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D. 202 Foundation inducts new Alumni Hall of Fame member

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Plainfield – Longtime community servant Christopher Hinchliffe is the newest member of the Plainfield School District 202 Foundation for Excellence Alumni Hall of Fame.

Foundation trustees inducted Hinchliffe this year based on his nearly 20 years of volunteer work with the Plainfield Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) among numerous other community activities.

The Foundation for Excellence Alumni Hall of Fame was created in 2011 to recognize and showcase graduates from District 202 to recognize those individuals who have created a legacy for current and future students. All inductees must have graduated at least 20 years ago.

Those selected for induction have both achieved much in their chosen profession, and given back to District 202, their community or society. Community members nominate prospective inductees.

Hinchliffe graduated from Plainfield High School in 2000. He has served many roles and has risen through the ranks with PEMA. He was promoted to Co-Captain in 2013 based on his leadership, experience and training. He is currently the only person at the Captain's level.

He is also a part of PEMA's Search and Rescue team which helps find missing persons, conduct evidence searches and provides other essential services. Hinchliffe is a Management Information Services Technician for District 202 and a part-time firefighter with Plainfield and Braidwood.

The Plainfield Foundation for Excellence Alumni Hall of Fame comprises:

The Class of 2021

- Plainfield Emergency Management Agency Captain Christopher Hinchliffe (2000) for achievement in Community Service and Volunteerism.

The Class of 2020

- The Rev. Tim Priest (1985) for achievement in Sports and Recreation.
- Elected Official and Business Owner Michelle Kelly (1989) for achievement in Community Service.

- Businessperson and Community Volunteer Charles R. Worden (1968) for achievement in Community Service.

The Class of 2019

- Health Products executive Victoria Coley (1993) for achievement in Business and Commerce.
- College Professor Dr. Richard A. “Skip” Davis (1955) for achievement in Science and Technology.
- Police Officer, former Professional Athlete and High School Football Coach John Ivlow (1988) for achievement in Government and Military, and Sports and Recreation
- Architect Michael A. Lambert (1979) for achievement in Community Service and Volunteerism.
- Developers Deb Olsen (1971) and Clayton Olsen (1969) for achievement in Business and Commerce.
- Public School Educator and Superintendent Dr. John W. Sparlin (1988) for achievement in Education and Humanities.
- University Professor and Scientist Thomas Withrow (1994) for achievement in Education and Humanities.

The Class of 2018

- Plainfield Police Sergeant Eric Munson (1987) for achievement in Government and Military
- Accountant and business owner Jean Smith Brannen (1974) for achievement in Service and Volunteerism
- School Superintendent Dr. Jennifer White Kelsall (1989) for achievement in Education and Humanities

The Class of 2017

- Nequa Valley High School Athletic Director Barbara Barrows (1978) for achievement in Education and Humanities
- AeroTek Design Labs, LLC founder Greg Chapman (1972) for achievement in Business and Commerce
- Businessman Terry D’Arcy (1974) for achievement in Philanthropy and Non-Profit service
- Doctor Allen Saxon (1967) for achievement in Medicine and Health
- Firefighter and paramedic Charles “Chuck” Willard (1982) for achievement in Government and Military

The Class of 2016

- Nursing Professor Dr. Amber Kujath (1993), for achievement in Medicine and Health
- Retired FBI trainer and administrator Catherine Fletcher (1974), for achievement in Government and Military Service
- Retired District 202 educator and high school principal Tom Hensel (1967), for achievement in Education and Humanities
- Plainfield Central Elementary School Principal Linda DiLeo (1980), for achievement in Education and Humanities
- Scientist Dr. Lee Gehrke (1970), for achievement in Science and Technology

The Class of 2015:

- Business owner John Berst (1959) for achievement in Business and Commerce, Community Service and Volunteerism and Philanthropy and Non-Profit Service.
- Communications Designer Justin Ahrens (1990) for achievement in Arts and Entertainment and Philanthropy and Non-Profit Service.
- Retired Air Force Lt. Col. and United States Air Force Bands Conductor Roger Sebby (1964) for achievement in Arts and Entertainment.
- Maria College (New Jersey) President Dr. Lea Johnson (1968) for achievement in Education and Humanities.

The Class of 2014:

- Plainfield Mayor Mike Collins (1964) for achievement in government and military

The Class of 2013:

- Architect Cliff Bender (1969) for achievement in science and technology
- Bonnie Lutter (1954) for her community service and volunteerism
- Dr. Jeff Ryan (1989) for achievement in medicine and health

The Class of 2012:

- Judy Avery (1959) for her outstanding accomplishments in community service and volunteerism, and
- Dr. Burt Saxon (1965) for his professional achievements in education.

The Class of 2011:

- Karen Hamilton (1958) for her community service and volunteerism
- Dr. Bradley Barnes (1977) for his work in the field of dentistry
- Lt. Col. Christopher Cozzi (1988) for his service in the U.S. Air Force, and
- Dr. Julie Ruddy (1988) for her service as a clinical psychologist for the U.S. Navy.

Since 1983 the Plainfield Foundation for Excellence has raised and contributed more than \$500,000 to support District 202 students and staff in the form of grants, scholarships and special funding.

The Foundation has also supported special programs including a District Art Gallery, the Great Read community reading program and the 1847 Schoolhouse Restoration.