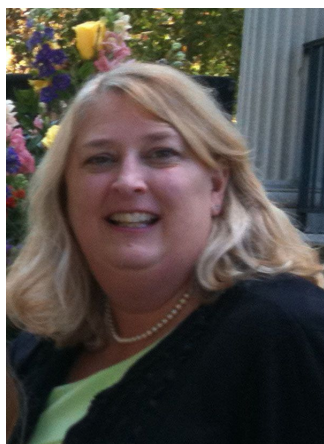


## 2014 Glenwood Hall of Fame



**The Rev. Peter Alexander** - Rev. Alexander has been selected for induction in the Lifetime Recognition category. Peter is a 1964 graduate of Glenwood High School - the Co-Salutatorian that year. While in high school, he was active in many different clubs and organizations: fencing, band, publications staff (editor his senior year), school plays, foreign languages, and Student Council. He went on to graduate from Valparaiso University in 1969 with double majors in philosophy and French and a minor in Greek. He then earned his Master's of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. In 1973 he was ordained at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chatham, where he had been baptized and confirmed. Following ordination, Peter served one year as a campus minister at Valparaiso. He then devoted the next 13 years to parish ministry in California. In 1987 he made the transition to educator at the Lutheran High School of San Diego, where he was already teaching one class and was a member of the board. Feeling that his ministry at the church has been completed and knowing that he had a passion for making a difference in the lives of his students, he accepted a full-time teaching position. During the next 12 years, he went from educator to headmaster (principal). He left in 1999 to become a consultant and trainer with PathWay Lutheran Ministries, a non-profit organization that conducts spiritual-based capital funding campaigns, which was a training ground for his current role as an Intentional Interim Pastor. Since 2000 he has served in that capacity in eight congregations and has taught annually at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He is now Dean of Interim Pastor Training and has written much of the curriculum. While the last 40 years have been spent in ministry, he has never set aside his fervor for the theater and music. He has performed in many roles in community theatre over the years and plays multiple instruments. He and his wife, Diana, have been married 33 years and have four children: Paul, Loren, Matthew, and Eliza. They also have three grandchildren.



**Jane (Birtch) Vatchev** - Jane Vatchev, a 1980 GHS graduate, lettered in track and field, tennis, cheerleading, and volleyball. As a track athlete Jane was the lead off leg in the 4 x 400 relay that went to state her sophomore year. Jane attended Augustana College, majoring in physical education and lettered in track and field. She earned her master's degree in physical education at the University of Nevada in Reno. In 1984, she began her physical education teaching, and track and field coaching career at John Deere Middle School in Moline. She went on to coach track and field at Augustana College, University of Nevada in Reno, Galena High School, Lewis University, and Waither Lutheran High School. In 1990, Jane was selected by the United States Olympic Committee to participate in the International Olympic Academy in Olympia, Greece. For the past 15 years, Jane has been an Assistant Professor in the Physical Education Department at the College of DuPage. She also served as the head men's and women's track and field coach at the College of DuPage, retiring from coaching after the 2012 season. While coaching at the College of DuPage, Jane lead her teams to an impressive NJCAA National Track and Field championship eight times (four for the men, and four for the women), 72 individual NJCAA national track and field champions, 213 All-Americans, and 70 Academic All-Americans. She was named the NJCAA National Track and Field Coach of the Meet eight times, and NJCAA National Track and Field Coach of the Year twice.



**Charles Bush** - Charles, a 1964 graduate of Glenwood High School and class co-salutatorian, has been selected for induction in the Achievement category. While in high school, he was class president for two years and was a member of the Key Club and French Club. He lettered in basketball each year and was team captain his senior year. After high school, he attended American University in Washington, DC, graduating Cum Laude in 1968 with a Bachelor's degree in International Business. Charles then joined the Springfield Air National Guard where he served for 12 years, gaining the rank of Captain. Also in 1968, Charles joined Caterpillar as a staff accountant, where over a 38-year career he served in a variety of leadership positions, including product source planning, parts and logistics, remanufacturing, and service technology. During his career at Caterpillar, he was also active in serving his community (Boy Scouts/Walk to Emmaus teams)

and First United Methodist Church in Peoria. There he served in a variety of positions including head of the Finance Committee. In 2007 he led the church's first Global Impact Celebration, a four-day event bringing local, national and international missionaries to Peoria to inspire the congregation to increase involvement in missions. Charles then joined a mission team and traveled to Liberia, where they worked at a local church school and assessed the needs of a hospital damaged during a prolonged civil war. Upon his return Charles organized financial assistance to dig wells, rebuild dormitories and provide scholarships for nursing students and to send supplies and equipment to help start an agricultural project. After his retirement from Caterpillar, Charles worked part-time in the church finance office where he now volunteers his time to develop financial statements, coordinate the budget and monitor a \$9 million building expansion. Charles and his wife, Judy have a daughter, Laura and a son Justin. The Bushes have three grandchildren and two foster grandchildren. His latest project has been coordination of the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of the GHS Class of 1964.



**Mr. Don Udey** - Don, this year's inductee in the Service category, graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1965. In 1969 he received his Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Western Illinois University and his Master's degree in Music Education from the University of Iowa in 1970. Directly after graduation, he taught for two years at Olympia School District and five years at ISU Laboratory Schools before landing at the Ball-Chatham School District for the next 26 years. As band director, Don was responsible for the marching, concert, and pep bands, as well as the jazz ensembles. During his tenure, the GHS bands were very competitive, winning over 40 awards - mostly first place. The pep band was selected to perform at State championship basketball games in 1997, and the GHS marching band performed at the 1998 State football championship game. Don was voted to

serve as the Illinois Music Educators Association District IV President, overseeing student auditions and placements in All-District and All-State music festivals in our 14-county area. In addition to his regular directing responsibilities, he conducted the GHS pit orchestras in over 20 musical productions. In 2003, Don received the Golden Apple teaching award. His musical talent can still be enjoyed as he plays trumpet professionally in several Springfield-area groups including the pit orchestras at the Hoagland Theatre, Cantata performances in Springfield-area churches, solo performances, and other jazz and dance ensembles. He still maintains The Riverboat 5+1 jazz ensemble, which is 35 years old this year.

**4th in the State  
Lady Redskins Soccer Team**

Season records set:  
Most wins - 22;  
Most goals - 26,  
Alaree Gunville;  
Most assists - 17,  
Alaree Gunville.



**2000-01 Girls Soccer Team** - The 2000-01 Girls Soccer Team has been nominated for induction into the Hall of Fame in the Athletic Team category. The Jay Lipe-coached team ended the season 22-7. The team set two records that stand today: most wins in a season (22) and most shutouts (17). The 2001 Girls Soccer team finished fourth in the state tournament, which was in its final year of a single class system. This was the first state trophy won by the girls soccer program. Alaree Gunville was named CS8 player of the year, and set the career scoring record of 81 goals, which is till the record today. Members of the team

included: Courtney Abbott, Devon Bar Hoover, Becky Brooks, Madison Buske, Amanda Fields, Kellie Floyd, Kris Gaither, Alaree Gunville, Billie Huber, Jessica Lorenson, Katie McGohon, Holly Morris, Alli Moulton, Karen Poludniak, Kendra Smith, Morgan Smith, Tori Sommer, Lauren Spencer, Melinda Usherwood, Katie Varns, and Theresa Wilkins. Coach Lipe was assisted by Pam Hogan and Greg Lipe.