Local Buckeye Wins Award

Ben Lindsley of Huron was recently awarded the 2016 Elvin Donaldson Award presented annually to the "Most Inspirational" Ohio State Marching Band Alumni Band Member. The award was presented on Alumni Band Day, September 3rd in Columbus at the Skull Session before the game.

The Elvin Donaldson Most Inspirational Award is in memory of Elvin Donaldson who played the cornet in the marching band and served as Student Director under Gustav Bruder in the early 1920’s. He initiated the first formation (O-H-I-O) used by the band. In 1924, under Donaldson’s direction, the first floating formation appeared. Donaldson’s original cornet is mounted on the base of the award and is removed and passed to the new recipient every year.

Ben is a board member of our local Erie County Ohio State Alumni Club. He was presented the award for his 40 plus years of leadership of our own Erie County Ohio State Alumni Band and OSU Marching Band Concerts in Erie County dating back to 1971.

Our Erie County Alumni Club hosts the OSU Marching Band every 4th year in Sandusky. We are proud to announce that we again will be bringing “The Best Damn Band In The Land” to Kalahari Resort for an overnight stay and concert the night before the Michigan game in 2017.

Congratulations Ben on this very prestigious award. We are proud you!

Top Honor

The Alumni Club of Erie County was recognized as an Outstanding Alumni Club at the (highest) Scarlet Level by The Ohio State University Alumni Association at the 2016 Club and Society Leadership Symposium on Friday, Sept. 9.

The annual Leadership Symposium gathers representatives from OSU alumni clubs around the country where they review best practices, generate new programming ideas and provide networking opportunities between club volunteers and alumni association staff.

Congratulations Erie County! Go Bucks!
Orlando Pace Joins NFL Hall of Fame

“Local athlete does good!”

Certainly an understatement as our own Orlando Pace from Sandusky, Ohio joined 302 other National Football League representatives into the most prestigious athletic fraternity of all, The NFL Hall Of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Pace’s sixteen-year-old son, Justin, was the presenter as his family; wife Carla, his Mom, Joyce, other children Jalen, Kendall, and Landon proudly watched along with many Ohio State and Sandusky teammates, coaches, and friends at the August 6th ceremony.

Orlando made the “Pancake Block” famous while at Ohio State clearing the way for fellow Hall Of Famer, Eddie George and many others. Most importantly, Orlando has represented the City of Sandusky, The Ohio State University, and the St. Louis Rams with class and dignity.

He concluded his speech urging others to pursue their dreams saying, “I came a long way from my days in Sandusky Ohio, playing pickup games at Sunnyside Park.”

Join Our Club!

Please join our club!
Visit our new website www.erieco.alumni.osu.edu for a membership form or to make a gift to OSU.

- Club membership is $100 for an individual life or $120 for a family life.
- When making a gift to the University, you can specify Erie County Scholarship Fund (Fund Number 306255)
- The OSU Alumni Club of Erie County promotes positive Buckeye relationships through social and service activities. Additionally, we assist current and incoming students with scholarship opportunities

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Erie County Scholarship Banquet
The OSU Alumni Club of Erie County held its 2016 Scholarship Banquet and Annual Meeting on May 5, 2016 at Plum Brook Country Club in Sandusky, Ohio. Fifteen students (10 incoming freshmen and 5 current OSU students) from Erie County each received $1000 scholarships at the banquet. Guests speakers were two-time Heisman Trophy recipient and past president of the OSU Alumni Association, Archie Griffin, and 2016 Football Hall of Fame recipient, Orlando Pace, also a Sandusky High and Ohio State graduate. The Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to Dr. Gregory Hicks. The 150 people in attendance were also treated to a performance by the local OSU Alumni Marching Band.

Pictured here are 13 of our 15 scholarship winners, along with Archie Griffin and Orlando Pace