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Alumni Council to Induct Four Grads into Hall of Fame

Rush-Henrietta alumni and community members are invited to attend the homecoming football game on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015, and welcome four new members to the district's alumni Hall of Fame.

The four inductees - Joseph Bellanca '65, Scott Clark, '56, Robert Harder '65, and Karl Hirschman '85 - will be welcomed into the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council Hall of Fame on Saturday, September 19. The event takes place 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 a real privilege each year to induct some very deserving Rush-Henrietta graduates into the Alumni Council Hall of Fame," says Dr. Ken Graham, superintendent of schools, and emcee of the event.

"Rush-Henrietta has so very many distinguished alumni and it's always exciting when we can celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of our one-time students," Graham says. "We encourage everyone

Join in the Alumni Fun!

When: 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 19

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.

in the community to come to the homecoming 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 2016 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 more information, contact Joe Bellanca at 585-334-5147 or cjbellanca@rochester.

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Four Graduates Named to Hall of Fame

Joseph Bellanca, Class of 1965

Joe Bellanca, a 1965 Rush-Henrietta graduate, is a lifelong supporter of the Royal Comets and the driving force behind the good work done by the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council.

A retired banking administrator, Joe has a long history of service to his community and alma mater. In 2006, for example, he identified a need to reconnect graduates with the school district and became one of the founding members of the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council. That is the organization that sponsors the annual Alumni Council Hall of Fame induction ceremony. His well-deserved selection was made this year without his knowledge.



Joe has served as president of the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council since its inception and has been relentless in his efforts to connect graduates with one another and with their school district. As part of his work supporting the council, Joe assists the district with alumni communication, guides and supports class reunions, and informs and advises the school district on matters of interest to Rush-Henrietta alumni. He has given countless tours of our schools to alumni attending class reunions and is always available to provide advice and support to those interested in organizing alumni functions.

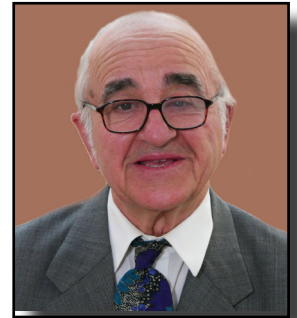
In 2009, the Rush-Henrietta Central School District recognized Joe for his efforts by honoring him with its annual Volunteer of the Year award. Joe also helps the community in other roles. For example, he volunteers as a member of the town of Henrietta's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and as chair of the Henrietta Board of Assessment Review. Joe is a packer and driver for the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal. Joe also has volunteered for the PGA Rochester International golf tournament, the Neighborhood Housing Association, the Catholic Family Center, and the Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation.

This year, when the Henrietta Foundation assumed operation of the former Executive South Golf Course on East Henrietta Road, Joe stepped up to volunteer as its first range manager. It's just the latest in a long line of examples that demonstrate his willingness to help the community.

Joe and his wife, Connie, live in Henrietta. They have two children, Joe Jr. and Wendi, both of whom are Rush-Henrietta graduates.

Scott Clark, M.D., Class of 1956

Scott Clark, a 1956 Rush-Henrietta graduate, is an emeritus professor in environmental health at University of Cincinnati and a leading authority on the lead content of new household paint. From Rush-Henrietta to the international stage, his contributions to the public health field through both education and research have made an impact around the globe.



Scott attended Antioch College, earning his bachelor's degree in engineering and science in 1961. Afterward, he graduated from Johns Hopkins University, where he received a master's degree, then a doctoral degree, in environmental engineering and science. During the two years that followed, Scott pursued his passion by working as an engineer with the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission. There, he took part in efforts to reduce the impact of acid pollution from coal mines.

Scott joined the Department of Environmental Health at the University of Cincinnati in 1967 as a research associate and became a full professor in 1985. He spent 15 years as director of the university's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center.

Among Scott's major research activities at the university were two multi-year projects involving lead-based paint exposure in the residential environment. One was a series of projects that comprised a nationwide evaluation of the HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control program. Results from this program have been used in efforts across the nation, including here in Rochester, to design programs to reduce the hazards resulting from past use of lead paint. As a result of his efforts, Scott has played a major role in the examination of the lead content in new paint. Thirty-five countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America are using his findings today to help manage public health.

