

**PERRY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

*Presents*

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



**September 27, 2008**

**PERRY HIGH SCHOOL**  
One Success Boulevard • Perry, Ohio 44081

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# *Perry High School*

## *Through the Years*



*1921 - 1968*



*1968 - 1993*



*1993 - present*

*The Distinguished Alumni  
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Welcome .....Joseph J. Mueller, Principal  
Perry High School

Master of Ceremony .....Chuck Koelble

Hall of Fame History .....Michael Sawyers, Superintendent  
Perry Local Schools

Alumni Associations .....Carole Martin

Invocation .....Phil Cassella

Dinner .....Perry Food Service Dept.  
Vicki Peters, Director

Introduction of Inductees .....Chuck Koelble  
Jackie Altenweg *presented by:* Ray Force  
Nathan Comes *presented by:* Pasquale Giannell  
Michelle Rizzo Wardle *presented by:* Lou DiDonato  
Donald Carter *presented by:* George Inscho  
Judy Church *presented by:* Joseph Mueller  
Karl Locke *presented by:* Mary Platko

Closing Comments .....John Dorko

*Special thanks to Bill Sarvis for the  
Alumni Photo Presentation.*

# 1993–2008 Inductees

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## 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 Advey (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. Moroose (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 Nicholas 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)  
“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)

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A = Athletic Hall of Fame  
D = Distinguished Alumni  
Hall of Fame

## **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HISTORY**

Seventeen 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 75 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.

# JACKIE ALTENWEG

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CLASS OF 1998

Soccer: 1994,1995,1996,1997  
Basketball: 1995,1996,1997,1998  
Softball: 1995,1996,1997,1998

**J**ACKIE ALTENWEG was an exceptional athlete who participated in three varsity sports.

While attending Perry High School, Jackie earned 12 varsity letters in the sports of soccer, basketball and softball. She was captain in her junior and senior year of both the soccer and basketball teams.

While on the soccer team Jackie became the first girl in the state to score over 100 goals, and she currently still holds the school record with 109 total goals. She was First Team Independent League as well as First Team Greater Cleveland Soccer Coaches Association for two years. She was also the team's MVP in her junior and senior years.

On the basketball court Jackie was MVP her senior and junior years playing on a state-ranked team she scored 1,298 points, 492 of those points coming in her senior year. Jackie was First Team All District, Chagrin Valley Conference, News Herald, Plain Dealer and Lake County Basketball Coaches Association, for all three years. She was also the News Herald, CVC and Northeast Great Lakes Player of the Year her junior and senior years. Jackie was an All-Ohio selection.

During the spring Ms. Altenweg played for the Pirate softball team where she won the Golden Glove outfielder award, was a member of the regional qualifying team, and was First Team All Conference.

Jackie continued her basketball career at Slippery Rock University on a full athletic scholarship. She was a four year starter, scored 1449 points, and ranks 5th in Slippery Rock history. She also holds the three point percentage record.

# DONALD EUGENE CARTER

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CLASS OF 1948

**D**ONALD EUGENE CARTER was a courageous patriot and an intelligent, focused and outgoing leader. He was serious, with a jovial sense of humor. As a student and athlete at Perry High School, Don demonstrated the leadership and success that would define his life. He was a four-sport athlete, playing all four years in football, basketball, baseball, and 3 years in track. Don received special recognition for his leadership and “spectacular” play as quarterback. In track, he won every meet during the 1948 season. He was captain of the baseball team during his senior year. As a student-leader, Don served as class president, vice-president and president of mixed chorus during his school years. He received a school letter scholarship award in 1947, and earned honorable mention from the State Department of Education in 1948 on the General Scholarship test for high school seniors. Don was the editor of the Annual, a member of the Glee Club, and appeared in school plays in his junior and senior years.

Lieutenant Donald Carter was a pilot in the Korean Conflict and Cold War, flying many top secret missions. He received an Air Medal, 2 Oak Clusters, a Presidential Unit Citation and many Theater Ribbons. Don’s integrity was mirrored in a poem, “The Armistice,” he composed on July 27, 1953, the day the Korean Truce was signed.

After military service, Don received his degree from Fenn College, attended graduate school, and began a career as controller for Eaton Corporation in the U.S.A. and Canada. Later, at Lake Erie College, he served as adjunct professor, continuing the teaching he began as a management trainer at Eaton. He was elected Clerk of Painesville Township in the 1960’s, and served on the Lake County Board of Health. In retirement, Don started a financial consulting business and became very active in the community, winning many awards through the Perry United Methodist church, Republican Party and Rotary Club.



# JUDY MILLER CHURCH

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CLASS OF 1976

**JUDY MILLER CHURCH** has devoted her life to the service of humanity, as well as to the highest standards of career excellence. She is an award-winning office professional earning the Ohio Secretary of the Year title in recognition of her work ethic, job knowledge and administrative support skills. She is a freelance writer whose articles have appeared in local, regional and national publications. As a motivational speaker she has traveled the country assisting others in their quest for excellence. She is a philanthropist who was instrumental in the founding of three non-profit organizations. One of Judy's most important life missions has been sharing her time, talent and love to nurture foster children and support their families in reunification.

