

Douglas A. Froelich

Doug Froelich was one of the first members of Hoover's audio-visual club. Advisor Ted Hall describes Doug as extremely dedicated and service-oriented. It seems those are characteristics Doug continues to demonstrate.

Doug was born in Canton, Ohio, and lived his early years there. He moved to North Canton in 1979 and began attending North Canton Schools. He was a member of the yearbook staff, the audio-visual department and the speech and debate team. He worked with the athletic department to film home and away basketball games. This was particularly exciting the year that Hoover competed in the state competition. Doug graduated from Hoover in 1987.

After high school, Doug went to Kent State University where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in comprehensive communications in December of 1994. He worked at the North Canton Sun newspaper while attending college and served as a photographer, writer, graphic

designer, and sports editor. He also did an internship at the Hoover Company's public relations department.

After graduating, Doug worked at East Canton High School where he taught English, speech, and theater courses. He also worked as the speech and debate coach. In 1997, Doug took his talents to Green Local Schools. There he has taught language arts and speech courses. He was the National Honor Society co-advisor and has worked as part of the Top Ten Honors Banquet committee, speech and debate coach, senior class advisor, department chairperson, and on various leadership teams. Additionally, Doug taught speech courses and College Credit Plus courses for the University of Akron from 2000 to 2005. In 2000, he earned his Master's Degree in Secondary Education Administration.

In addition to his work as an educator, Doug has been very active in the Hall of Fame Festival. He has served on several committees including the Balloon Classic, Security

and Logistics, the Concert and Fireworks, Hospitality, the Concert for Legends, and the Enshrinement Committee. In 2017 and 2018, Doug was the Festival General Vice-Chairman and, in 2019, he was the General Chairman. Doug developed and maintained the Festival's first Facebook page and has produced content for it and other social media platforms. He was the Official Festival Videographer from 2016 to 2018. He has been a volunteer at the Hall of Fame Museum since 2012 and has accumulated more than 700 volunteer hours.

Doug has been active in other areas of the community as well. He was the North Canton Alumni Association president, edited its newsletter, and secured the initial funding for the William DiGregorio Memorial Scholarship. Doug helped plan and host the first all-class reunion. He has worked on the Light Up Downtown Canton committee and served as its chair for 4 years. He has been on the North Canton Memorial Day Parade committee and served as

chairman for 2 years. He has also worked on the North Canton Chautauqua Days, Taste of Canton, and Vintage Canton committees.

Doug has been honored for his work. He's been selected as a Green High School Honors Banquet honored educator. He was the Green Local School District Teacher of the Year in 2016. He was elected to both the Stark County and Summit County All-County Teaching Teams during the 2015 to 2016 school year.

Doug enjoys researching and writing about football. He has published 4 books about football and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He enjoys watching the Ohio State Buckeyes and Pittsburgh Steelers. He loves photography and has had images appear in local and state publications. He is an avid reader.

Doug Froelich has impacted our community with a giving heart. The North Canton Alumni Association is pleased to have him as an inductee in its Hall of Distinction.