

HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL WALL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

2009

Dr. Richard Koch, Class of 1957, graduated from Harvard in 1961, summa cum laude, received his Doctorate Degree in Mathematics from Princeton in 1964 and served as Instructor at University of Pennsylvania, 1964-1966. From 1966 to 2002, he has served as Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oregon.

Dr. Kaleb Michaud, Class of 1992, has established himself as an internationally known doctor in the field of rheumatology. He has authored over 65 publications related to his field of medicine. He recently established a new research center in Wichita.

2010

Dr. Leon Lake, Class of 1956, Internationally recognized for his research and development in digitized speech. Participated in major communications systems related to low frequency communications. Leon Worked directly with many foreign governments on communications issues.

George Schlickau, Class of 1941, Lifetime Haven resident, national and internationally known rancher, farmer, breeder, exhibitor and show judge of Hereford cattle. He Served in many leadership positions in livestock associations in the state and U. S. Honored as stockman of the year by Livestock and Meat Industry Council, Kansas State University.

2011

Gary Detter, class of 1963, a U. S. Naval Academy graduate, Gary was a career naval officer serving as a nuclear submarine commander on highly sensitive intelligence missions for the Department of Defense. After retirement, he served as nuclear power plant security at large nuclear plants in the U. S.

Harland Priddle, Class of 1948, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, Kansas Secretary of Commerce, USAF Retired (22 years service) Deputy Commander of the White House Communications Agency at the White House for four years.

2012

David Harris, Class of 1977, attended the University of Kansas and graduated in 1981 with honors with a Fine Arts degree. David initially worked for the Dallas Times Herald before joining Vanity Fair magazine in 1989. David rose to the top with Vanity Fair as Design Director and has been nationally recognized for his award winning artistic designs by the American Society of Magazine Editors and the Society of Newspaper Design.

Jess Lytle, Class of 1953, has had a distinguished and outstanding career in designing and producing various components for such sophisticated aerospace programs as the USAF XB-70 aircraft, NASA's Apollo space program, SKY Lab and the nation's first Spy in the Sky satellite. Jess was invited to attend the launch of Apollo11, the first lunar landing flight.

2013

Carrie Beltz, Class of 1922 and Esther Beltz, Class of 1926, were daughters of a Polish immigrant, established themselves as pillars of the community through their years of service as teachers to thousands of children spanning over 40 years, all in the Haven area. Their dedication to teaching and molding the lives of their students has been a major factor in the development of many outstanding people who have achieved very high levels of success as doctors, lawyers, teachers, engineers and many other professions. The Beltz sisters were fortunate to be among only a few teachers who could say they had taught three generations of students in the same location. Such students would leave their classrooms with vivid, fond memories of their loving teachers. They were also dedicated volunteers and supporters of the Haven community.

Francis “Shep” Schoepf, Class of 1949. In 1973, established Shep Chevrolet and has grown the company into one the best dealerships in Kansas. His excellent service, management style and dedication to customer service are reflected in the 70% customer retention rate; people come back to Shep Chevrolet for their next car. As a testament to his loyalty and dedication to Haven, the decision was made to construct a new \$800,000 renovation in its preset location and not out on the highway that would have left a big hole in Haven’s downtown area. Shep has also been a leader in the community, the county and the state by serving as Reno County Commissioner for 12 years, member of the USD 312 Board of Education, President of the South Central Kansas Economic Development District and many other Boards and committees in the community and state.

2014

Ruth Anne French-Hodson, Class of 2000, graduate of University of Kansas in 2005, was selected as a Rhodes Scholar, one of only 25 in the last 125 years from KU. She spent two years at Oxford University in England. During Ruth Anne's attendance at The University of Oxford, she earned a DPhil in Politics and an MPhil in Comparative Government. Ruth Anne now works for one of the premier national and international products liability law firms, Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP.

Sally Coberly Class of 1967, holds a BS from Kansas State University, Master's Degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Southern California and received her PhD degree from USC's Center for Public Affairs in 1979. With a focus on aging and health policy issues, her career includes research and teaching at USC's Andrus Gerontology Center and directing the policy work of the National Business Group on Health. She is currently the deputy director of the National Health Policy Forum at the George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Delmar Kincaid, Class of 1961, never dreamed of having an internationally known and very successful manufacturing company when he became a part time employee and half owner of Chain Machine Company in Haven in 1969. Delmar became very interested in the development of the small test plot self-propelled combine. After attending a trade show in Chicago, he sold eight combines that launched him on his way to today's success. In 1974, Delmar purchased the Chain Machine Company and changed the name to Kincaid Equipment Manufacturing. Today, Kincaid Equipment Manufacturing is internationally known with established relationships with top seed and chemical companies.

