

WHS Alumni Hall of Fame





Alumni Name	Professional Details	Induction Year
Schomer Lichtner Class of 1923 (d.)	Artist; Works shown in numerous museums and Franklin Delano Roosevelt's White House	2004
Louise Edna Goeden Class of 1925 <i>(d.)</i>	WHS English Teacher, Author, Major in Women's Army Corps in WWII	2001
Edward Harris Heth Class of 1926 (d.)	Writer of short stories, novels and screenplays; 1936 O'Henry Award winner	2001
Howard O. Johnson Class of 1926 (d.)	12th Chief of the Milwaukee Police Department from 1957 to 1963	2001
Norman N. Gill Class of 1928 (d.)	Director of Legislative Reference Bureau; Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Marquette University; numerous civic and education awards	2001
Robert W. Hansen Class of 1929 (d.)	Circuit Judge in family court (1961–1968); Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justice (1968–1978); first candidate in Wisconsin to unseat an incumbent chief justice	2001
Dr. Harry J. Blumenfeld Class of 1931 (d.)	Dentist; leader in development of Milwaukee dental care and recipient of numerous awards and honors	2004
Major Arthur L. Post Class of 1935 (d.)	WWII Pilot in Army Air Corps; received Distinguished Service Cross and Distinguished Flying Cross	2004
Glen Barbaras Class of 1937	Supervisor on The Manhattan Project; holds patents at the University of Chicago and as Research Manager at DuPont Experimental Station	2014
Marlin M. (Pat) Harder Class of 1940 (d.)	NFL Player and first in history to score 100 points in three consecutive seasons	2014
Abner J. Mikva Class of 1943 (d.)	White House Counsel under President Clinton and recipient of the 2014 Presidential Medal of Freedom	2001
Lee Sherman Dreyfus Class of 1944 (d.)	Governor of Wisconsin, 1979–1983; Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point	2001
Newton N. Minow Class of 1944	Annenberg Professor of Communication; Chair of the FCC; extensive leadership for PBS; recipient of the 2016 Presidential Medal of Freedom	2001
Arthur Thrall Class of 1944 (d.)	Artist and Teacher; artwork in many collections throughout the world; recipient of numerous awards; represented in Who's Who in America	2004
Ruth Kesselman Silver Class of 1949 (d.)	Author; Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Deaf-Blind Persons, Inc. in Milwaukee	2018
Richard Allen Anderson Class of 1950	Senior Research Fellow at the Kimberly-Clark Corporation; holder of six patents; Author of poetry and children's books	2018
Doris Bogen Preucil Class of 1950	Professional symphony violinist; Founder of the Preucil School of Music, a Suzuki school with international recognition	2018
Jerome Silberman (Gene Wilder) Class of 1951 (d.)	Actor/Author; starred in many famous movies including Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Young Frankenstein, and Blazing Saddles	2001
Herb Kohl Class of 1952	U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, 1988–2012; Owner of Kohl's Stores and Milwaukee Bucks; Founder of Herb Kohl Philanthropies	2001
Allan (Bud) Selig Class of 1952	Commissioner of Baseball, 1998–2015; inducted into the 2017 National Baseball Hall of Fame	2001
Dr. Richard Anderson Class of 1953 (d.)	President of Waukesha County Technical College; received the Waukesha County Volunteer Center Lifetime Award and Public Policy Forum Lifetime Achievement Award	2004
Thomas Buntrock Class of 1954 (d.)	Chief of Mequon Police Department; died in an act of heroism	2004
Martin (Marty) F. Stein Class of 1955 (d.)	Philanthropist and Founder of Stein Drugs in 1961 and Stein Optical in 1979	2004
Russell M. (Russ) Darrow, Jr. Class of 1958	Chairman & CEO of Russ Darrow Group, Inc.; Business Hall of Fame; involved with Junior Achievement, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Boy Scouts of America	2018
Richard L. (Dick) Weiss Class of 1959	Owner, Computer People Unlimited (CPU); Philanthropist & Founder of the Weiss Family Foundation	2018
Dr. Lynn Taussig Class of 1960	Renowned authority on respiratory diseases/infections; Author of numerous scientific publications and books	2014
Alyce Gilbert Class of 1961	First recipient of the WHS Alumni Scholarship; Production Wardrobe Supervisor; Tony Honoree on Broadway	2014
James (Jim) Kurtz Class of 1962 (d.)	"Mr. K" was a WHS Teacher, MPS Administrator, and extensively involved with Sherman Park Community Association	2014
Michael Feldman Class of 1966	Host of Whad'Ya Know? radio program; named King of Small Talk Radio by The Wall Street Journal; Author and Teacher	2014
Daniel Stepner Class of 1964	Professional Violinist and Recording Artist; Artistic Director of the Aston Magna Festival and Foundation	2018
Christopher J. (Chris) Dede Class of 1965	Wirth Professor in Learning Technologies at Harvard Graduate School of Education; internationally known Speaker & Author	2018
Gregory Lehman Class of 1968	WHS Coach and twice recipient Coach of the Year; Wisconsin High School Coaches Association District	2001
Dr. John Klein Class of 1969 (d.)	Chief Statistical Director of the Statistical Center of the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research and world-renowned expert in biostatistical research methods	2014
David Seebach Class of 1969	Magician; taught magic at UWM; won the coveted <i>Best of the Best</i> trophy at the annual National Magic Get-Together	2014
Jeffrey Steren Class of 1969	President of Steren Management, Inc. and Owner/Operator of multiple McDonald's restaurants; involved in many local charities	2014
Christopher Gardner Class of 1971	Entrepreneur, Author, and Philanthropist; subject of the book and film <i>The Pursuit of Happyness</i>	2014
Michael Mayo, Sr. Class of 1974	Milwaukee 7th District Supervisor for 23 years; served as Trustee on the Milwaukee County Pension Board	2001
Imani Bazzell	Founder and Director of Sisternet; involved with numerous social justice and community activist groups	2001
Class of 1977 Mark Sain Class of 1977	Retired Assistant Fire Chief; District #1 Director and President of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors (2017 to present)	2014
Class of 1977 Rev. Dr. James G. White	Milwaukee County Board Supervisor (1996–2008); Chairman of Milwaukee County Transit Committee;	2004
Class of 1980 (d.) deceased	UWM Alumni Gold award; Founder of ENCOMPASS Project ©2019 Milwaukee Public Schools	