

# *Fifth Induction Ceremony*



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## Program

6:00 p m .....Social Hour

7:00 p m .....Dinner

8:00 p m .....Greeting:  
Rhonda Saegert, principal  
John Marshall High School

8:15 p m .....Presentation of Inductees:  
Ross Bassett, Alumni Association  
and Hall of Fame committee member



# *Introduction to the John Marshall Hall of Fame Class of 2007*

## **Inductee**

## **Presenter**

Leonard Downie.....	Ross Bassett
James E. Gorsline.....	Bill Reiber
Dr. William J. Hadlow.....	Ross Bassett
David Jecmen.....	John Nolan
Ellie Mapson, Jr.....	Daryl Mapson
Mark O'Donnell.....	Mark Gamin
Steve O'Donnell.....	Bob Rhubart
Henry Reitz.....	Ross Bassett
Joe Vadini.....	Bob Timoteo



Leonard Downie

Class of 1960

At John Marshall High School, Leonard was the 12A class president, National Honor Society President, editor in chief of the Interpreter. He played basketball and was involved in several other activities.

Leonard pursued his love of journalism by working at the Washington Post where he held the position of investigative reporter. While at the Post he was a foreign correspondent and executive editor. He was also a principal editor during the Watergate scandal. He has written four books: Justice Denied, Mortgage on America, The New Muckracker, and The News About the News.



James E. Gorsline

Class of 1954

James was the 12B class president in 1954 and was also National Honor Society president.

While attending John Marshall High School, James was involved in several sports. He played baseball, basketball, and football. Not only did he play these sports, he was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award for football and received the Donald McGray award for the outstanding athlete in 1954. James continued in sports through his college career at Kent State University.

James was a well respected math teacher who also coached various sports.

Dr. William J. Hadlow

Class of June 1939

After graduation from John Marshall High School, William went to the Ohio State University where he matriculated in the college of Veterinary Medicine. He graduated in 1948 and dedicated his practice to the link of neurological disorders in humans and animals. He is a world renowned veterinary authority on prion disease pathology.



David Jecmen

Faculty 1967 - 1987

David Jecmen was a speech, journalism, and drama teacher at John Marshall High School from 1967 through 1987. He was well known for spectacular performances that brought crowds to the John Marshall auditorium. David was the founding artistic director of the Greenbrier in Parma Heights and held that post for 18 years. In 1993 he left Greenbrier and went to Cuyahoga Community College West to continue teaching and directing. In 2005 he was honored by the Ohio State House of Representatives for his sixty years in theater. He has acted, produced, written, and taught theater.

Ellie Mapson, Jr.

Class of June 1956

Ellie Mapson can best be described as a local historian. He was a member of the first commercial arts class in the Cleveland Schools. He participated in sports and junior council. After graduating he enrolled in the Cleveland Institute of Art and later transferred to the Cooper School of Art and graduated in 1959 with a portfolio in commercial art. Ellie worked at American Greetings in the Graphic Arts area. Mr. Mapson lived in the Cleveland community and has always given back to his city. Some of his community service is past organizer of the West Park baseball leagues, president of the West Part Community Council, and president of the West Park Kiwanis Club.



Mark O'Donnell

Class of 1972

While at John Marshall High School, Mark was a straight "A" student who was involved in writing for the Interpreter and theater production. Mark went to Harvard where he graduated with honors. Mark writes humor, short stories, books and plays. He won a Tony Award for "Hairspray" in 2003. His twin brother Steve is also being inducted into the John Marshall Hall of Fame.

Steve O'Donnell

Class of 1972

While at John Marshall High School Steve was involved in the Marching Band and Thespians. Steve was a straight "A" student who went on to Harvard where he graduated with honors. Since then he has led a very interesting life. He started in Cleveland working at American Greetings then moved to New York City. He began writing for David Letterman, Chris Rock, and Jimmie Kimmel Live. He is honored along with his twin brother Mark.



Henry Reitz

Class of 1901

Henry had several firsts in his life. He was the first graduate of John Marshall High School in 1901. He was the first mayor of West Park, and he was the founder of the Henry Reitz Engineering Company.



Joe Vadini

Class of June 1948 and faculty 1954-1957

As a student at John Marshall High School, Joe played football, was a member of the National Honor Society and was Student Council Committee Chairperson. After graduation he earned his BA from Mount Union College in 1952. He earned his MA from Western Reserve University. Joe coached football and wrestling at John Marshall and at Brecksville High School.



## Past Inductees:

### 1999 Induction

Lee B. Bauer  
Omar Blackman  
Alfred Carroll  
Tony Celebrezze  
Larry Coy  
Gene Gibbons  
Joseph Hrudka  
Robert Ramlow  
Henry Roenigk, Jr.  
Grace Schueneman  
August Steinhilber

### 2000 Induction

Frank Celebrezze  
James Dregalla  
Howard Ferguson  
Gregory Lashutka  
Paul Pender  
C. J. Prentiss (Luster)  
Thomas Stincic  
Gary Suhadolnik  
Richard Van Allen  
Foster Whitacre

### 2002 Induction

Shirley Babitt  
Joseph Dinunzio  
Thomas Jefferson  
Tony Rizk  
Joy Hirniak-Smith  
Dr. Steven Sroka  
Rev. John Uhle

### 2005 Induction

Dr. John Battaglia  
John (Ted) Dieterich  
Stanley Drayton  
Jack Howlett  
Eleanore Kosman  
Dr. Newt Kellackey  
Enrico Molinari  
Dr. Thomas Moss  
Ralph Pfingsten  
James A. Thomas

### The Hall of Fame Committee

Yakoob Badat	Ross Bassett	Bob Fast
Bill Kemer	Gini Kolar	Marijane Kubach
Andy Mathews	Joyce Murphy	Scott Nagy
Paul Oswald	Elaine Staley	Bob Vinyard