

# MHS Hall of Distinction 2021 inductees named

Officials of Marion Community Schools are pleased to announce the 2021 inductees to the Marion High School Hall of Distinction.

The selection committee chose six inductees:

Albert Faunce, Marion High School Class of 1956, who helped advanced the field of dentistry, with research and production of composite dental materials used all over the world, an author, a college professor, and a philanthropist

Clyde Thornell, Marion High School Class of 1956, longtime educator at Marion High School who helped usher the Business Department (and his fellow educators) into the computer age, provided vocational training for the community, and has been an active and essential community volunteer

Barbara Stevens Mitchell, Marion High School Class of 1966, a well-respected and distinguished healthcare professional once known as "the face of nursing in Indiana", who also helped bolster the nursing profession in the state through philanthropic



and workforce development efforts

Judith Jackson, Marion High School Class of 1968, a pioneering social worker who worked to improve the lives of children in foster care and those with developmental challenges, the first female president of the National Association of Black Social Workers, and an advocate and advisor who helped promote policies to benefit children and families in several major U.S. cities.

John Neeley, Marion High School Class of 1971, an internationally recognized leader in the pharmaceutical industry, helping to increase access to life-changing medications, and an active supporter of the

missionary and outreach efforts who helped to grow a wide network of churches

Jason Taylor, Marion High School Class of 1992, president of events and promotions of at USA Today Ventures, part of international media giant Gannett, and a philanthropist committed to improving the communities he has called home

The 2021 inductees will be honored along with the 2020 inductees (whose honor was delayed by the COVID pandemic) at an induction ceremony set for Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at the Walton Performing Arts Center at Marion High School, part of the Marion Giants homecoming weekend. More details and

ticket information will be provided closer to the date of the event. Inductees will also be honored at the Giants' homecoming football game on Friday, Sept. 10.

The MHS Hall of Distinction gives lasting recognition to alumni who have made exceptional contributions to the achievements and prestige of Marion Community Schools. It also serves to help inspire current students to aspire to similar success.

Any MHS alumnus who graduated at least five years ago and who has made substantial contributions to the achievements of Marion Community Schools or whose exemplary actions reflect honor on MCS is eligible for nomination. The Hall seeks to honor men and women who have distinguished themselves through superb accomplishment on a local, state or national level in diverse fields of endeavor.

Non-MHS graduates may be afforded honorary status in the MHS Hall of Distinction.

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**Mary M. Bergdoll**

**1923-2021**

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Thursday, April 29 at 3 p.m. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

**Travis Paul Pearcy**

**1982-2021**

Funeral services were held at Fairmount Baptist Church on Saturday, May 1 at 11 a.m. Burial will be private.

**Hazel L. Stephens**

**1931-2021**

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Tuesday, May 4 at 10 a.m. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery.

**Esther Ellen Sheron,**

**1935-2021**

Funeral services were held at First Friends Church, Marion, on Tuesday, May 4 at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory.

**Rita A. Maxey**

**1942-2021**

Funeral services were held at St. Paul Catholic Church, Marion, on Monday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

**Beulah Joan Cruea**

**1929-2021**

At Joan's request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service.

**Sheila M. Schaefer**

**1938-2021**

The family will be having a remembrance at a later date.

**Albert E. Lawvere**

**1944-2021**

Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Upland, on Friday, April 30 at 11 a.m. Burial followed at Matthews Cemetery.

**Francis E. Evans**

**1928-2021**

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

## CASA

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different side of life than she is accustomed to, and it has helped her throughout the process.

"It's all about seeing the child make progress," Fiebig said. "It's about seeing the change that has been brought about in him and knowing that there might have been a different outcome had I not been the person who was there. I brought enough to the case from my own personal background that has made it different for him."

As one of CASA's longest tenured volunteers, Fiebig sees the value of not only what CASA of Grant County stands for, but also the tremendous service that CASA provides for the children of Grant County who do not have a voice advocating on their behalf.

"I think CASA is vital," Fiebig said. "Every kid needs a voice. Most kids have a voice with their parents, with their family, sometimes with their teachers. But every kid needs a voice. And CASAs can provide that voice that maybe a kid would not normally have in their life. Every kid deserves someone in their corner. Every kid."

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