



OUTSTANDING  
ALUMNI

25<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY





## **Our Mission**

Penta Career Center is a high-performing school that provides:

- ▶ Options and opportunities
- ▶ Real-world learning
- ▶ Partnerships with business and industry
- ▶ Productive citizens

## **Our Commitment**

The staff at Penta Career Center is committed to:

- ▶ Achieving excellence
- ▶ Delivering results
- ▶ Responding to our communities
- ▶ Creating an environment for success



**OUTSTANDING  
A L U M N I**

# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

*Dear Outstanding Alumni & Friends of Penta:*

Welcome to Penta Career Center's 25th Outstanding Alumni Awards program. Since 1993, we are pleased to have recognized 145 former students with this honor. We are happy to celebrate this occasion with representatives from our 16 member schools who are equally proud of our Outstanding Alumni Award recipients.

This year, six former students, who have demonstrated excellence and success in their careers, will be honored. Each recipient has their own unique story to share about how their career-technical education at Penta helped them reach their personal and professional goals.

As you review this booklet you will see that our Alumni frequently mention how their Penta training provided them with a strong foundation to build a successful career. Our Alumni recognize the caring nature of the Penta staff who helped launch them on a career path to be productive and successful in life.

These Penta Outstanding Alumni recipients believe in the importance of pursuing additional training and education beyond high school in order to be competitive in today's workforce.

A common characteristic of our Outstanding Alumni recipients is the pride they have demonstrated in their professional careers. This year's recipients have a strong work ethic and frequently mention that they enjoy their careers.

Many of the Penta Outstanding Alumni recipients are involved in volunteer experiences that benefit their communities. They also enjoy participating in professional organizations within their career fields and through their employers.

At Penta, we are always happy to see our Alumni achieve excellence. Their success validates the goal of our institution that we do make a difference in the lives of our students.

Congratulations to our 2017 Penta Outstanding Alumni!

Sincerely,

*Ronald W. Matter*

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Superintendent  
Penta Career Center



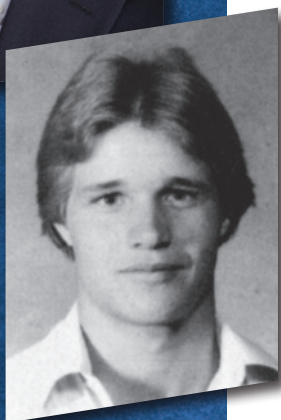
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**CLASS  
OF  
1982**



Career Program  
**Drafting**

Member School  
**Woodmore**

Current Occupation  
**General Manager**

Company  
**Universal Controls  
Group**

26202 Glenwood Rd.  
Perrysburg, OH 43551  
419.872.2364

## WILLIAM HAMMER

For Bill Hammer, the education and skills he gained at Penta Career Center has helped him achieve personal and professional goals throughout his life.

"I didn't realize that the skills I learned in the classroom and lab setting would become the cornerstone of my professional career," says Bill. "Gaining knowledge and responsibility in the field and networking in the industry are some of the best things I learned because of my career-technical education."

After completing Penta's Drafting program in 1982 and graduating from Woodmore High School, Bill worked as a design engineer/CAD operator for Innovative Controls Corporation in Toledo. Bill also enjoyed the sales end of the business and worked as an estimator and sales representative for nine years for this company.

After a successful tenure with Innovative Controls, Bill decided to change industries and went to work for Glassline Corporation, a supplier for the glass industry. As a sales representative with the company, he managed client relationships in multiple states and Canada.

Bill gained more sales experience from 2005-2009 when he worked for PEPCO in Toledo, a distributor and packager of electrical products. In this position he managed, expanded and developed accounts for the company. Bill also was a presenter and trainer for various seminars hosted by the company.

In 2009, a tremendous opportunity evolved for Bill when he accepted a high level position at Universal Controls Group (UCG) in Perrysburg. He is the general manager and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the company. UCG is owned by Penta alumnus, Ken Metzger (Class of 1982, Northwood). Bill is proud to have six Penta alumni working at UCG.

