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Hall of Fame 2018 Nominations

The annual Hall of Fame/Top 30 dinner will be held on May 6, 2018 at Pike High School. While nominations are accepted any time, only those received by January 15, will be considered for 2018 induction.

Please take a moment to nominate an individual who meets the following criteria: graduate of Pike High School who has been out of high school at least 10 years; has special achievements in the nominee's area of specialization; has received honors, awards, or other recognition on a local, regional, national, and/or international level; has demonstrated community service; and has made meritorious contributions to society in general or to a specific segment of society.

The nomination form for 2018 can be found by visiting:

<http://pike-ef.org/alumni/phs-hall-of-fame/>

The form may be completed online or downloaded and mailed to the address indicated on the form.

Nominations remain active for three years.

Class of 2017 Alumni Scholars

Alumni Association Scholarship Lexy Chavez

Lexy Chavez has a desire to help people through international public healthcare policy. Lexy's studies and internship as a lab assistant have prepared her for her future. Lexy graduated in the Top 30 of the Class of 2017 and is studying bio-chemistry and international relations at the University of Pennsylvania.

Max & B.A. Metzler Scholarship Kennedy Steele

Kennedy Steele feels blessed to have been able to attend Pike High School. She feels #PikeProud to be a part of a school that ensures student success and achievement, embraces various cultures and backgrounds, and gives back to the community. She knows these attributes

have given her a well-rounded and exceptional education. Kennedy is studying biology at Prairie View A&M University in Houston, Texas.

Honoring the Amazing Pike Teachers Scholarship (anonymous donor 2017) Antonio Brown

Antonio Brown has empathy for people who are struggling financially because his family has been there. Fortunately they are not in that position anymore, but having gone through difficult times has given him a strong urge to give back to people. That is why he wants to pursue music in college and use his story to help others who don't have someone telling them they can do something with their life. Antonio is continuing his education at Ball State University.

2018 Hall of Fame, continued

Pike High School has graduated thousands of people with rewarding careers, including individuals who have touched the lives of many people. These individuals include artists, elected officials, CEO's, physicians, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and many more.

Past Hall of Fame honorees:

2008—Anne Sablosky (Hank Phillippi Ryan), '67, author, television reporter; Tom French, '76, Pulitzer Prize winner in journalism; David Gadis, '80, president of Veolia; Dr. Jerry Smartt, '92, neurologist; and Kelly Lloyd, '95, attorney, beauty pageant coordinator.

2009—Jay Bradley, '67, athletic trainer for IUPUI; Dr. Gary Misamore, '70, sports medicine physician; Tony Prather, '76, attorney.

2010—Clarence Wood, '43, bank manager, and MSD School Board president 1975-1078; Dr. Bruce Monroe, '58, inventor and author; Jim Kittle, '62, President of Kittle's Furniture Group, past state Republican Party Chairman; Major General Erika Steuterman (formerly Dawn Covington), '72, mobilization assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Pentagon; Dr. Zara Rolfes Larsen, '75, live talk radio host; and Tim Cindric, '86, President of Penske Racing, Penske Performance.

2011—Dr. Gloria Cobb, '58, missionary doctor; Capt. Jeff Amick, '78, career naval officer; B.J. Nichols, '82, president of Reis-Nichols Jewelers; Dr. Peter Carmichael, '84, history professor, author; and Dr. Nichole Nicholson Wilson, '95, sports medicine doctor.

2012—Chris Gahl, '96, VP of Marketing & Communications, Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association; Yolanda M. King, '94, assistant professor of law at IUPUI; and Dave Wood, '72, coach of West Lafayette High School's basketball team, coach of the 2009 Indiana All-Star basketball team.

2013—Dr. Gina Evans-Hudnall, '95, investigator for the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center; Peter Dunn, '96, award-winning comedian and financial mind; Rob Macomber, '87, Grammy and Emmy Award winner; and Dawn Whitehead, '93, Director of Curriculum Internationalization at IUPUI.

