

# VIKING ALERT

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# Hall of Distinction Inductees - Class of 2019

We Proudly Recognize North Canton City School Graduates, Employees and Community Leaders for their Outstanding Contributions to Their Community and Beyond

Our annual Hall of Distinction Banquet was held on Wednesday, September 25th to honor those who have continued to show outstanding service and accomplishment in their lives and chosen professions. Here are their stories . . .



**Cornelius Aultman** 

Cornelius Aultman was born on March 10, 1827, in a log cabin just west of Osnaburg to Jacob and Elizabeth Tawney Aultman. In 1828, the family moved to Uniontown and within the year Cornelius's father had passed away. His mother remarried the widower John Miller on Dec. 15, 1830, and they blended their two families together. Cornelius became close to his step-brother Lewis Miller (a 2017 Hall of Distinction inductee) and they later became business partners.

Cornelius began his career as a wheelwright in Greentown, then moved to the Wise and Ball Machine shop making farming equipment. After a brief business venture in Illinois, he returned to Greentown where he established Ball Aultman and Co., makers of six styles of reapers.

In 1852, Cornelius moved his company from Greentown to Canton and built his factory on what is now the Hercules Engine property on Market Street South to save on his railroad shipping costs.

By 1871, C. Aultman and Co. had become the largest reaper and mower company in the country and employed 550 workers in Canton.

Cornelius also ventured into other businesses. He co-founded Akron Iron Co. with John R. Buchtel, plus he founded Canton Electric Light and Power and the Canton Street Railway. In 1863, he helped organize the First National Bank of Canton. Shortly after his daughter Elizabeth married one of his plant managers in 1869, he gave responsibility of the bank to his new son-in-law, George D. Harter.

Cornelius was friend to four sitting presidents – Grant, Hayes, Garfield, and Arthur – and worked on William McKinley's congressional campaigns. Later, when McKinley ran for president, he did so from the front porch of a house Cornelius lived in while his mansion was being built. Despite his connection to politics, he declined the encouragement of the Republican Party to run for governor of Ohio.

He founded the Canton Public Library, served as president of the Canton School Board, and worked to rebuild the First Methodist Church – now the Crossroads United Methodist Church – at 120 Cleveland Ave. SW after it burned the second time. He chaired the committee that built the Stark County Courthouse and was a trustee and substantial donor to what is now the University of Mount Union.

Cornelius retired to bed Christmas evening in 1884 with a headache and a pain in his side. He died at one o'clock in the morning at the age of 57. The Canton Repository reported that "the active pursuits of business had suspended and sadness inexpressible had rested upon all." Within 10 years of his death, his widow, Katherine, and daughter, Elizabeth Harter, founded Aultman Hospital in his memory.

At his funeral, William McKinley described Cornelius as "a self-made man, famous by actual and useful achievements, whose word was coin, and whose name was a tower of strength in all the industrial and commercial activities of our city, county, state and country."



Steve Gregory

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Steve Gregory's family moved to Ohio in 1957 where Steve attended North Canton Schools.

In his sophomore year of high school, Steve's parents enrolled him in The Winchendon School, a prep school in Massachusetts. He graduated from there in 1969. Steve served in the army from 1970 to 1971 before coming home to work for the family business. Steve has worked at Gregory Industries for 46 years and currently serves as Chairman of the Board.

Steve has served on the Aultman Hospital Board since 1999. He was the chairman of the board from 2011-2013 and has served on various committees at the hospital such as the finance committee, audit committee and personnel committees. He has been involved in the new acquisitions of the hospital and has volunteered at the Aultman Hospital Women's Board Compassionate Care Center preparing lunch for patients' families on Sundays, at Christmas and at Easter. He is currently co-chairing the Capital Campaign for the new Cancer Center project with his wife, Lisa, a former inductee of the North Canton Alumni Hall of Distinction.

Steve is currently on the Huntington Bank Advisory Board and the Pro Football Hall of Fame Board. He served on ArtsinStark for three years. From 2010 to 2016, Steve and Lisa co-chaired the United Way Alexis de Tocqueville Society. Steve also volunteers at First Tee in Canton.