As the general manager Bill has many responsibilities. Not only does he manage, expand and develop accounts in the area of industrial automation, but he also oversees and negotiates purchasing agreements and estimates all phases of automation projects. Bill also supervises the engineering and CAD areas and manages the electrical panel shop for UCG.

Bill enjoys giving back to his community. He is in his third term of office as a trustee for Woodville Township. He also represents Woodville on the Sandusky County Economic Development Committee. Bill has been active in the Woodville Youth organization volunteering as a baseball and softball coach.

Bill has been married for 21 years to Tracy, instructor of Medical Technologies at Penta. He enjoys travel and especially likes to vacation in Mexico. Bill also plays golf and has been a marshal at the Memorial Golf Tournament in Columbus.



## KANDACE (CARPENTER) HELBING

For more than 30 years Kandace Helbing has been working in a career that has provided experiences allowing her to advance quickly in the retail and banking industries. She credits both the Law Enforcement and Marketing Education programs at Penta Career Center for giving her a competitive advantage.

"The work ethic I developed and specific skills I learned in both programs, helped me stand out among my fellow coworkers," says Kandace.

Kandace was employed in high school as part of the requirement in the Marketing Education program. She worked for Merry-Go-Round Enterprises that had retail stores in all the malls in the Toledo area. Kandace first worked as a salesperson and within two years, was promoted to store manager at the Southwyck Mall store.

Kandace was very successful with Merry-Go-Round and had many supervisory duties in the areas of sales, merchandising and marketing. She worked for the company for 10 years and was recognized in the company's Million Dollar Sales Club. When the retail chain closed nationwide, Kandace took on a similar position with Meijer in Sylvania.

At Meijer, Kandace was a department manager from 1996 to 2000. Retail can often have challenging work schedules and so after 14 years in this industry, she made a decision to change her career focus.

In 2000, Kandace joined Charter One Bank which offered her a better schedule and excellent promotional opportunities. At Charter One she first worked as a teller and within a few years became an assistant branch manager. Kandace worked for Charter One for 10 years at the Sylvania branch and eventually became the manager/AVP.

Kandace accepted a new challenge in 2010, when she moved to PNC Bank. Kandace is currently the branch manager/vice president of PNC Bank. Her responsibilities are numerous. Not only does Kandace hire, recruit and train employees, but she also manages the finance, lending business banking, and budgeting aspects for the bank branch. In her position she is a leader for the bank in the local community.

Throughout her career in banking, Kandace has completed numerous courses and training programs that have helped her advance. In addition, under her leadership, her bank branches have been recognized for providing excellent customer service. Kandace is proud that her bank was recently recognized by the Sylvania Chamber of Commerce for its support and sponsorships of many chamber events and activities.

Kandace lives in Monclova with her husband, Mike and her three sons. She has two adult sons, Mike and Gage, and a son Aden, age 11.



**CLASS  
OF  
1988**

Career Program  
**Marketing Education**

Member School  
**Rossford**

Current Occupation  
**Branch Manager/  
Vice President**

Organization  
**PNC Bank**  
6730 W. Central Ave.  
Toledo, OH 43642  
419.843.2007





**CLASS  
OF  
1996**



Career Program  
**Early Childhood  
Education**

Member School  
**Otsego**

Current Occupation  
**Teacher**

Organization  
**Otsego Elementary  
School**

18505 Tontogany Creek Rd.  
Bowling Green, OH 43402  
419.823.4381

## KAREN (WALSH) MAGRUM

Karen Magrum has fond memories of Penta Career Center. She credits her experiences in high school for providing her with a love for education and the desire to be a lifelong learner.

"Penta prepared me for my career and future educational experiences," says Karen. "My teachers were passionate about what they were teaching which made me want to learn and succeed."

After completing Penta's Early Childhood Education program and graduating from Otsego in 1996, Karen continued in her career field at Owens Community College. In 1999, she received an associate degree in the area of Early Childhood Education. To gain more experience and earn additional income, Karen worked as a preschool aide for Trail Day Care while attending Owens.

