

# Evergreen Park Community High School Hall of Fame Inductees

Established 2008

2008

John George



- Teacher, coach, administrator & dean at EPCHS 1957-1993, 36 Years
- John Coached wrestling for 20 Years and won 235 dual meet, had 28 state qualifiers, II place winners, and 2 state Champions
- Trustee for the Village of Evergreen Park 1979-1987
- Inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches & Officials Association 1977
- Grand Marshall of the 1986 Wrestling Tournament
- Inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Illinois Chapter in 2002

Robert Charles Howe



[http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2002-07-06/news/0207060186\\_1\\_robert-charles-howe-norman-rockwell-mr-howe](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2002-07-06/news/0207060186_1_robert-charles-howe-norman-rockwell-mr-howe)

<http://www.illustratedgallery.com/artwork/for-sale/artist/robert-charles-howe>

- Graduate of EPCHS Class of 1971
- At age 17, entered and won the *Saturday Evening Post* contest to replace Norman Rockwell
- Norman Rockwell said of his entry "better than I was at 18"
- Illustrated seven covers for the *Saturday Evening Post*
- Was commissioned by Sears to create a painting commemorating the 1976 Olympics (a boy sitting on a log, dreaming of runners appearing through misty clouds above him)
- Passed into eternal life in 2002 from complications of diabetes

Jean Thelma Budding



- EPCHS School Nurse 1955-1982 27 Years
- Mrs. Budding received the School Nurse recognition award given by Governor Richard Ogilvie
- After Retirement Worked in Nigeria doing missionary work 1986-1989
- Worked in Seward, Alaska 1990-1991 as a nurse at rehab-center
- Served as a school nurse in Kentucky at the Redbird Mission School 1994-2005
- Volunteered for the Sisters of Charity Soup Kitchen, Chicago, Illinois

Raymond A. Strikas, M.D.



- Graduate of EPCHS Class of 1971
- Presently the Seasonal and Pandemic Influenza Coordinator National Vaccine Program Office of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Director, Small pox Preparedness and Response Activity, National Immunization Program, Center for Disease Control
- Research shows Dr. Strikas to be one of our countries leading experts on Immunization, Vaccination, and Infectious disease
- Recipient of 29 Awards of Achievement in field of Public Health Services
- Published 35 articles on influenza, vaccination, immunization, and infectious disease.

William Keyser



- Graduate of EPCHS Class of 1969
- Chairman & CEO of Florida Plastics International, Inc.
- Board Member of the Illinois Sign Association and Independent Sign Crafter of America
- Member and Chairman of District 231 Board of Education
- Chairman of the Evergreen Park Community High School Foundation for Educational Excellence
- Member of Little Company of Mary Hospital Development Committee, The Executive Board of Hope Children's Hospital and the Governing Council of Advocate Christ Medical Center
- Board Member for the Ronald McDonald House Charities and Chairman of the House Council for the soon to be Ronald McDonald House near Advocate Hope Children's Hospital

## 2009

Joseph Curley



- Graduate, Class of 1963
- Board member, Public Relations Advisory Board, University of Florida
- Co-founder and president, Curley & Pynn Public Relations Management, Inc.
- Nationally acclaimed public speaker, author and recipient of numerous professional honors
- Contributor of his time, talent, and expertise to charitable, educational, and professional organizations

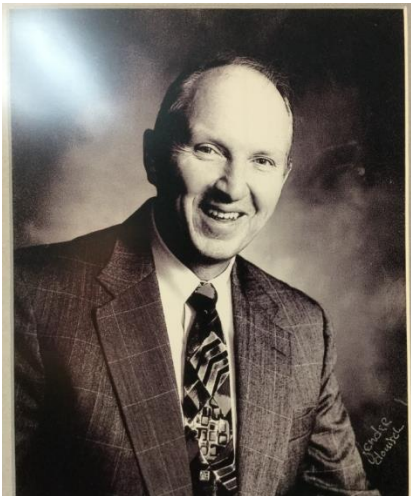
Ardith Inman



- Teacher, Legendary dean at EPCHS 1954-1980
- Member and retired officer of the International Parliamentarian Association
- Internationally recognized expert in Parliamentarian procedure and judge in worldwide Parliamentarian competitions
- Volunteer, First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park for 50 years
- Extensive volunteer efforts have benefited numerous local civic organizations

