

District to honor 12 distinguished alumni

A cancer research scientist, the team physician for the Buffalo Bills and the Buffalo Sabres, and an Emmy award-winning producer for “Saturday Night Live” are among 12 distinguished alumni named to the Williamsville Wall of Fame.

They will be inducted Friday, Oct. 27, during an awards breakfast at Park Country Club.

Following the breakfast, the newly inducted honorees will return to their respective alma maters to address students during special school assemblies.

The Wall of Fame honors outstanding Williamsville graduates for their professional achievements, contributions to society and dedication to community service.

“These distinguished alumni are an inspiration to our current students and a great source of pride for the entire Williamsville community,” said Superintendent Scott G. Martzloff. The 2017 inductees are:

South High School

- Bridget E. Niland, class of 1990. She is an athletics director and associate professor of business at Daemen College.

- Mark P. Pitirri, class of 1985. Pitirri is a detective in the Amherst Police Department.

- Lindsay Anne Shookus, class of 1998. She is a two-time Emmy award-winning producer for “Saturday Night Live.”

- Ronald S. Shubert, class of 1970. He is a partner at Phillips Lytle LLP.



Fineberg



Galliher



Hurley



MacBeth



Mashimo



Niland



Olsen



Pitirri



Scherer



Shookus



Shubert



Weiss

East High School

- Capt. Thomas F. Hurley II, class of 1982. Hurley is a retired U.S. naval officer and library media specialist at Williamsville East.

- Kyle J. MacBeth, class of 1988. MacBeth is a research and development scientist and director in myeloid cancer transitional development at Celgene Biopharmaceutical Corp., located in San Francisco.

- Peter J. Olsen, class of 1990. Olsen is senior vice president of M&T Bank.

- Steven J. Weiss, class of 1983. He is a partner at Cannon Heyman & Weiss LLP.

North High School

- Dr. Marc Fineberg, class of 1985. Fineberg is chief of sports medicine and associate clinical professor of or-

thopaedic surgery at the University at Buffalo. He is also team physician for the Buffalo Bills, Buffalo Sabres and University at Buffalo athletics.

- Sean P. Galliher, class of 1977. He is associate general counsel for Skechers USA, Inc.

- Dr. Hiroshi Mashimo, class of 1978. Mashimo is a physician scientist. He is principal investigator and a faculty member at Harvard Medical School. He also works at Boston VA Healthcare System, Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Additionally, Mashimo is director of gastrointestinal stem cell research and director of gastrointestinal motility and advanced procedures.

- Richard A. Scherer, class of 1974. He is a journeyman refrigeration mechanic.

This year marks the 10th biennial Wall of Fame induction, which currently boasts 106 members from the district’s three high schools as well as the original Williamsville High School dating back to the early 20th century.

Tickets for the breakfast celebration are \$25 and may be reserved by calling the Amherst Chamber of Commerce at 632-6905.

Sponsorship opportunities for the event are available.

The Williamsville Education Foundation, Inc. is an independent 501(c)(3) organization. All proceeds from the Wall of Fame celebration support the foundation’s teacher mini-grant program, which funds innovative, student-focused projects across the district each year.