

THE WOODLAND HILLS FOUNDATION

Starry Night Gala

Saturday, March 9, 2024



Program cover art by Taniah Darwin
9th Grade, Woodland Hills High School

A large industrial ladle is tilted, pouring a bright, glowing stream of molten metal into a container. The scene is set in a dark industrial environment, likely a steel mill, with various metal structures and pipes visible in the background. The intense heat of the molten metal creates a strong orange and yellow glow that illuminates the surrounding area.

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Edgewood Country Club

Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Mike Clark, WTAE Channel 4 Anchor
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Jon Olszewski
2024 Distinguished Service Award

Joanne Abshier
Presenter

Melissa Bostard
2024 Distinguished Educator of the Year

Beau Magill
Presenter

Lynn Banaszak
2024 Distinguished Alumni of the Year

*Followed by Live Music and Dancing
with Walkin' Rosie*

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Jon Olszewski *2024 Distinguished Service Award*

Jon Olszewski joined U. S. Steel in 1990 as a summer intern while attending the University of Pittsburgh as a Materials Science Engineering major. Upon graduating, Jon began his career with U. S. Steel at The Mon Valley Works in Pittsburgh PA. From 1990 to 2005, Jon advanced through increasingly responsible positions at the Mon Valley in Quality Assurance and Steelmaking at the Edgar Thomson and Pickling and Cold Reduction at the Irvin Plants.

In 2005, Mr. Olszewski relocated to U. S. Steel Great Lakes Works and was named Division Manager of Rolling. He also worked as Division Manager of Ironmaking and Director of Quality until 2011 when he was transferred to U.S. Steel Fairfield Works.

From 2011 to 2014, Mr. Olszewski was Division Manager of Steelmaking at the Fairfield Works and was then advanced to Plant Manager of Primary Operations from 2014 to 2016.

In April 2016, Mr. Olszewski returned to the Detroit area as Plant Manager, Primary Operations. In February 2020, Mr. Olszewski returned to the Mon Valley and assumed the responsibility as Plant Manager of the Edgar Thomson Plant.

In his spare time, Jon enjoys spending time with his wife Joan and daughters Jenna and Jordan.

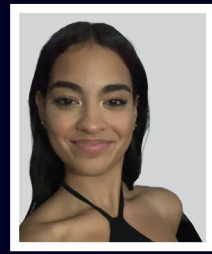
Congratulations to this year's Student Art Gala Contest Winners!



Tanhia Darwin,
Grade 9
First Place



Cameron Patalsky,
Grade 10
Second Place



Cameryn McDaniel,
Grade 10
Third Place

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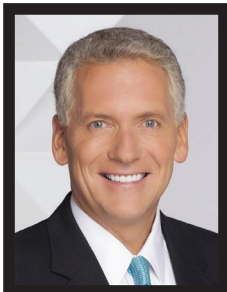
Lynn Banaszak, '85 *2024 Distinguished Alumni of the Year*

Lynn currently serves as the Global Head of Inclusive Strategies & Initiatives at Amazon Corporate, shaping a culture of inclusion for its 1.5M employees. With a rich 30-year tenure among the C-level executives of the region, Lynn has been instrumental in fostering economic development, civic engagement, and innovation, contributing to the investment and branding of over \$80M in emerging healthcare and digital technology solutions. This effort catalyzed an impressive \$1B in follow-on investments in southwestern Pennsylvania, alongside securing \$90M for various community initiatives and supporting over 400 startups.

Lynn's leadership extended to heading two prestigious innovation centers at Carnegie Mellon University, managing \$54M in research funds. As a co-host and producer of the nationally ranked podcast, *Innovation Unleashed*, and founder of Women in Bio Pittsburgh, she has made significant strides in promoting innovation and equal opportunities for all people. Her efforts were recognized with the 2015 Athena Greater Pittsburgh Award for mentorship and fostering equality.

In 2016, Lynn established the Caileigh Lynn McDowell Foundation in memory of her extraordinary niece Caileigh, focusing on creating a more equitable society through scholarships and community programs, including a significant commitment to youth voter registration and a kindness initiative that has reached national levels.

Lynn's contributions have been widely acknowledged, earning her numerous accolades including the 2023 Person of the Year by Get Involved, Inc., and recognition as a Top CEO by the Pittsburgh Business Times in 2020. Her dedication to community service is evident through her active involvement with boards and foundations, emphasizing her commitment to youth, community betterment, and economic development. She is also a contributing author of *Digital Transformation for the University of the Future* which is part of the World Scientific series *Digital Transformation: Accelerating Organizational Intelligence*.



Mike Clark *WTAE Channel 4 anchor*

Special thanks to our Gala Emcee, WTAE Channel 4 anchor Mike Clark. Your kindness, professionalism, friendship and support is unmatched! Thank you for helping us celebrate a wonderful evening in style!



