



**Honoring our Distinguished Alumni**

2025-26

# WALL OF DISTINCTION

**Friday, March 27, 2026 | 7 PM**

**Cicero-North Syracuse High School**

## 2025-26 INDUCTEES

**George Harrington**  
**Antwaun Johnson**  
**Robert Todd Tackman**  
**Joseph Viviano**

# PROGRAM OF EVENTS

## Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Christopher R. Leahey, Deputy Superintendent

## Presentation of Inductees

George Harrington

Antwaun Johnson

Robert Todd Tackman

Joseph Viviano

## Closing Remarks

Dr. Christopher R. Leahey, Deputy Superintendent

## CNS Brass Quintet

*Under the direction of Drew Rebecchi*

Trumpet ..... Joe Cannella

Trumpet ..... Katie Barney

French Horn ..... Kristian Reichard

Trombone ..... Mark Morris

Tuba ..... Jayden Hunkins

## CNS Vocal Jazz Ensemble

*Under the direction of Danielle Rausa*

Soprano ..... Lucy Barrera, Khloe Demperio, Briar Raymond

Alto/Mezzo-Soprano ..... Ailani Fernandez, Abigail Goncalves

Alto ..... Kobe Henderson, Briar Raymond, Ava Wilbur

Tenor ..... Brigg Liberman, Max Rodriguez, Noah Seitz

Bass ..... Joseph Anderson, Joey Cox, Evan Dwyer, Luca Flynn

## Light Refreshments Following Ceremony

# WALL OF DISTINCTION MEMBERS

The North Syracuse Central School District Wall of Distinction was created in 1990 for the purpose of recognizing and honoring graduates of North Syracuse High School, Cicero High School or Cicero-North Syracuse High School. An advisory committee considers nominated graduates who have achieved a high level of prominence in their personal and/or professional lives and who have participated in extensive community service or volunteer activities for induction to the Wall of Distinction. Each inductee has his/her picture and biography prominently displayed on the Wall of Distinction which is located at Cicero-North Syracuse High School.

# WALL OF DISTINCTION MEMBERS CONT.

John Abulencia '11  
Diana G. Adlowitz '14  
Mark Atkinson '10  
Richard Bader '90  
William C. Baker '04  
Tricia Rose Bienick '17  
Anthony Bottar '92  
Michael J. Bragman '90  
Toni'Lyn Brauchle '04  
Mary P. Bronner '09  
David Burdick '00  
Glenn Burdick '90  
Roger Burdick '00  
Ruth Burdick '90  
Dennis Burns '90  
Earl Butterfield '90  
Helen Byrnes '09  
Judy Byron '93  
Lynn A. Calpeter '07  
Angelo Capozzi '97  
Richard Carroll '98  
Thomas Carroll '90  
Thomas J. Carroll '05  
Janet Adams Chalifoux '15  
Roger Chandler '09  
Catherine Cifaratta-Brayton '95  
Philip M. Cleary '06  
Bryan Ripley Crandall '12  
Yolanda Blair Copeland '90  
Tracey Smith Cottle '92  
Warren Darby '92  
Jodi Dunn DeAugustine '17  
Vera Desimone '00  
Dana Drisko '99  
Chester A. Dudzinski '04  
Sharon Mattes Edick '13  
William F. Edwards '06

David Essel '03  
William Farone '95  
Hank Fengler '11  
Fred Ferguson '92  
Lewis Ferguson '09  
William Fisher '90  
Lona Flynn '95  
Lawrena Walter Foland '94  
Capt. Connie Frizzell '08  
Christopher S. Gaiser '06  
David Gere '05  
Joanne Gere '05  
Laura Gere '05  
Richard Gere '05  
Susan Gere '05  
Dave Giusti '91  
Kimberly Sharp Green '15  
Ronald Grethel '09  
Wayne Guenther '96  
Charles L. Hafner '11  
Linda Hafner '11  
Charles Haven '02  
John C. Heindorf '08  
Beverly Hill '10  
Joleen DesRosiers Hill '12  
Tiffany Farish Hill '12  
Lorraine Hodge '90  
Ron Hodge '90  
Capt. Owen Honors, Jr. '06  
Amy Sonich Hysick '17  
Phyllis Initzki '99  
Curtis Irwin '90  
Brian Kesel '14  
Joan Zinsmeyer Kesel '96  
Paul Clayton Keyes, III '22  
Anne DesRosiers Killen '17  
Howard E. Krueger '08

