

2015 Glenwood Hall of Fame



Jim Fox - Jim Fox has been selected for induction in the Service category. Jim was Glenwood High School's basketball coach for nine years - from 1954 to 1964, during which his teams won two county championships and compiled 152 victories. Jim was the winningest basketball coach for GHS up until this year, when Coach Todd Blakeman surpassed him. Prior to becoming part of the GHS family both as an Industrial Arts teacher and coach, Mr. Fox had achieved much success as a Springfield (Feitshans High School) athlete in track, football and basketball; and as a college letterman in football from Illinois State University (co-captain). He and his wife, Barb, have three children: Michael, who passed away in 2006; Diann, and Jay. They also have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Robert Fielding - Lieutenant Colonel Robert Fielding, a 1955 Ball Township High School graduate, has been selected in the Achievement Category. While in high school, Bob was active in athletics, an officer for Future Farmers of America, and editor of the yearbook, Spyglass. In 1954 he joined the Air National Guard in Springfield. He trained as a high-speed radio operator at Kessler Air Force Base in Mississippi in 1956. Desiring to become a pilot, he transferred to active duty in the Air Force and was stationed at Spence Air Force Base in Georgia. He learned to fly many aircraft. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and flew over 450 combat missions, mostly in observation aircraft in combat zones. His aircraft received small arms fire many times. The intelligence gathered during his missions saved countless American servicemen's lives. He served our country in for 25 years until retirement. During his service, he was awarded many medals, including but not limited to: Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Readiness, Good Conduct, Vietnam Service, and Small Arms Marksman. He has been married to Martha for 17 years. They have seven children by former marriage, 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



Pam (Charlson) Speer - Pam, a 1967 graduate of Glenwood High School, and class salutatorian, has been selected for induction in the Lifetime Achievement category. While in high school, Pam achieved excellence in scholastics, community service, and leadership. She served as president of the Student Council, vice-president of the National Honor Society, activity editor of the yearbook, secretary of the French club, and prom chairperson. Her collegiate success at DePauw University and subsequent career achievements have led her to greater and greater responsibilities, serving most recently as Chief Operating Officer, and Associate Provost, Finance and Administration, for SIU School of Medicine. There she oversees an operating budget of \$200 mil., and is responsible for all business and administrative units providing service to the medical school, including Financial Affairs, Human Resources, Capital Planning and Service Operations, and School of Medicine/Carbondale administration. She served on the leadership team that established the Cancer Institute Program, operating and funding construction of their \$21 mil. facility. She is currently leading a special project to

establish a Neurological Institute, in conjunction with local hospitals. In addition to her work responsibilities, Pam is a talented juried artist and master gardener. In 2004 she worked with Hazel Dell Elementary School in Springfield to design the 5,000 sq. ft. Bird and Butterfly Garden - the cornerstone for establishing the first theme school in the district.



2005 Boys Soccer Team - The 2005 Boys Soccer Team has been nominated for induction into the Hall of Fame in the Athletic (Team) category. The Jay Lipe-coached team was the 2A State Champions in 2005 with a record of 26-1. They are the team thus far to win a state title for GHS. Nineteen of the 22 team members went on to play at the collegiate level. The Glenwood High School team outscored their opponents 105-11 and had 15 shutouts during

the season. The team included Neil Wilmarth, who currently is the only GHS All-American player in soccer. Neil and Ryan South were All-State players and James Dice was an All-Sectional player. Trevor Noonan was an All-Sectional Honorable Mention. Members of the team included: Brandon Lex, Trevor Noonan, Tim Johnson, James Dice, Jaron Stretch, Neil Wilmarth, Ryan South, Paul Hummel, Derek Schilson, Bryan Curry, Blair Spencer, Hunter Schad, Dennis McIlhaney, Blake Vorreyer, Dan Short, Brett Dickson, Paul South, Dominick Traina, Kevin Hopkins, Bobak Hadidi, Trevor Kohlrus, Lance Strawn, Bart Rovey, and Dustin Curtis. Coach Lipe was assisted by Tom Johnson, Greg Lipe, and B.J. Moore.



Chad Young (Posthumous) - U.S. Army Corporal James “Chad” Young, a 2003 Glenwood graduate, is remembered by teachers and fellow classmates for his sense of humor and leadership skills. He joined the United States Army in 2004 and served in Korea before deployment to Afghanistan for the first time, returning in late 2007. He was called back for a second tour of duty where he was assigned to the 863rd Engineer Battalion. He had been on leave from October 10-25, visiting family and friends in the area. Chad returned to his forward operating base in Afghanistan on October 29, where he was a combat engineer, spending time in route clearance. A few days later, Specialist Young lost his life when insurgents attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device in Kandahar province in southern Afghanistan. Cpl. Young had a difficult mission of “route clearance.” The stress of going out ahead of others and sweeping routes to look for improvised explosive devices is not for everyone. However, there’s nothing more honorable in combat than making the way safe for others, as Chad did.