

## Bedford High School Alumni Association 2007 Hall of Fame Inductees

### **Lowell Cauffiel (Outstanding Post High School Accomplishments)**

Lowell Cauffiel is a 1969 graduate of Bedford High School. He is the best-selling author of nine books and a former veteran journalist who has won many awards, including citations from the Columbia Graduate School for Journalism and the National Magazine Awards. His research has taken him everywhere from the President's private living quarters in the White House to the dangerous confines of urban dope dens. Cauffiel's three crime novels have explored diverse characters and settings that range from a Detroit shakedown crew in *Marker* to the glitzy, corrupt underworld of the National Football League in *Toss*, which he co-authored with former Super bowl quarterback Boomer Esiason. His five nonfiction crime book subjects have included a monstrous, homicidal patriarch in the *New York Times* best-selling *House of Secrets*; a pair of female serial killers in *Forever and Five Days*, and a calculating criminal justice instructor who tried to design the perfect crime with the murder of his TV anchorwoman wife in *Eye of the Beholder*. Cauffiel's first true crime book, *Masquerade*, the story of a Grosse Pointe psychologist's deadly double life, was a national best seller. Cauffiel spent the first fifteen years of his writing career at *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Monthly Magazine*, where he became known for his inspiring profiles, in-depth sports stories and penetrating accounts of crime and conflict in the unforgiving streets of the Motor City. He has appeared in a dozen documentaries about his books, including appearances on MSNBC, Court TV and A&E. Cauffiel has written and produced crime documentaries for the Discovery Channel and has adapted his first book *Masquerade* to film. Cauffiel also worked for many years as a professional blues guitarist and is the father of TV & film actress, Jessica Cauffiel. He now lives in Los Angeles, where he is creating shows for television. While in high school Lowell participated in track and cross country. He was a distance runner and miler under the great coach, Myrl Patton. He was co-captain of the cross country team in his senior year and was first-team All Great Lakes League in his junior and senior years. Lowell was nominated by Steve Lennex.

### **Douglas J. Dove, MD (Outstanding Athlete)**

Dr. Douglas Dove is a 1959 graduate of Bedford High School. Doug was an outstanding athlete in football, basketball and track, lettering in all three sports. In football at 6'4" and 210#s, playing full back and half back for the Mules, The Monroe Evening News referred to him as the "Young Giant in Bedford's Backfield". In his senior year he was the 4th highest scorer in football among the 6 Toledo and independent high schools. In basketball his senior year he was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> out of the top 15 leading individual scorers in the league. In track he participated in the shot-put, high jump, 440 and high hurdles. For many years he held the Bedford shot-put record, heaving it 49'2". While in high school he was the senior class secretary and a member of the National Honor Society. Following graduation from Bedford High School Doug attended Indiana University on a football scholarship. He received an invitation to try out for the Dallas Cowboys and Chicago Bears. While at IU, Doug pursued a pre-med curriculum and went on to obtain his medical degree at the University of Brussels in Belgium in 1968. During his early medical training he did research and was published in lung transplantation. Upon completion of his medical degree he trained at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He completed 2 specialties, Pediatrics and Neurology, and is Board Certified in each. Following his training he has served on the faculties of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and West Virginia University School of Medicine. In 1987 he moved to Decatur, IL and began the private practice of Neurology treating both children and adults. Since 1996 Dr. Dove has been selected by his peers to be included in the "Best Doctors in America" in his field. He married Barbara Ware (Bedford graduate) in 1963. They have 2 sons, Stephen and Alexander. He continues to reside and practice in Decatur, IL. Doug was nominated by Chuck Rimmer.

### **John Hittler (Outstanding Athlete)**

John Hittler is a 1970 graduate of Bedford High School. His accomplishments as a Bedford wrestler were, the time, unparalleled. In 1970 he was named to Wrestling USA Magazine's All-America Team. This was a first for Bedford. In 1970 he was 42-1, with 31 pins which lead Bedford to its first District Team championship and to a 7<sup>th</sup> finish in the State. In 1970 he also was a state champion (2<sup>nd</sup> BHS wrestler to do so). His 3 year record was 85-16-2. John was the dominate wrestler in the state of Michigan. He "set the bar" for those Bedford High School wrestlers that followed him. John attended and wrestled at Northern Michigan University where he finished 4th in the NCAA Division II.

After teaching and coaching wrestling at Ypsilanti High School for 4 years, John spent 8 years as a Washtenaw County Sheriff Deputy. While there he developed and taught Drunk Driving Prevention, Drug Abuse Prevention and Traffic Safety programs, all of which engendered the communities' participation in curbing the problems. John then spent 7 years in Mexico as Director and developer of an 800 acre Christian conference center, [www.ranchobetania.com](http://www.ranchobetania.com). Currently, and for the past 10 years, John has been a coach of men. He invests in men, helping them reach their full potential by better understanding and living out the Truths of the Bible. John lives with his wife of 26 years, Sherrie, in Lowell, MI and greatly enjoys their four children, 3 children-in-law, and 3 (soon to be 5) grandchildren. John was nominated by Dennis Kinney.

