

**PERRY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

*Presents*

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



***September 17, 2010***

**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  
and  
Athletic Hall of Fame  
Induction Ceremony*

Welcome .....Robert Knisely, Principal  
Perry High School

Master of Ceremony .....Phil Cassella

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

Alumni Associations .....Dr. Chandice Richards

Invocation .....Dr. George Tarbuck

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

Induction Ceremony .....Goodwin Theatre

Introduction of Inductees .....Phil Cassella  
Dennis Hudson *presented by:* Gene Kobus  
Renee Lynch *presented by:* Sharon Monas  
Mike Patrick *presented by:* Cliff Hunt  
Martha Shepard-Behm *presented by:* Carole Martin

Closing Comments .....John Dorko

*A special “thank you” to Mr. Chuck Koelble for serving as Master of Ceremony of this event and for all of his support over the years and also to Bill Sarvis for creating the Alumni Photo Presentation.*

# 1993–2010 Inductees

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## CLASS OF 2010

Dennis Hudson (A)  
Renee Lynch (A)  
Mike Patrick (A)  
Martha Shepard-Behm (D)

## CLASS OF 2009

T.J. Huxel (A)  
Lou DiDonato (A)  
Don Martony (A)  
Dr. Lawrence W. Stauffer (D)

## 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 Advay (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)  
Paul “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**

Nineteen 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 81 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.

# MARTHA “BETTY” SHEPARD-BEHM

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CLASS OF 1937

*“Through your hard work in all you do and your dedication and service to the community, you not only will be happy yourself, but make others happy also.”*

**M**artha “Betty” Shepard-Behm was raised on the family farm on Shepard Road in Perry, Ohio. Betty attended practical nursing school after graduating from Perry High School and then worked as a practical nurse.

Married on December 24, 1941 to Wilford N. Behm, she joined her husband in his family’s business, The Behm Funeral Home. Together they ran Behm Funeral Home until Wilford’s untimely death in 1961. Betty took over the helm and ran the funeral home and ambulance service for over 63 years while raising five children and making sure they all graduated from college.

Betty served 25 years on the Madison Library Board where her tenure was highlighted with the construction of the new library on Middle Ridge. She was also a driving force in the construction of the Wesley Wing at Park United Methodist Church. Betty is a proud supporter of the Madison Fine Arts, Perry Library, and Perry United Methodist Church. She was a founding member of the Madison-Perry Chamber of Commerce, and serves as secretary of the Tri County Funeral Directors.

# DENNIS HUDSON

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CLASS OF 1984

Track: 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984

Football: 1983

Basketball: 1981

**Dennis Hudson** (1984) was a gifted athlete whose greatest athletic talent was his speed. Dennis participated in both football and basketball, but it was track and field where he excelled. Mr. Hudson ran sprints for the Pirates and was the team co-captain for three years.

Dennis earned four varsity letters in track and one in football during his years as a Pirate. His accomplishments during his four year career were many. He was a state qualifier his senior year and three time district qualifier, where he won the 100 and 400 meter dashes. On the conference level he was the league champ in the 100, 200 and 400 and was a member of the championship 1600 meter relay team. Mr. Hudson is part of the school record 4 by 100 and 4 by 400 meter relay teams. These records still stand.



# RENEE LYNCH

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CLASS OF 1999

Soccer: 1995  
Softball: 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999  
Volleyball: 1996, 1997, 1998

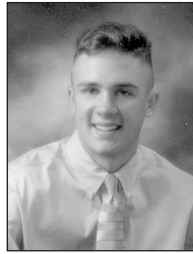
**R**enee Lynch (1999) is considered by many to be the best student-athlete-softball player to come through the Perry program. She was a quality individual and exceptional leader. Miss Lynch was the starting shortstop for four years, leading the team in batting average. She was honored as an All-Ohio player her junior and senior year as well as All-District. Renee was also All-County and All-League in '97, '98, '99. She was the key to the softball team's success during conference and district championships as well as their run to the Regionals.

While Renee earned numerous awards playing softball for Perry High School, she also excelled on the volleyball court and soccer field. During her three years of competing on the volleyball team she was All-League selection for two years, both years being honored as the league's Most Valuable Player.

Miss Lynch received a full athletic scholarship to Kent State University to play softball. During her days at Kent she started all four years and earned Academic All-Conference. She is still the all-time leader in triples at her college alma mater.

# MIKE PATRICK

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CLASS OF 2000

Basketball: 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000

Track: 2000

Baseball: 1997, 1998, 1999

**M**ike Patrick (2000) may arguably be one of the best all around student-athletes to have ever come out of Perry High School. During his four years at PHS he excelled in the classroom and in the athletic arena. It was an era where everyone wanted to be like Mike.

Mike earned many academic and athletic honors while attending Perry. He was one of those rare athletes that kept a balance of academic goals and his athletic goals. While playing for the Pirate basketball team, Mike was selected as an All-Ohio player in his junior and senior years. Other basketball achievements include Lake County Player of the year, Chagrin Valley Conference and school MVP, Associated Press Northeast Ohio District player of the year, News Herald Player of the Year, Plain Dealer Best of the Best and played in the prestigious Ohio North South game. On the Baseball field Mike was a two time All-Ohio selection, All-Lake County, and first team All-Chagrin Valley Conference.

On the scholastic side Mr. Patrick was Class President both his junior and senior years, National Honor Society President, ranked number one in his class, was the class valedictorian, and received the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Award. Mike attended Wheeling Jesuit University on a full athletic scholarship to play basketball where his storybook career followed him as Mike continued to earn many awards for his accomplishments both in and out of the classroom.

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# 2011 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. Robert Knisely, 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)



# 2011 PERRY ALUMNI ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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## CRITERIA

- Nominees must have graduated at least ten 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.

There are three (3) categories of nominees eligible:

1. **Athlete** – an athlete’s class must have graduated at least ten (10) years prior to selection.
2. **Coach/Administrator** – a coach or administrator must have served on the Perry Schools staff for at least ten (10) years and must have retired or left the school system prior to selection.
3. **Honorary** – An alumnus or non-alumnus Perry resident may also be chosen for making a significant impact on the Perry Schools athletic program.

One or more of the following criteria should be of exceptional quality to justify a nominee’s selection. Those nominated in the athlete category **must meet several** of the listed criteria to be chosen for selection.

1. Varsity level of competition\*
2. Leadership roles
3. Impact on athletic team success
4. Scholastic achievements\*
5. All Ohio, District, County selections\*
6. School, County, District, or State records\*
7. All League selection\*
8. Postgraduate achievements
9. Coaching achievements
10. Community achievements

\*These criteria must be completed if nominee is an athlete.

**Please complete each section thoroughly.**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Perry Graduate - Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

• Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_



- Sports Participated in (# years for each sport): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- High School Athletic Achievements (All League, All County, All State)  
(# years and sport each award was won):  
\_\_\_\_\_
- School, County, District, State Records and years set (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Leadership and impact on team success: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- High School Scholastic Achievements: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Post Graduate College (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Community Service Record (Civic/Charity): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Coaching Achievement (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Summary: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information (Attach): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*All nominations must be received by January 31st.**

**Send completed nomination form to:  
Perry High School, Attn. Mr. Dorko, One Success Blvd., Perry, Ohio 44081**

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





# *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.*