

Midview Messenger

Quarterly News from
the Midview Local Schools

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The First Annual "Make a Difference" Hall of Honor Inductees

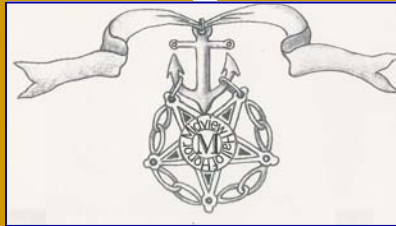
The first "Make a Difference" Hall of Honor Student Selection Committee has selected Tom Batiuk, Maureen Cromling, Ron Jantz, Col. Scott E. Manning, Linda Motznik and Henry Schriver as the six Midview honorees to be inducted in the first annual "Make a Difference" Hall of Honor.

This program is a creation of The Midview Schools to recognize Midview alumni, staff and volunteers whose exceptional achievements have added to the outstanding reputation of The Midview Schools. Today's students are often unaware of the achievements of alumni and need role models with whom they can identify—people like these—who have known and shared the Midview heritage.

These six individuals will be inducted into the Hall of Honor on Monday, May 19th at 7:00 pm during "Midview Achievement Night." On Tuesday, May 20th, the honorees will be speaking to our Junior and Senior class students at an 11:00 a.m. assembly in Kubuski gym, followed by a luncheon in the small gym shortly afterwards.

More information on each of these honorees is available online at www.MidviewK12.org.

If you would like to nominate an individual for next year's award, nomination forms are available on the district website and at each school building. Nominations are due January 15th each year.



Tom Batiuk, Creator of "Funky Winkerbean"
MHS Class of 1965
Nominated by Joe Filipiak

- Tom Batiuk spent several years as a high school teacher before creating Funky Winkerbean, the celebrated comic strip distributed by King Features Syndicate to more than 400 newspapers nationwide.
- Since the strip's inception in 1972, Batiuk has pioneered new directions in comic art by dealing with serious social issues like teen pregnancy, dyslexia, suicide, guns, terrorism, racial discrimination, abuse, and cancer.
- Launched the "John Darling" strip (1979)
- Created "Crankshaft" (1987)

- Published "Lisa's Story" an inspirational book created with the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations, (2000)
- University Hospital establishes "Lisa's Legacy Fund" for cancer research
- Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize (2008)

Col. Scott Manning, U.S. Air Force
Class of 1982

Nominated by Lowell Snider and Col. Ralph Swann

- Attending Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- Began distinguished career in Reserve Officer Training Corps at BGSU where he earned his commission in the U.S. Air Force
- Served as an instructor pilot in four different aircraft, an evaluator pilot in two different aircraft, supervisor of flying, executive officer, flight commander, operations officer for current operations, chief of combat operations, chief of strategy division for the United Kingdom Joint Force Air Component Headquarters, Director of Operations for both the 77th and 55th Fighter Squadrons, Commander of the 79th Fighter Squadron and as a Deputy Group Commander for the 20th Maintenance Group.
- Masters Degree in Int'l Relations from King's College, University of London



Maureen Ross Cromling, Business Leader
MHS Class of 1966
Nominated by Maggie Kelch

- Chairman of the Board for Ross Companies, Inc.
- Ross Foundation, Inc. co-founder (1984) and current president, supporting educational programs in Lorain County including: Leadership Lorain County, Grafton/Midview Public Library, Center for Leadership in Education, Lorain County Community College, Lorain County Red Cross and the Midview Schools Challenge Grants program.
- "Elyria's First Lady" Beta Sigma Phi award (1991)
- "Top Woman Owned Business" award (1992)
- "Woman of Influence" award from Crain's Cleveland

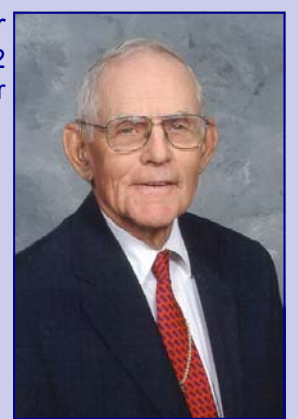
Business (1997)

- Governor's Award for Excellence in Enterprise (2002)
- "Industry Award" presented by the Environmental Technology Council (2002)
- "Rainmaker for Industry" Northern Ohio Live magazine (2004)
- "Community Difference Maker" award from Leadership Lorain County (2005)

Henry Schriver, Community Leader
Class of 1932

Nominated by Ted Schriver

- A graduate of Belden High School and the Ohio State University's College of Agriculture, Schriver later served as Belden School Board President, and then worked to help consolidate Belden into Midview.
- As a state representative in the 1960's he was instrumental in starting Lorain County Community College
- "Cows, Kids, and Co-ops" was a speech in rhyme which Schriver presented thousands of times across the country to encourage and guide young people to become leaders in their own community cooperatives.
- Affectionately known as the "Farmer Philosopher," Schriver has lived by his passionate belief that "People working together can and do accomplish things about which they dare to dream." A film of Schriver giving that speech, wearing his customary overalls, was later used by the State Department in educational programs all over the world.



Ron Jantz Jr., Media Personality
Class of 1983
Nominated by Troy DiFranco

- Jantz earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism, with honors, from Ohio University's E. W. Scripps School of Journalism in 1987
- Television sports reporter/anchor for WUAB's Ten O'Clock News and WKYC Channel 3 News from 1987 to 2000
- Currently, Jantz is the Marketing and Media Broadcast Coordinator for Lorain County Community College and does freelance sports reporting for WKYC and the NBA.
- Trustee of the Avon Lake Youth Baseball Federation and League Director for the Avon Lake Youth

Baseball Federation's Girl's Ponytail League

- Board Member for the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Lorain County
- Member of the Avon Lake Board of Education since April 2007

Linda Motznik, MHS Teacher and Counselor
MHS Employee 1969-1999

Nominated by Shirley Caiola, Holly Davidson, and Dolly Faup

- Midview Jr. High, Physical Education Teacher, girls track and gymnastics coach (1969-1976)
- MHS Physical Education Teacher, Varsity/JV track, Varsity softball and volleyball and 9th grade girls basketball coach (1976-1993)
- Assistant Athletic Director instrumental in establishing Girls Freshman teams (1976-1999)
- Ran 1st state sectional volleyball tournament at Midview (1976)
- Guidance Counselor and Drug Free Coordinator creating and/or supervising the Boo Walk, the first county wide 6th Grade Rally, America's Pride assemblies, Rally Around the Flag, group counseling, Don't Drink and Drive campaigns, Prom Promise, and conflict resolution student peer teams (1991-1999)



Midview School Board NEWS: The Midview Board of Education meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at West Elementary School. The Board is currently planning its third annual Long Range Strategic Planning session for Saturday, May 10th, 9:00 a.m.--1:00 p.m. at West Elementary School. If you are interested in participating, please contact Erin Gadd, coordinator, at 440-926-7605.

END OF THE YEAR EVENTS: May 6 MMS Choir Concert 7:00; May 8 MHS Band Concert 7:00; May 13 West Choir Concert 7:00; May 14 North Choir Concert 7:00; May 15 MMS Band Concert 7:00; May 16 and May 17 HS Choir Pops Concert 7:00; May 19 Midview Achievement Night 7:00; May 20 East Choir Concert 7:00; May 26 NO SCHOOL; May 30 Commencement