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Melissa Bostard

2024 Distinguished Educator of the Year

Melissa (nee Brown) Bostard is a 1995 graduate of Woodland Hills High School and a 1999 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

She was hired by her alma mater to be a full time Family and Consumer Science Teacher for the 1999-2000 school year and has spent the entirety of her teaching career working for the betterment of the Woodland Hills School District and its students.

Mrs. Bostard married "Coach Tim" Bostard in 2007. The couple has two children who attend school in the district as well. Melissa is an avid baseball and karate mom. She is the Secretary of the Kumite Boosters Organization and is a book-keeper for the Woodland Hills Youth Baseball Team. During the summers, Mrs. Bostard runs the kitchen for Pitcairn Camp G in the Laurel Highlands. Finally, she is "Aunt Miss" to 12 nieces and nephews (and counting!)

In school, Mrs. Bostard has taught such FCS Classes as Foods/Nutrition, Child Development, Interior Design, Exceptional Child Development, Adult Roles, and the latest class of her own creation- Advanced Baking and Pastry. She is both a Senior Class Co-Sponsor and Yearbook Co-Sponsor.

Mrs. Bostard is the unofficial ambassador of the Woodland Hills School District- she exudes Wolverine Pride and is likely one of the most recognizable teachers from the district; she can be spotted miles away by her brilliant smile, curly hair, animated interactions, and overall outgoing personality. During her teaching career, Mrs. Bostard has changed the lives of countless students, staff, and their families.

Congratulations, Missi Bostard!

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Love, King and Liza

Congrats Melissa Bostard - "Educator of the Year"

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Some kids have **cooler clothes** than you

Some kids are better at **sports** than you

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You have **your thing** too

BE THE NICE KID

BE THE KID WHO CAN GET ALONG

BE THE KID WHO IS GENEROUS

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From left to right: John Yezovich, Tony DeLuca, Eric Biel, John Macho, Mark Yezovich, Maria Yezovich; Not pictured: sound engineer, Ray Calfo.

Walkin' Rosie has quickly risen to become a sought out, crowd favorite in the greater Pittsburgh area music scene. The band was founded by four of the Yezovich brothers (Mike, Mark, Joe & John), their sister (Maria), and a friend (Todd Baldwin) back in 2016. At the end of 2021, Mike, Joe and Todd made the difficult decision to leave the group due to ever growing professional and personal responsibilities.

Today, original members, John, Mark and Maria Yezovich are carrying on the group name and spirit with a new group of talented and experienced local musicians. Joining John, Mark and Maria to form Walkin' Rosie 2.0 are Eric Biel- guitar, Tony DeLuca- bass guitar and John Macho- drums. This versatile and fun group knows how to deliver hit covers spanning countless music genres and eras with an infectious energy and amazing sound that leaves audiences wondering what the set list will bring next and wanting more. Performing a little something for everyone in a style all their own, Walkin' Rosie is THE premier party band that you do not want to miss!

Special thanks to:

The Starry Night Quartet

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Kevin Varga
Trumpet

Lora Hertrick
Trumpet

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Euphonium



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- Tom and Lisa Caulfield



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Melissa Bostard,

CONGRATULATIONS on being named
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Your dedication and hard work continue to
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CONGRATULATIONS

Lynn Banaszak

2024 Distinguished Alumni of the Year



We are so proud of you and your recognition as the “2024 Distinguished Alumni of the Year”.

From your personal and professional accomplishments to your willingness to make sacrifices not just for those of us fortunate enough to call you family, but also for anyone in need of your kindness and generosity...you are an inspiration to us all. It is a rarity to witness someone so strong, that leads by example, yet is so humble and willing to give so much of themselves.

You are a shining example of the good that is the Woodland Hills Community.

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- Mom, Dad, Caileigh, Lori, Christian, Leigh, Aaron,
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Congratulations *distinguished honorees*



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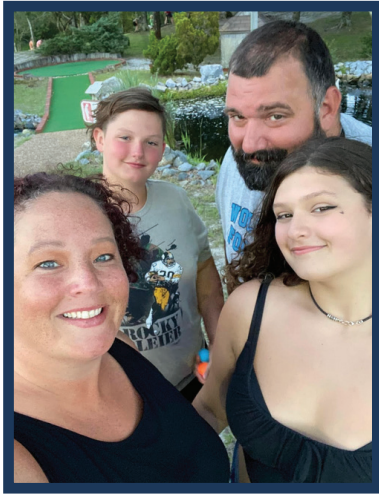
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Thank you, mom. For everything!
Love, Zoey and Xavier.



Miss- We don't know what we would do without you. You're the strongest, toughest, sweetest, "saint" on the planet. You're the glue that holds us together and keeps us all on our toes. We love you so much- and are so proud of your award!

Love, King, Josh, Chels, and Rick.

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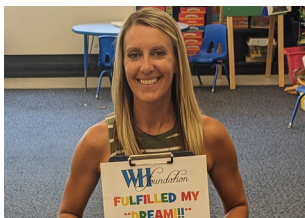


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