2015

Alice Stoffer Parker, Class of 1947, lived the majority of her life in Haven. She attended Grade School and High School in Haven. After a short stay in Galva, Kansas, she returned to Haven to raise her family and become an outstanding volunteer, community servant and business woman. Alice spent her life side by side with husband, Jack, starting several businesses in Haven including Haven Building and Supply, Haven Ready Mix and Haven Steel Products. Together they have built many houses in Haven, poured yards of concrete in Haven including the Haven Pool and Grain Elevator, as well as tons of concrete to help build Cheney Dam. Haven Steel Products, established in 1969, has provided countless number of jobs in and around Haven. Alice was very active in all Haven Unnted Methodist church committees which included being one of the three founders of the Caring Committee, member of the Building Committee, Administrative Committee, Representative to Youthville and Community Coordinator for the American Red Cross. She was presented special Red Cross recognition for her service. Alice was the motivator behind the Haven Methodist Church Scholarship for Haven students. This scholarship has assisted over 35 Haven High students in their pursuit of higher education. Jack and Alice have been loyal supporters of High School sports as well as Haven Steel Products softball teams. Despite being wheelchair bound in later life, she was always there to show support. Her love for sports was unquestionable. Her love for community was even more apparent which makes her greatly missed. Unfortunately, Alice's' life was cut short and she passed away in 1999. Alice was nominated by her daughter, Kathy Parker Coffman.

Steve Eck, son of well-known Ford Dealer Rusty Eck, Class of 1973, where he and his family were longtime residents. After graduating from Kansas Newman College in Wichita, he began his very successful career in coaching basketball. He began at Jardine Junior High in Wichita where he achieved a record of 101 wins and 19 losses. Steve is probably best known for his outstanding success at Wichita South High School where he coached for 10 years and his teams won the Wichita City League Championship 10 straight seasons. State Championships became common for Steve's teams by winning state six times. His overall record at Wichita South was 227 wins and 15 losses. After leaving Wichita South, Steve moved up to the Junior College level and has coached four different community colleges to a National # 1 ranking (the only coach to do this) : Butler (80-20), Redlands Oklahoma Community College (182-22), Cowley County (60-8) and is currently coaching at Hutchinson Community College (164-39). Steve's overall record is 814-125. Steve also coached Volleyball, Track and Field and Baseball during his time in Wichita. Steve's awards are many and very notable. He was voted one of the 11 greatest coaches from Kansas in the 20th century by the Wichita Eagle. He was inducted into the Wichita Sports Hall of Fame in 2014 joining such others as Barry Sanders, Jim Ryun, Dave Stallworth and Xavier McDaniel to name a few. Steve was nominated by Steve's High School basketball coach at Haven, Neil Hayes, who stated, "I can honestly say that he was one the most coachable players in my 38 years of coaching."

2017

Jason Weber, Class of 1992, along with his wife, Trisha, first gained a passion for children in foster care and their families while living and doing ministry in an urban community after they were first married. Many of the kids and families they encountered in their neighborhood had experienced foster care at some point in their lives. Partially as a result of this experience, Jason and Trisha have been caring for children from U. S. foster care since 2001 and have had the privilege of adopting their five children from foster care. Jason has helped produce and write several books, bible studies, and other tools all created to serve churches as they care for hurting kids including a children's book, Farmer Herman and the Flooding Barn (Broad Street Publishing). Jason writes a regular column for *Fostering Families Today* magazine and iis the host of the Foster Movement Podcast, which highlights stories of former foster youth and national foster care advocates. Jason serves as the National Director of Foster Care Initiatives for the Christian Alliance for Orphans and currently lives in Plano, Texas.

2019

Beth Harris Coleman, Class of 1965, was an extremely active student during her high school days and served as a class officer all four years. Following graduation, Beth attended Hutchinson Community College and received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Kansas State Teachers College in 1969. She spent the next twenty-four years teaching and coaching; four years in Washington, Kansas and twenty in Haven. Beth was inducted into the Kansas State High School Activities Association's Hall of Fame in 1997. At Washington, her volleyball team won the state championship in 1971 and 1972. At Haven, Beth's volleyball teams qualified for state eight times, placing 4th in 1974, 4th in 1985, and 3rd in 1988. All of her teams won 70% of their matches. Highly respected in the Kansas coaching profession, Beth was a guest speaker at many conferences. She participated as a guest coach at the Kansas Coaching Clinic in 1989. She was an active member of the Kansas Coaches' Association. Beth served on the Parks and Recreation Commission for the City of Haven. She also served as Chairperson for the Board of Trustees at the First Congregational Church. Beth was a 3rd generation Haven teacher preceded by her grandmother and mother, Bess Laughlin and Bette Harris.