2014—Dr. Mark Dyken, '75, specialist in sleep disorders; Amber Campbell, '99, USA track & field participant and 2004 Olympic trials; Lori Lindsey, '98, member of the US Women's National Soccer team and alternate for 2012 Olympics; and Sasheer Zamata (Moore), 2004, featured player on Saturday Night Live.

2015—Jeff Burchfied, '66, retired Guion Creek Middle School and Pike High School teacher; Mark Montiet, '73, author, radio/ television/ newspaper sports reporter, blog writer for the Pacers.

2016—Larry Metzler, '73, MSD School Board member for 20 years; Sherron Moore Rogers, '98, Associate VP of Eskenazi Health, named one of the city's Forty Under 40 in 2014; Dr. Stephanie Jackson, '97, pediatric sleep specialist.

2017 – Eric Holcomb, '86, Governor of Indiana; Jeff Teague, '07, NBA athlete, Indiana Pacers (16-17).

Pike Passings

- William E. Gordon, Sr., father of **William E. Gordon, Jr., '87.**
- **Ryan Weisberger, 2006,** brother of Paul Weisberger; **Jason Weisberger, '91;** and **Jennifer Weisberger Lafiura, '93.**
- **Kimberly Wright Robinson, '84,** sister of **Garett Wright, '87.**
- Bob Keene, *father of* **Melissa Keene Wakefield, '83;** **Matt Keene, '91;** **Lesley Keene, '85;** **Jennifer Keene, '84;** and **Hilary Keene, '81.**
- **Dan Walker, '66.**
- Gretchen Ann Riester, mother of **Michele Riester Coyne, '80;** **Marcee Riester Russell, '82;** and **Matt Riester, '87.**
- **Marion E. (Bud) and Agnes L. (Aggie) Black,** parents of **Lynn Black,** MSD administrator, and father and mother-in-law of **Julie Vogel Black, '75.**
- Lydia Anne Brasher, retired GCES and DRES librarian.
- **Phillip "Lee" Terry, 77,** brother of **Jeanine Terry, '75.**
- **Greg "Bug" Livingston, '74.**
- **Eli Robert Freeman, 2009.**

Planned Giving

In 2017 an astounding 93% of Pike High School seniors graduated. Nearly half of those graduating had some college credit. Many Pike graduates further their education by attending a university or trade school. But, absent the financial resources, some very talented and hard-working students find they are unable to attend without acquiring a mountain of student loan debt.

Looking back on the experiences that shape us, most Pike High School graduates can recall a teacher, counselor, coach, or administrator who mentored or otherwise inspired us to reach for success. You can express your gratitude by setting up an Annual Scholarship Fund or a One-Time Scholarship Donation in their name. You may elect to immediately provide the money necessary to fund your scholarship or you may choose to provide funding in your Last Will and Testament. In addition, the type of scholarship fund you select may reduce your income taxes during your lifetime and/or estate taxes paid after your death.

When you provide for a scholarship, you convey the message to the recipient of those funds that education is key, and their success in life is important to you. By naming your scholarship for a teacher who encouraged you and made a positive difference in your life, you honor their legacy.

To learn more about scholarship funding, the Pike High School Alumni Association invites you to call Attorney and Pike High School alumnus, Charlie Ward of [Ward & Ward Law Firm](http://wardlawfirm.com). Charlie will be happy to answer your questions, including tax concerns and to help you facilitate a scholarship fund that will enable future Pike High School students with economic needs to pursue their educational goals.

**Call Charlie Ward today
317-639-9501**

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<http://wardlawfirm.com>**

Memorial Donations

The Alumni Association has been working very hard to combine fun, significant events, and opportunities to help current Pike students: a way to honor Pike's past, present, and future.

We are all too aware that \$1000 doesn't go very far toward college tuition any more; however, it is a start. We would like to grow the size of our scholarships. The 2017 scholarships were increased from our traditional \$1,000 scholarships to \$2,000 because of donations from alumni.

