

# 2012 Glenwood Hall of Fame



**Mrs. Valerie (Louderback) Gaynor** - Valerie, a 1995 graduate, has been selected for induction in the Achievement category. Though she grew up around the corn and soybean fields of central Illinois, she has made her mark diving with and photographing sharks, and teaching marine sciences. She is currently the Martin County School District Science Coordinator (Stuart, Florida). She has a Bachelor's degree in Unified Science Education and a MNS in Biology from Southeast Missouri State University. Valerie has taught Marine Science and various other sciences for the past 13 years in the states of Missouri, Mississippi, and Florida. Raising awareness about oceans and their inhabitants, particularly sharks, is her passion. She was recently featured internationally on ABC's Nightline as the "Shark Diving Teacher" to spotlight shark conservation and most recently, in a documentary with Dr. Guy Harvey (Marine Biologist and Wildlife Artist) tagging Sailfish in the Gulf of Mexico. She has been honored as a Class Noble Educator of Distinction, Wyland Foundation Teacher Ambassador for the Planet, and Jensen Beach High

School's Teacher of the Year for 2010. When not working, Valerie and her husband JD are avid divers, which ignites their passion for ocean conservation, and they have even developed the website [underwatermoments.com](http://underwatermoments.com)

(<https://mail.martin.k12.fl.us/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://underwatermoments.com>) to promote education and conservation of the ocean. Through the past few years, Valerie has created videos and given inspirational presentations throughout the country sharing her real life underwater experiences with students, teachers, and the public. Valerie's hope is that through her enthusiasm and experience, people will come to understand the awe and beauty of our ocean planet transferring her passion and love for her finned friends to future generations.



**Mr. Ken Boyle** - Ken, a lifelong resident of Chatham and a 1999 graduate of Glenwood High School, has been selected for induction in the Athletics category. While in high school, he was a successful participant in numerous activities. He was a member of the National Honor Society, and was named All-State tight-end and linebacker on Glenwood's 1998 State Championship football team. After graduating, he attended the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign on an athletic scholarship and graduated with a degree in Speech Communication. As a member of the Fighting Illini football team, he was part of a Big Ten championship team in 2001. He received the George Huff Award for academic and athletic achievement and was twice named to the Big Ten All-Academic team. Following graduation, he was accepted at the University of Tulsa,

College of Law, and graduated with his law degree in 2006. He is currently an attorney in Springfield and member of both the Illinois State Bar and Sangamon County Bar Association. He was elected in 2011 to the Chatham Village Board and is a member of the Chatham Area Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Columbus and is an active volunteer with United Cerebral Palsy. He is married to Amber, who is an elementary teacher, and they have a daughter, Keely. They are expecting their second child in August.



**1999 Softball Team** - The 1999 Softball team has been nominated for induction into the Hall of Fame in the Athletic Team category. It is considered to be one of the most successful softball teams in the history of the program ending the season with 35 wins and six losses, and earning the title of State runners-up in Class AA. Several school records were set that year, including 35 team wins; 330 team hits, and .967% in team fielding. Individual school records were set as well with 52 hits in a single season and 15 doubles, by Suzie Lair; tied the school record for single season walks, Jenny Floyd; and 122 career runs and 20

career triples, also by Jenny Floyd.

Several IHSA records were established as well: Most innings regular season game, 26; most innings State tournament game, 20; most consecutive defensive scoreless innings in a State tournament, 24; most sacrifices in a State tournament game, Suzie Lair; and Lindsay Tasker tied single season strikeouts by a pitcher at 202.

Glenwood defeated SHG 6-0 in the regional behind Tasker's NO HIT pitching, then defeated Washington 3-2 in eight innings to advance to the State tournament. They defeated Chicago Lane Tech 3-0 to have the opportunity to face what Chicago newspapers called the best team and best pitcher in Illinois. It took 20 innings but Glenwood prevailed 2-1. Due to rain delays the girls had just 3 ½ hours to prepare for the championship game against Machesney Park Harlem, in which they lost 1-0. They had just played 34 innings in 24 hours including 27 innings on the final Saturday.

Team members included: Elizabeth (Pigg) Ferry, Lindsay Tasker, Suzie Lair, Tori (Hughes) Stegall, Jenny Floyd, Natalie Overman, Becky( Westendorf) Webb, Erin Carr, Stephanie Roberts, Katie(Young) Robbins, Jessica Ball, Rachel Driskell, Shannon Pyle, Jen Rembusch, Mary (Lentz) Burmeister, Courtney Pyle, Cathy(Bower) Unsbee, Kristen Blake, Michelle Dickson, Megan (Boyle) Cowell, and Rachel McNatte. They were coached by Shawn Doscotch (Head Coach), Vondel Edgar and Terry McDevitt (assistant coaches).



**Mrs. Judy Guinan Theobald** - Judy Guinan Theobald, retired GHS English teacher, has been selected to receive the nomination for Service. Judy began her career at the Ball-Chatham School District in 1966 and retired in 2002. In her 36 years at Glenwood, she taught the gamut of English, American literature and rhetoric classes. She also taught British literature, Advanced Placement literature and composition. In fact, it was Judy who taught the first AP class at Glenwood in 1982-83. She served as English Department chairperson for a number of years, and in that role, impressed her fellow teachers. One noted, "When she was department chair, she was thoroughly organized. When the new year started, all materials were on all the English teachers' desks, all new books were numbered, and at the end of the last semester, all books were accounted for." Judy has long had the reputation among her many students as being one of best to ever teach at Glenwood. They aren't the only ones with this opinion, however.

Teachers who had the opportunity to work alongside her have provided the following insights: "She was the thorough professional. She prepared more students for the rigors of college level writing than other teacher during her tenure at Glenwood." And from another, "She helped me recognize the value and merit of each student." Many also remember the way that Judy could connect with her students. One of her peers recalls, "She had a wooden desk in her room, an old desk. At the end of each year students would sign their name to the desk. At the end of her career, she had hundreds and

hundreds of "student autographs" on that old desk. I have no idea of what happened to that old desk when we made the move to the new building. I can only hope that it is in her home today."

Her teaching excellence was recognized beyond the walls of GHS as well. During her teaching career, Judy was named Outstanding High School Teacher by the University of Chicago and by Western Illinois University. In addition, she served as an exchange teacher to Portadown, County Armagh, Northern Ireland.



**Mr. Paul Stout** - Paul, a 1939 graduate of Ball Township High School, has been selected in the Lifetime Recognition category. The Stout family has deep roots in Sangamon County, with Frank L. Stout and Philemon S. Stout serving on the Ball Township Community High School District Board of Education in the 1930s. It was this family that originally sold farmland so that Ball Township High School (now Ball Elementary) could be built. After Paul graduated high school, he studied agriculture at the University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign, and graduated from the university in 1943. A lifelong farmer in Sangamon County, he raised two children, Dorothy Jean and Dick, who are both Glenwood graduates. Paul is an original member of the Soybean Board in Illinois, and the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Board (serving as president for seven of the ten years he was a member). He also served on the Ball-Chatham Board of Education. It was during his tenure on the board that the 1957 Glenwood High School was built. Paul continues to serve as a trustee for Stout Cemetery.