

Staff Accomplishments 2017-18





Catherine Ross-Cook

Named National Stepper Coach of the Year and coached the 2018 National Champion H-F Steppers!



Rob Assise, Nate Beebe,
Kevin Coy & Jim Schmidt

Coached the 2018 IHSA Class 3A Runner-Up
H-F Boys Track & Field team!

Don Baron

- Coached student-athletes at the IHSA State Girls Tennis Tournament



Jill Bonavia- Galligani

Directed two
student theatre
productions —
Jackie & Me and
She Kills Monsters —
plus the summer
theatre production:
Madagascar, Jr.



Matt Bonges

Coached our
H-F Chess team
at the
IHSA State
Tournament





Ron Bowden

Coached our Group Interpretation/Contest Play Crew to an IHSA State victory!

Patty Boyd

- Acknowledged in a
Journal of Speech,
Language &
Hearing Research
language
impairment study



Donna Brumfield

Earned her
certificate in
Grant Writing from
DePaul University



Lauren Chasey

Received a
4th Award for
Continuing
Education (ACE)
from the American
Speech-Language-
Hearing Association



Mark Ciesielski

- Led our **VTV** students to success in local, state and national video competitions





Christina Clark &
Mike O'Neill

Guided 50+ students to State DECA tournament
and 6 to International DECA tournament

Katie Cole

Served on the
IHSA State Final
Debate Committee



Kevin Coy

Featured in the
Colleagues' Corner
column in the Fall
2017 edition of
**The Journal of
College Admission**





Dave Dore &
Brian McLaughlin

Coached our Unified Basketball team to an
IHSA State Championship!



Dave Dore, Brian McLaughlin,
Tiffany Mucha, Katie Nieckula,
Katie Rice & Aaron Woods

Coached our Special Olympics Basketball
team to 3rd Place at **IHSA State!**



Dawn Edwards

Garnered a **\$1,000** Illinois Education Asso. grant!

Cathy Frederickson

- Helped her Reading classes earn
Achieve 3000 Read
to Succeed awards



Kevin Galich

- Completed his Master's Degree in Science Education at the Illinois Institute of Technology
- Helped coach the Viking Ice Hockey team to its Hayes Suburban League Championship!



Jane Harper

- Served a third year on the Selection Committee for the Lincoln Award: Illinois Teen Readers' Choice Awards



Jeremiah Harris

Received the
**James A. Alexander
Newcomer Award**
from the Illinois
Association for
College Admission
Counseling



Becky Healy

- Served as the
photographer for
Beverly Art Center's
Chicago
Architecture Biennial



Candi Helsel-Wilk

- Received an Honorable Mention Award at the Illinois Art Education Association's Educator Exhibition,
- Co-sponsored the IHSA State Journalism Team





Zontavius Johnson

Supported the **Girls Track & Field** team to its
2nd Place finish at IHSA State!



Glen Leyden & Candi Helsel-Wilk

Guided the **H-F Journalism Team** to IHSA State,
returned with 1st & 3rd Place finishers

Prince Lowe

- Served as an umpire for the Little League Regional Baseball Tournament in Indianapolis



Chris Maniatis

Named H-F
Dean of Students



Von Mansfield

- Served as a **CollegeBoard** trustee & Executive Committee member
- Served as Chair of the **CollegeBoard Trustee Committee on Membership** for the past 3 years
- Will begin serving on the **CollegeBoard's Oak Circle Advisory Board**





Janet Marks & Courtney Pesha

Guided students to success at the
FCCLA State Competition

Carrie May

- Completing her
Master's Degree in
Illinois Principal
Preparation at
Concordia University



Dan McClain

- Earned National Board Certification
- Named Department Chair - Mathematics



Brian McLaughlin

• Took the **Roller Coaster Challenge** with our Unified athletes and helped raise \$1,000+ for Special Olympics





Bill Merchantz

Garnered **\$32,000** TMA Education Foundation grant, and coached students at SkillsUSA and TMA Machining Competitions!

Daj'za Mitchell

- Completed her **Associate's Degree** in Applied Science from Prairie State and is continuing her education at Governors State



Sahar Mustafah

- Her debut short-story collection, *Code of the West*, was published by Willow Books





Eric Olson & Keith Dombkowski

Each coached a student-athlete
at IHSA State Swim competitions



Greg Petecki, Kim Smith
& Kathryn Stolzenbach

Presented Science & Art at the Cemetery
at the NISE Convention in November

Evan Roberts

Invited to the
Reginald F. Lewis
Museum in Baltimore
for a book signing
for his **Khahri
Discovers** book
series



J.R. Rose

Directed the fall musical — *Sister Act* — plus the IHSA State Runner-Up Contest Play: *Ernest & the Pale Moon*



Jennifer Rudan

Named H-F
Assistant Principal



Michael Sacks

- Guided six student-athletes to the
IHSA State Boys
Tennis Tournament
- Sponsored
Mathletes,
Scholastic &
Quiz Bowl to success
at many
tournaments



Christy Schmidt

- Named **Secretary**
for the Information
Services Department



Kim Smith

- Named Department
Chair - Science





Zenia Smith

Coached the Co-Ed Cheer team to its
11th Place finish at IHSA State!

