

Winnetonka High School Alumni Hall of Fame

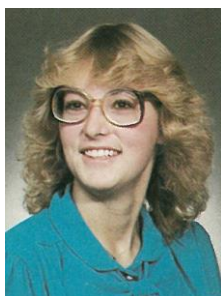
The Hall of Fame was designed to honor and recognize Winnetonka Alumni who exemplify the values, the traditions and the successes of Winnetonka High School and who, by their accomplishments, will inspire and encourage current Winnetonka students to do the same.

2019 Inductees



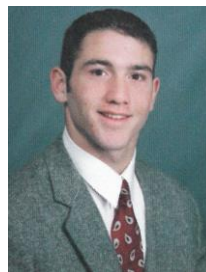
Dr. Michelle Capra Homan, class of 2002, is a Pulmonary & Critical Care Physician and Medical Director of the Intensive Care Unit at Menorah Medical Center. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine, Chief Residency, and Fellowship in Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She received several awards including the Outstanding Resident Teaching Award and the Milton McGreevy Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine. Additionally,

Dr. Holman has participated in numerous academic projects and several career-related committees. She is a member of the American College of Chest Physicians and the American Thoracic Society. She has also been a mentor to middle school students and a volunteer with charitable organizations.



Debbie Joiner Childress, class of 1984, is a graduate of Central Missouri State University with a degree in Criminal Justice Administration. President of the Smithville Area Fire Protection District, she was the first woman elected to that position and has been highly praised for her outstanding work and dedication to the city of Smithville. She is also an auxiliary with the Kansas City Police Department assigned to the mounted patrol and a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, participating in many church and charitable activities including mission trips to Guatemala. Debbie is founder of

Valor Ranch, a residential program and working ranch created to help veterans successfully transition back into civilian life.



Joe Strada, class of 2000, was one of Winnetonka's outstanding athletes. A graduate of the University of Central Missouri with a degree in Business Administration, he helped lead the university's baseball program to multiple conference championships and a NCAA Division II National Championship. Joe is the holder of several UCM records, and a member of the UCM Diamonds Baseball Hall of Fame. A mentor to young athletes preparing for college, in 2014 Joe was

inducted into the University of Central Missouri Athletic Hall of Fame. Joe manages his family's business, Allied Refreshment, which, through its partnership with the school districts and particularly Winnetonka, has contributed significantly to the school's athletic and activities funds.



Lauren Tischer Hippe, class of 1998, holds a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Missouri and a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Park University. For many years Lauren has been a journalism teacher and publications advisor at St. Charles High School, St. Charles, MO, where she has held leadership roles in various committees and organizations. The survivor of a near-fatal car accident in 2002, Lauren has used her compelling comeback story to inspire and encourage her

students and others. She is the recipient of the 2004 Women's Intersport Network of KC Courage Award and was honored as a torchbearer in the 2004 Athens Olympics Torch Relay.



Frank Weatherford, class of 1978, earned his BS and MS in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri. He is Senior Vice-President/Principal of TransSystems Corporation and has been involved in numerous Kansas City and Northland engineering projects such as parking facilities, storm drainage systems, interstate highways, interchanges, and urban roadways. Frank has served as president of the KC Chapter of the American Public Works Association, president of the Kansas City Industrial

Council, Chairman of the Board of the Kansas City Kansas Chamber of Commerce, Platte County EDC Board member, and Oak Hill Day School Board member. He also belongs to the Northland Chamber of Commerce and Platte Woods United Methodist Church.

Inductees will be recognized Friday, October 4th, during a morning assembly and again during half-time Homecoming ceremonies at the North Kansas City District Field House.

To read more about graduates selected for the Winnetonka Alumni Hall of Fame, go to <https://www.nkschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4034>. Nomination forms are available through a link or at the school at 5815 N.E. 48th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64119.

Each year, the **Winnetonka Alumni Hall of Fame** honors those alumni that exemplify the values and traditions of Winnetonka High School. By their accomplishments the members of the Hall of Fame serve to inspire and encourage other Winnetonka students. To be considered for the Hall of Fame, alumni must have graduated from the school 10 years earlier and must have accomplished two of the following criteria:

- Brought special recognition to Winnetonka as a student
- Been a positive role model in the community
- Achieved accomplishments in his/her professional field
- Made significant contributions to education, public service or human welfare.

Past Inductees:

Gary Carter, Class of 1972	Kathleen Olsen Danner Class of 1979
Sean O'Brien, Class of 1972	David Van Horn, Class of 1979
Jack Pearson, Class of 1972	Craig Leeds, Class of 1980
Glenna Sharp With, Class of 1972	Pam Nelson Wiltfong, Class of 1980
Marcia Kay Wolf, Class of 1972	Tracey Stevens, Class of 1980
Sarah Gould, Class of 1973	Ron Fortune, Class of 1981
Gary Patton, Class of 1973	Dan Rooney, Class of 1981
James Tarwater, Class of 1973	John Armato, Class of 1982
Joy Cooley Torgerson, Class of 1974	Terry Bond Rynard, Class of 1982
James Corwin, Class of 1974	Eric Hoskins, Class of 1982
Joe Wendt, Class of 1974	Dwaine Whitham, Class of 1982
Ben Westman, Class of 1974	Amy Brown Muller, Class of 1984
Mark Armato, Class of 1975	Bryan de Tray, Class of 1985
Larry Barrera, Class of 1975	Rosemary Salerno, Class of 1985
Joe Jacobs, Class of 1975	Ann Wycoff-Raab, Class of 1985
John Lober, Class of 1975	Skip Cox, Class of 1986
Karen Reese-Kissinger, Class of 1975	Christine Crooks Lentz, Class of 1986
Steven Russell, Class of 1975	Kathy Mueller Nelson, Class of 1986
Bill Sobbe, Class of 1976	Brian Henry, Class of 1987
Steve Denny, Class of 1976	Bradley Snow, Class of 1988
Robert Rennison, Class of 1977	Charlene Garrison, Class of 1993
Janet Ross, Class of 1977	Sean Dooley, Class of 1998
Jenni Wrigley, Class of 1977	Michael Jiabia, Class of 1998
Terry Leeds, Class of 1978	Brett Clemens, Class of 2003
Susan Heiman Carney, Class of 1979	Cara Slaybaugh Fox, Class of 2003
Alyson Couch Brown, Class of 1979	Bonnie Wilson-Thomas, Class of 2003

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