Throughout his career, Scott has received many awards, produced nearly 100 publications, written about 50 book chapters and reports, and presented his findings throughout the world. Now in his 70s, Scott continues to participate in international efforts designed to eliminate the use of lead in paints in developing countries.

Scott and his wife, Madelon, live in North Carolina. They have two children, both of whom have earned doctorate degrees.

Induction Ceremony is Saturday, Sept. 19

Robert Harder, Class of 1965

Bob Harder, a 1965 Rush-Henrietta graduate, is a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict who has devoted his time in retirement to helping returning veterans and families through his service as a member of the Patriot Guard Riders.

Bob entered the United States Air Force in 1965, trained as an aircraft electrician, and was deployed to Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1968, having attained the rank of sergeant. Bob later graduated from Monroe Community College and began his career as an electrical apprentice and worked hard to create a career as a successful electrician. He served as project manager for major construction projects throughout the country.



An active member of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 20, Bob understands what it is like to be a member of the military who is returning home after wartime. That is why he has made it his personal mission to welcome the military men and women of today back home.

His work as a ride captain with the Patriot Guard Riders also includes escorting fallen soldiers to their final resting places and standing in Flag Lines to support World War II veterans returning home from Honor Flight trips. In addition, he has worked tirelessly to support an outreach program called "Help on the Homefront." This effort provides support to veterans, the families of deployed service members, and Gold Star families. In fact, he has helped raise more than \$20,000 for the cause.

In addition, Bob is involved in the Patriot Guard Riders' Veterans Recovery Program. Working with private, state, and federal organizations, the program aims to locate, identify, and inter unclaimed remains of veterans and provide honor to those who served our country by securing a final resting place. Bob recently helped the families of five World War II veterans and two Vietnam veterans in this endeavor.

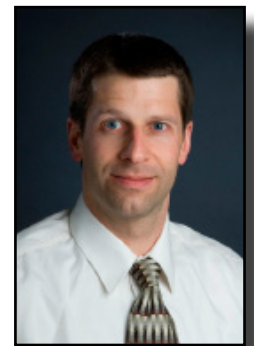
In May 2015, Bob was honored by Sen. Patrick Gallivan and named to the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the state capitol.

Bob and his wife, Marie, live in Henrietta. They have three children, Shannon, Erinn, and Sean, all of whom are Rush-Henrietta graduates, and nine grandchildren.

Karl Hirschman, Class of 1985

Karl Hirschman, a 1985 Rush-Henrietta graduate, is a full professor in the Electrical and Microelectronic Engineering Department at Rochester Institute of Technology. His work as a teacher and researcher are widely respected in his field.

After graduating from Rush-Henrietta, Karl received his bachelor's degree in microelectronic engineering and a master's degree in electrical engineering from RIT. After working as a process engineer at IBM, he earned his doctorate degree in electrical engineering from the University of Rochester.



During his graduate studies, Karl developed a passion for teaching undergraduate students. He has taught microelectronic courses at RIT for more than 20 years. One of his favorite courses is integrated circuit technology, which he says "is the greatest opportunity for me to share excitement and enthusiasm for microelectronics and to begin to shape the students into process and device engineers."

In addition, his research program has secured more than \$2 million in research grants from private and public entities, and he is directly responsible for the acquisition of millions of dollars of high-tech equipment and cash donations made to RIT. He also has published more than 70 technical papers.

In addition to his outstanding academic credentials, Karl is well known for his community-service activities. He is an assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 334 and helps lead service projects in both Rush and Henrietta. He has volunteered his time to teach about engineering to the Rochester Engineering Explorer Scout post, even offering in-depth tours of RIT's Semiconductor and Microsystems Cleanroom. In addition, Karl has given back to the school district, providing tours to many Rush-Henrietta students interested in pursuing engineering in college.

His desire to support high school students is based in part on the outstanding experience he had. "The education I received at Rush-Henrietta gave me the desire to continue learning," he says. "I must thank the exceptional teachers I had in all subjects, ranging from calculus to metal shop."

Karl and his wife, Theresa, a 1986 Rush-Henrietta graduate, live in Henrietta. They have three children, all of whom are Rush-Henrietta graduates.