Chris Stiglic

- Coached a student-athlete at this year's IHSA State Boys Golf Tournament



Janine Stroemer

- Coached three H-F Speeches at IHSA State
- Directed IHSA State Champion Group Interpretation:
Head Full of Dreams:
The Life of John Merrick



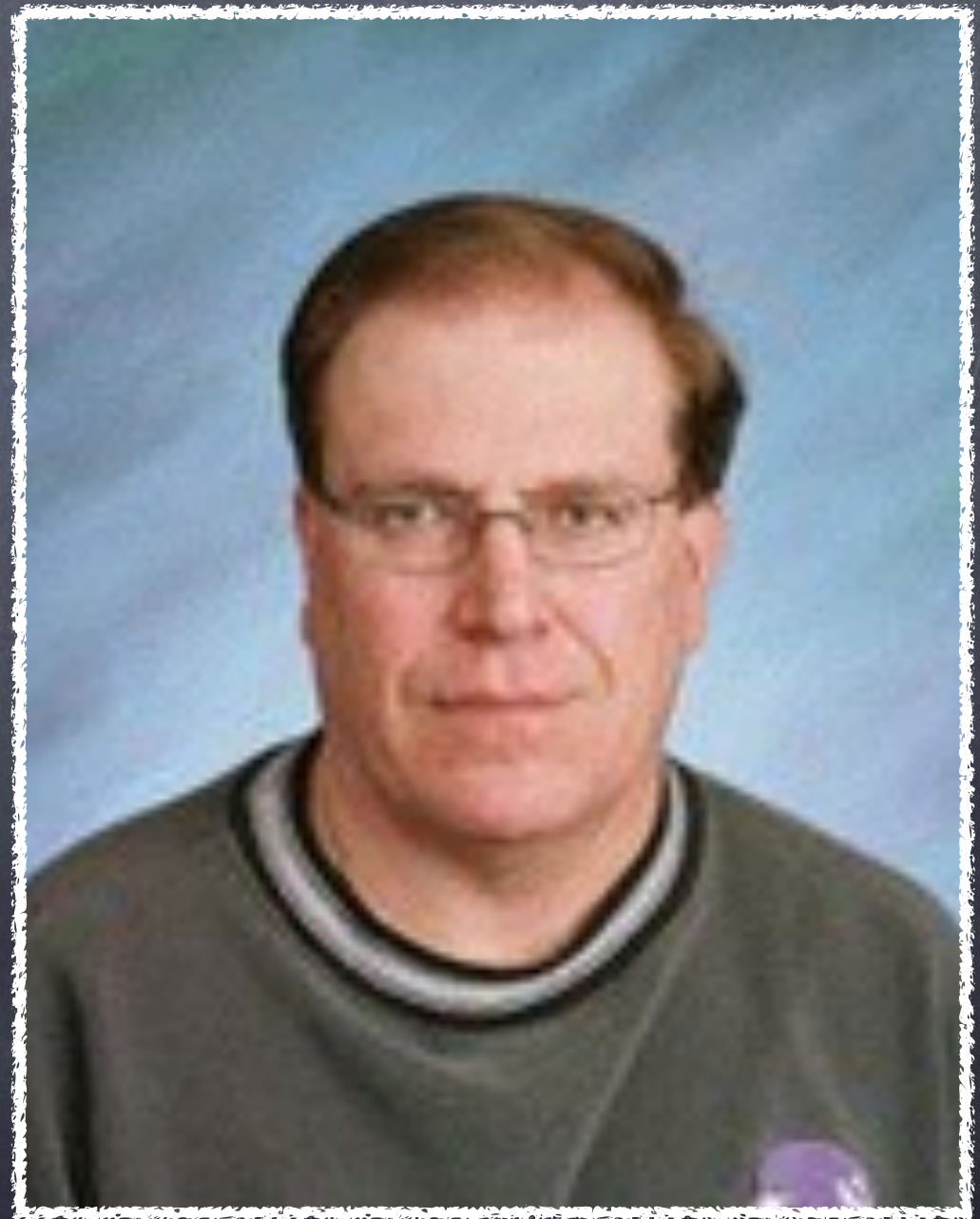
Roberto Suarez

Received the
NACAC Award for
Dedication & Integrity
while serving as the
president of the Illinois
Association for College
Admission Counseling
Coached H-F Robotics
club to success!



Tony Svozil

- Helped four of his **College Engineering** students secure paid internships with Exelon this summer



Angela Taylor

- Named Department Chair - Special Education



Jackie Wargo

- Served on the Board of Directors for the Illinois High School Art Exhibition
- Named Department Chair - Fine Arts





H-F Library Staff

Garnered \$4,999 Illinois State Library grant!



Staff Infection

Played its 100th show! Members include
Steve Banasiak, Brian Dvorkin, Jon Elfner,
Paul Fasse & Alicia Rodriguez



Fine Arts Dept.

Produced several events, including the amazing **Solar Wind Celebration!**