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Eagles of Excellence Gala

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021
5:30PM - 7:30PM
THE PINNACLE CENTER

Jazz Band
Mr. Craig VanderWall, HPS Music Teacher & HPS Students

Welcome
Mrs. Janessa Smit, Executive Director

Blessing
Mr. Mark Davis, HPS Board of Education Trustee &
HEF Board of Directors Member

Dinner

Orchestra
Mr. Adam Davis, HPS Music Teacher & HPS Students

Dessert
Ms. Angela Bennett, Family Consumer Science Teacher & HPS Students

Varsity Voices
Mrs. Deb Andre, HPS Music Teacher & HPS Students

Program
STUDENT RECOGNITION & DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
Mr. Drew Ysseldyke, HEF Board of Directors President
Mr. Matt Baer, Riley Street Middle School Assistant Principal &
HEF Board of Directors Member

Impact Video Presentation
HPS Educators

Hudsonville Education Foundation Update
Mr. Drew Ysseldyke, HEF Board of Directors President

Concluding Remarks
Dr. Doug VanderJagt, HPS Superintendent

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Thank You for Joining Us This Evening!

MISSION

The mission of the Hudsonville Education Foundation is to foster educational opportunities for Hudsonville Public School students by providing funding for resources that enhance education and encourage innovation in learning.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of myself and the Hudsonville Education Foundation Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate the forth class of the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Each inductee is an example of the success that can be achieved with the foundation of an education from Hudsonville Public Schools. To our students in attendance, I would like to congratulate you on being selected to represent your school as an Eagle of Excellence. I challenge you to go out into the world and make the most of the opportunities that lie ahead of you. And finally, a sincere thank you to all of the people that made this evening possible, especially our event sponsors. Your generosity allows us to fulfill the mission of the Hudsonville Education Foundation. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Drew Ysseldyke
Hudsonville Education Foundation President

Congratulations Students

2021 EAGLES OF EXCELLENCE STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mae Albrecht
Baldwin Street Middle School
Class of 2027

Kaden Alferink
High School
Class of 2024

Charley Avison
Riley Street Middle School
Class of 2027

Colin Baugher
Baldwin Street Middle School
Class of 2026

Kavan Belmont
High School
Class of 2023

Cade Buiskool
High School
Class of 2022

Braelyn Campbell
Freshman Campus
Class of 2025

Ethan DeLine
High School
Class of 2023

Logan Dieleman
Freshman Campus
Class of 2025

Luke Disler
Riley Street Middle School
Class of 2026

Reece Dodson
Riley Street Middle School
Class of 2027

Jacob Ellis
High School
Class of 2022

Congratulations Students

2021 EAGLES OF EXCELLENCE STUDENT RECOGNITION

Colten Hansen
High School
Class of 2024

Sarea Hefer
High School
Class of 2023

Skylar Hogan
High School
Class of 2022

Noah Nolan
High School
Class of 2022

Jalen Oosting
Freshman Campus
Class of 2025

Nate Richardson
High School
Class of 2024

Mai Sanour
Freshman Campus
Class of 2025

Cooper Smit
Baldwin Street Middle School
Class of 2027

Ashlyn VanderBaan
Riley Street Middle School
Class of 2026

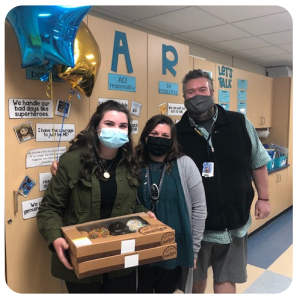
Riley VanderStel
High School
Class of 2023

Kailey Walcott
Baldwin Street Middle School
Class of 2026

Elizabeth White
High School
Class of 2024

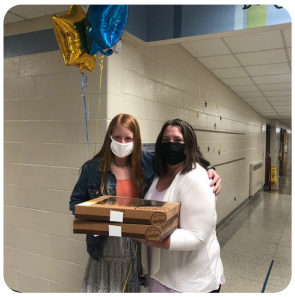
2020 Eagles of Excellence
Student Recognition