### **Brett Holey (Outstanding Post High School Accomplishments)**

Brett is a 1978 graduate of Bedford High School. He was very involved in the music and theater programs during high school. His senior year he was selected as one of the outstanding members of the Soiree Singers. After high school he attended Central Michigan University in their Broadcast Cinematic Arts program. In his second year he became master of ceremonies for the C.M.U. TV weekly variety show. While attending C.M.U. Brett was able to secure a part-time job with ABC sports. After graduation he became a full time employee with ABC News. In 1989 while working on "Primetime Live" with Diane Sawyer and Sam Donaldson he won his first Emmy for "Outstanding Individual Achievement" in Graphic Design. After many different positions with ABC News he moved up to the director of World News Now. In 1996 after 13 years with ABC News he joined NBC to become the Director of NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw. Brett won two more Emmys with NBC News. He is currently the Director of NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams. Brett was inducted into the Central Michigan University Hall of Fame and was also named "outstanding Alumni of the Year at C.M.U." He is married to Susan Morris, who was a Producer for NBC Nightly News until they started a family. They now reside in Greenwich, CT with their three children, Lucas, William and Blair. Brett was nominated by Richard Holey.

### **Todd Lezon (Outstanding Athlete)**

Todd is a 1982 graduate of Bedford High School. He is considered by many as one of the best athletes to graduate from BHS. Todd was outstanding in football, basketball and track. As a very mobile and prolific quarterback in high school he still holds the Bedford records for “Most Passes Completed in a Career” (230) and “Most Passing Yards in a Career” (2856). He was captain of the team his senior year and was named to the All state first team and to the High School All American first team. Todd also played in the Michigan High School All-Star Game and was featured on the cover of Blue Chip Magazine. He was a three-year starter on the basketball team and was the team captain his senior year. He was a 3 year letter winner in track where he was All-State both his junior and senior years. Two of his records still stand today as Bedford’s best; Shot Put (57’ 81/4”) and Discus (176’ 3”). Todd received a football scholarship to the University of Notre Dame graduating in 1986 with a degree in Business Management. He is currently employed as an area manager for Kokosing Construction. Todd and his wife Vicki reside with their daughter Emily in Vermilion, Ohio. He was nominated by Bill Regnier.

### **C. David Parker (Outstanding Teacher)**

C. David Parker was a teacher at Bedford Public Schools from 1965-1979. Many Bedford students, teachers and parents credit him for starting the vocal music program. He created the “Varsity Singers” from what had been known at that time as the “Boys & Girls Glee Clubs”. In 1966, their first concert was a standing room only sell-out. He credits this event with the beginning of the outstanding vocal music tradition at BHS. C. David started the “Soiree Singers” which is still lauded as one of the most recognized show choirs in the state and area. His choirs consistently earned superior ratings at the district and state levels. He also created the “C. David Singers”, a community choir which gave the parents of students, faculty, family and community a chance to share their talents and have a good time. The ultra popular Bedford spring musicals were also originated by Mr. Parker. He has been recognized by his colleagues of MSVA for his outstanding contributions and his superior ratings at musical festivals. Since leaving Bedford he spent 22 years developing and directing a successful choral music program at St. Andrews School, a private college prep school in Boca Raton, Florida. He retired in 2002 and currently lives with his wife Karen ( former Karen Cotterman who graduated from Bedford in 1967), in Florida. They have 2 children, Chad and Erin. C. David was nominated by Pam Krell.

### **Edward Tutelian (Outstanding Teacher)**

Edward “Ed” Tutelian taught Social Studies at Bedford Public Schools from 1962 until his retirement in 1998. Ed served in the US Army in active duty for 6 months and then in the Army Reserve for 5.5 years. He began his Bedford years at the junior high then moved to the senior high where he was class advisor in 1971, high school representative to the Professional Development Committee, member of the Athletic Boosters, and supporter of Bedford theater and musical events. He received the Outstanding Educator Award and was very active in the PTSA. There he served as the high school teacher representative and Co-chairman of the membership committee for 12 years where he felt he developed a deeper understanding of the community. He was awarded the PTSA Award, special recognition by the group for his service and a scholarship under his name was set up to be given each year at Awards Night. He now is an active member of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel ( MARSP) and Michigan Education Association Retired (MEA-R). He and his wife, a former opera singer, still travel the world and were special guests of the Moscow Chamber Orchestra in Russia and were part of a special tour of Armenia and Karabagh. They currently reside in Sylvania, Ohio. Ed was nominated by Pam Krell.