires and celebrity trials. As the recipient of both a regional Emmy and the Edward R. Murrow Award, Mr. Konopasek has been recognized for his unique and in-depth coverage.

Glenn Scolnik 1969, a three-sport athlete at Munster High School, received a scholarship to play football at Indiana University in Bloomington. At IU he was selected first-team All Big 10 and voted team MVP. He went on to play professional football for the Pittsburgh Steelers among other teams. In 2000, Mr. Scolnik was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame, and in November, he was inducted into the IU Athletic Hall of Fame. After hanging up his cleats, Mr. Scolnik received his law degree from IU and eventually became the CEO of Hammond, Kennedy, Whitney, and Co.—one of the nation's oldest and most successful private equity firms. He also serves numerous non-profits and is significantly involved in the community. He lives in Indianapolis with his wife of 44 years, Donna.

Dr. Dennis Stevens, MD, MS 1967 earned his Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine from Indiana University and his master's degree of Clinical Research Design from the University of Michigan. Dr. Stevens has enjoyed a distinguished research and teaching career of over 40 years while providing bedside care to more than 20,000 critically ill newborn infants in his role at the Boekelheide Neonatal Intensive care-Unit at Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D. He also has an ongoing relationship as an on-site, and remote, medical consultant for the YMCI Calmette International First People's Hospital of Kunming City, Yunnan Province, China.

Scott Yonover 1982 received a BA in political science and his law degree from Indiana University, and he also holds an MBA from DePaul University. Scott has a long and distinguished career working for a variety of political campaigns and politicians including Pete Visclosky and Dan Quayle. He also gained fame for his role as television attorney for "The Jerry Springer Show," but his proudest legacy is his work on behalf of the city of Indianapolis where he worked as special assistant to the mayor and Deputy Director of the Indianapolis Bond Bank. In 2016, the governor awarded Mr. Yonover with a Sagamore of the Wabash.

2018 MHS Faculty Hall of Fame Inductees



Gene Fort

Faculty & Staff

Gene Fort Gene taught in the Munster Schools from 1954 to 1995. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from IU and a second master's degree from Valparaiso University. His career with the School Town of Munster included teaching positions with Elliot Elementary, Wilbur Wright Middle School and Munster High School. He eventually became Social Studies department chair and developed and oversaw the AP U.S. History program. He is active in retirement in sunny Naples, Fla., where he now lives. In his spare time, he serves on the board of art organizations and has many other administrative roles within his community.



Jon Jepsen

Jon Jepsen taught at Munster High school in the Physical Education department from 1969 to 1993. During that time, he was also the boys swimming coach. Mr. Jepsen led the team to seven boys state team championships, 22 sectional championships, and 14 undefeated seasons. His dual meet win-loss record stands at 325 wins, 18 losses, and one tie. Mr. Jepsen is a four-time recipient of the Indiana High School Swimming Coach of the Year award, and in 2007, he was inducted into the Indiana High School Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame. In 2011, the new pool in the Munster Aquatic Center was dedicated in his honor as the Jon Jepsen Pool. He now lives in Hendersonville, Tenn.



Ruth Stout (sons)

Ruth Stout taught for the School Town of Munster from 1957 to 1982. She was the founder of the Munster High School art department when the school opened its doors in 1966. She served an integral role in introducing arts throughout the Munster school system. As an art teacher, she was instrumental in instilling a passion for art in her students. Through Mrs. Stout's guidance, her students won multiple awards at Calumet Region art contests which she and her Tri Kappa sorority helped to organize. Many of her students went on to become set designers, graphic artists and teachers.



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