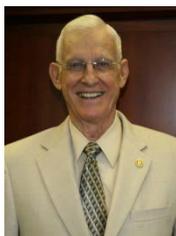


**Elizabethtown Independent Schools
Tradition of Excellence Alumni Award
2014 Recipients**



Lawrence R. French graduated from EHS in 1950. He graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1954 with a degree in math and an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He taught school at Lincoln Trail Elementary for one year before beginning his thirty year military career in June, 1955, with the United States Air Force. In 1961 he applied for and earned his second bachelor's degree in meteorology from Pennsylvania State University and served four years as a weather officer in Texas. He returned to school for a master's degree in meteorology from the University of Oklahoma and after receiving his degree he went to Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

During his long military career, Mr. French was awarded 2 Commendation Medals and 5 Meritorious Service Medals for his outstanding service. Upon retirement from the military in 1985 he was awarded the Legion of Merit, one of the highest awards in the U.S. Air Force.

After his military retirement, Mr. French worked as a financial advisor until 1992, retiring again from the workforce into his current life of active volunteer service to his community, church, and schools. Over the last 21 years, he has served on many boards including the Elizabethtown Airport Board and the Elizabethtown Planning Commission. He has been active in the Lions Club and the Noon Rotary Club, as well as the International Club at Fort Knox.

In addition to his academic, military, and service achievements, Mr. French pitched baseball for EHS and WKU. He never lost a game as pitcher in high school or college competition. During his time at WKU, the Hilltopper baseball team won two Ohio Valley Conference Championships. Because of his considerable contributions, Mr. French's name is engraved on the entrance to the new state of the art baseball stadium at WKU. Additionally, he and his wife, Betty Sue, fund two scholarships for local students going to WKU and ECTC.



Robert C. (Bobby) Hamilton graduated from EHS in 1960. Upon graduation, Mr. Hamilton went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps until 1962, serving in Cambodia and Viet Nam. He was on the first plane to land in Cuba during the time of the Bay of Pigs. He joined the Jefferson County Police Department in 1965 and achieved the rank of detective in 1986.

Mr. Hamilton was one of the first two Paramedics certified in Jefferson County and worked as a Police Officer Paramedic for Jefferson Police EMS. He was a charter member of the National Registry of EMTs. He was the first diver for the Jefferson County Police Scuba Dive Team.

He was a 5-time nominee for Police Officer of the Year, receiving the award in both 1973 and 1984. He was presented the Blue Knight Award for Heroism in 1983 and the 110 Percent Award every year from 1982 through 1985. He was awarded for Police Pistol Marksmanship Expert from 1965 through 1986 and received the "Retiree of the Decade" Award from the Jefferson County Police in 1999.

Mr. Hamilton was a State Fire School Instructor for Kentucky and Indiana, a flight medic and instructor for the Spinal Rehab Team at the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Center and eventually designed the first Spine Board for emergency transportation of spinal cord injury patients.

He was a Nicaraguan Freedom Fighter, working with the Civilian Material Assistance and a medical adviser for the Nicaraguan Resistance Movement. He was part of the U.S. contingent to oversee the weapon disarmament between the Contra & Sandinista armies and to oversee the first democratic election. He was instrumental in establishing Estelf, Nicaragua, as a sister city to Louisville.

A certified Athletic Trainer, Mr. Hamilton was appointed by Gov. Paul Patton to serve on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Athletic Training Society and was one of the first inductees in the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society Hall of Fame. He began his athletic training career at Doss High School in 1978, eventually serving on the Sports Medicine Staff for the University of Louisville football program. In 1987 he took over the Sports Medicine Trainer program at St. Xavier High School where he was affectionately known as "Doc." The St. X sports facility was named in his honor in 1999 and he was the recipient of the St. Francis Xavier Society Award in 2000.



Ann Hodges graduated from EHS in 1956. She began her professional career as an entertainer at the age of 16 at the Louisville Iroquois Amphitheater where she performed for three seasons in addition to dancing with the Louisville Ballet Company. After graduating from EHS, she left for New York City to become a June Taylor Dancer on "The Jackie Gleason Show." She continued her television career with such credits as "The Ed Sullivan Show," "The Steve Allen Show," "The Arthur Murray Dance Party," among others, and also did a short stint on the daytime drama, "Search for Tomorrow." With the television industry's migration to California from New York, Ms. Hodges auditioned for Broadway and Richard Rodgers and was chosen to play the role of Gabrielle Bertin in "No Strings." She did the National Tour with Howard Keel and Barbara McNair and upon returning to New York was selected to do the "Once Upon a Mattress" television special with Carol Burnett.

