

Thank You for Attending
Today's Ceremony

**We are accepting free will donations today
to defer the cost of meal expenses.
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Please feel free to stop by and visit us at the
Alumni tent during the football game tomorrow night.
The inductees will be honored at pregame.



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AURORA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2017 HALL OF FAME

Induction Ceremony



October 12, 2017
The Aurora Inn
Aurora, Ohio

PROGRAM

Reception

Dinner

Awards Ceremony

Welcome

Brian Brookhart '98

Master of Ceremonies
Alumni High School Liaison

Opening Remarks

Matt Shanholtzer '90
President,
Aurora Alumni Association

School Presentations

Aurora Board of Education

Gerald Kohanski
President,
Aurora Board of Education

Aurora Education Association

Michelle Dirda '86
Secretary, A.E.A.

Alumni Hall of Fame Tributes and Presentations

Judith Byrum

Jodi Roscoe
Tribute

Drew Troy '03

Gerald Kohanski
Tribute

Jean D. Harris '66

Charles Harris
Tribute

Closing Remarks

Pat Ciccantelli
Superintendent

A grateful school and community honor their best.

Aurora Alumni Association

Board of Directors

Matt Shanholtzer '90	President
Derek Kohanski '00	Treasurer
Brian Brookhart '98	H.S. Liaison
Jennifer Shanholtzer '95	Secretary
Elizabeth Sutter '95	Reunions
Lisa Adams Brogan '88	Scholarships
Barb Hettinger Kudley '75	
Jennifer French Kutzy '91	
Robert Tuttle '63	
Ruth Tuttle '65	
Lauren Skonieczny '10	
Lindsey Skonieczny '10	
Garv Brookhart (Honorarv)	

Aurora Schools Administration

Pat Ciccantelli	Superintendent
Mike Roberto	Asst. Superintendent
Bill Volosin	Treasurer
Paul Powers	Athletic Director
Paul Micetich	High School Principal
Brian Brookhart	Asst. H.S. Principal
Mark Abramovich	Harmon Prinicipal
Paul Goodwin	Asst. Harm. Prinicipal
Mike Janatovich	Leighton Principal
Julie Troman	Craddock/Miller Principal
Paul Powers	Athletic Director

Aurora Board of Education

Gerald Kohanski	President
Pam Mehallis	Vice-President
Miriam Conner	
Beverly Kuch	
Zena Elliott	

City of Aurora

Ann Womer-Benjamin, Mayor

James Vaca	Ward 1
Dennis Kovach	Ward 2
Reva Barner	Ward 3
George Horvat	Ward 4
Kathy Grandillo	Ward 5
Harold Hatridge	Ward 6
Amy McDougald	At Large
John Kudley	At Large
Scott Wolf	At Large

Aurora Education Association

Ken Brown	President
Chris Radtke	Vice-President
Judy Dolezal	Treasurer
Shelly Dirda	Secretary

Honored Educator and Staff Member Hall of Fame (Retired)

Outstanding and memorable teachers, administrators, or support staff that made significant and positive contributions to the success of Aurora students and the Aurora City Schools. Must have worked a minimum of ten years in the district and be retired for five years.

	Inducted
Dan Dyer	2013
Mary Ann Balbach	2013
Robert Luckay	2013
John Smolko	2013
Eileen Kutinsky	2014
Andrew Kmetz	2014
Donna French	2015
Shirley Duval	2015
Judith Byrum	2017



2013 Charter Members - Honored Teacher Inductees
L-R – John Smolko, Mary Ann Balbach, Dan Dyer, Bob Luckay

Aurora Hall of Fame

The Aurora High School **Athletic** Hall of Fame was established in 1982 by the Athletic Department. The **Distinguished Alumni** division was initiated in 2001 by the Aurora Alumni Association. In 2013, all areas of the Hall of Fame were put under the auspices of the Alumni Association which added a third area of recognition, **Honored Educator and Staff**. Hall of Fame candidates are initially nominated by A.H.S. Alumni, former teachers, coaches, present and former administrators and community members. Inductees are selected by a committee of the Alumni Association Board of Directors in conjunction with administrators, coaches, and retired staff. Hall of Fame inductees are selected in all three divisions as determined by the number and qualifications of the nominated candidates.



