

THE WOODLAND HILLS FOUNDATION

Starry Night Gala

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026



Cover Art by Roo Hörst, Grade 11

The background of the poster is a dark, textured surface. A hand-drawn constellation is the central focus, with lines connecting small white dots to form various star shapes. A prominent yellow and orange comet-like shape with a long tail is positioned in the upper right quadrant. The bottom half of the poster features several white graduation caps (mortarboards) with blue tassels, some tilted and overlapping. The overall aesthetic is artistic and celebratory.

Starry Night Gala

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Edgewood Country Club • 100 Churchill Road

RED CARPET WELCOME: 6:00 PM

PRE-RECEPTION AND SILENT AUCTION: 6:00 PM

Cash bar and complimentary artisan hors d'oeuvres

DINNER AND EVENT PROGRAM: 7:00 PM

Cash Bar; Wine for Sponsors and VIPs

Stuffed Chicken Breast
w/mushroom & gruyere

Honey Orange
Glazed Salmon

Vegetarian Italian
Ravioli

LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING: 9:00 PM

Formal Attire/Black Tie Optional



ROBERT CARR

Event Emcee
WHHS Band Director,
Junior Musical Director,
Spring Musical Assistant Director

WALKIN' ROSIE

*Live Entertainment
Featuring Woodland
Hills Alumni!*





2026 Distinguished Educator of the Year

ERIN WALL

AP English 11, English Honors 10, English 11 and Student Summit Founder

Erin Wall was chosen as this year's Distinguished Educator of the Year for her compassion, leadership, and unwavering dedication to students. For more than twenty years, she has inspired generations as a teacher, mentor, and advocate. She founded the Woodland Hills Multi-District Student Summit, now in its seventh year, uniting students from over 30 districts. Erin's impact reaches far beyond the classroom and truly sets her apart.



2026 Distinguished Alumni of the Year

JOELISA MCDONALD

**Mayor of Rankin, PA
Class of 2008**

Joelisa McDonald was selected as this year's honoree because she embodies everything the Distinguished Alumni award represents: leadership, service, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to the Woodland Hills community. A proud graduate of Woodland Hills, Joelisa has dedicated her life to lifting others. Her heart for service, loyalty to the district that raised her, and ability to turn challenges into hope truly set her apart among an extraordinary field of nominees.

Distinguished Service Award

The Social Work Department of Woodland Hills School District

For their extraordinary dedication to supporting students, strengthening families, and ensuring no child in our community faces hunger alone.



Kellie Irwin

Woodland Hills
High School



Brittany Miller

Turtle Creek Elementary
STEAM Academy



Sarah Rivers

Edgewood Elementary
STEAM Academy



Kiersten Snyder

Woodland Hills
High School



Danielle Zurisko

Wilkins Elementary
STEAM Academy

The Social Workers of Woodland Hills School District are being honored for their exceptional leadership and commitment to combating student food insecurity. Through Backpacks of Hope and the High School Food Pantry, they provide vital support to students and families, ensuring access to nutritious food during weekends, breaks, and times of greatest need – making a lasting impact on our school community.

You're Invited!

Join us Saturday, March 7, 2026 at Edgewood Country Club for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate the "stars" of the Woodland Hills School District. We are proud to honor Joelisa McDonald, *Distinguished Alumni of the Year*, Class of 2008 and Mayor of Rankin, PA, along with Erin Wall, *Distinguished Educator of the Year*, AP English teacher and founder of the Student Summit. We are also pleased to announce that we will honor our schools' Social Workers for their efforts to end hunger in our district.

Feel like a celebrity as you walk the red carpet and pose for photos with our "paparazzi" in front of our new, glamorous Starry Night Gala backdrop! Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres while you browse our incredible silent auction, featuring artwork by Woodland Hills students, experiences, fine jewelry, and more. Raise a glass of wine in celebration of our honorees. Then, dance the night away to hits performed by Walkin' Rosie, Pittsburgh's premier cover band featuring talented Woodland Hills School District alumni!

Don't miss this magical evening of glamour, celebration, and community spirit!

2026 Gala Host Committee

Gail Evans-Potter
Fitness Coach
Wilmerding Community Center

Jennifer Hykes-Willson
Chief of Staff
Instruction Partners

Kitty Glasser
UPMC

Dr. Shelly A. Manns
Co-Principal
Woodland Hills High School

Beth Lott
Volunteer Coordinator

Honorable Abigail Salisbury
Pennsylvania State Representative

Liz Garlena-Estep
Lex Home Tech

Dr. Alicia Scaramuzzo
Music Teacher
Woodland Hills School District

Tables and Tickets

*Please note: all seating will be assigned based on contribution level

VIP Table: \$1,300

- Premier dinner seating for 8 guests at one table
- Two bottles of wine at your table
- "Last Look" during the Silent Auction: you and your guests will have VIP access for the last ten minutes of the auction to place final bids
- 8 Diamond Raffle Tickets: one ticket for you and each of your guests to win our signature diamond
- Hors d'oeuvres/Dinner/Dessert

Community Supporter Table (Non-Profits Only): \$850

- Seating for 8 guests at one table
- 8 Diamond Raffle Tickets
- Hors d'oeuvres/Dinner & Dessert

VIP Tickets: \$150

- Hors d'oeuvres/Dinner/Dessert
- Wine at your table
- "Last Look" during Silent Auction
- 1 Diamond Raffle Ticket

General Admission: \$100

Teacher Tickets: \$80

- Hors d'oeuvres/Dinner/Dessert

Souvenir Program

Send our Honorees your Best Wishes! All guests will receive a copy of the Souvenir Event Program. Plus, a digital version will be sent to over 4,000 of our supporters! Ads due Friday, February 20. Need help creating your ad? We are here to help!

- Full Page: \$100
- Half Page: \$50
- Quarter Page: \$25

For information on the Benefits of Sponsorship, Program ads, or other questions, contact Jennifer Trehear at Jennifer.whfoundation@gmail.com or call 1-888-281-3241

Reservations : Respond by February 20, 2026

Please fill out and return to: jennifer.whfoundation@gmail.com or mail to: Woodland Hills Foundation; PO Box 321, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Name: _____ Business: _____

Select your **SPONSORSHIP** Level: (contact jennifer.whfoundation@gmail.com for more info).

Super Nova: \$10,000 Shooting Star: \$5,000 Rising Star: \$2,500

Shining Star: \$1,500 Twinkling Star: \$750 Emerging Star: \$500

-OR- Select your **TICKETS** (indicate number of tickets next to each ticket type):

VIP Ticket: \$150 General Admission: \$100 Teacher: \$80

VIP Table: \$1,300 Community Table (nonprofits only): \$850

Enter guest name(s) and meal choices (stuffed chicken, honey orange salmon or vegetarian italian ravioli); (or email lists to jennifer.whfoundation@gmail.com).

Name: _____ Meal: _____

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Select your **SOUVENIR PROGRAM/JOURNAL AD** size: (note: all sponsorships include a journal ad. Only use this space if you are not purchasing a sponsorship or would like to purchase an additional journal ad). Send ads by Feb 20 to jennifer.whfoundation@gmail.com.

FULL PAGE: \$100 HALF PAGE: \$50 QUARTER PAGE: \$25
8.5" tall x 5.5" wide 4.25" tall x 5.5" wide 2.25" tall x 2.75" wide

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My check, made payable to the Woodland Hills Foundation, is enclosed.

Please bill me, using this email address:

I will visit www.woodlandhillsfoundation.com/2026starrynightgala to pay via credit card