## 2010

Richard Dystrup



- EPCHS teacher and coach, 1966-1980
- Dedicated educator for forty plus years
- Executive Director of Illinois Dollars for Scholars
- Mayor of Lockport, Illinois 1993-1997
- Civic Leader and Board Member Lockport High School & Silver Cross Hospital

Richard Nogal



- Graduate, EPCHS Class of 1974
- Partner, litigation department chairman & executive committee member of Goldstine, Skrodzki, Russian, Nemeč & Hoff, Ltd.
- Chairman of the board of directors of Palos Community Hospital
- Board president for Palos Community Hospital & Board Member School District 118
- Civic Leader and activist for Palos Fire Protection, Our Lady of the Woods Parish Council

## 2011

Robert Hoff



- Graduate, EPCHS Class of 1974
- A 3<sup>rd</sup> generation City of Chicago Fireman of 34 years
- promoted to lieutenant in 1979, to captain in 1987, battalion chief in 1989, to district chief in 2000 and assistant fire commissioner in 2006
- On June 23, 2010 Appointed Chicago Fire Commissioner
- Two time winner of "Carter Harrison Award", CFD highest award for bravery
- Incident Commander for CFD's deployment to New York post-9/11 and to New Orleans for Hurricane Katrina
- University of Illinois field staff instructor since 1988

Rosalie Wyman



- Graduate, EPCHS Class of 1966
- Co-founder Wyman Worldwide Health Partners, Inc. 2004
- Named 2008 Purpose Prize Fellow, for extraordinary humanitarian contributions in Rwanda
- Member of Board of Directors of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International
- In 2006 launched the Comprehensive Community Health Initiatives and Programs(CCHIPs) project to help Rwanda improve the delivery system for comprehensive primary healthcare in rural areas
- Presently, at the request of the Rwandan Government, Mrs. Wyman's Foundation is working with Rwandan Ministry of Health to implement their model for delivering comprehensive primary healthcare to all citizens of Rwanda

## 2012

Jennifer Welch



- Graduate, EPCHS Class of 1986
- Earned B.A. from University of Illinois Chicago, 1990 and J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law, 1994
- From 1994 – 2003 Jennifer was the Executive Director for Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network
- From 2003 – 2010 Jennifer was the Policy Advisor to the Attorney General of the State of Illinois. Her work in the Attorney General's Office help re-write the criminal stalking law and create the stalking no contact order
- Presently Jennifer is the Deputy Commissioner for the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services.
- She is a Founding Member, Illinois Clemency Project for Battered Women
- For her work as an advocate for Battered Women, Jennifer has been named the "Activist of the Year" by the National Organization of Women, Chicago Chapter.

Robert B. Jenkins, M.D.



- Graduate, EPCHS Class of 1973
- Earned B.A. from Northwestern in 1977, Ph.D. from University of Chicago, 1981 and M.D., University of Chicago, 1983
- Dr. Jenkins is a consultant in Laboratory medicine, with secondary appointments in experimental biology, medical genetics, tumor biology, biochemistry and molecular biology and molecular neurosciences.
- Dr. Jenkins serves as co-director of Mayo Clinic Clinical Cytogenetics Laboratory.
- Dr. Jenkins is credited with a discovery and patent of a genetic alteration that is associated with a specific type of brain tumor
- He Co-invented a diagnostic test for bladder cancer
- He is internationally known for his research and discoveries in prostate and urologic cancers
- Presently Dr. Jenkins is a Professor. Mayo Clinic

## 2013

Maynard Stelzer



- Teacher, EPCHS 1956 to 1989
- Earned B.S. from Illinois State University in 1950, followed by his Master Degree in Education from Northern Illinois University
- United States Army, Korean War Veteran, 1950-1952
- Member of the All-City Football Team, full-back, Hyde Park High School, Chicago
- Baseball Coach EPCHS twenty-six years, twenty-one as head coach. 220-220-11
- Inducted into the Illinois High School Baseball Hall of Fame in 1984

Tom Heniff



- Graduate, EPCHS Class of 1961
- Earned B.S. from University of Pittsburgh in 1966, followed by his Master Degree in Education from Indiana State University
- Educator for thirty four years, six at Lockport H.S. and 28 at District 218.
- Wrestling coach for eighteen years, eleven years as a head coach that won two state championships, one second place, one third place, and one fourth place state trophies
- Wrestling official for thirty-eight years at high school, college and international levels, officiating sixteen ISHA state championships, three Big 10 championships, 3 NCAA Division II & III Championships, two Olympic Trials, and twelve USA Wrestling Open Championships
- Inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches & Officials Association Hall of Fame in 1982
- Selected as “National Wrestling Official of the Year” 2003 by the National High School Association

