

# Announcing Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Recipients

2020-2021 Inductees to be honored in the Fall of 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn-Beavercreek (Date TBD)



## Thomas Hoefler, Honorary Patriot

Mr. Hoefler is a True Patriot. He is a man who still believes in heroes, and makes others believe in them as well. He is big on spirit, enthusiastic about history, and passionate about Carroll High School. He spent his 36 years at Carroll with a sparkle in his eyes and grin on his face. Mr. Hoefler taught a variety of courses at Carroll High School from 1977-1989 and 1990-2015, including Psychology, Anthropology, US History (College Prep, Honors and AP), Global Studies, Honors Global Studies, Politics and Government, and Current Events. He had a reputation among the students for his genuine concern for others, even those students who may be 'stranger' than others or not necessarily popular. Even after he retired in 2015, he still returns to Carroll to sub classes and he continues to share Carroll's history with current students. He believes that Carroll's destiny is its longevity. He and his wife desire to help sustain Carroll into the future and continuously give back monthly to the faculty tuition assistance fund that helps Carroll students in emergency situations. Mr. Hoefler also assisted in committees outside of his normal school responsibilities and previously volunteered as a Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Committee Member. Tom received his education degree from Wright State University (1973).



## Amy (Menke) Loges, Class of 1965

Amy is a proponent of work and life balance. Amy's passion and life purpose has always been to serve others with intention and enthusiasm. It began as a teenager, babysitting and helping to open the Dakota Street Center while she was at Carroll. After receiving her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Dayton, she began teaching industrial arts and art in Dayton Catholic Schools. This led her to developing and facilitating diversity and inclusion initiatives. Amy is an entrepreneur. Her company, Loges-Klain Consulting, is one of the longest operating women-owned businesses in the state of Ohio. Her clients range widely, from the US Department of Defense and Fortune 500 companies across the world, to Notre Dame Americorps, ProGroup and the Glen at St. Joseph. Her women's leadership program has been recognized nationally as one of the top 5 programs for women. Today, she continues to lead and innovate. Amy's current venture focuses on sharing the stories of women from multiple-generations.



## Christine M. Rafalko, Class of 1972

Christine is a retired senior finance professional with 44 years of experience in commercial and investment banking with the proven ability to develop and execute strategic initiatives on short deadlines. She concluded her career as Managing Director of Wealth Management at The Bank of New York Mellon. Christine spent a significant portion of her career in real estate finance, to include financing skyline-defining office buildings and advising foreign investors in US real estate. She received many awards for her excellent leadership, teamwork, flexibility, and professionalism, including the Bank of New York Management Award for establishing a temporary work environment and related recovery efforts in the aftermath of 9/11. Christine is proud to have given extraordinary philanthropy support to Carroll High School and to have contributed time volunteering at many community organizations, especially Mount Sinai Hospital establishing a volunteer opportunity in the Pediatric Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit and working with committees to provide business management counseling to fledgling arts organizations. Christine received her Bachelor of Science in Business, majoring in Finance, from Miami University in Oxford. She received her School of Continuing Education, Certificate in Art Business from New York University.



## Stephen P. Blatt, M.D., FACP, Class of 1977

Dr. Blatt is the Infectious Diseases Medical Director and System Chief for Medical Specialties at TriHealth in Cincinnati. Early in his career, Stephen was the primary investigator for the USAF HIV Natural History Study and did groundbreaking HIV/AIDS research with investigators at the National Institutes of Health that helped define the natural history of HIV infection and the host immune response to this devastating pathogen. These studies laid the foundation for drug trials that have subsequently changed HIV from a death sentence to a manageable chronic illness. Stephen later began teaching Internal Medicine residents at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati where he has maintained an active infectious disease consulting practice, focusing on the prevention of healthcare associated infections. He is most proud of his volunteer work with Comboni Missionaries where he helped start the nonprofit 'Hope for Kabingo' to provide education, health care and economic development in Uganda. His most recent project is working with Engineers Without Borders to install a water filtration and pumping system to provide safe, clean water to the village. Dr. Blatt has a long list of publications written, presentations lectured, committees served, and awards received. Stephen received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Notre Dame (1981) and his Medical Degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine (1985).



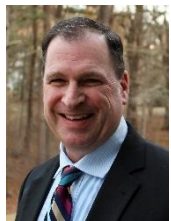
## Elizabeth A. Skowron, Ph.D., Class of 1984

Dr. Skowron is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Oregon, where she directs the Family Biobehavioral Lab in the Center for Translational Neuroscience. She also serves as President of the University Senate. She studies the effects of early adverse experiences on the development of emotion regulation and self-control in children to support family preservation. Her research has been funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and she also on several National Institutes of Health grant review panels. She has received numerous awards including the U.S. Fulbright Scholar to Ireland (2010), has participated in national and international presentations and addresses, as well as written over 53 research publications. Betsy received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from The Ohio State University (1988); her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology (1995) from the University at Albany, State University of New York; and her postdoctoral fellowship in Clinical Child Psychology at the University of California, San Francisco (1996). Betsy served on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin and Penn State University, before joining the University of Oregon in 2012. She is a Licensed Psychologist in the State of Oregon.



## Colonel Urban Gillespie, Class of 1986

Col. Gillespie is a Space Systems Program Manager at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Lincoln Laboratory where he develops novel space control solutions to ensure the United States' continued use of space for civil and military purposes. He retired from the United States Air Force in 2014 with the rank of Colonel after 24 years of service. His air force career included operations and staff positions in Air Force Space Command, National Reconnaissance Office (responsible for the first-ever launch and on-orbit check-out of a new \$1.5 billion spacecraft), Air Force Secretariat, Missile Defense Agency, and U.S. Pacific Command. Twice selected for command, he led a space operations squadron and a space launch division where he was mission director for NASA's LADEE lunar orbiter spacecraft. Urban received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame (1990) and his Master of Business Administration from Honolulu's Chaminade University (1994). Competitively selected for a space systems engineering program, he then attended the Naval Postgraduate School and completed his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (2000). Urban later received his Master of Science in Military Operational Art & Science from Air University (2004) and Master of Science in National Resource Strategy at National Defense University (2010).



## Michael Sticka, Class of 2000

Michael has led the GRAMMY Museum® since 2018, first as Executive Director, then appointed President in June 2019. In his role, he is responsible for creating and executing the Museum's strategy of growth and sustainability as an independent, nonprofit arts organization. Sticka leads all of the Museum's curatorial, educational, artist relations, and programming, as well as the international licensing and use of its globally recognized brand. Michael previously served as the GRAMMY Museum's Controller and Senior Director of Finance and Administration, where he led the Museum's integration with the GRAMMY Foundation in 2017. Within the first year of his leadership, Sticka raised more than \$5.5 million to renovate and upgrade the Museum in Los Angeles and has significantly expanded its programs in multiple music cities throughout the country. His love for the arts and dedication to community started in Dayton as co-founder of the Zoot Theatre Company. Prior to that, he was a Consultant at Blackbaud, Inc., serving as a financial and fundraising consultant for over 200 nonprofits throughout North America. Committed to his alma mater as well, Michael and his partner, Dr. Brian Kim, helped create an endowment fund at Carroll High School, generously giving of their resources with the hope of encouraging others to help sustain Carroll's future. Michael received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Dayton and lives in Los Angeles, California.

