

ALUMNI WALL OF ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD PROGRAM

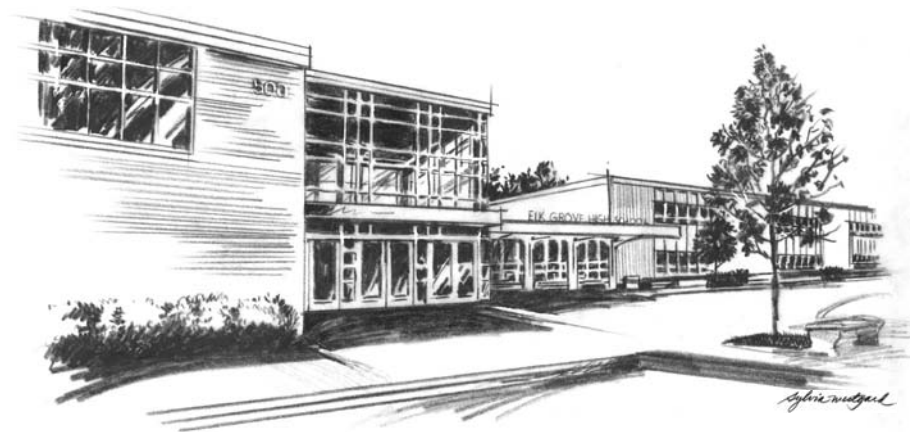
October 1, 2009

DEDICATED TO STUDENT SUCCESS



*Elk Grove High School
500 W. Elk Grove Blvd.
Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007*

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TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 214

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*The key to happiness is having
dreams.*

*The key to success is making
dreams come true.*

ALUMNI WALL OF ACHIEVEMENT CRITERIA

The Alumni Wall of Achievement is meant to not only recognize Elk Grove alumni for their achievements and contributions but, more importantly, to offer role models to our present students. This high school has a rich tradition, and it is important that our students be exposed to some examples of its graduates who have made a difference. This recognition program is designed to hopefully illustrate to our students the importance of setting strong educational and career goals.

Elk Grove High School would like to honor alumni who have earned recognition for their achievements and contributions in their field of endeavor. Recognition will be given to those who have exhibited outstanding leadership, character, and service.

Selection will be made on the basis of the following criteria:

- Graduated from Elk Grove High School at least five years ago.
- Has demonstrated a high level of achievement in his/her field and made significant contributions to that field.
- Exhibits leadership, character, and service.

A selection committee made up of the Principal, one other administrator, two faculty, one non-certificated staff, one board member, two parents, and one student will be established.

The following procedure will be followed:

A letter will be sent to parents, staff, and retired staff asking for nominations. An advertisement will also be placed in the local newspapers. This will be done by February 1.

Nominations will be accepted until March 1. At that time the selection Committee will meet and review all nominations. Semi-finalists will be selected, and they will be sent a questionnaire to acquire further information and to determine if they could attend the induction ceremonies.

These will be due back to the selection committee by April 15. By June 1, the selection committee will meet and select up to four alumni to receive this recognition. All nominations will be kept on file and referred to in future years. Seeking nominations and seeking information from nominees is an ongoing process; therefore, we will accept nominations at any time. Also, an alumnus could be removed from the Wall of Achievement by the selection committee because of actions which could bring discredit to the school image.

The tentative schedule of events that will surround the induction during Homecoming Week are as follows:

- Alumni will be available to talk to classes on Thursday and Friday of Homecoming Week.
- A reception and a light buffet will be held after school for staff, parents, and friends of the alumni.
- A printed program will be developed that will include the current year's inductees and those of previous years.
- The alumni will be presented with a plaque during halftime of the Homecoming football game.

A display will be constructed to exhibit plaques for the alumni that will include their picture and a short description of their achievements.

ALUMNI WALL OF ACHIEVEMENT NOMINATION FORM

Alumni awards will be given to selected Elk Grove alumni. Selection will be made on the basis of the following criteria:

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I wish to nominate the following person for Elk Grove High School's Alumni Award. I am including pertinent information to assure his/her nomination.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Position: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Please use a separate piece of paper to list nominee's contributions and achievements in his/her profession and community.