## 2014

James E. Oberto



- Teacher, EPCHS 1954 to 1977
- Earned Master Degree from Vandercook College of Music , Chicago Illinois
- First Band Director for Evergreen Park Community High School
- Composer of “EP Victory” our School Song
- Petty Officer First Class USS Utah, Memorial Pearl Harbor
- Hero and survivor of attack on Pearl Harbor 12-7-41



G. Joseph Mortimer



- Graduate, EPCHS Class of 1961
- Earned B.S. from Northern Illinois University in 1966, followed by his Master's Degree in Education in 1969 and type 75 Certification in 1982
- Educator and coach for thirty-seven years, ten at Oregon, Conant, and Stagg H.S.; twenty-seven at Victor J. Andrew High School.
- Earned University of Chicago – Outstanding Teacher Award 1984
- Earned Illinois Math and Science Academy – Award for Teacher Excellence 1996
- Elected to Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1998
- Coached 120 Illinois State Qualifiers in Cross Country and Track; Coached 19 All-State Cross Country and Track & Field athletes
- Coached the only runner in Illinois State History to win the Distance Grand Slam – State Championships in 1600 meters, 3200 meters & 5000 meters (National Footlocker Title)

**2015**

Dr. Rimas V. Lukas, M.D.



<http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2016/04/11/electrod-e-cap-helping-keep-mans-brain-tumor-at-bay/>

- Graduate EPCHS Class of 1994
- 2008 Co-Director, Neurology Clerkship, Pritzker School of Medicine (M.D.) U of C, Chicago Illinois
- 2010 Director-CNS (Neurology) Disease Section, Pritzker School of Medicine (M.D.) U of C, Chicago, Illinois
- In 2014 appointed Director of the Neuro-Oncology Service/Medical Director of the Brain Tumor Center at the University of Chicago, Chicago Illinois
- Has 38 Peer-reviewed publication in primary literature
- Has participated in 30 Clinical Trials that have provided advancements in the treatment of brain cancer
- Currently Co-investigator – Metabolic control in immune suppression in brain and spinal cord tumor
- 2015-2017 Wuhan University Medical Education Reform Project, Foreign Expert Neuroscience Co-Director at the Sino-American Medical Wuhan University, Hubei Province, China

Ruben Gaellgo, U.S. Congressman



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMxG6mVE5uQ&authuser=0>

- Graduate, EPCHS Class of 1998
- Graduated from Harvard in 2004
- Join the Marine Corps, was deployed to Iraq with Lima Company, motivating him to help fellow veterans and get involved in politics.
- Elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in 2010 and rose quickly in the State legislature, serving as Assistant Minority Leader
- In February 2014 he announced his candidacy for U.S. Congress, and was elected United States Representative for Arizona's 7<sup>th</sup> district in November 2014
- Congressman Gallego currently serves on the House Armed Services Committee and Natural Resources Committee.
- He introduced his first piece of legislation, The Veterans Education Tax Security Act, which will ensure that disabled and deceased veterans are not financially penalized when their federal student loans are lawfully discharged.
- Congressmen Gallego is currently working on legislation proposing debt-free college education.

**2016**

Jim Yukich



<https://imvdb.com/video/david-bowie/modern-love>

- EPCHS Class of 1971
- Graduated from Purdue University 1978 B.A. Film and TV Communications
- Nominated for 15 MTV Awards and 5 Grammy Awards
- Won 3 ACE Awards
- In 1983 Won first Grammy for Directing David Bowie music video “Modern Love”
- In 1986 Won second Grammy for Directing Genesis music video “Land of Confusion” this video was ranked as the 2<sup>nd</sup> best all time MTV video
- Co-creator of the “Billboard Music Awards”
- Directed over 100 TV Specials, including ones for Mariah Carey, Dennis Miller, Katt Williams, Genesis, \*NSYNC, Bruce Willis, Eric Clapton, Ray Charles
- Directed over 500 Music Videos for Artists such as Phil Collins, Michael Jackson, David Bowie, Iron Maiden, Gloria Estefan, and Whitney Houston.
- Directed over 1500 episodes of the long running talk show “Chelsea Lately” featuring Chelsea Handler.