

2013 Glenwood Hall of Fame



Ms. Marianne Challis (Posthumous) - Marianne Challis has been selected to receive the nomination in the Service category. Marianne Challis graduated from Glenwood High School in 1971. In high school, she was very active in the music program, which, at the time, was under the guidance of Charlene Gates and Ted Chase. Her days as a Glenwood singer led her to major in music at Eastern Illinois University. During that time, Marianne was successful in the world of beauty pageants, winning Miss Charleston and placing second in the Miss Illinois pageant. She graduated from EIU and moved to Chicago where she became a vital part of the musical theatre community. She then headed to New York City. Marianne played many roles in her musical career, but was probably best known for her vocal coaching ability. Having to rest her voice for several years due to the rigor of the musical theatre regimen, Marianne became a popular vocal coach to many celebrities, including Kathy Lee Gifford and Amy Adams. She worked extensively with Academy Award-winning Alan Menken, musical director and

composer of *The Little Mermaid*, *The Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. Marianne worked with the casts of these shows and the stars that came in and out of the leads of those shows. After she returned to singing, she went on to win the 2008 Bistro Awards Outstanding Female Vocalist of the Year, and, in 2011, won a Manhattan Association of Cabarets Award. Her cabaret show in New York City was a favorite among the musical community. During her return to the stage, she continued to maintain a very successful voice studio in Manhattan, training the leaders of the Broadway community. However, in the end, what Marianne was undoubtedly most proud of was the development of Broadway Boot Camp, which she founded along with her husband, Frank Root. Broadway Boot Camp was Marianne's "dream come true" 11 years ago. Sixty students attended their camp at a time, and then presented two performances for their parents and surrounding community of Fairfield, CT. Her husband and two children plan on carrying on the tradition of Broadway Boot Camp each summer in their hometown of Fairfield. Marianne died an untimely death at the age of 58 this past September. Her memory will be forever held in the hearts of her family, her students, and her colleagues. And, because of her beginnings in a small town high school, and the love and encouragement her music teachers gave to her, she went on to touch the lives of so many in other parts of the world, especially those young students who attended her Broadway Boot Camp.



Mr. Todd McClure - Todd, a 1995 graduate of Glenwood High School, has been selected for induction in the Athletics category. Todd found much success in both the athletic and academic arenas while at GHS. But it was through his high school and college baseball careers that he realized some of his greatest accomplishments. The success at GHS culminated in his leading team wins in a career, with 130. After graduation, Todd played for the University of Illinois' baseball team, and was a four-year starter and letter winner. While a freshman, Todd had the highest batting average ever (at that time) for a freshman of .357, and was a finalist for Freshmen of the Year honors in the Big Ten. Todd was a part of the 1996 Big Ten Championship team and finished with a career .326 batting average. He still ranks in the top 10 for career offensive production in nine different categories at the University of Illinois. After graduating from the U of I in 1999, Todd began his career as a financial planner with Northwestern

Mutual. In his first year, he was recognized as the #2 new financial advisor in the entire company. Todd has since gone on to rank in the top 2 percent of the 8,000 investment producers at Northwestern Mutual. Todd is married to Jodi, and they have three children, Carter (8), Abby (5), and Kate (6 months).



Colonel Joseph Ori, USAF (Ret.) - Joe Ori has been selected for induction in the Lifetime Recognition category. Joe is a 1961 graduate of Glenwood High School - the Salutatorian that year. While in high school he was active in many different sports. He went on to graduate from the University of Illinois and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1966. He also received a Commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Air Force through the Air Force ROTC program and a selection for pilot training. In 1970, Joe was selected for conversion training into helicopters and a subsequent assignment flying HH-43 Rescue helicopters at DaNang AB in Vietnam. After a year, he returned stateside to fly the HH-43 helicopter including supporting NASA's Apollo lunar landing training program. In 1973, he retrained once again, this time into the C-141 jet cargo transport and was assigned to Travis Air Force Base in California. Joe flew the C-141 for three years as an aircraft commander and instructor pilot, and flew numerous missions to South East Asia including missions in support of Operation Baby Lift and also the evacuation of Saigon in 1975. Joe was later