Nomination submitted by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return completed nomination form by March 15 to:

Dr. Nancy Holman, Principal
Elk Grove High School
500 W. Elk Grove Blvd.
Elk Grove Village IL 60007

The Wall of Achievement Committee wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to:

Kathy Benn and the Food Services Staff
Brad Kahler, Technology Systems Supervisor
William Baar and the Orchestra Students
Maria Eichstaedt, Librarian
District Production Services Staff
Joseph Rutka and the Building & Grounds Staff

Wall of Achievement Selection Committee

Nancy Holman, Principal
David Travis, Associate Principal
Rick Mirro, Assistant Principal
Valerie Norris, Assistant Principal
Grace LoBianco, PTC Co-President
Rick Heller, PTC Co-President
Alva Kreutzer, School Board Member
Jenna Kyriazes, Student Council President

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 1, 2009

- 8:45 a.m. • Arrive at Elk Grove H.S. and report to Main Office
• Continental Breakfast
• Tour of the School
- 9:10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. • Visit classes
• Lunch
• Visit classes
- 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. • Reception in the Library
- 6:00 p.m. • Homecoming Parade
- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. • Pep Rally / Bonfire

Friday, October 2, 2009

- 8:10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. • Visit classes
- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. • Homecoming Coronation in Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. • Formal Presentation on Football Field

Major William J. Free Class of 1995



Bill Free graduated from Elk Grove High School in 1995. He received a Baccalaureate Degree in Behavioral Science from the U. S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. While at the Academy, he was on the Western Athletic Conference Championship football team. He continued his professional military education, taking aerospace courses and attending Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College. Bill is currently working on his MBA and is a B-2 Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri.

Bill spent one year as an Assistant Military Training Advisor and football coach at the Academy's Prep School before beginning specialized undergraduate pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi. There he earned the "Military Training Award" for exemplary attitude and proven leadership. He went on to become an Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander in the T-37 aircraft and led his student class to the highest academic score in squadron history. Bill was voted "Best Instructor Pilot" two years in a row by his students. He was accepted into the elite B-2 Initial Qualification Program to command the \$2.2 billion B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber and has held the positions of Mission and Aircraft Commander, and Chief of Scheduling. He was awarded the first ever 394th Combat Training Squadron Outstanding Contributor Award for his leadership, and was voted B-2 Aircraft Commander of the Year in 2007.

Bill is always the first to volunteer to help in his church or community. When Bill was deployed to Guam, he organized a group effort to bring cards and gifts to children in the hospital on Christmas and filled boxes with food, clothing, and supplies for families on remote islands in the South Pacific.

Bill's best memories of Elk Grove High School are the relationships he had with friends and teachers. He has a great appreciation for the teachers who took the time to get involved with their students, not only in the classroom, but also outside the classroom. While at Elk Grove, Bill played football and baseball. He participated in track, Orchesis, the Mr. Elk Grove Contests, and the Big Brother / Sister Program. He was a member of the National Honor Society.

Faith and family are most important to Bill. He met his wife, Hilary, at church in Mississippi. They have three beautiful children: Will, Ashlin, and Presley.

Bill's message to Elk Grove students: *"Be disciplined in school, do the right thing because it's the right thing to do, respect adults to include your parents, and leave your cell phone at home during school."*

Bryan McElroy Class of 1996



Bryan McElroy is a 1996 graduate of Elk Grove High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Theatre and Music from Illinois State University and has been working as a professional actor for almost ten years.

All his life, Bryan wanted to be a rock star. Playing the role of Tommy DeVito in *Jersey Boys* got him closer than he ever imagined. In an interview with Bryan, west coast correspondent Cathi Aradi said: "Bryan's irrepressible humor and unstoppable energy make him a natural for the part."

Prior to *Jersey Boys*, Bryan starred in an off Broadway production of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and in the world premiere of *Across the Way*. He has worked with some notable names such as Jeff Daniels, Robert DeNiro, Des Macanuff, Frankie Valli, and Bob Gaudio.

Bryan has been honored in caricature format at Petterino's in Chicago, and with a celebrity plate at Frankie's Restaurant in Chicago.

As a young boy, Bryan was inspired by the EGHS Towne Criers' holiday performance at his elementary school. He followed his dream to become a Towne Crier in high school and remembers performing sometimes sixty community concerts in November and December alone. He also participated in Choir, Orchesis, the Variety Show, the Mr. Elk Grove Contest, Mad Man Football, the plays and musicals, group interpretation, and the morning announcements.

Bryan has continued to give back to the community by his involvement in fundraising programs, including raising the most money for BCFA (Broadway Cares Equity Fights Aids) by donating proceeds from backstage tours. He has also participated in several Ron Onesti fund raisers and is active in raising awareness for the VH1 Save The Music Foundation.