Steve has helped grow North Canton's lacrosse program by being a high school JV coach for 12 years and coaching 5th and 6th grade for 5 years. Additionally, Steve was involved in the turf project at Don Hertler Sr. Field at Memorial Stadium.

In 2013, Steve and Lisa were honored by the Wilderness Center, and, in 2010, they were recognized by United Way Worldwide for the net increase in community impact dollars raised. Steve was honored alongside his father and Lisa by American Fundraising Professionals in 2014.



Dr. Bill Mason

Dr. Bill Mason attended Hoover High School and both played football and wrestled. He was co-captain of both football and wrestling his senior year and graduated as a member of Hoover's first graduating class in 1958.

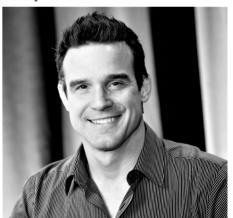
After high school, Bill attended Case Western Reserve University and majored in Chemistry. While at Case Western Reserve, Bill was again a two sport athlete in football and wrestling. In fact, he is one of three men in Case Western Reserve's history to captain two sports in the same year - 1961. He earned first place in the President's Athletic Conference in the 167 lb. weight class from 1958-1961. After graduating in 1962, Bill attended medical school at University of Maryland. He did his rotating internship at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1966 and 1967.

Bill applied for and was admitted to the Naval School of Aviation Medicine at Pensacola, Florida. He became a flight surgeon and learned to fly T-34s. He served as a Naval Flight Surgeon for 2 ½ years at a jet training base in Meridian, Mississippi, before completing a four year Orthopedic Residency at Naval Hospital in San Diego. Bill finished his military career in 1975 as the Chief of Orthopedics at Quantico,

Virginia.

Bill settled into a private practice in Salisbury, North Carolina, which he maintained until 2011. Since then, he has been an Assistant Professor of Orthopedics at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital and Adjunct Professor at the Salisbury Veterans Hospital. He has been completely retired since the beginning of 2019.

Bill has been involved outside of the world of medicine. He has been a member of the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce, President of the Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame, President of the Local Board of First Bank, and a member of the Community Appearance Commission for the City of Salisbury. He was selected for the Case Western Reserve Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004 and earned a special award for captaining two sports.



**Eddie McClintock** 

Eddie McClintock attended Hoover High School and played football – including the team that competed for the state championship – and wrestled, graduating in 1985.

Eddie attended Wright State University where he earned his bachelors. He worked briefly in the insurance industry until his uncle fired him. After working as a production assistant in Hollywood, Eddie began acting. Eddie has guest starred on shows such as Sex and the City, Bones, Friends, Ned and Stacey, 9-1-1, Supergirl, and The King of

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Queens. He was a cast member on Stark Raving Mad, which was awarded the People's Choice Award in 2000.

His longest run was on SyFy's Warehouse 13 playing Pete Latimer for five seasons. When the show premiered, they earned the highest ratings in the history of the SyFy network. Recently, Eddie played Jack Payne in the main cast of Shooter's first season on USA network.

In addition to acting, Eddie is a working artist. He is part of an art exhibit this summer in Malibu. The show – For the Love of Art – is a group art show featuring the work of various Los Angeles artists.

Eddie has an active social media presence and is a regular attendee at Comicons. He uses his platform to promote awareness of veteran's issues, sobriety, the Cleveland Browns, and rescue animals. He is loyal to his hometown – so much so that he frequently wears North Canton apparel on television and in his public appearances.



Rick McQueen

Rick McQueen is a 1977 graduate of Hoover High School, graduating from Walsh University in 1981. He started his career as a staff accountant with Ernst and Whinney, then began his 36-year tenure with the Akron/Canton Airport as an accountant. He held subsequent roles as Controller, Assistant Director of Finance and Administration, and Assistant Director of the airport. He spent his last ten years serving as President and CEO.