Aurora High School Alumni Association

The Aurora Alumni Association was established in 1994 by A.H.S. alumni from the 1970s and '80s. During their first 13 years, the group developed a database of nearly 4,000 alumni, gave scholarships, sent out newsletters and started the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame program. After a five year period of inactivity from 2007 – 2012, the group reorganized under new leadership and established a Board of Directors that includes Aurora Alumni from every decade from the 1960s through today. The current revitalized group has established a website, increased their visibility, is awarding annual scholarships and is proud to be annually inducting A.H.S. Alumni and ACS Staff in our Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame Core Committee

Brian Brookhart '98
Jennifer Shanholtzer '95
Barb Kudley '75
Paul Powers, ACS Athletic Director



Judith Byrum

First Grade Teacher 1984 - 2006

Honored Educator / Staff Member

“To broaden a student’s mind, you must first touch their heart”

Judith Byrum hails from Euclid, Ohio, the daughter of Kenneth and Ella G. Sims. Her father was Euclid’s mayor for 34 years. After graduating in 1958 from Euclid High School’s largest class she attended Hillsdale College for two years. During that time she met her future husband of 48 years, John K. Byrum, and in 1960 was married at age 19. After marrying, Judie finished her college studies at Kent State University graduating in 1962 with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She taught for one year at Jefferson Elementary School in Euclid before starting her family.

John and Judie’s children are son John K Byrum, Jr., born in 1963, who is an attorney in Richmond, Virginia, son Jeffrey, born in 1965 who works for the 3M Corporation in Nashville, Tennessee, and daughter Jayme (Sabulsky), born in 1976 who has been a kindergarten teacher in the Aurora Schools for nearly 20 years. The Byrum’s were blessed with seven grandchildren.

The Byrums moved to Aurora in 1968 upon the encouragement of her brother who was an Aurora high school teacher and basketball coach. Judie began her teaching career in Aurora in 1984 teaching first grade (with the exception of one year) until her retirement in 2006. Since retirement she remained active as a substitute teacher for ten years.

Since her husband passed in 2009 Judy has remained active in the community and the Church in Aurora as a deacon and a member of the Guild Circle. She also spends time with her family and grandchildren. However, she finds among her greatest rewards watching her First Graders grow up, graduate, get married, and start families of their own. She stays in touch with many of her former students and had a number of their children in her classroom. Especially gratifying is watching several of her own grandchildren begin their academic careers in the Aurora Schools.

Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

Alumni who have made truly extraordinary achievements in their careers, have made significant contributions to society, demonstrated exemplary leadership and served as role models.
Must have graduated at least 10 years ago.

Inducted		Inducted	
Holly Benjamin '86	2001	Stephen Rumsey '70	2004
Byron Spruell '83	2001	Shirley Greenslade '52	2004
Cheryl Woodsy '78	2001	Michele Jimenez Belardo '86	2005
Dick McKinnon '60	2001	Dana Benjamin Gilliland '83	2005
Robert Dean '82	2002	Scott Keglovic '79	2005
Robert Shaw '74	2002	Jim Hickey '76	2005
Kathleen Thornton '65	2002	Robert Labadie '67	2005
Susanne Bradley Brown '55	2002	Brian Rothenberg '84	2006
Paul Farkas '83	2003	Todd Clossin '80	2006
Russ Bennett '78	2003	Tia Hodge-Jones '90	2014
Gregg Keidel '66	2003	David Edmonds '75	2015
Jody Jurkiewicz Kocsis '85	2004	Edward D. Hall '68	2016
Michael Shea '84	2004	Jean D. Harris '66	2017

Athletic Hall of Fame

Alumni who were gifted athletes and made long-lasting and notable contributions to Aurora athletics. Accomplishments may include multiple letters, all-conference titles, individual and team State championships, collegiate athletic participation, professional sports, Aurora record-holders and demonstrated leadership. Candidates must have graduated at least 10 years ago.

Inducted		Inducted	
Frank Langmeyer '27	1982	Richard Russell '59	1993
Thomas Truce '33	1982	Robert W. Russell '59	1993
Edward Oswald '45	1982	Byron Spruell '83	1993
Allen "Pres" Bliss '53	1982	Robert Pealer '65	1993
Thomas Curtis '66	1982	William Miller '48	1993
Harry Gilcrest (coach)	1986	Harry Lee '53	1995
Charles Brown '53	1986	John Nussbaumer '69	1995
Todd Jindra '73	1986	Charles Thorton '58	1995
Stanley Perchan '65	1986	Tom Courtad '95	2007
Michael Scott '73	1986	Tim Courtad '95	2007
Casey Courneen '69	1986	Pat Duncan '95	2007
Greg Johnson '73	1986	Gavin Sontag '95	2007
Helen Shilling (coach)	1992	Mark Tellerico '87	2007
Joe Manno (coach)	1992	Dick Bliss (coach)	2007
Kim Heisler '71	1992	Jericka Duncan '01	2014
Patricia Holly '80	1992	Geoffrey Jewett '66	2015
Edward McVeigh '35	1992	James Sjostrom '00	2016
James O'Brien '67	1992	Phil Quinn '87	2016
		Drew Troy '03	2017