Bryan's message to Elk Grove students: *"I have to quote EGHS alum Ray Broderick from one of his commencement speeches where he advised graduating seniors to "...choose passion over paycheck when choosing your career path."*

Ami Marie Novoryta
Class of 1996



Ami is a 1996 graduate of Elk Grove High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Illinois, graduating magna cum laude and with Department Distinction. Ami earned a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. She recently joined the Boston Teacher Residency.

Ami spent six months in London, England as an account executive writing press releases for Arnold Public Relations before returning to Chicago where she taught ACT prep classes for Kaplan, Inc., and developed curriculum and prepared adults for the GED exam. Ami was an A+ Illinois Intern for the Chicago Metropolitan Planning Council where she supported a statewide coalition for school funding reform.

Ami spent six years as Director of Development and Communications at the Erie Neighborhood House, which delivers community-based education to 4,500 low-income immigrants annually. She developed and implemented an annual fundraising plan of \$1.6 million for Erie Elementary Charter School where she also co-created and co-facilitated outcome measurement training for staff, managed the budget, and developed a bilingual website, in addition to publishing annual reports and newsletters.

As a research assistant at BRAC USA in New York, Ami developed recommendations for fundraising and program adaptation for expansion of BRAC into Africa. She spent the summer of 2008 as an Advocacy Intern in Bangladesh, leading a collaborative effort to improve education at the primary and secondary levels.

Ami has done volunteer work in kindergarten classrooms, helped build a home in Texas with Habitat for Humanity, and organized adopt-a-family programs.

Ami's best memories of Elk Grove High School include traveling with the debate team and being involved with the Student Council, as well as spending time with women who have become lifelong friends. She was also involved with cheerleading, Orchesis, service learning, and volleyball.

Ami's message for Elk Grove students: *"Set high standards and high goals for yourself. You'll be amazed at what you can achieve if you work hard and plan ahead."*

**ALUMNI WALL OF ACHIEVEMENT
RECIPIENTS**

INDUCTED 2008

MICHAEL BURKE (1978)
BRIAN J. PANGRL (1979)
JENNIFER (FLYNN) SCANLON (1984)

INDUCTED 2007

TRACY (DICKSON) BERGER (1977)
CHIKAKO MESE (1987)
JENNIFER (ROSCOE) TOMASO (1989)

INDUCTED 2006

ANN O'CONNELL (1996)
STEPHEN C. SCHOLTEN (1972)
KARYN MULLEN (1978)

INDUCTED 2005

TIMOTHY J. PASTERNAK (1979)
MARK C. NOLAN (1978)
CAROL E. SWANSON, (1975)

INDUCTED 2004

THERESE (HARRIS) BERGMANN
(1969)
L. SCOTT McCORMICK (1979)
GARY STEIGER (1981)

INDUCTED 2003

TIMOTHY DOHRER (1985)
TIMOTHY DURKEE (1975)

INDUCTED 2002

KIMBERLY (FOLEY) MAGURA (1986)
PATRICK MASSEY (1971)
JON SALL (1984)
JEFFREY SRONKOSKI (1972)

INDUCTED 2001

JOHN CAMPBELL (1975)
LINDA (JAMES) GAGYI (1978)
MICHAEL J. MOORE (1988)
STEVEN R. PENN (1982)

INDUCTED 2000

DANIL P. EVANS (1974)
CHERYL A. KETTLER (1975)
SHERYL L. STOGIS (1976)
STEVEN C. CAMPBELL (1978)

INDUCTED 1999

REBECCA (VILLARS) DAVIS (1970)
JAMES LEOPARDO (1972)
DAVID OTTO (1982)
ERIN SORENSON (1977)

INDUCTED 1998

MICHAEL R. HULETT (1973)
THOMAS J. NERI (1969)
CHRISTINE (BECK) PROCHNO (1970)

INDUCTED 1997

ANN M. CHIERO (1978)
NORA C. (RICE) FEELEY (1977)
JEAN HERIGODT (1973)
ROBERT LUTZ (1980)

INDUCTED 1996

LINDA M. BAVARO
(CHRISTENSEN) (1973)
MARY PAT FRINTNER
(SCHWERZLER) (1983)
KENNETH JAROSCH (1979)
STEVE QUICK (1972)

INDUCTED 1995

RONALD J. DOMANICO (1976)
ELIZABETH HARPER (1970)
LAURA J. NOTSON (1973)
SHEILAH A. BERNARD (1970)

INDUCTED 1994

TIM EVANS (1973)
CRAIG JOHNSON (1978)
TERESA KETTLEKAMP (1970)
JENNIFER SCHULTZE (1976)