

**WARREN HIGH SCHOOLS'
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME
105 High Street, NW
WARREN, OHIO 44481**

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The Board of Directors of the Warren City Schools' Foundation and the Committee of the Warren High Schools' Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame is pleased to announce the following inductees to the Class of 2017:

Steven T. Arnold (Ohio) – WGH 1982

First African-American Head Coach in Warren City Schools history.

Former WGH head basketball coach and present head football coach for the past 6 seasons. Recipient of the Inspiring Minds Community Achievement Award, Trumbull County African-American Association Hall of Fame inductee, Omega Psi Phi fraternity "Trailblazer of the Year" award, Youth 2 Leaders National Events coordinator for the Tavis Smiley Foundation, former Director of Teamed for Success Mentorship Program for the Warren City Schools, Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce and Delphi Packard Electric.

Dennis Blank (Ohio) – WGH 1967

Former Director of Marketing for Fortune Magazine, European Director, Fortune, Director of Marketing and later Associate Publisher, Money Magazine and Managing Director in the Time Corporate Marketing Group. Former publisher at Harcourt Brace Jovanich and at Dun & Bradstreet. Former principle in two high-tech start up ventures, one of which is now the largest network of online community websites in the US, American Town Network. Creator of Warren Homecoming which successfully brought many former Warrenites back home to visit, along with community business and civic group participation.

Shari Harrell (Ohio) – WGH 1976

Chief Executive Officer of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley in charge of general administrative responsibilities and operational oversight, donor services, fund development, program and initiative implementation, promoting philanthropy and leading the implementation of strategic initiatives. Former Executive Director of the YWCA of Warren, Manager and Salesperson for Realty One, Sales/Broker-Owner of Harrell Real Estate and Youth Adult Program Director of the YWCA of Warren. Instrumental in the purchase and preservation of the Harriet Upton House. Recipient of numerous community awards, among them being the Woman of the Year by the Warren Junior Women's League and YWCA Woman of the Year.

Lark T. Mallory, JD (Ohio) – WGH 1987

Presently, General Counsel and Director of Community Development Financial Institution Investments for the Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County, a non-profit lender that serves as a catalyst for the production of affordable housing throughout Columbus and Franklin County. She is responsible for negotiating, writing, reviewing, summarizing and researching a number of agreements; coordinating assigned activities with outside partners; and providing highly responsible and complex legal support to the organization. Former partner at Frost, Brown, Todd LLC, , focusing on corporate and business law, taxation, financing and commercial real estate and initially, only one of two African-American female partners. Inducted into the Trumbull County African-American Achievers Association Hall of Fame, named to the Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars, honored as a Business First Forty under Forty, listed in Who's Who in Black Columbus and also listed in Columbus' On the Rise. Mentors minority law students at OSU Moritz College of Law.

David Lee Morgan, Jr.(Ohio)- WGH 1984

Presently a 10th grade English teacher at Massillon Washington High School. Former Journalism instructor at YSU, sportswriter and columnist for the Akron Beacon Journal and the Raleigh News Observer, as well as a news reporter for WYTV in Youngstown. Trumbull County African-American Achievers Hall of Fame inductee, winner of the James A. Sutherland Award for being the top "rookie" reporter in Northeast Ohio, three-time Ohio Prep Sportswriters' Association Writer of the Year and honored by former Governor Ted Strickland as one of 10 featured authors in the state. Author of seven sports themed books whose topics include LeBron James and Kelly Pavlik.

Susan E. Penksa, PhD. (Maryland) – WWR 1988

Professor of Political Science at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA and Independent Consultant, International Development and Global Security. Dr. Penksa founded a global consulting practice that helps to safeguard and improve the security of fragile countries and their citizens. Her clients include national governments, international organizations and NGOs. Her consulting work includes a strategic action plan for the US Mission to the EU on crisis management and security sector reform in Afghanistan; an impact assessment for the EU Police Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina; a project for USAID-Pakistan on gender mainstreaming, economic growth and development; a DCAF security sector training program for SE European government officials; an evaluation of Bosnian post-conflict military reform for the US Army Combat Studies Institute; and an assessment of EU and NATO assistance in post-conflict Georgia for the Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs. She is currently the Deputy Team Leader for a European Commission funded project evaluating EU support for Security Sector Reform in Enlargement and Neighborhood Countries. Her awards are numerous and include receiving a United

States J. William Fulbright Fellowship to Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as being the author of numerous publications and a frequent contributor to strategic dialogue on international security and development.

Deryck Toles (Ohio) – WGH- 1999

A former NFL linebacker with the Atlanta Falcons, Cleveland Browns and Indianapolis Colts, Deryck Toles is presently the founder and CEO of Inspiring Minds, a nonprofit organization in his hometown of Warren, OH. This outstanding program serves to engage, inspire and empower youth to reach their full potential through education and life-changing experiences. Students are afforded the opportunity to experience once-in-a-lifetime trips to places such as Puerto Rico, as well as to benefit from tutoring sessions that improve everyday academics. Since 2006, Inspiring Minds has exposed local students to over 70 different colleges and 60 industries across the US. The organization has provided more than \$60,000.00 in scholarships for post-secondary education; reverse summer learning stigmas by increasing students' academic proficiency an average of 40% during the summer months; and inspire 100% of students to graduate high school and continue their education in college or with the armed forces. The program has since expanded to include Youngstown students. Deryck is the recipient of the following awards: 25 Under 35 Award and MVP Award, Trumbull County Community Star, the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber Nonprofit Professional of the Year and the 2016 Business Journal Thought Leader.

The Board is also pleased to announce the 2017 Distinguished Faculty:

Suzanne Fowley (WGH and WWR) English teacher and Lynn Grischow (WWR and WGH) - Sociology and Social Studies teacher.