Rick has served on the Akron/

Summit Convention and Visitors
Bureau Board of Directors and was
chairman of the board from 201418. He has been on the Visit Canton
Board of Directors, the Stark Economic
Development Board of Directors, and
chaired the Canton Regional Chamber
of Commerce Board this year. Rick is
still involved with the Canton Regional
Chamber of Commerce Board of
Directors, the Ohio Aviation Association
Board of Directors, and the Northeast
Ohio Medical University Board of
Directors.

Rick has been recognized by the Crains Cleveland Who's Who and Crains Cleveland Power 150. He has earned the Summit County Sheriff's Award of Appreciation, and the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce Award of Appreciation. He has been named a Corporate College Smart 50 Business Leader and one of the 10 Most Influential people in Stark County by About Magazine in 2015. This year he earned the Ohio Aviation Association's Aviator of the Year.

# **Upcoming Class Reunions!!!**

## <u>Class of 1960 - 60th Year Reunion</u> <u>Friday Night Mixer</u>

Date: Friday, August 14th, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Walther's Twin Tavern 440 Applegrove Road, N.W. North Canton, OH 44720

**Saturday Night Reunion** 

Date: Saturday, August 15th, 2020
Time: 5-6 p.m. Social Hour, 6 p.m. Dinner
Venue: Arrowhead Banquet Center

1500 Rogwin Circle, N.W. North Canton, OH 44720

Contact:Paul Paparone 330-966-7820

# Class of 1965 - 55th Year Reunion

Friday Night

Date: Friday, September 17th, 2020

**Saturday Night Reunion** 

Date: Saturday, September 18th, 2020

Details: Coming Soon! Contact:Carol Selinsky at tcselinsky@sssnet.com

### <u>Class of 1970 -50th Year Reunion</u> <u>Friday Night Ice Breaker</u>

Date: Friday, July 18th, 2020

Time: To Be Determined

Venue: Walther's Twin Tavern

440 Applegrove Road, N.W.

North Canton, OH 44720

Saturday Night Reunion

Date: Saturday, July 19th, 2020

*Time*: To Be Determined

Venue: North Canton Civic Center 845 West Maple Street,

North Canton, OH 44720

Contact: Jennifer Weil

jlweil12@gmail.com

# <u>Class of 2000 -20th Year Reunion</u> Saturday Night Reunion

Date: Saturday, July 25th, 2020
Time: To Be Determined
Venue: Skyland Pines

3550 Columbus Rd NE, Canton, OH 44705

Anyone wanting to be added to our list can email hooverclass-2000reunion@gmail.com or join our Facebook group "Hoover Class 2000

- 20 yr reunion

Additional Details to Follow!

Does your North Canton high school class have a Reunion coming soon? Send us your information and we will be more than happy to post it for you in our next edition for <u>FREE</u>!

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We would like to thank the following for their recent monetary donations. These donations help support our scholarship program as well as our ongoing operations.

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Robert Berrodin Jennifer Herdlicka Weil Roslyn DeGregorio

# **Recent Deaths**

Class of 1947 - Mary Dahler Class of 1972 - David Robert (Bob) Shambaugh

Class of 1958 - Judith Scharver Demask Class of 1973 - Joel Jagger Class of 1959 - Bernard Huth Class of 1975 - Charles Coletta

Class of 1960 - Dr. Gene Gilbert Diane Pechous Cocklin

Class of 1963 - Ronald A. Wright Class of 1976 - Gary Hanft

Jack L. Patterson Class of 1976 - Gary Hanji

Class of 1987 - Sandra Daughdrill Jank

Class of 1964 - Charles B. Strausser III Class of 1996 - Brooke Erin Mendenhal Miller

Class of 1967 - David McDonald

Class of 2002 - William C. Martell

Class of 1970 - Faith Weston Geer Class of 2014 - Garrett Richards

Dean Lukens Latin Teacher Harold Lawrence "Larry" Marchand

Class of 1971 - Paul Eaver

Do YOU have a newsworthy article or piece of interest that you would like to share with your fellow classmates in our newsletter? If so, please drop us a line at: North Canton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 2534, North Canton, OH 44720 *OR* contact us at www.northcantonalumni.org *OR* contact us by email: northcantonalumni@gmail.com.

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