Karen decided to pursue her bachelor's degree and attended Lourdes University where she earned her degree in 2003. While attending college, she worked at the university and also became active in student organizations. Karen and her classmates helped form a chapter of the Future Educators Association and the Student Government Association (SGA). She served as president of the SGA in 2002.

In 2003, Karen returned to her roots in Wood County when she was hired as a reading teacher at Grand Rapids Elementary. The next year, she landed the second grade teacher position at Haskins Elementary (now Otsego Elementary). She has been teaching second grade for 13 years. Karen also has a master's degree with a reading endorsement from the University of Findlay.

Karen's passion goes above and beyond her experience as a classroom teacher. She also spends much of her time preparing and leading professional development activities not only for her district but also for state conferences. Plus, Karen spends time writing and implementing grants for Otsego. Since 2009, she has written six grants. One grant, the Ohio Literacy Grant, was for \$145,000 which enabled Otsego Elementary to create a community literacy program and purchase Chromebooks.

In a letter of recommendation from Michael Wiley, assistant principal of Otsego Elementary, Karen is described as "something special in the field of education." Wiley offers that Karen's outstanding qualities go above and beyond that of a regular teacher. Not only does Karen have all students on IEPs in her classroom but her compassion extends to her personal life. Several years ago, she adopted a student from her class so he could have a better chance to succeed in life.

Karen lives in Grand Rapids and has been married for 19 years to Josh (who also completed his high school training at Penta). Karen and her husband have three children, Justin, age 13, Olivia, age 12 and Isabel, age 10.



## PEGGY McGAHARAN

When Peggy McGaharan completed the Executive Secretary program at Penta Career Center and graduated from Northwood High School in 1983 she had no idea that her training would prepare her for a long term and rewarding career.

Since 1984, Peggy has worked for NAMSA (formerly known as North American Science Associates) located in Northwood. The company is a leading contract research organization and the world's only medical research organization that provides expert regulatory and compliance services to medical device and healthcare product manufacturers. When Peggy began working for NAMSA, the company had 60 employees and today it employs 700 people globally.

"I've enjoyed my career because I like managing people and I love to learn," says Peggy.

Peggy's 33-year career with NAMSA has created learning opportunities each step of the way. In the beginning of her career, she worked as a typist and quickly advanced to a computer operator, supervisor and then a manager. By 1999 she was a supervisor of products and the customer service unit.

Peggy also had the opportunity to work for one year as a corporate manager of client care in Irvine, California. Upon returning to the company facility in Northwood, she continued to work in a similar capacity until 2013.

For the past four years, Peggy has been working as the director of global client services, a high-level management position with NAMSA. She is responsible for client care on a global basis and directs managers in California and Georgia. Peggy's position requires some travel and she often works in Minneapolis and France.

With such a busy work and family life, Peggy still made time to continue her education. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2008 from Heidelberg College and received her MBA from the University of Findlay in 2016. Peggy also has important industry certifications. She is a Certified Customer Service Professional and a Net Promoter Certified Associate.

Peggy is proud to have been recognized for her work by NAMSA. She has been named the Manager of the Year and has earned the Customer Focus Award.

Peggy lives in Perrysburg and enjoys reading, knitting and sewing in her spare time. She also is an avid golfer. Peggy has an adult son, Michael and is a grandmother to Kase, age 5 and Rohen, age 3.



**CLASS  
OF  
1983**

Career Program  
**Executive Secretary**

Member School  
**Northwood**

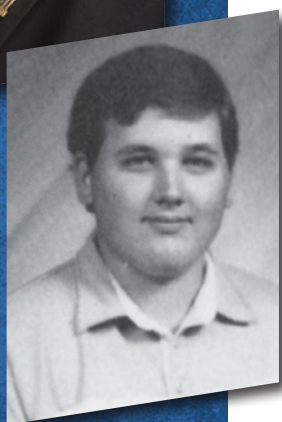
Current Occupation  
**Director, Global Client  
Services**

Company  
**NAMSA**  
6750 Wales Rd.  
Northwood, OH 43619  
419.666.9455





**CLASS  
OF  
1994**



Career Program  
**Carpentry**

Member School  
**Bowling Green**

Current Occupation  
**Business  
Representative**

Organization  
**Indiana/Kentucky/  
Ohio Regional Council  
of Carpenters**

9278 Bass Pro Blvd.  
Rossford, OH 43460  
419.461.3008

## DANIEL MOREY

Working in the field of construction is something Dan Morey has always been interested in since childhood.