Aracely Cedillo
High School
Class of 2023



Alivia Hultink
Riley Street Middle School
Class of 2025

Mairim Ibarra
Riley Street Middle School
Class of 2026



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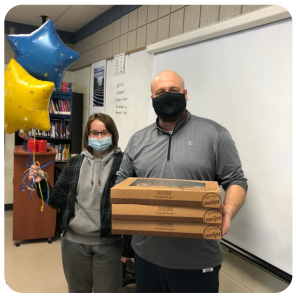
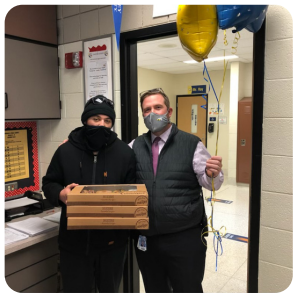
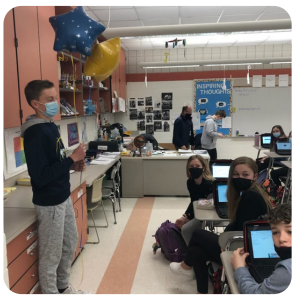
High School
Class of 2023





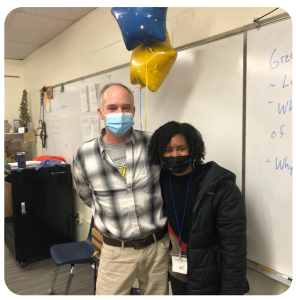
Mae Jennet
High School
Class of 2021

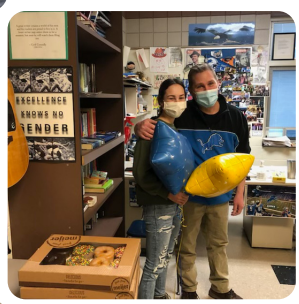
Grayson Lentner
Freshman Campus
Class of 2024



Ashanti McKnight
Freshman Campus
Class of 2024

Ryder Roberts
Baldwin Street Middle School
Class of 2025





Brayden Rotzell
High School
Class of 2021

Libby Van Hoven
High School
Class of 2022

Amiya Vruggink
Baldwin Street Middle School
Class of 2026

Congratulations

2020-2021
Hall of Fame Inductee

HENRY SCHOLTEN
CLASS OF 1938
POSTHUMOUS

SERVICE TO HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS/COMMUNITY

Henry Scholten graduated from Hudsonville High School in 1938.

He was married to Margaret (Hanes) in 1941 and drafted into the US Army in 1944 where he served in the 100th infantry. He was moved to communications in France and Germany and was responsible for establishing communications for advancing troops.

Henry has a significant history with the Hudsonville fairgrounds. In 1948, Henry purchased property next to the fairgrounds and as the story goes, he stopped by the office, introduced himself to a couple of board members, and was a fair board member himself by the time he left. He obtained grant money from the state and purchased 40 acres of land bordered by Grand, Park and 40th Streets and the railroad. He also obtained grant money for the buildings that were erected. He served on the Hudsonville Fair Board for 40 years and was President of the Michigan Association of Fairs.

Henry owned a barbershop in Hudsonville and was privy to community concerns. It was in this way that Henry became instrumental in improving the dusty roads of Hudsonville before paved roads. He eventually was voted in as a village counselor and in that capacity, working with State officials to make Hudsonville a city. That happened in 1957.

For 13 years, he served as City Manager. During this time, he worked for the development of Hudsonville at the I-196 freeway and the building of a water tower on the south side of the city. He was also Hudsonville City Commissioner and Mayor.

Henry also saw the analysis of the development of Hudsonville and the purchasing of land to build 3 city parks. He played a role in the location of the Gary Byker Library on VanBuren and the development of water and sewer lines throughout the city. He helped with the purchase of land for the new City Hall and the establishment of WCET.

His involvement with the Lions Club of Hudsonville for over 40 years produced the travelogue film series. He also served on many other committees and boards including the Hudsonville Christian School board and the Zeeland Community hospital board.

Henry passed away in 2012 but he left his family with a legacy of steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, always praying for wisdom in making decisions for his family's life and the City of Hudsonville which he loved dearly. Henry and his wife Margaret have four children: Marian Luttikhuizen, Ardith Rubingh, Karen Kraal, and Shirley Pyper along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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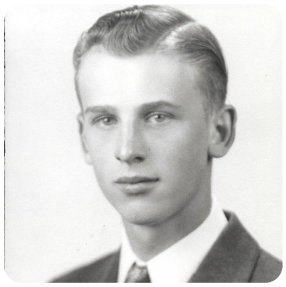
Hall of Fame Inductee



DR. ELMER VRUGGINK
CLASS OF 1945
SERVICE TO HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS/COMMUNITY

Dr. Elmer H. Vruggink graduated from Hudsonville High School in 1945.

