

2019 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Welcome Bill Lyon, FHFE Board President

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Distinguished Alumni & Staff

- Wes Boatman
- Christa Long Martin
- Tim Marcagi
- Samir Daoud
- Gail Maundrell

Award Presentation Dee Stone, FHFE Executive Director

To nominate distinguished alumni or staff members for the 2020 awards, visit our website at FHFE.org and download the nomination form.



WES BOATMAN ANDERSON

1969

Wes Boatman was born and raised on Eight Mile Road in Anderson Township where he attended Anderson schools from kindergarten through graduation in 1969. He was very active in many extra curricular activities. His favorites were the plays and musicals, but most importantly, Band, Orchestra, and Chorus.

The music programs through all grades at Anderson were second to none. Wes played trumpet, French horn, 'cello, and tuba. His mentors included Dale Swisher (Orchestra), Mike Mannerino (Band), and Richard Wesp (Chorus). As Student Conductor his senior year, the Pep Band was the first ever at Anderson to include electric guitar, bass, and keyboards. This Pep Band was the first to feature instrumental arrangements of popular songs right from the radio.

Orchestra Conductor Dale Swisher was the first to recognize and encourage Wes' compositional skills. His words of encouragement led to the performance of an original piece for full orchestra at the 1969 Spring Concert. Where others may have highlighted the difficulty, Dale's words of encouragement were, "Sure you can, it's easy. If you have any questions, just ask!" That advice made all the difference to a young composer, setting the way for countless original pieces to follow.

As a composer and producer for television and film, Wes has received an amazing 27 nominations and won 9 Emmy Awards, including an Emmy for co-writing the Song of the Year in 2007 for the NBC series "Passions". His music has been featured in popular television shows including As the World Turns, Guiding Light, Another World, Passions, All My Children, Days of Our Lives, One Life to Live, Lifestyles & Runaways of the Rich & Famous, and Riviera. Additional underscores have appeared in Lois & Clark, 20/20, Second Noah, General Hospital, Mike & Maty, Melrose Place, Beverly Hills 90210, Sliders, Friends, Law & Order, Homicide, Sea Quest, Jackie Collins Lady Boss miniseries, and Win Your Weight in Gold, internationally.

Wes has written songs and recorded with a notable list of performers including The Ohio Players, Junie Morrison, George Clinton & Parliament- Funkadelic, and Bootsy Collins.

Wes is currently the CEO of Global Wellness International, Inc. and The Worldwide Wellness Broadcast Network, which is the only global network dedicated to health & wellness, complementary alternative medicine, fitness, and lifestyle balance programming and content.

CHRISTA LONG MARTIN TURPIN 1986



Christa moved to the Forest Hills School District in 3rd grade and attended Wilson Elementary. She graduated from Turpin High School in 1986. Christa loved every year at Turpin – and still today has great pride in her alma mater. During her time at Turpin, her classmates were sure to see her at most sporting events, and certainly all of the dances.

After graduation, Christa entered the workforce and started a career with Cincinnati Gas & Electric. In 1995, she knew that she was ready to be her own boss, and hatched a plan to find a business that would suit her goals.

After researching a few industries that sounded interesting, Christa saw an opportunity in the Direct Mail marketplace. Over the course of several months she learned the intricacies of the US Postal Service, and all things “bulk mail.” Then she made her first strategic marketing decision, creating a company name that would appear *first* in the yellow pages – ADDRESSED FOR SUCCESS. She advertised with the slogan *Minimizing Time – Maximizing Postal Discounts*.

Christa worked tirelessly to earn the business of many tri-state non-profit organizations and for-profit companies. She did whatever was necessary to build her business, working long hours. No job was too big or too small. That hard work and dedication to her clients earned Addressed for Success a “First Class” reputation with the Direct Mail community in Greater Cincinnati.

In 2003, Christa made another key strategic decision – convincing her husband Chad to quit his job, which required weekly travel, to become the General Manager. Together, they expanded their services by adding in-house printing and graphic design. They created a sister company called “Accelerated Printing.” Today, Addressed for Success is a leading provider of printing and direct mail services.