Dan graduated from Bowling Green High School and completed Penta Career Center's Carpentry program in 1994. During his senior year, Dan was in the top two percent of his class, was recognized with the Outstanding Student award and received a Perfect Attendance award.

Dan had the opportunity to work for Pahl Builders during high school and gained experience in residential carpentry. Soon after graduation, Dan joined the local apprenticeship program where he worked on commercial and industrial projects. After completing his apprenticeship training in 1999, Dan worked as a journeyman and foreman on projects such as hotels, hospitals, retail spaces, and petrochemical facilities in Northwest Ohio.

"I'm proud to have been able to work with many area contractors in a variety of environments," says Dan.

In 2000, Dan became active with the Carpenters Local 351 and was elected as a delegate, a position he still holds today. He also was elected a trustee and currently serves as a financial secretary for the union.

Dan decided to make a career change in 2006 when he took a position as a business representative for the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters. Dan works out of the Rossford office where his job involves representing members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters in the area of employment, mediation between contractors and members, and dispute resolution. His job also involves improving the working conditions and wages of both union members and non-union workers through legislation, organizing efforts, and outreach to owners and clients.

Dan also serves as a trustee on the Northwest Ohio Carpenters and Millwrights Supplemental Pension Plan as well as the advisory board for the Ohio Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee.

Dan enjoys giving back to Penta by serving as a member of the advisory committee for the Carpentry program. He also has volunteered as judge for SkillsUSA local competitions and participates in recruitment events for Penta.

In his spare time, Dan is an active volunteer with Planned Pethood and helps with many community service projects through the union. He has helped work on home renovations, a dog park shelter, and accessibility ramps for needy families.

Dan lives in Toledo and has been married to Heidi for 12 years. They have a daughter, Alexandria, age 3. Dan and his family enjoy traveling to the Lake Michigan area for rest and relaxation.



## KATELYN (BILLS) WRIGHT

Ever since Katelyn Wright was a teenager she was always interested in hair cutting and styling. As a young teen, she would spend hours at her hometown salon in Haskins watching the stylists work with clients. Katelyn knew early on that the Cosmetology program at Penta Career Center would be the best place for her to learn more.

Katelyn was an excellent student at Penta and was involved in SkillsUSA. She competed in SkillsUSA contests both her junior and senior years. During her junior year she earned 8th place in Ohio for the nail care contest. For all of Katelyn's hardwork and good grades at Penta, she was honored with the Outstanding Student Award during her senior year.

Katelyn credits her instructors and Penta for helping her achieve success quickly in her career. "The instructors prepared me for the real world," says Katelyn. "Penta gave me an advantage because I was able to gain skills in my chosen field while still in high school, plus I saved time and money."

In 2006, after graduating from Otsego, completing Penta's Cosmetology program and earning her State Board license, Katelyn worked at a salon in Maumee to gain more experience. She soon moved on to another salon in Bowling Green to join her sister, Kylee Hanhold, who is also a cosmetologist.

Katelyn's career quickly evolved as a stylist and at the same time she set a personal goal of owning a salon one day. After working hard with her sister at Serenity Salon and Spa and The Honey Comb Salon and Spa, Katelyn's dream became a reality.

In 2011, Katelyn and Kylee opened Shirley Sei Bella Salon on Poe Road in Bowling Green. The salon is named after her grandmother "Shirley." As a co-owner and stylist of the salon, Katelyn finds business ownership very rewarding. The salon has seven employees and has a great client base.

Katelyn's company is a partner with Eufora®, a hair care company which offers the salon many benefits including products and training opportunities. Katelyn and her employees enjoy continuing education opportunities on site at their salon as well as in Michigan. They also attend hair shows in Chicago and Los Angeles.

