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Alumni Council to Induct Three Grads into Hall of Fame

Rush-Henrietta alumni and community members are invited to attend the homecoming football game on Saturday, October 14, and welcome three new members to the district's alumni Hall of Fame.

The distinguished graduates are Ronald Faugh '67, Kathleen Hart-Zavoli '77, and Timothy Wentworth '78. They will be welcomed into the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council Hall of Fame during the annual induction ceremony at Elmer Gordon Stadium at the Senior High School, 1799 Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta.

All district graduates are invited to attend this special event, which includes an alumni meet-and-greet at 1 p.m. in the tent near the entrance to Elmer Gordon Stadium, behind the high school. The Hall of Fame inductions are at 1:30 p.m. on the football field, preceding the annual homecoming football game.

"It is always exciting to induct a new class of very deserving Rush-Henrietta graduates into the Alumni Council Hall of Fame," says Dr. Ken Graham, superintendent of schools.

"Rush-Henrietta has a tremendous collection of distinguished alumni and it's always a pleasure to be able to recognize and celebrate their accomplishments," Graham says. "We encourage everyone in the community to attend the homecoming

Join in the Alumni Fun!

When: 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 14

Where: Senior High School,
1799 Lehigh Station Road

Hall of Fame Ceremony at
1:30 p.m. (football game follows)

Honorees profiled on pages 2-3.

football game and cheer not only for our team, but for our honored alumni. We look forward to welcoming them back to their alma mater and into the Hall of Fame."

Next spring, the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council will consider more nominees for the 2018 Hall of Fame. Names that were submitted this year will be considered again.

The Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation funds the annual Hall of Fame induction. The Foundation underwrote expenses for past recognition of Distinguished Alumni, now considered Hall of Famers.

For information, contact Joe Bellanca, Alumni Council president, at 585-334-5147 or via e-mail at cjbellanca@rochester.rr.com.

Visit the Alumni Center at www.rhnet.org!

Three Graduates Named to Hall of Fame

Ronald Faugh '67

Ronald Faugh, a 1967 Rush-Henrietta graduate, is a retired professional firefighter who continues to serve his community as a volunteer member of the Rush Fire Department.

After graduating from high school, Ron joined the United States Army and served his country honorably between 1969 and 1971. Soon afterward, he began working for the Rochester Fire Department, where he was employed for more than three decades before retiring in 2003. During that time, Ron helped lead the department's fire academy, as well as its arson investigation and communications units. Under his leadership, the crew he oversaw received the department's Outstanding Service award for three consecutive years.



Ron is much more than a fighter of fires, though. He is also a teacher. In that capacity, he spent many years sharing his experience, knowledge, and passion with others in a variety of ways. For example, Ron served as a Monroe County fire instructor, New York state fire instructor, and Cornell University farm medic instructor. He also has served as a public safety critical incident management instructor.

While working for the city fire department, Ron committed himself to volunteering in his community. As a 50-year member of the Rush Fire Department, he had held each rank as he climbed the ladder within the organization. His volunteer work includes time spent as lieutenant, captain, assistant chief, and chief of the department. In addition, he has volunteered as a member of the Rush Fire Department board of directors and board of fire commissioners.

Ron's civic-minded service also has included time well spent as a member of the Rush Zoning Board, assistant director of Rush Civil Defense, and assistant fire marshal for the town of Lima. His impressive volunteer service was recognized with a Presidential Point of Light from President George H. W. Bush. That distinction was given in recognition of his work helping inner-city youth consider a career as a firefighter.

"Ron has always been one of the most caring and giving people I know," says Beverly Smith, a lifelong friend and fellow firefighter. "He is the guy people call for assistance."

Ron and his wife, Sally, live in Rush. They have two grown children, Jeff and Stacey.

Kathleen Hart-Zavoli '77

Kathleen Hart-Zavoli, a 1977 Rush-Henrietta graduate, has spent the last 13 years as a full-time volunteer for Cambodia Tomorrow, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education of impoverished children in Cambodia. In this pivotal role, she combines two lifelong passions, education and empowering children.