chosen to attend the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. He spent 18 months in residence earning a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering with a focus in aircraft structures and fracture mechanics. During his studies, he was selected for the rank of Major. He was later selected for the rank of Lt. Colonel during an assignment as Chief of Damage Tolerance Analysis at San Antonio Air Logistics Center, Kelly AFB, Texas. In 1982, Joe returned to the cockpit once again, flying C-141's at McGuire AFB. He was the Squadron Operations Officer for the 18th Military Airlift Squadron responsible for the training, currency, and flight scheduling of 240 aircrew members on worldwide missions. In 1984, he assumed command of the 438th Organization Maintenance Squadron responsible for the leadership of 600 airmen and the mission of flight line maintenance, launch activities and teardown inspection facilities for 70 C-141 aircraft. He was selected for the rank of Colonel during this assignment. Three years later, he was picked to direct Operational Test and Evaluation at the Military Airlift Command (MAC) at Scott AFB in O'Fallon, Illinois, and in 1990 took over as Director of Advanced Requirements with the responsibility of leading the development of systems to meet the Airlift needs for the next 20 years. On August 31, 1992, Joe retired as a Colonel from the Air Force after nearly 26 years of service. He was a Command Pilot with over 3600 flying hours of which 421 were in combat. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with six Oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Accommodation Medal with two Oak leaf clusters. In the spring of 1993, he accepted the Structure Program Manager position with the Illinois Department of Transportation and moved back to the Springfield area where he and Paula, his wife of now 47 years and also a Glenwood graduate, reside. He was named Intercity Highway Program Manager in 1997, and retired from that position in December of 2009.



Lieutenant Colonel Mike Matthews - Mike, a 1989 graduate of Glenwood High School and class Valedictorian, has been selected for induction in the Achievement category. While in high school, he was a successful participant in numerous activities. He was a member of the National Honor Society, and played baseball and cross-country. After high school, Mike was accepted into, and graduated from, the US Air Force Academy with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He served as an Air Force Intelligence Officer prior to attending Air Force Pilot Training in 1998. He has been assigned to many flying units throughout his career, logging over 4300 flight hours with operations into 67 countries. His flight experience earned him instructor and evaluator ratings in the KC-135R, KC-135T, C-20B, C-20C, C-37A, and C-37B aircraft. Lt. Col. Matthews served in numerous overseas deployments in support of military operations in Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He piloted over 590 combat and combat-support hours in

138 sorties, earning four Air Medals and two Aerial Achievement Medals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. He is currently a senior pilot assigned to the 89th Airlift Wing at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. As a member of this selective flying unit, he is responsible for flying the Vice President of the United States, First Lady, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, Members of Congress, Chairman Joint Chiefs of State, and other US and foreign leaders.



Mrs. Pam Martin - Pam, this year's inductee in the Service category, graduated from Glenwood High School in 1974 and subsequently from the University of Arkansas in 1977. After several years editing textbooks for HBJ, she returned to Glenwood in January of the 1986-87 school term helping to establish a new curriculum in calculus. She wrote the new curriculum for analysis. While at GHS, Pam sponsored the Student Council and, later, the National Honor Society requiring that service hours be completed by its members. Pam left GHS in 2005 to teach in Williamsville. There she wrote the curriculum for the second year remedial algebra, and honors algebra programs. Both are still used today. Pam's lasting legacy in both school districts is "all about standards." She has demanded no more from her students than she has demanded from herself.



1988-89 Boys Basketball Team - The 1988-89 Boys Basketball team has been nominated for induction into the Hall of Fame in the Athletic Team category. The Frank-Ramsey-coached team equaled what was then the school record for victories in a 26-3 season that included the school's first Class AA regional championship. The backbone of the team was a core of six seniors that included 6-foot-6 Todd Lowary, 6-4 Marty Adams, Kent Hammond, Doug Angeli, Pat Burwitz and Dan Wheeler. Adams was the team's leading scorer at 17.5 points per game, and he earned Class AA All-Area honors from The State Journal-Register. During that

group's junior season, Glenwood was 19-7, meaning the team compiled a 45-10 record in Ramsey's first two seasons as coach. Team members included: Pat Burwitz, Matt Ginder, Doug Angeli, Kent Hammond, Dan Wheeler, Keith Votava, Chris Finne, Kurt Markert, Matt Parr, Marty Adams, Todd Lowary, Jared Sample, James Clark, Jeff Paisley, and Brent Ribble. Coach Ramsey was assisted by Todd Jenkins and Phil Beauchamp.