Judy ranks among the accomplished women who have received the Lakeland Community College Woman of Achievement award for her leadership in assisting underserved populations and touching the lives of countless people through her volunteer efforts. She was recognized as Ohio Businessperson of the Year for mentoring students preparing for business careers. She is the founding president of the Perry High School Alumni Association.

Her selfless efforts, generosity and inexhaustible energy in the interest of others stand as a hallmark of responsible citizenship earning her the President's Call to Service Award for volunteering more than 4,000 hours to charitable causes. She sets a standard of humanitarian service worthy of emulation.

# NATHAN COMES

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CLASS OF 1996

Football: 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995

Track: 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996

**NATHAN COMES** participated in football and track at Perry High School. While participating in football he was selected Second Team Star Beacon, Third Team News Herald and Special Mention All Northeast Great Lakes. He was also a first team All Conference selection as a junior. During his senior year Nate was the Plain Dealer Player of the Week, All Conference selection, league MVP and All Northeast Great Lakes Offensive Back of the Year.

During the spring months Nate was a vital part of the Pirate track program. Mr. Comes competed in the high jump, long jump, 100 meter dash and the 4x100 relay. Nate was one of the team's leading scorers running 10.9 in the 100, jumping 20' in the long jump and 6'1" in the high jump.

# KARL W. LOCKE

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CLASS OF 1936

**K**ARL W. LOCKE never heeded the advice given by buddies early in his military career, “Never volunteer for anything.” He has led his life unselfishly spending time in service that “just needed to be done.” As a member of the American Legion Post 697, a Perry Village Councilman, and a volunteer for the Perry Historical Society, Perry Schools and the Ohio Highway Patrol Auxiliary, Karl’s service to community and country are exemplary. Of The Perry Cemetery project, which involved locating, recording and restoring the graves and headstones of community servicemen and women dating as far back as the Civil War, Karl stated, “It took quite a bit of time, but it’s something that needed to be done.” Karl can regularly be found with his notebook in hand, locating veteran’s graves, cataloging data and noting missing information – without a computer! Karl shared information from this project with the American Legion, where his membership spans 60 years, the Perry Historical Society and the Perry Library. Each spring, Karl steadfastly prepares for local Memorial Day ceremonies by placing an American flag on every veteran’s grave. Karl was honored as the ceremonial flag bearer in 2006. Born and raised in Perry, Karl attended Perry schools all his life. At Perry High School, Karl was in the orchestra, playing the violin. He was catcher on the PHS softball team, and a letterman in basketball. Following graduation in 1936, Karl entered the military, and served in the U.S. Army in WWII. Returning to Perry after the war, Karl and his wife of 58 years, Charlotte, raised three daughters – all PHS graduates. In Karl’s words, instilling a sense of patriotism and civic duty in others “just needed to be done.”

# MICHELLE RIZZO WARDLE

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CLASS OF 1998

Cross Country 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997

Track: 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998

Basketball, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998

**M**ICHELLE RIZZO WARDLE completed an outstanding athletic career at Perry High School by participating in three sports and earning eleven letters.

While running cross country she was a four time conference champion, four time District champion, four time Regional qualifier, and four time State qualifier earning First Team All-Ohio honors all four years. Michelle was voted four-time MVP of the ladies cross country team and was the team captain for three years. She was also selected to be on the Plain Dealer All Star Team. She earned the right to compete in the Midwest Meet of Champions by being among the top ten senior runners in the state.

On the basketball court she was a starter, earned three varsity letters, and was the point guard for three district qualifying teams. Michelle was the team's co-captain and was selected to the News Herald All Star Team.

Mrs. Rizzo Wardle may well be Perry High School's most decorated female track athlete. She was three time All-Ohio and four time conference MVP and was our team captain three years. Michelle still holds school records in the 400, 800, 1600, 3200 individual races and was a member of the relay teams that hold the school record in the 4x400 and 4x800.

Out of the athletic arena Michelle was a PHS scholar athlete, a member of Key Club and TACA-SADD and she graduated with honors.

Michelle went to the University of Akron on a Division I athletic scholarship for cross country and track. She is currently a teacher and assistant coach at Poland Seminary High School. She is married and the mother of two children.

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# 2009 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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## 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. Joseph Mueller, One Success Blvd.,  
Perry, Ohio 44081**

Updated nomination form is available at  
[www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us/district/community\\_info/index.php](http://www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us/district/community_info/index.php)



# 2009 PERRY ALUMNI ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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## *Do you have a nomination?*

Note: Athletes must be out of school for 10 years (1999 and before).

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete \_\_\_\_\_

Coach/Administrator \_\_\_\_\_

Honorary \_\_\_\_\_

Class of \_\_\_\_\_

List as many achievements as possible:

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Current address of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Perry Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame  
Selection Committee  
c/o Perry High School  
One Success Blvd.  
Perry, OH 44081

**Deadline for new nominees is January 31st.**

Note: Those previously nominated need not be re-nominated.



# *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.*