In her spare time, Katelyn enjoys spending time with her family in Waterville along the Maumee River. She is married to Sam and they have two sons, Hunter, age four and Blaze, age two.



**CLASS  
OF  
2006**

Career Program  
**Cosmetology**

Member School  
**Otsego**

Current Occupation  
**Salon Owner/Stylist**

Company  
**Shirley Sei Bella Salon**

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Bowling Green, OH 43402  
419.352.3552



# PREVIOUS OUTSTANDING PENTA ALUMNI

## 1993 RECIPIENTS

Dianne (Steindam) Bochi – Oak Harbor  
Major Constance Gaiser-Phillips – Anthony Wayne  
Joseph Murray, Jr. – Lake  
Gary J. Muswick – Springfield  
Wanda (Gentry) Snyder – Woodmore  
Randy Wax – Woodmore

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## 1994 RECIPIENTS

Nicholas Espinoza, D.O. – Springfield  
Jim Kasch – Eastwood  
Peter Kolan – Bowling Green  
Thomas Kretz – North Baltimore  
Suzanne (Boyer) Myers – Anthony Wayne  
James Lennox – Lake  
Major Daniel Tack – Oak Harbor

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## 1995 RECIPIENTS

Brent Bomer – Bowling Green  
Brenda (Carrol) Hoot – Perrysburg  
Michael K. Ott – Otsego  
Susan (Vidra) Reamsnyder – Rossford

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## 1996 RECIPIENTS

Joe W. Gargac – Genoa  
Nicholas B. Getzinger – Otsego  
Jason Romer – Anthony Wayne  
David Sawicki – Anthony Wayne  
Robert Torres – Swanton

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## 1997 RECIPIENTS

James L. Barnes – Bowling Green  
Craig A. Bauer – Anthony Wayne  
Claudette R. Davis – Perrysburg  
Cindy Goodman-Eckel – Eastwood  
Paul R. Grimm – Otsego  
Christopher S. McIntire – Woodmore  
Ben Richmond – Lake

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## 1998 RECIPIENTS

Tony E. Castillo, Sr. – Perrysburg  
John R. Colley – Maumee  
Cheryl L. (Hirzel) Fitzpatrick – Rossford  
Sharon Roman – Rossford  
Nicholas K. Shultz – Lake

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## 1999 RECIPIENTS

Tina (Etchison) Dowling – Anthony Wayne  
Jonathan Hart – Clay  
Martin Sniadecki – Maumee  
Robert Steinline – Perrysburg

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## 2000 RECIPIENTS

Rhonda (Delphous) Bliss – Genoa  
Pamela (Recker) Buck – Eastwood  
James R. Dahms – Adult & Continuing Ed.  
Cynthia (Hart) Millinger – Maumee  
John F. Spilker – Anthony Wayne  
Richard Young – Lake

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## 2001 RECIPIENTS

Marty Almeister – Rossford  
Barbara Ceculski – Genoa  
Mike Chiarelli – Perrysburg

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William E. Harris – Bowling Green  
Teri Lynn (Gearig) Murphy – Swanton  
Wayne R. Nault – Northwood  
Duane Roach – Bowling Green

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## 2002 RECIPIENTS

Jennifer E. Glassford – Woodmore  
Deborah S. (Tober) James – Rossford  
Bonny (Peske) LaPoint – Anthony Wayne  
Synthia L. (Cox) Mahler – Elmwood  
Kathy (Woodruff) Powers – Maumee  
Scott Sevenish – Rossford

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## 2003 RECIPIENTS

Nancy J. Gerwin – Woodmore  
Richard Gross – Perrysburg  
John K. Hughes – Lake  
Robert E. Landolt – Rossford  
Lee Powell – Perrysburg  
Mary J. (Pfaff) Schroeder – Swanton  
Frank I. Zygala – Anthony Wayne

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## 2004 RECIPIENTS

Carole A. (Hughes) Brennan – Lake  
Lynne (Mullen) Burch – Maumee  
Chris Cufr – Northwood  
Edward J. Gonzales – Adult & Continuing Ed.  
Jeffery W. Hamons – Woodmore  
Gerald O. Herman – Northwood  
Thomas G. Overmyer – Grand Rapids (Otsego)  
Mike Smith – Otsego

