



# Viking Alert

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Alumni Association

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## 2016 Scholarship Winners

Your Alumni Association is offering a new scholarship this year in honor of G. Kenneth Oberlin. Mr. Oberlin was Scoutmaster for 38 years and was registered with the Boy Scouts for over 70 years. He was honored with the Buckeye Council's Silver Beaver Award and helped over 70 young men earn the Eagle Scout Badge. The inaugural Oberlin Scholarship winner is Anthony Massa. Anthony created his own charity event that has raised well over \$ 7,000 to aid the Stark County Hunger Task Force.

The Fred and Barbra Stevens Scholar Athlete Scholarship winner is Vince Serapiglia. Vince played football and baseball and carries a 4.49 GPA.

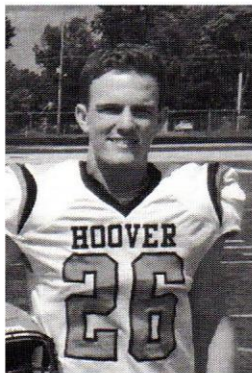
The William S. DeGregorio Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to pursue journalism or communications in College. This year's winner is Patrick Kotnick.

Your Alumni Association also awards scholarships for outstanding Citizenship. This year's Citizenship Scholarship winners are Genevieve Bodenschatz and Tyler Bradley.

Congratulations to all of our 2016 scholarship winners..



Anthony  
Massa



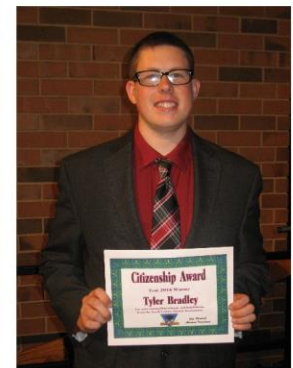
Vince  
Serapiglia



Patrick  
Kotnick



Genevieve  
Bodenschatz



Tyler  
Bradley

This year's Hall of Distinction Induction Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Sept. 14 at 6:30 in the Hoover High School commons area. Tickets are available from the District Office or by calling Lisa Warburton-Gregory at (330) 305-0779. This year's inductees include former vocal music instructor Martin Alexander, 1967 graduate Brian Dyak, former Superintendent Michael Gallina and 1953 graduate Phil Howes. The Alumni Association will also present a new recognition, "The Raymond (Bud) Swope, Jr. Outstanding Achievement Award" which is being presented to Dr. Jonathan Miller, a well known neurosurgeon.

In this issue we'd like to feature sisters Pat Garisto and Debbie Knisely. Pat was born April 4, 1951 in Ravenna, Ohio. The family moved to Hartville when she was preschool age. Her father (Gordon) taught and coached at Marlboro High School at that time. They next moved to North Canton and became Vikings. Pat started at Portage School and moved on to Clearmount elementary. She then attended the Junior High and then on to Hoover High School. Pat was an attendance office aide, member of the Booster Club, Future Teachers, GAA, yearbook staff, Band and choir.

After high school Pat moved on to Kent State University (1969) where she studied to become a teacher. Following graduation from Kent she was employed by Field Local Schools for 30 years. She also spent two years at Gwinnet County Schools in Atlanta teaching Autism and Aspergers there. What an experience.

Pat's inspiration for teaching came from all those great teachers she had while in the North Canton City Schools. She is also a breast cancer survivor. She still attends many Hoover sporting events with her dad (Gordon) daughter (Julie) and her son-in-law. They proudly wear Orange & Black.

Pat's sister Debbie graduated from Hoover in 1970. She was on Student Council, Art Club, Chorus, Yearbook, Booster Club and was an office aide. She moved on to Kent State and achieved a Bachelor of Science in HPE and English in 1975. Debbie moved onto Akron University and received her Master's Degree in 1982.

Her teaching experience includes 4 1/2 years in Ohio, 3 years in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 19 years in Florida and the last 10 years in Virginia as a librarian. Debbie's hobbies include traveling, photography, sports and reading. Future plans: retiring in 2017 and writing the next great American novel.



Debbie Knisely, Pat Garisto.

This is the 18th in a series of articles by Jim Holl about well known athletes from North Canton and Hoover High School.

**Raymond Archibald Swope (Ray)-** Born: July 15, 1911, New Berlin, Ohio.

Died: Nov. 4, 1984, Canton, Ohio.

As the coach of the 1939 state Class B basketball champions, Swope holds a special place in the hearts of North Canton sports fans. He guided a team which lost four of its first five games and then reeled off 22 straight wins climaxed by a spine-tingling 24-23 victory over Sandusky St. Mary to claim the title. But there were other accomplishments as well.

An all-county tackle, Swope graduated from North Canton in 1929 and continued his football career at Mount Union College before returning to his hometown in 1935 to take up coaching duties in both football and basketball. Where the high school teams had previously experienced only modest successes, Swope built both programs into winners. When he left in 1942 to take a coaching position at Greenville, Ohio, his football teams had won 32 games, lost 26 and tied 4. His basketball teams posted a sparkling 110-43 record which included a 44 game winning streak.

Swope enjoyed similar success at Greenville where his 1944 football team went undefeated only two years after not winning a game. In 1949 he returned to North Canton for a second time and coached both football and basketball for two more years. He retired from coaching after the 1952 season but continued to teach high school mathematics and government until 1968.

Swope's overall coaching record of 43 wins, 34 losses and 4 ties in football and 137 wins and 70 losses in basketball was good, if not spectacular. But on his watch, the Viking mascot was introduced, the Orange and Black colors were adopted and halftime band shows and the adult booster club were started. It would set the stage for high school athletic traditions for generations to come.

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**Congratulations to  
North Canton Hoover  
Tennis Coach Ryan  
Shaffer  
on attaining over  
1,000 career wins  
in his Tennis  
coaching career.**



**Hoover tennis coach Ryan Shaffer- 1,000 career wins.**

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**Recent Deaths-** Susan Armour (74), Bruce Baker II (84), Donald Clay (66), Thomas Gray DeMuesy (42), Ron Ellis (68), Earl "Joe" Hall (73), Robert Lancashire (55), Dale "Corky" Miller (57), Ronald Mizner (61), Pamela (Myers) Hassell (68), Karl Noebe (50), Diane "Dee Dee" Richards (77), Julie (nee Bednar) Ross (86), Jean (nee Masline) Schlitz (42), Greg Seibert (72), Daniel Smiley (70), Robert Stayer (66), Ray Swope, Jr. (62), David Paul Welch (90). Former North Canton School Administrator John Best and former Hoover student Todd Maragas.



Your Alumni Association has created a new recognition. It is dedicated to the Memory of Raymond "Bud" Swope Jr. It will be presented as part of the Hall of Distinction Induction Banquet. The award recognizes outstanding achievement by a younger Alumnus.

Raymond "Bud" Swope Jr.

**Upcoming Reunions-** Combined Classes of 1990, 1991, 1992 on Aug. 5 at the Barrel Room and Aug. 6 at Prestwick Country Club. For information contact Dave Mallamaci at [DMallamaci@mac.com](mailto:DMallamaci@mac.com) or Andrea Schneider at [Ondrea7@hotmail.com](mailto:Ondrea7@hotmail.com).

Class of 1976 40th Reunion- Saturday, Aug. 13 @ Arrowhead 6:00 pm. \$ 30 per person. Mail checks to Becky Mulcahey, 545 Rose Lane St. SW, N.C., OH 44720.