Ms. Hodges has worked in every phase of show business including Broadway, off-Broadway, radio, TV, dinner theater, industrial shows, summer stock, revues, night clubs, advertising, commercials, and movies, including, "The New Life Style," in which she played Rocky Graziano's wife and Otto Preminger's, "The Cardinal."

Quoting a few of her reviews, for her performance in "No Strings," The New York Times stated, "But our favorite of all was Ann Hodges, a tornado of song-and-dance energy, as a brassy American heiress." The Phoenix Gazette stated, "The real potency for the show (Mame), however, comes from the

spirited cast. Ann Hodges leads the way as Mame. She excited the full house with her high-kicking “That’s How Young I Feel.”

She left New York for Florida about 20 years ago where she has continued to perform in dinner theater and playhouse entertainment. She has performed for numerous charities, including the JC Penney Golf Classic, The National Jewish & Christian Association, the American Cancer Society, among others.



G. Scott Hubbard graduated from EHS in 1966. His degrees include B.A.’s in both Physics and Astronomy from Vanderbilt University in 1970, Graduate Studies in Solid-State and Semiconductor Physics, University of California, Berkeley, CA, Doctor of Arts, Honoris Causa, Cogswell Polytechnic College, and Doctor Honoris Causa (Ph.D. hon.) from Polytechnic University of Madrid.

He has been engaged in space-related research as well as program, project, and executive management for more than 35 years including 20 years with NASA, culminating as Director of NASA’s Ames Research Center. He currently chairs the SpaceX Commercial Crew Safety Advisory Panel. He served as NASA’s first Mars Program Director and successfully restructured the entire Mars program in the wake of mission failures. His book entitled, *Exploring Mars: Chronicles from a Decade of Discovery*, describes his work on NASA’s Mars Program. Prof. Hubbard previously served as the sole NASA representative on the Columbia Accident Investigation Board and directed the impact testing that established the definitive physical cause of the accident. He was the founder of NASA’s Astrobiology Institute; conceived the Mars Pathfinder mission with its airbag landing and was the manager for NASA’s highly successful Lunar Prospector Mission. Prior to joining NASA, Prof. Hubbard was a staff scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and directed a high-tech start-up company. He has received many honors including NASA’s highest award, the Distinguished Service Medal.

Currently, Prof. Hubbard is with the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Stanford University in Stanford, California. He is an expert on the emerging entrepreneurial space industry and serves as the Director of the Stanford Center of Excellence for Commercial Space Transportation. As part of his ongoing engagement with robotic Mars missions, Prof. Hubbard serves as a member of National Academy of Science review groups and as a frequent consultant to NASA projects.



Paul Edward Kerrick graduated from EHS in 1935. After graduating from Western Kentucky University in 1939, he taught school in Missouri for a year and a half and worked as a chemist in Ohio for one year. He returned to Elizabethtown in 1943 as a science teacher at EHS. Before the school year ended, he entered the U.S. Navy and served two years during World War II. He returned to EHS in 1946

as the chemistry teacher for 6 years and then became principal of EHS for 20 years. He then served the district as Director of Pupil Personnel for 7 years and as Director of Food Services for another 7 years. He retired in 1986 with over forty years of service. Mr. Kerrick died in September, 1994.

The Elizabethtown Independent School District was Mr. Kerrick's life. He oversaw the growth of EHS from 210 students and 7 teachers in 1952 to over 800 students. He oversaw the construction of and movement into two new buildings, the integration with Bond Washington, and the transfer of students from West Point and Elizabethtown Catholic High Schools.

During most of his 20 years as principal of EHS, Mr. Kerrick also served as athletic director, working to strengthen the athletic program to achieve the level of state recognition. Under Mr. Kerrick's direction athletes were required to meet high academic standards and were taught the importance of character, sportsmanship and leadership. As much as Mr. Kerrick supported athletics, he was even more devoted to academics. He wanted every student to succeed, pushed for academic rigor in the classroom, and worked to develop a conference of schools recognizing "academics and athletics." Every student earning a high award signed the Book of Gold. All achievements were treated equally whether they were in music, art, athletic, or academic pursuits. Mr. Kerrick worked to ensure every student faced excellent teachers with the tools to provide the sound fundamental education necessary to face a world not just for today but for the challenges of tomorrow. The results of this can be seen in the achievements of EHS graduates in Elizabethtown and throughout the nation.