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## 2005 RECIPIENTS

Bryan A. Christy – Bowling Green  
Yvonne M. (Kieswether) Fey – Maumee  
Fredrick L. Kubitz – Maumee  
Rose Mock Scott – Springfield  
Wayne A. Strayer – Anthony Wayne  
Rebecca L. (Cooper) Stutz – Anthony Wayne

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## 2006 RECIPIENTS

Thomas Berkebile – Perrysburg  
Patrick O. Curtin – Maumee  
Steven W. Curtis – Otsego  
Jarrad C. Egert – Woodmore  
Patricia K. Hyland – Perrysburg  
Lisa (Ackley) Mattin – Maumee  
Danilynn M. Miller – Anthony Wayne

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## 2007 RECIPIENTS

Deric C. Frisch – Perrysburg  
Matthew E. Herrig – Elmwood  
Frederick C. Lange – Perrysburg  
Edward J. Stribny – Lake  
David W. Terry – Rossford  
Kewyn Louis Williams – Springfield

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## 2008 RECIPIENTS

Tony J. Anteau – Rossford  
George C. Byington Jr. – Oak Harbor  
Benjamin L. Croley – Northwood  
David Gillette – Springfield  
Diane S. (Asmus) Hemminger – Otsego  
Robert J. Osstifin – Anthony Wayne  
Jennifer L. (Byington) Wilkins – Oak Harbor

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## 2009 RECIPIENTS

Stephen G. Hunter – Bowling Green  
Kenneth Metzger – Northwood  
Becky Pegorsch – Maumee  
Ronald J. Porter – Lake  
Cara Ricci-Challen – Oak Harbor  
William Slane – Woodmore  
Mark A. Travis – Genoa

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## 2010 RECIPIENTS

Douglas Felt – Maumee  
Henry "Hank" Fowler – Anthony Wayne  
Matthew Gilbert – Perrysburg  
Kimberly Morelock – Rossford  
Jeffery Pettit – Lake  
Brent Thielen – Lake

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## 2011 RECIPIENTS

Janea Makowski – Lake  
Tamara (Shiffert) Rost – Eastwood  
Matthew Simpson – Anthony Wayne

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## 2012 RECIPIENTS

Chad Bolander – Northwood  
Brian L. Bonnough – Swanton  
Cindi (Peters) Britt – Eastwood  
Christina McCain – Maumee  
Anne (Woyame) Noel – Lake  
Terri (Phillips) Rudd – Springfield

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## 2013 RECIPIENTS

Leslie Kay (Radabaugh) Hertzfeld – Anthony Wayne  
Scott A. Jaegly – Northwood  
David Miller – Woodmore  
Leonard L. Vidra II – Rossford  
Patrick Young – Woodmore

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## 2014 RECIPIENTS

Tracy (Vargo) Buder – Genoa  
Robert Hernandez – Woodmore  
Jennifer (Traver) Northrup – Woodmore  
Douglas Podiak – Maumee  
Daniel Soviar – Rossford  
John Wenzlick – Otsego  
Becky (Dooley) Ziviski – Swanton

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## 2015 RECIPIENTS

David Beckham – Lake  
Jayne (Coon) Eisel – Bowling Green  
William V. Niederman III – Lake  
Gary L. Phipps – Swanton  
Sandra L. Wiechman – Elmwood  
Gregory Wyandt – Anthony Wayne

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## 2016 RECIPIENTS

Joy (Rabbitt) DuShane – Lake  
Allen Eckel – Springfield  
Ron Lenz – Genoa  
James Mauter – Maumee  
Doug Schmidt – Genoa  
Joshua Torres – Anthony Wayne  
Molly (Frey) Wilson – Maumee

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## MEMBER SCHOOLS

Anthony Wayne

Benton-Carroll-Salem

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Eastwood

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Genoa

Lake

Maumee

North Baltimore

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Otsego

Perrysburg

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Springfield

Swanton

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