He then enlisted in the US Army (1945-1947) where he was assigned to newspaper duties and public relations. He returned to earn degrees from Hope College (B.A. Mathematics 1951), University of Michigan (MA 1955), and Michigan State University (Doctorate in Curriculum 1970).

Dr. Vruggink was very involved with education in the Grand Rapids area as a teacher in various school districts and programs. From 1951 to 1961, he taught Math, English, and History at Central High School where he was also the debate coach, baseball coach, and Assistant Principal. (It was here that he taught a young astronaut named Roger B Chaffee in geometry and future football player Terry Barr.) From 1965 to 1984, he was Assistant Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and Acting Superintendent for the Grand Rapids Public Schools. In 1984, he became the Dean of the McBain School of Business at Davenport College for 16 years. He held many other administrative and instructional positions.

He contributed to education more globally through various and multiple publications. He was also a big contributor to local historian, Dave Bolhuis for his book Hudsonville Schools, The First One-Hundred Years.

Elmer and his wife Vivian were married for over 60 years. Vivian was the valedictorian of their class and the organist of their church for 67 years. Together, they have four children: Gary, Kathy, Mark, and Karen, and many grandchildren.

2020-2021
Hall of Fame Inductee

KEN GOFF
CLASS OF 1979
CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

Ken Goff graduated from Hudsonville High School in 1979.

Mr. Goff earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Materials Science Engineering from Michigan State University in 1984. He is also the recipient of the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Certificate.

Mr. Goff served as a civilian for the federal government at the United States Naval Air Command for 35 years. He worked in survivability and anti-tamper. Most notably, he worked on chemical coatings for the black hawks to make them ballistically tolerant. He reported to generals and traveled to many parts of the world. In a recent assignment, his work focused on one specific missile.

Mr. Goff currently serves as a Combat Survivability Subject Matter Expert at the United States Special Operations Command (SOCOM) in Tampa Florida. In this role, he researches and analyzes technologies to increase the survivability of several Special Operation Forces platforms. He also interfaces with government laboratories such as the Department of Defense program offices and industry partners such as SURVICE Engineering Co, a Department of Defense and Homeland Security contractor, to analyze and recommend survivability technologies.

Mr. Goff lives in Huntsville, Alabama with his wife of 32 years, Vonda. They have three children; Matt, Adam, and Meagan.

2020-2021
Hall of Fame Inductee

CHIEF KIMBERLY KOSTER
CLASS OF 1986
CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

Kimberly Koster graduated from Hudsonville High School in 1986.

She received her associates degree from Grand Rapids Junior College, her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Grand Valley State University and her master's degree in criminal justice administration from Ferris State University. She later graduated with Class 251 of the FBI National Academy.

In 2018, Chief Koster was voted as director of public safety for the City of Wyoming where she leads a team of nearly 130 full-time personnel, including 88 sworn police officers and 29 full-time firefighters. She is the first woman to lead the Department of Public Safety.

Chief Koster served many roles throughout her 25-year career including several years as the 911 Communications Supervisor during which time she led the consolidation of police and fire operations in multiple communities including Wyoming's transition to the Kent County Dispatch Authority. She has also served as a community policing officer, a lead detective in homicide investigations, a patrol lieutenant, and a crisis negotiator. Chief Koster has continued to lead the department's successful accreditation efforts through the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) which puts the agency in compliance with more than 470 standards of best practices in policing. This is an accomplishment shared by only 1,000 law enforcement agencies worldwide.

Throughout her career, Chief Koster has been recognized with several commendations including the Life Saving Award, Chief's Award of Excellence, and the Michigan Jaycee's Outstanding Young Public Safety Officer. She serves as President of the Kent County Metro Oversight Board and Vice President of the Kent County Chiefs of Police Association. She is an active board member for the Children's Advocacy Center of Kent County, the Greater Wyoming Community Resource Alliance, and the Kent County Corrections Board.

Chief Koster lives with her wife, Marie, in Grand Rapids with their three boys Bonham, Cash and Jett.

2020-2021
Hall of Fame Inductee

DR. SAMUEL MALUIL
CLASS OF 2003
CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Samuel Maluil graduated from Hudsonville High School in 2003.

