

Schenck *Hall of Fame* Honorees Announced

The Schenck High School *Hall of Fame* honors Schenck alumni for their exceptional accomplishments in athletics, the arts, or their professional endeavors. It also recognizes teachers, coaches, or community members, who may or may not be Schenck graduates, but have made significant contributions to the Schenck High School community. Current members of the committee include Chairman Frank Davis, Judy Fernald, Louise Fiske, Eddie Hamm, Mindy MacKenzie, Mark Scally, and Kim Smith.

On March 16, 2019, Frank Davis introduced the 2019 Class of Schenck's *Hall of Fame* at the 2019 Winter Carnival. His remarks on that evening were as follows:

“Our first inductee is a 1965 graduate of Schenck High School. Harry Davis was a three-sport athlete, honor student and the King of the 1965 Winter Carnival. He received a BS in Biology from the University of Maine in 1969. After college, Harry joined the Army and was stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C. where he did research on two diseases - dengue fever and encephalitis - which were greatly affecting our troops at that time in Vietnam. Following his service, Harry continued his studies at the University of Minnesota and the University of Florida, where he earned his Doctorate in Entomology with a specialty in arthropod vectors of disease. He then began his 34-year career as a science professor at Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire where he was also the advisor to all pre-med students and served as the liaison between the athletic department at Franklin Pierce and the NCAA. During that time, he was also an important resource for the State of New Hampshire in the ongoing battle against lyme disease and encephalitis by collecting, mapping, and identifying the ticks and mosquitoes that spread these diseases. As Harry is unable to be here tonight, my wife Ann and I are very pleased to represent my brother, Dr. Harry Davis, this evening.

Kris Fleming graduated from Schenck High School in 1991 and went on to the University of Maine where he received his BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering in 1995 and a Master of Science in Computer Engineering in 1996. Kris also received an Interdisciplinary Master of Science degree in Information Networking from Carnegie Melon in 1998. He then joined the workforce for the multinational giant, *Intel Corporation* currently holds the position of Chief Technologist for Client Systems Architecture and Senior Principal Engineer. He has published five technical papers and received three major *Intel Corporation* Achievement Awards. He also holds 43 United States patents and has another 20 pending patents. As a Senior Principal Engineer, he has served as the *Intel* representative on several standards boards and work groups, including the group that developed the Blue Tooth technology. Currently, he is the lead engineer working in the field of artificial intelligence for *Intel*. On a personal note, Kris and his two teenage children recently returned from a trip to Antarctica completing their goal of visiting all seven continents before the kids graduated from high school! Representing Kris this evening, are his aunt, Brenda Stanley and his cousin PJ Stanley.

Ron Marks was a teacher, coach and athletic administrator at Schenck High School from 1969 to 1997. As a coach, his boys' basketball teams earned five Eastern Maine Championships and two State Championships, his boys' soccer teams earned 2 Eastern Maine Championships, and his girls' soccer teams earned four Eastern Maine Championships and four State Championships! His overall winning percentage was nearly 80%! Under Ron's guidance,

Schenck became an athletic powerhouse in Northern Maine! In his role as Athletic Director, Ron was instrumental in introducing both boys' and girls' soccer and tennis to Schenck's athletic programs. He was also the driving force behind the building of the soccer field that now bears his name. In athletic circles throughout the State of Maine, Ron Marks is an iconic figure who is well-respected for his numerous achievements. Ron was also elected to the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame in 2016. Please join me in welcoming one of Coach Ron Marks' former players, Kevin Giberson and Kevin's wife Tracy who are representing Ron this evening.

Our next inductee is Dr. Cheryl Butts Sanfacon. Despite a diagnosis of Type I diabetes at the age of 12 and the sudden death of her father from a brain aneurism when she was in high school, Cheryl graduated from Schenck High School as the valedictorian of the Class of 1970. At that time, career options for young women were very limited. Cheryl credits Dick Groves, her biology teacher here at Schenck, for convincing her that she had the ability to become whatever she wanted to be! With that new-found confidence, Cheryl headed to Mount Holyoke College where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She then earned her medical degree at Tufts Medical School. This was followed by an internship at Presbyterian University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, a three-year residency in Psychiatry at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, and earning her certificate in Psychoanalysis at the Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Institute. She went on to have a very successful career as a private psychotherapist and as an assistant clinical professor at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. Representing Dr. Cheryl Butts Sanfacon tonight is her childhood friend and classmate, Mindy MacKenzie.

Our last inductee tonight is the Honorable Karl Ward, Schenck High School Class of 1981. Karl graduated as the valedictorian of the College of Engineering and Science at the University of Maine and went on to teach at the university for over a decade. In 1993, he joined the prestigious construction firm, Nickerson and O'Day, rising to his present position of CEO and President. Under his leadership, Nickerson and O'Day has completed over a half billion dollars in projects over the past several years. Karl is also President of Ward Enterprises Holdings, Concrete Coring of Maine, and "Sluggers", the largest indoor baseball/softball training facility in Maine. Karl's community involvement and philanthropic endeavors are too extensive to cover all of them tonight, but two are especially important to Karl and the Schenck High School community. As a member of the Maine Legislature, Karl sponsored a bill to create the Cold Case Homicide Squad which led to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Joyce McLain, fulfilling a promise he had made to Joyce's mother, Pam McLain. Lastly, one of several academic scholarships that Karl has generously endowed, is named for Roni Thompson, his best friend and cousin who passed away in 2012 after a seven-year battle with cancer. Karl returns to Schenck each year to award this scholarship to a Schenck senior whose life has been touched by cancer. Karl is traveling out of state this weekend. Representing him are Pam McLain's granddaughter and Joyce McLain's namesake, Joyce McLain Bouchard and Roni Thompson's parents, Mike and Lorna Severance. Would you please join me in welcoming them?

These five new members of the Schenck High School *Hall of Fame*, Dr. Harry Davis, Kris Fleming, Coach Ron Marks, Dr. Cheryl Butts Sanfacon, and the Honorable Karl Ward, will be formally inducted on Saturday, July 13, 2019. Details on the time, place and activities will be available later in the spring. Thank you for helping us honor our inductees this evening! And enjoy your Winter Carnival activities!"