

# MIAMI EAST ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

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**PURPOSE:** To bring recognition to Miami East High School graduates (and previous Miami East School names) who have made significant contributions to society by vocation, avocation, philanthropy, deed, or other endeavor, either planned or unplanned.

**PHILOSOPHY:** Our heritage often affects us in direct and indirect ways, both at the conscious and unconscious levels. As we go through life we plan and complete many activities. Significant outstanding activities or efforts should be rewarded with appropriate recognition. It is with these thoughts in our minds that the Miami East School District and the Miami East Alumni Association want to begin and maintain an organization which will recognize significant activities that have been achieved by our former graduates.

**COMMITTEE:** A committee will choose graduates for induction into the Miami East Alumni Hall of Fame and evaluate and revise the procedures for the recognition of candidates. A committee of at least 10 members shall be maintained. These members will be selected by the Superintendent of Schools in the following ratio: the present superintendent, a secondary school principal, an elementary principal, a counselor, a teacher, an alumni member, an alumni association officer, a student officer/president of class or student government officer (who will be selected by principals), a board member, and a community member.

The committee should be re-designated by the superintendent each year. The first committee was formed in January of 1992.

The committee will be responsible for determining the persons who are selected as inductees into the Hall of Fame. They shall also be responsible for planning the induction ceremony with the alumni association, notifying inductees, determining the type of award to be given, and any other activities deemed necessary to maintain the operation of the Miami East Alumni Hall of Fame.

The superintendent shall obtain needed monies to fund the Hall of Fame. The alumni association shall provide complimentary dinners for the Hall of Fame recipients.

**Meritorious Award:** Effective in 2009, the Miami East Alumni Hall of Fame Committee created The Meritorious Award to allow, posthumous induction of an alumnus into the Hall of Fame, if the same Hall of Fame selection criteria have been met. This award will be bestowed upon no more than one alumnus per year.

## ANNUAL MIAMI EAST ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Each year nominations for the Miami East Alumni Hall of Fame will be sought from employees of the district, alumni and community members. Nominations should be sent to the superintendent's attention from September through January each year. Nomination results will be publicized through announcements in the school district's various publications each fall, as well as in local newspapers a few months before the scheduled selection. Nomination forms will be available in the superintendent's office each fall. Committee members who were selected by the superintendent prior to the first annual Hall of Fame will be contacted to meet and review the nominated candidates in March.

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF ALUMNI CANDIDATES FOR INDUCTION

- A. Outstanding achievement in vocational pursuits.
- B. Outstanding contributions in community and/or government affairs.
- C. Meritorious recognition for some action taken or provided.
- D. Significant philanthropic involvement.
- E. Other criteria which, from time to time, may be brought before the committee.

Letters of invitation will be sent to each selected inductee in March. Inductees will be invited to attend the annual (May) Miami East Alumni Banquet to receive plaques and public recognition.

Plaques will be presented to each inductee with the following inscription:

"In recognition of your accomplishments and to honor you as an outstanding graduate from the Miami East School District in 2012."

**Inductees ARE EXPECTED to attend the Alumni Banquet as honored guests.**

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS' ANNUAL  
ALUMNI "HALL OF FAME" CANDIDATE  
NOMINATION FORM**

**HELP US HONOR OUR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI WITH YOUR  
NOMINATIONS!**

The Miami East Local School Alumni Association and the School Administration are seeking candidates for the Annual "Hall of Fame". Hall of Fame inductees will be graduates of Miami East High School (or other previous Miami East School names) who have made significant contributions to society. The Alumni Hall of Fame induction will take place at the Miami East Alumni banquet, the second Saturday of May, at Miami East High School. **Inductees will be expected to be at the ceremonies in May.**

If you know of a well-qualified and deserving graduate, please let us know by completing the form below before January 30. We will then contact the candidates to see if they are interested and ask them for additional information. A committee from the school district, with representation from the Alumni Association will make the selections by March.

CANDIDATE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE AND ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR OF GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE NUMBERS: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

REASON(S) FOR YOUR NOMINATION (Use the space below or additional pages)

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**PLEASE RETURN BY JANUARY 30**  
MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE  
3825 NORTH STATE ROUTE 589  
CASSTOWN, OH 45312

4-3-2015

# HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS

- 1992** Howard Caven - 1937 Lena-Conover  
Tom Fulton - 1957 Miami Central  
Paul Ponchillia - 1961 Miami East
- 1993** Mary Bewley - 1935 Lostcreek  
(deceased 9/2007)
- 1994** Hildreth Miller - 1925 Lostcreek  
(deceased 2000)  
Betty Bair - 1944 Elizabeth  
Stuart Houser - 1962 Miami East
- 1995** Earl Good - 1929 Staunton  
(deceased 1997)  
Helen Updike - 1928 Staunton  
(deceased 12/2006)
- 1996** Howard Mason - 1935 Lena-Conover  
(deceased 1998)
- 1997** Douglas Christian - 1961 Miami East  
Gary Connell - 1967 Miami East  
Larry Lavender - 1965 Miami East
- 1998** Charles Carver, Jr. - 1972 Miami East  
Craig Covault - 1967 Miami East
- 1999** Douglas Swallow - 1968 Miami East  
Fred Knoop - 1936 Lostcreek  
(deceased 12/1998)  
Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2000** Keith Roeth - 1966 Miami East
- 2001** Katherine Kowrach (Clark) - 1972  
Miami East

- 2002** James R. Gord – 1982 Miami East  
Timothy A. Harrison – 1975 Miami East
- 2003** Sandra Borrer – 1967 – Miami East  
Todd Bowers – 1972 Miami East  
Keith Bowers – 1973 – Miami East
- 2004** Samuel Custer – 1977 – Miami East
- 2005** Thomas R. Minnich – 1955 – Miami Central
- 2006** John Fulton – 1990 – Miami East
- 2007** Sidney Bowers – 1969 – Miami East
- 2008** Donald E. Peters – 1965 – Miami East  
  
Audrey Phillis – 1959 – Miami East
- 2009** Marla Elifritz Brown – 1966 – Miami East
- 2012** Mary Beth Freeman– 1980 – Miami East
- 2013** Tim Woodward– 1977– Miami East  
Bill Meyer– 1978– Miami East
- 2015** Diane Walker– 1979– Miami East
- 2016** Larry Leffel– 1964– Miami East
- 2020** Bob Anderson – 1953– Miami East  
Victor Caven – 1966– Miami East

1<sup>st</sup> MERITORIOUS SELECTION

ALBERT BELMONT GRAHAM

*June 19, 1885*

*Lena-Conover High School*