Kathleen already had a career and two masters degrees - one in special education and the other in divinity - when she began the work that would allow her to give back to the southeast Asian country. "It was after the adoption of our second child from Cambodia that I believe Kathleen found her true calling," says her husband, Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli.



An early member of Cambodia Tomorrow, Kathleen began serving the grassroots organization in 2003 as a program coordinator for English and preschool education at the Chom Chao Orphan Center. In 2009, she expanded her volunteer role to that of the organization's director of education, overseeing the operation of a 100-student English school in Chbar Morn, Kampong Speu, Cambodia.

In that capacity, Kathleen spearheaded the educational objectives of the program and regularly assessed the needs of her students beyond the English education they received. As a result, the program expanded its services to accommodate them, supporting various aspects of their public school education, and eventually serving low-income children in the community at no cost. With a full volunteer workload, Kathleen spent an average of two weeks a year in Cambodia, working with the staff and assessing the program's efficiency. The rest of the year, she worked from home, relying on the Internet and Skype.

In 2016, Cambodia Tomorrow ceased operation and turned the English program over to Singapore-based Project Khmer Hope. Kathleen has been working with a friend in Cambodia to establish a new program in another area of Chbar Morn.

It is a challenging project, but entirely appropriate. "I don't know where life will lead me," she says, "but I do know it will always be for the betterment of others."

Kathleen lives in Camillus, New York, with her husband, Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli, and their two children, Jeremiah, 18, and Olivia, 16.

Hall of Fame Con't.

Timothy Wentworth '78

Timothy Wentworth, a member of the Rush-Henrietta Class of 1978, is chief executive of Express Scripts Holding Co., a Fortune 25 pharmacy benefit management company that puts medicine within reach of tens of millions of people daily.

With nearly 3,000 clients, Express Scripts serves 83 million people, managing about 1.4 billion prescriptions annually. As chief executive officer of the health care company, Tim guides the efforts of more than 30,000 employees. With a passion for service excellence and innovation, he also oversees sales and account management, information technology, operations, research and new solutions, as well as supply chain management.



Tim was named president of Express Scripts in 2014. In that role, he was responsible for all aspects of the company's core business, including sales and account management, information technology, operations, research and new solutions, and home delivery and specialty pharmacies.

He joined Express Scripts following the company's merger with Medco Health Solutions in 2012. Before that, he spent five years working at Mary Kay Inc., serving as senior vice president of human resources and then president of international operations. He also held roles of increasing responsibility during a nine-year career in human resources management at PepsiCo.

A respected leader in his field, Tim has been a featured speaker at Harvard University, the Health Evolution Summit, the American Management Association, and the Best 100 Companies Symposium. At the same time, Tim remains involved with his church. He has served as elder, chair of the endowment committee, and a member of the pastor search committee.

Despite his rise to the top of the professional world, Tim has not forgotten his hometown. He serves as a member of the University of Rochester board of trustees. In addition, he and his wife, Robin, endow scholarships for 40 students each year at Monroe Community College. Tim holds an associate's degree in business from Monroe Community College and a bachelor's degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University.

Tim and Robin live in Clayton, Missouri.

In the News

Longtime Teacher Honored

Our district has something to sing about this fall! One of our longtime teachers, Christine Sargent, was honored in September 2017 by state Sen. Rich Funke at his Teacher Appreciation Reception and Awards ceremony. She was chosen because of her longtime dedication to preparing children for the future.

During her time at Rush-Henrietta, Ms. Sargent has been choral director and vocal coach for beloved groups such as the R-H Singers Select Choir, Spectrum Singers, Women's Chorus, and MLK Singers. Sen. Funke, we think you made a great choice!

Stories such this are found with regularity on the Rush-Henrietta Central School District's Facebook page. With more than 3,300 likes, the page has become a go-to source of information for students, staff members, residents, and alumni!

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Ms. Christine Sargent