Drew Troy

Class of 2003

Athletic Hall of Fame

Many Aurora Alumni from the turn of the millennium remember Drew Troy as "Mr. Hockey". As a founding member of Aurora's varsity level Hockey team, Troy was a guiding force for those early years serving as captain his freshman through senior year. The records he set in Aurora scoring and points have yet to be broken in the 19 years since his graduation. These local records even remain in enviable rankings at the State level where he still holds eight OHSSA records ranging from #2 to #26. Among those records set were:

- Aurora Single Game point leader (11) – All time State #2
- Single Season Point Leader – 3 times (State ranking #25)
- Career Point Leader – 300 goals (State ranking #8)
- Single Season Goal Leader – 4 times (State ranking #13)
- Career Goal Leader (180 pts) – (State ranking #4)
- Career Playmaker - 190 (3 assists in one game)
- Only Aurora player to be invited to play in the annual Cleveland area High School All Star game.

After High School, Drew played hockey at North County of Essex and Franklin in Saranac Lake, New York. He went on from North County to continue a successful career for four years at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. While with the IUP Hockey Team ultimately went to the National ACHA Tournament reaching the semifinals in Rochester, New York, where they lost to University of Massachusetts. While at Indiana University he graduated with a B.S. Degree.

Today Drew is working with the Helix Energy Solutions primarily in the Gulf of Mexico. He and his wife Anna are Aurora residents and parents to sons Victor and Owen. Today we are pleased to augment Drew's "first" accomplishments as the first Aurora Hockey player to be inducted into Aurora's Hall of Fame.



Jean D. Harris

Class of 1966

Distinguished Alumni

Describing herself as an Aurora student who was hyperactive with probable unidentified special needs, Jean credits her teacher's great patience, especially Tom Craddock, and growing up in a small caring town for her later successes in life. Jean Harris went on in life to attend 6 universities and earn six degrees and varied certifications. Her life has been a multifaceted eclectic path that has ranged from human services to a nationally recognized leader in the food industry. Her insatiable desire to fearlessly learn, improve, innovate, and push boundaries has taken her to the highest levels of corporate America.

After earning her first degree from Kent State, Jean began her human services career at the *Youth Enrichment Center* in Hudson. Looking to expand her experience she next went to the *Warrensville Center in Cleveland*, a residential facility. After marriage and a move to Tiffin, Ohio Jean continued her human services career at the *Tiffin Institution-Mental Retardation and Mental Illness*. While there she was offered the position of Chief Administrative Officer for *Fairfield Center* in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she was involved in a ground up endeavor from facility design to programming needs. At that facility, Jean created a new Parent/Guardian Advisory Council, a groundbreaking concept which streamlined and oversaw the facilities operations 24/7. After 15 years of the demanding and growing responsibilities of the *Fairfield Center* she was ready to head a new direction. Fortunately, the President of her *Fairfield Advisory Council* was the General Manager of *Pierre Foods*, and offered her a job. Jean made a complete career change and moved into the food industry.

After ten years with *Pierre Foods*, Jean moved to the Pizza Hut division of PepsiCo in Washington D.C. In her capacity there she learned how a marketing driven company functions. From PepsiCo Jean moved to the *Iowa Beef Producers* (now *Tyson*) in South Dakota and the new challenge and learning experience of utilizing technology to streamline physical movement in a 15 billion dollar worldwide company with 35,000 employees. At IBF she became the only female Director and then the only

worldwide corporation. Ultimately she was appointed to the Board of Directors of *Food Brands*, a subsidiary of IBP. For the past twenty years Jean has been with a family owned business *Don Lee Farms* based in Los Angeles where she is the Senior Vice-President on the management team that works with the nationally recognized industry innovator and community philanthropist Donald Goodman.

Jean's other accomplishments, honors, and roles have included, but not limited to "Industry Member of the Year" and 3 terms as an Industry Advisor with the School Nutrition Association, member of the Governing Board for the National School Food Service Management, Board of Directors of the Sandusky County Mental Health Organization, Board Member of the Tiffin, Ohio League of Voters, was a designated Certified Federal Expert Witness for Barbara C Class action suits, negotiated the largest school business award in history between the Los Angeles School district and *Don Lee Farms*, and was presented the "Hammer Award" by Vice-President Al Gore for her work on a Federally sponsored program to identify and eliminate waste in the governments food distribution program. She also served as a Big Sister to the same young woman for 15 years.

Jean is currently living in Melbourne, Florida with her longtime Aurora High School sweetheart Chuck Harris.