Ken Maffet, M.D., graduated from EHS in 1961. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry from the University of Kentucky in 1965, and his Doctorate of Medicine in 1969 from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

While a medical student, he joined the Air Force in 1968 through the Senior Sponsorship Program and did his internship and residency in internal medicine at the ASAF Medical Center Keesler, Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

Following his residency, Dr. Maffet served as chief of Internal Medicine at the ASAF Medical Center at Scott AFB, Illinois, chief of Hospital Services at the ASAF Hospital at Luke AFB, Arizona and in 1979 was selected to be the internal medicine consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General. In 1985 Dr. Maffet became commander of ASAF Regional Medical Center, Wiesbaden, Germany where under his command a rapid response medical team was established to respond to both natural disasters and terrorist activities resulting in mass casualties. In August 1991, Dr. Maffet became the command surgeon/hospital commander, United States Air Force Academy. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the National Defense Medal with oak leaf cluster. In 1997, Dr. Maffet was presented the American College of Physicians Laureate Award for his contributions to medical care in the USAF, and in 1998 he was the first USAF physician to be selected as a Master of the American College of Physicians reflecting his contributions to the field of Internal Medicine.

Following Dr. Maffet's retirement from the ASAF in 1996, he joined the Veterans Health Administration as the Chief Medical Officer for the four-state area of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Utah. He retired from the VHA in 2004 and moved back to Elizabethtown where he has since been active

in Memorial United Methodist Church. He also spent 5 years as the Chief Medical Officer of the Hosparus of Central Kentucky.



Colonel Constance L. Garrett Scott graduated from EHS in 1960. She holds a Diploma Degree from Louisville General Hospital School of Nursing, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Columbia Union College, a Master's of Science in Primary Care of Children from Seton Hall University and a Post Masters Certificate in Health Systems Management for Nurses from Vanderbilt University.

Colonel Scott joined the United States Army in 1980 and spent 24 years on active duty as an Army Nurse Corps Officer. Throughout her military career, she served in various roles of increased responsibility ending in her assignment as Deputy Commander for Nursing at Madigan Army Medical Center and Regional Chief Nurse Executive for the Western Regional Medical Command, Ft. Lewis, Washington, covering the west coast from Alaska to California. Colonel Scott's military assignments have included Head Nurse, Camp Darby Army Hospital, Livorno, Italy and Head Nurse Neonatal Unit, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., among many others. Her awards and decorations include the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Accommodation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Legion of Merit.

As the wife of a retired Army Chaplain, she has continued her service to mankind as part of her husband's ministry as youth choir director, vacation bible school teach, church women's ministry programs, marriage enrichment programs and church education programs.

Colonel Scott retired from the Army in 2005 and currently works as the Director of Clinical Services at Raleigh Orthopaedic Clinic in Raleigh, North Carolina. She maintains her connection with the Army Nurse Corps through her membership in the Army Nurse Corps Association.



Gary P. West graduated from EHS in 1961. He attended Western Kentucky University and graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1967 with a journalism degree. While at U.K., he was a daily sports editor for the Kentucky Kernel.

For almost 10 years he has been writing books as well as writing for Kentucky Monthly and Kentucky Living magazines in addition to a syndicated newspaper column, "Out & About...Kentucky Style," published from Corbin to Murray and points in between. He is one of the best-selling authors in Kentucky and his books on Kentucky sports legends and Kentucky travel can be found in every major

bookstore. He has been recognized by the Kentucky Press Association with a first place award for magazine writing.

He served as executive director of the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation at Western Kentucky University, where under his leadership the foundation became the first organization the WKU's history to raise over \$1 million in one year. He also was on the Hilltopper Basketball Broadcast team for 13 years. In 1993, he became the executive director of the Bowling Green Area Convention and Visitors Bureau where he was directly involved with bringing the National Corvette Museum to the city. He was elected to chair both the Kentucky Tourism Council and the Kentucky Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus and was selected to be a delegate to the White House Conference on Tourism in Washington, D.C. He retired in 2006 to devote more time to his writing and the Visitors Center in Bowling Green was designated as "The Gary P. West Visitor Center."

Mr. West's travel books, including, *Eating Your Way Across Kentucky*, *Shopping Your Way Across Kentucky*, and *101 Must Places to Visit*, have become a staple in thousands of Kentuckians' cars while traveling. He has also been recognized for his sports writing. Recently he was awarded the "Key to the City" by Corbin, Kentucky's Mayor Willard McBurney for the difference his book, *The Boys From Corbin ... America's Greatest Little Sports Town*, made in preserving an almost forgotten history of the town.

Mr. West has been a driving force in establishing the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame and locating it in Elizabethtown.