

Thank You for Attending
Today's Ceremony

**We are accepting free will donations today to
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Please feel free to stop by and visit us at the
alumni tent during the football game tonight.
The inductees will be honored at pregame.



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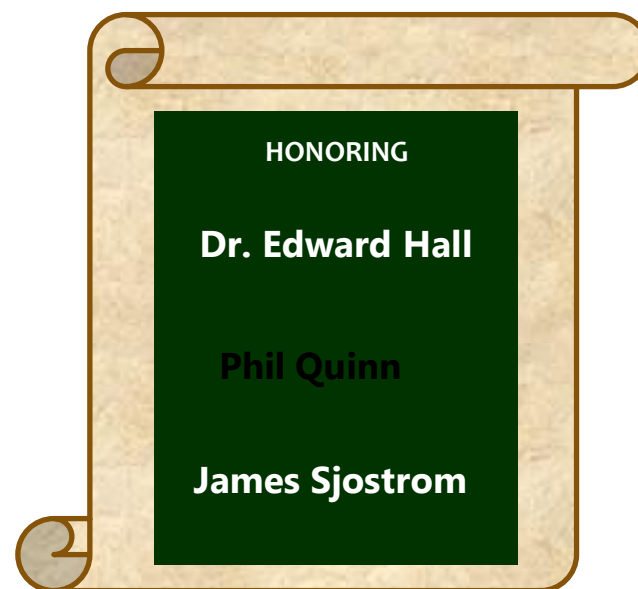
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AURORA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2016

HALL OF FAME

Induction Ceremony



September 30, 2016
Aurora High School
Aurora, Ohio

PROGRAM

Open Reception

Luncheon

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

James Sjostrom '00 Mark Dingman
Tribute

Phil Quinn '87 Dick Bliss

Tribute
Jeff Black
Tribute

Edward D. Hall '68 Geoffrey Jewett '66
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
Tom Courtad '95 Reunions
Lisa Adams Brogan '88 Scholarships
Barb Hettinger Kudley '75
Jennifer French Kutý '91
Robert Tuttle '63
Ruth Tuttle '65
Lauren Skonieczny '10
Lindsey Skonieczny '10
Garv Brookhart (Honorary)

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
Mike Janatovich Asst. Harm. Prinicipal
Paul Goodwin Leighton Principal
Julie Troman Craddock/Miller
Principal
Paul Powers Athletic Director

Aurora Board of Education

Gerald Kohanski President
Pam Mehallis Vice-President
Beverly Kuch
Annie Grohe 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 who 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



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, given scholarships and is proud to be annually inducting A.H.S. alumni in our Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame Core Committee

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



Edward D. Hall

Class of 1968

Distinguished Alumni

Following graduation from Aurora Sr. High School in 1968, Ed entered Mount Union College from which he received his B.S. in Biology in 1972. From there, he and his wife Marilyn, a 1969 graduate of Bedford High School, moved to New York City where he earned his Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the Cornell University Graduate School of Medical Sciences in 1976. After completing a post-doctoral fellowship at Cornell, he returned to Portage County in 1978 as one of the first faculty members in the newly developed Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in Rootstown. While there, he rose to the rank of tenured Associate Professor of Pharmacology in January, 1982. Later in 1982, based upon his interest in discovering new drugs, he moved into the pharmaceutical industry at The Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo, MI where he initiated and led an effort over the next 15 years to discover drugs for the treatment of traumatic brain injury (TBI), spinal cord injury (SCI), stroke and the neurodegenerative diseases ALS and Parkinson's Disease, for which he was promoted to the top rank of Distinguished Scientist. In 1997, Ed left Upjohn to join Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research in Ann Arbor, MI as Director of Neurological Drug Discovery. In 2000, after Parke Davis merged with the Pfizer, Ed became Senior Director of Central Nervous System Pharmacology at Pfizer Global Research and Development, Ann Arbor. However, on July 1, 2002, he was recruited back to academia at the University of Kentucky Medical Center where, until 2012, he was Director of the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center (SCoBIRC) which under his leadership became one of the leading centers for neurotrauma research in the U.S.

Ed is an international authority on the pathophysiology of TBI and SCI and the design and development of "neuroprotective" drugs that limit the secondary damage to the injured brain or spinal cord. He played a leading role in the discovery of high dose methylprednisolone therapy, the only treatment to date shown in clinical trials to improve neurological recovery in SCI patients which has been used for the past 25 years worldwide. For this work, he received the Upjohn Achievement in Science and Medicine Award in 1991 and was elected in 2008 to the National Spinal Cord Injury Association Hall of Fame.