Andy Dirks, Class of 2004, former Detroit Tiger outfielder, lettered four years in baseball, football and basketball at Haven. He was an all-state baseball player in 2002, 2003 and 2004. He was Hutchinson News Male Athlete of the Year in 2004. At Wichita State, Andy was an All American in 2008. He was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in 2008. In 2010, Dirks received the Detroit Tigers minor league player of the year award. Andy was called up to the Detroit Tigers for the first time on May 13, 2011. He hit his first major league home run on May 23, 2011 at Comerica Park against Tampa Bay. In 2013, Andy was named an American League Gold Glove finalist for left fielders joining Alex Gordon, Kansas City Royals (Winner) and Oakland's Yoenis Cespedes. Also in 2013, Dirks was named the fifth best left fielder in the majors (30 teams) by The Fielding Bible based on voting by a ten-member expert panel. In the spring of 2014, Andy Dirks was considered to be the Tiger's regular left fielder for the future. Unfortunately, he suffered a back injury and was unable to continue his baseball career beyond 2014.

Lyle Koontz, Class of 1944, was a high school state champion in track, all-state halfback in football and leading ball carrier on the undefeated 1944 team. After Navy active duty, he spent two years on the Hutchinson Junior College football team before moving to Kansas State University where he set interception records for both a single game (3) and season (6). He held the single game record for 43 years and the record for season interceptions for 62 years until 2011. Lyle graduated from Kansas State in 1950. He worked for General Electric for 20 years as a marketing engineer. In 1971, Lyle joined Charlie Peer and Ken Nix in a newly formed company, Great Plains Industries. Today, Great Plains Industries is a world leader in the sale of transfer pumps and meters with products sold in over 50 countries. The success of Great Plains Industries resulted in the formation of Great Plains Ventures in 1978. Great Plains Ventures has developed the 90-acre Ventures Business Park in Wichita, now home to four subsidiaries and other companies. Lyle served as President of the National Farm Equipment Association in 1986-1987 and Treasurer from 1988-1992. He was also Chairman of the Board of International Trade Council of Mid-America and Vice Chairman of the Mid America District Export Council, Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Duane May, Class of 1960, was President of his senior class as well as Student Council. He played in all sports including football, basketball and track. He attended Emporia State University, where he was on Student Council and President of his fraternity, Alpha Kappa Lambda, his senior year. Duane's passion was to help people and in 1964, he was accepted to University of Kansas Medical School where he graduated with honors in 1968. He was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha organization. AOA is an honor medical society recognizing, advocating for, and inspiring physicians in the care of patients and promotion of health. He then completed a Pediatric Internship in 1969 and Pediatric Residence in 1971 at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX. In 1971, he joined the United States Army with the rank of Captain. He served as Chief of Pediatrics and Chief of Professional services at the McAfee Army Hospital in White Sands Missile Range, NM. While performing his civilian medical responsibilities he continued his military reserve career for twenty-eight years. In 1997 he was promoted to Brigade General. In 1997 he became the Brigade Commander, 8th Med Brigade in Ft. Hamilton, NY. Duane retired from the military in 2001. His civilian medical leadership took him to various medical facilities across the United States, including Texarkana, TX, Greeley, CO, Boulder, CO, and Oneonta, NY. He retired in 2008 and continues to be active in his community in Woodstock, VA.

Dr. Bruce Albright, Class of 1962, was President of his senior class and was involved in several music groups including choir. He played in all sports including football, basketball and track. He graduated from University of Kansas in 1965 and the School of Dentistry at the University of Missouri Kansas City in 1969. His residency was in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at David Grant, USAF Medical Center and University of California, Davis Medical School in 1978. Bruce served as an Oral Surgeon in Hutchinson, Kansas for 26 years. Beyond his dental career in Hutchinson, he established and supported a dental clinic in a mission hospital in Honduras. This is similar to Doctors without Borders, except Bruce established this one himself. Bruce provided surgery there at the clinic and also went into small villages in the mountains, often taking his own supplies. Bruce made trips for 14 years and at times he was not in the best of health on these missions. Bruce retired from his dental practice as well as a Lt. Col. In the U.S. Air Force Reserves.