Looking for a way to celebrate the Pike legacy of a loved one? When a Pike alumni or supporter passes, families can request that contributions be made to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. If contributions in the name of any single person reach \$1,000, the family may opt to award a Pike Alumni Association scholarship in that person's name. If donations do not reach the \$1,000 level, they will be added to the Alumni Scholarship General Fund. Thus, the actual number and amount of scholarships may vary from year to year, but the Alumni Scholarship with a \$1,000 minimum award may be sustained. When a tribute donation is made, we will include a memorial column, showing who has donated to the scholarship fund in memory of that Pike alumni or supporter.

If you wish to ask that donations be made in lieu of flowers when a loved one passes, please contact the Pike Township Educational Foundation office so they may provide you with contribution details, envelopes, and arrange to track tribute gifts.

**Pike Township Educational Foundation
(317)387-2542
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Donating to the Alumni Scholarship Fund

If you would like to make a donation to the Alumni Scholarship Fund or any of the other scholarship funds managed by the Pike Township Educational Foundation, you may do so by check to: *PTEF, 5353 W. 71st Street Indianapolis, IN 46268*. Please write the name of the fund in the memo line. You may also make a donation online by visiting www.pike-ef.org and clicking the "Donate" button under the banner. You will have the option of designating the fund you are supporting, if desired.

The Pike High School Alumni Association and Pike Township Educational Foundation are pleased to be one organization, creating opportunities for alumni to connect with one another while impacting today's students.

We are eager to welcome you, our alumni, to help us continue our mission of enhancing the educational experience of every Pike student.

Honoring Clarence C. Wood



On a sunny October afternoon, the family of Clarence C. Wood, '43, gathered with friends and representatives from Pike High School, Pike Administration, and the MSD Pike Board of Education to honor his legacy with the dedication of a bench bearing his name in the newly created Pike Honor Garden. Evelyn Gearries, Assistant Principal of Pike High School, performed the dedication ceremony and each of Clarence's children, along with several neighbors and a fraternity brother, shared memories of his commitment to serving the community.

Funds to purchase the bench were collected through memorial contributions made to the Pike Township Educational Foundation Alumni Fund in Clarence's memory. Clarence passed away on Easter Sunday at the age of 91. He was the father of Dave Wood, '72; Anita Wood Gaillard, '73; and Steve Wood, '82. Clarence was dedicated to his family and to Pike Township, living and serving in Pike for more than 80 years. His family called him "Mr. Pike". He served in many capacities including MSD Pike Township School Board, treasurer and president; Pike Alumni Association; Pike Historical Society; Pike Lions Club, treasurer and president. He was selected as PHS Alumnus of the Year in 1975 and inaugurated into the Pike Township Hall of Fame in 2010.

In addition to funding the bench, memorial contributions collected total more than \$3,000 and will be used to award a \$1,000 scholarship for the next three years. A member of the Class of 2018 will be the first to receive one of these scholarships. The family worked with Pike Township Educational Foundation staff and scholarship committee to create the application. In recognition of Clarence's legacy of community service, students applying are required to submit an essay describing their most meaningful achievements in community service and leadership, both in and out of school.

Located at the high school, the Pike Honor Garden is maintained by Christina Mitchell and her AP Environmental Science students. In Spring 2017, students and community members, including volunteers from Robin Run, removed invasive plants and revitalized an existing garden area located on the southeast end of the high school. Since then,

shrubs and trees have been donated and planted in honor of several individuals, but this was the first bench dedicated.

**With gratitude for the following donors
who gave a gift to the
Clarence C. Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund:**

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If you would like to contribute to the Clarence C. Wood Memorial Scholarship, you may send your contribution to the Pike Township Educational Foundation, 5353 W. 71st St., Indianapolis 46268. Include memo "Clarence Wood".