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		



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.

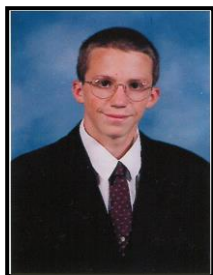
	Inducted		Inducted
Frank Langmeyer '27	1982	Richard Russell '59	1993
Thomas Truce '33	1982	Robert W. Russell '59	1993
Edward Oswald '45	1982	Byron Spruell '83	1993
Allen "Pres" Bliss '53	1982	Robert Pealer '65	1993
Thomas Curtis '66	1982	William Miller '48	1993
Harry Gilcrest (coach)	1986	Harry Lee '53	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



Also during his years at Upjohn, he was co-discoverer of the drug Tirilazad (Freedox^R) which showed promise in clinical trials in TBI and in SCI patients and was approved for the treatment of aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage in several countries. He also involved in the development of the drug Pramipexole (Mirapex^R), one of the most widely used drugs for the treatment of Parkinson's Disease. His ongoing research at the University of Kentucky which is directed at the discovery of more effective neuroprotective drugs or drug combinations for acute TBI and SCI, is funded by multiple grants from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). Ed is currently a Section Editor for the Journal of Neurotrauma. He continues to serve on a large number of federal grant review committees for the National Institutes of Health, the Veterans Administration and the Department of Defense. He also served as President of the National Neurotrauma Society from 2007-2008 as well as holding other offices in that organization which he co-founded over 30 years ago. During his medical scientific career, Ed has published 290 research articles and delivered 169 invited lectures covering his research at national and international medical scientific meetings and universities. He also holds 4 patents on drug treatments for neurological diseases.

Ed and his wife Marilyn, a retired registered nurse, have two grown sons, Edward and Christian, and reside in Lexington, KY where they are very active in their church and the Lexington community. In his spare time, Ed is a military history buff (mainly American Civil War and World War II), enjoys working out and in winter is an avid downhill skier.





James Sjostrom
Class of 2000
Athletic Hall of Fame

In Aurora, when you think *runner* you think James Sjostrom. Perhaps no Aurora athlete has dominated a sport, both as a student and as an adult as James Sjostrom. As a high school student James earned 4 letters in Varsity Cross Country and 4 letters in Varsity Track. In addition he was a 2000 State Champion in Cross Country, the 1600 meters and the 3200 meters. James still holds the Aurora records in the 1600 meter and 3200 meter events.

After graduation James earned a degree in Business Administration from Kent State University. While at Kent University he continued his passion for running where he was a member of the 2004 MAC Championship team and an NCAA Qualifier. He also earned a Kent school record in the 5k event, a record that stands today.

After college James has continued to be active in running including participation in USA Track and Field competitions and a host of events locally and throughout Northeast Ohio. He continues to train with a goal of qualifying for the Olympic Trials marathon.

Today James lives in Stow, Ohio. When not training or competing James is a business startup specialist and delivery driver in Aurora.



Phil Quinn
Class of 1987
Athletic Hall of Fame

Phil Quinn is a multi-sport letter earner whose passion for athletics has continued into his adult life. Teachers, classmates, and coaches of the mid 1980's remember Phil as a colorful, engaging, and larger than life individual who overcame challenging personal obstacles to find success in athletics. Despite a serious knee injury his junior year, he made huge contributions in three sports and earned notable recognition in all of them. Former Athletic Director Dick Bliss describes him as “a great football player – State Champion wrestler – exceptional baseball player.” Phil earned three Varsity letters in Football and was voted ALL – ESC in 1984, 1985 and 1986. He earned two Varsity letters in Baseball, where he earned All-Conference recognition. He also a Varsity letter in Track and Field. As a wrestler, Phil earned two Varsity letters and was an undefeated State Champion in 1987. After graduation Phil attended the Allan Hancock College in California on a football scholarship.

After college, Phil moved back to Aurora to raise his family. He has spent his adult life volunteering and contributing greatly to his hometown's youth athletic programs. Phil has been a coach for the Aurora Baseball League, the JAWS wrestling program, and has been a coach and board member of the Aurora Youth Football Association. He has further had the honor of seeing one of his sons participate in Aurora athletics and go on to excel on the football field of Toledo University.