Christa and Chad became licensed foster parents in 2013. They have fostered and provided respite care for children ranging in ages from 4 months to 18 years. Additionally, Christa has helped the less fortunate by participating in programs like St Vincent de Paul’s “Adopt-a-Family,” Interfaith Hospitality Network and #Kindflash. Using the connections she has created through her work, Christa has aided other families in need with food, clothing, furniture and medical services.

Christa is enjoying her new role as a grandma. Christa and Chad have 4 kids – 3 Turpin graduates, and one future Turpin grad!



TIM MARCAGI ANDERSON 1976

Tim moved to Mt. Washington as a young boy. A few years later, at age 10, he moved to Anderson and graduated from Anderson High School in 1976. At AHS, he developed a love for music and theater, and continued his involvement during college in two seasons of summer stock with the Edgecliff Theater Company. Tim graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a BA in Psychology and Industrial Relations.

After working at an insurance company, Tim started his own employee benefits brokerage and consulting firm in Anderson in 1988. Benefit Resources Inc. grew to become the second largest firm in the Cincinnati region, working with over 100 brokers. Tim was the owner and president until it was acquired in 2014, and still serves as Managing Director of the firm, operating now as NFP Corporate Services.

Tim has over 30 years of experience in the employee benefits industry. He has served on Trustmark's National Advisory Council and is a founding member of the United Healthcare National Advisory Council. In addition, Tim serves on the local advisory boards for Humana and Anthem. He also serves on the advisory boards of the Morgan Stanley Graystone Group and the Seven Hills Group.

Tim's interests include real estate development. He recently purchased land, and rezoned and designed a new "empty nester" community in the heart of Anderson, which is currently building 34 new homes.

Tim and his wife, Paula, raised 3 children in Anderson with Tim coaching baseball, basketball and soccer for several of his sons' sports teams. A Boy Scout leader and Eagle Scout himself, Tim took two teams of Anderson scouts to Philmont National Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Several of these boys later became Eagle Scouts, including his son Andrew.

Giving back to the community, Tim served 15 years on the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, including two terms as president, and served on the first Anderson Township Economic Development Committee. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati since 1990 where he has been involved in several programs including Camp Allyn; Learning for Life Committee, Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America. Over the past ten years, Tim has chaired the Nature Adventure Program, allowing over 500 underprivileged school children who have displayed exceptional behavior throughout the year to come out to Camp Craig for a day of outdoor adventure and environmental education.

SAMIR DAOD TURPIN 2002



Samir Daoud attended Mercer Elementary until 3rd grade, and then moved with his family to Jordan. He returned to Anderson Township (where he has been ever since!) and started ninth grade at Turpin High School. Turpin was not a new school to him and his family; his brother and oldest sister, as well as “countless relatives,” had attended Turpin in the 80s, and Sam enjoyed hearing old stories about teachers like Mr. Lawson and Mr. Basalyga. Sam “literally LOVED” his time at Turpin: he played football three years, and counts Turpin coaches and teachers, including Mr. Poe, Coach Stoll, and Mr. Vito as major, and memorable, influences. Mr. Vito, he says, knew how to get his students attention by teaching some classes while standing *on desk tops*. Certainly, from those sources, he learned dedication, accountability, AND ingenuity. Sam graduated from Turpin in 2002.

Since 2007, Sam has worked for Gold Star Chili across a broad spectrum of business disciplines, starting as Retail Sales manager, where he successfully increased market and product growth through expansion in product line, distributors and outlets. In 2011, under the Gold Star banner, Sam initiated two sponsorship/volunteer efforts, starting with “Give Hope on The Square,” which benefited pancreatic cancer research. This fundraiser evolved from a party on Fountain Square to a full-fledged concert called “Rock Out Cancer.” A portion of every canned Gold Star Chili item sold by retailers across the Tri-State region goes to The Cure Starts Now Foundation via his second initiative, “Cans for a Cure,” which has yielded well over \$80,000 in total contributions.

In 2015, Sam transitioned to Franchise Sales and Development at Gold Star, in which he focuses on clear and organized communication to steer results towards overall company strategic growth. Through “Passion, Courage, Integrity and Respect,” Sam has been able to help existing and new franchisees establish and achieve lifelong goals, as well as support them to maintain those goals into the future.