Dr. Maluil was born in South Sudan which gained independence from Sudan in 2011 after decades of civil war. He was born during the second Sudanese civil war and was a refugee in Ethiopia and Kenya for more than 10 years. In 2000, Samuel was resettled in Hudsonville, Michigan with Chris and Janet Stark. He was part of the United States refugee program that resettled three thousand “Lost Boys of Sudan” throughout the United States between 2000 and 2001.

Dr. Maluil attended Hudsonville High School for three years before graduation. He has very fond memories of Hudsonville and Hudsonville High School. He was well known around the school by both teachers and students, he was very active in track and field, soccer and cross country and these sports helped him better acclimate with life in the United States despite a significant culture shock. He was voted the 2003 prom king. Many teachers and students also helped him adjust to his new life in America. He is appreciative to David Bolhuis, his track and field coach and biology teacher, Bruce Kunzi, his cross-country coach and young life leader, and Mrs. Kelly Irish, his English as a second language and English teacher and mentor. Students Kelly Meade and Brad Miedema assisted him on, and off campus and their help and friendship are greatly appreciated.

Dr. Maluil received his Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and minor in Biology from Calvin College in 2007. He then attended Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and graduated with honors in 2012. After completing his medical internship in Florida in 2013, he was called to active duty for two years with the United States Marine Corps and served as a battalion surgeon. Dr. Maluil then returned to training and completed internal medicine residency at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia in 2018.

In his desire to help the current refugee children in Sudan receive an education, Dr. Maluil, along with other Lost Boys, formed Funds for School which was a nonprofit organization based in Grand Rapids in 2014. The goal of the fund was to provide sponsorships to Sudanese students to provide their educations and increase literacy in Sudan.

Dr. Maluil is an Internal Medicine Specialist and a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy, currently providing medical care to the active-duty service members, their dependents and retirees at the US Naval Hospital in Beaufort, South Carolina. Dr Maluil is married to his wife, Rebecca. They have 4 (soon to be 5) children.

Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

The Hudsonville Public Schools' (HPS) Alumni Hall of Fame, in partnership with the Hudsonville Education Foundation (HEF), has been established to celebrate the achievements and talents of our distinguished alumni. The HPS Alumni Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have made exceptional achievements in their field, significant contributions to Hudsonville Public Schools, and/or unique contributions to their communities on a local, state, national, or global level. The selection of these individuals is intended to recognize and encourage a tradition of excellence, achievement, commitment, and dedication.

The categories of recognition are:

- Cultural/Performing Arts – This individual is a graduate of HPS and recognized for achievements in the cultural, visual, or performing arts and/or contributions to the promotion of cultural activities on a local, state, national, or global level.
- Career Accomplishments (including military recognition) – This individual is a graduate of HPS and recognized for achievement in his or her profession which has resulted in a direct and significant impact in his or her field. The nominee has demonstrated unique talents and/or accomplishments.
- Service to Hudsonville Public Schools/Community – This individual is a graduate of HPS and recognized for service to the Hudsonville Public Schools or to community or society by sustained example or contribution, and by serving as a major influence in the lives of Hudsonville students or in the community/society through acts of leadership.
- Honorary Achievement/Contribution to the Hudsonville Public Schools/Community – This individual is recognized for service to the Hudsonville Public Schools by sustained example or contribution, and by serving as a major influence in the lives of Hudsonville students through acts of leadership. Hudsonville High School graduation is not a requirement in this category.

Anyone can nominate a candidate for induction into the HPS Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. New inductees will be selected and honored annually. Commemorative plaques will be presented to the inductee at the annual Eagles of Excellence Gala. Recognition of the distinguished alumni will be displayed on the Academic Wall of Excellence located in the vestibule of the northwest entrance of Hudsonville High School.

Nominees in the categories of Cultural/Performing Arts, Career Accomplishments, or Service to Hudsonville Public Schools/Community must have graduated from Hudsonville High School at least five years prior to nomination. Posthumous awards may be granted in all categories.

Each year, the HEF board will carefully review each nomination and select inductees. Nominees not selected for induction will not carry over into the next year. There will be a limit to the number of inductees that will be allowed per year. No self-nominations, please.

Nominations for the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame will reopen online at www.hudsedfound.org/distinguished-alumni in early 2022.

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