Sam holds a BA in Marketing from the University of Cincinnati and certification from the Goering Center’s Leadership Development Institute, also at UC. He is currently in the process of becoming a Certified Franchise Executive through the International Franchising Association. Sam lives in Anderson Township with his wife Amanda, son Frank, daughter Sloan and Sonny, the dog.



GAIL MAUNDRELL

FOREST HILLS STAFF

Gail Maundrell hit the Forest Hills “A” trifecta: She attended Anderson Elementary, Anderson Junior High, AND Anderson High School, graduating in 1968. Growing up in Anderson Township, Gail was involved in clubs, summer swimming and diving, and a majorette. In 6th grade, Gail idolized her Physical Education teacher, Miss Scott. She decided then and there that she was going to grow up, go to Ball State the same as Miss Scott, and become a PE teacher just like Miss Scott. And that is exactly what she did.

After college, Gail returned to her hometown, married her boyfriend of 4 years, and started her teaching career at Newtown Elementary. She also earned her Masters of Education degree from the University of Cincinnati. Gail then accepted a job teaching health at AHS to vocational students. She was offered her first coaching opportunity, the AHS gymnastics team, and kept 22 girls on the team. In 1976, Gail elected to move to the new high school. Gail taught health and physical education at Turpin for 25 years, until her retirement in 2001. In 1997, Gail was awarded the Forest Hills Educator of the Year Award, which was a big deal to her because she “just taught gym.”

At Turpin, Gail initially coached tennis, the drill team, gymnastics, and swimming and diving. Ultimately, she had to whittle these down, and she chose TWO sports: tennis and gymnastics. Gail has coached 391 talented young tennis players in 27 non-consecutive seasons. Her teams have won 12 league championships, most recently four in a row. She has had six doubles teams advance to state and has also had a singles player advance the last four years. Gail modestly says her players’ successes made her “look great and got her noticed.” Gail has been named league and city coach of the year multiple times, and she was recently awarded the OHSAA SEI, for Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity.

Gymnastics is the sport that Gail has never given up, starting at AHS and moving to Turpin. This includes 1981, when she coached both teams at the same time and had a newborn! While there have been “good years, better years, and great years, they have always been fun years” with the 755 girls who competed under her mentorship. Gail has had multiple gymnastics teams advance to state, with 2nd place her best finish. She has had many individual state qualifiers, including a state beam champion. Again, Gail attributes her recognition to her athletes and assistants. She was named state coach of the year, honored as district coach multiple times, and given the SEI for gymnastics and the State Service awards. Her teams were honored 15 times with the district team sportsmanship award.

Community service is important to Gail’s teams. Both tennis and gymnastics teams have volunteered at the FH5K, handing out medals, since the race began. For the last ten years, her gymnastics teams have also baked and delivered holiday cookies for the Inner City Youth Opportunities, an afterschool study program which involves approximately 100 young people.

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PAST HONOREES

2013

Dr. Howard Bell, AHS '66 **Michael Fortin, THS '81**
John Hayden, AHS '75 **Laura Phelps-Sweatt, THS '88**
Bob Coughlin, AHS '79 **Kristin Sherwin Meyer, THS '90**
Richard Wesp, FHSD Staff 1954 to 2011

2014

Mike Brandy, AHS '74 **Pete Delois, THS '78**
Mike Craycraft, AHS '90 **Stephanie Cone Laing, THS '87**
Mike Hall, AHS Principal 1985 to 2003
Distinguished Service Award: Jeanne Johnston Miller, AHS '59

2015

Cindy Richey Livingston AHS '69 **Rick Haynes THS '79**
Dan Fleming AHS '81 **James Ackley THS '87**
Jerry Gunning, THS Counselor 1976 to 2014

2016

Forest S. Heis AHS '62 **Stacy Sims THS '79**
Nadar Massadeh AHS '90 **Doug Prince THS '85**
Dan Bartholomew, Teacher & Coach 1967 to 2013

2018

Dennis "Wildman" Walker AHS '69 **Bob Dames THS '79**
Gary Philbin AHS '75 **Claudia Mills Anderson AHS '84**
Sandra Coleman AHS Teacher 1972 to 2002



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- Mental Health Initiatives

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