John W. Kuryla '22  
Douglas G. Ladd '05  
Steve LaValle '95  
Paul Linnertz '94  
Ronald Lukas '14  
Dr. Archie A. MacKinney '07  
Kathleen M. MacPherson '98  
Bendita Cynthia Malakia '22  
Malcolm Mallette '96  
David H. Mathews '14  
Kayla McKeon '17  
Suzanne (Argy) Meyer '20  
Jackie Robinson Melchor '90  
Gloria Mitton '08  
Pete Moore '20  
Gregory Mort '91  
Elizabeth Mowins '12  
Sean T. O'Hara '06  
Chloe Ann T. O'Neill '04  
David Oliver '93  
Sheila Duffy Patterson '96  
Nichole Frezza Polos '07  
Kathleen Rowe '03  
Kathryn Howe Ruscitto '91  
Joseph Sanfilippo '98  
Patricia Ruggiano Schmidt '01  
James Shampine '92  
Duret Smith '93  
Paul Henry Smith, Jr. '13  
Breanna Mackenzie Stewart '22  
Barbara Jean St. Pierre '13  
Renee St. Pierre Teller '13  
Thomas Stimson, Jr. '04  
Christopher J. Tanski '07  
Susan E. Tehon '09  
David F. Thomas '14  
Marjorie L.Thomas '14

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Robert Tomeny '93  
Thomas Trask '91  
Roxanne (Corl) Trew '20  
Lee James Turner '20  
John Unger '13  
Dr. Craig S. Vinch '07

Paul Wagner '97  
Chuck Wilbur '08  
Gary L. Wilmer '07  
Paul Wilson '94  
Pamela Wintle '06  
Carol York '01

Mary Yuill '91  
Robert Zacholl '03  
Doreen Zangari '90  
Jack Zinsmeyer '00



# GEORGE HARRINGTON

### **North Syracuse High School, Class of 1975**

George Harrington has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to service, leadership and giving back to the North Syracuse Central School District and greater community. A graduate of North Syracuse High School, he built a successful professional career while remaining deeply connected to the schools and organizations that shaped him.

George spent more than four decades working as an outside sales representative with Mac Steel, earning numerous honors including Highest Sales Achievement and Outstanding Salesman of the Year. Beyond his professional success, he is widely respected for his dedication to volunteerism and community leadership.

His service to the district includes more than 10 years as a member of the North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education, where he helped guide important decisions impacting students and families. George has also been a longtime supporter of student activities, serving with the CNS Wrestling Booster Club, participating in PTO leadership at Allen Road Elementary and Roxboro Road Middle School, and focusing his efforts on fundraising initiatives that benefit students.

Known for his hands-on involvement, integrity and generosity, George Harrington exemplifies the spirit of service and commitment celebrated by the NSCSD Wall of Distinction.



# ANTWAUN JOHNSON

## **Cicero-North Syracuse High School, Class of 2006**

Antwaun Johnson is a proud Cicero-North Syracuse High School graduate whose professional success and community involvement reflect a deep commitment to service and leadership. After graduating from CNS, Antwaun earned degrees from the University at Buffalo and SUNY Cortland and went on to build a successful career as a mortgage consultant.

Recognized for his excellence in the financial industry, Antwaun has received multiple honors including Top Mortgage Consultant awards, Bronze Level Mortgage Consultant recognition with SONYMA and consistent five-star reviews for client service. In addition to his professional achievements, he has made a lasting impact as a varsity football coach at Liverpool High School and through his work with Urban Life Athletics.

Antwaun is actively involved in numerous community initiatives, volunteering with organizations such as North Side Baptist Church, Samaritan Center, Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital and the Salvation Army. He has supported Liverpool High School through professional development programs, helped families in need through backpack food programs and hosted community events such as Trunk or Treat and Easter egg hunts.

A former standout athlete at CNS, Antwaun was a team captain and continues to serve as a mentor to students both on and off the field. His dedication to leadership, service and uplifting others makes him a deserving inductee into the NSCSD Wall of Distinction.



# ROBERT TODD TACKMAN

## **Cicero-North Syracuse High School, Class of 2006**

Robert Todd Tackman has devoted his professional and personal life to public service, leadership and strengthening the communities he serves. A member of the Class of 2006, Robert completed his education through the OCM BOCES National External High School Diploma Program and SUNY Empire State College, earning an associate degree in leadership.

Mr. Tackman has built a successful career in banking and finance, serving in leadership roles with Community Bank, N.A. and other financial institutions. His work has consistently focused on supporting families, businesses and community growth. In recognition of his impact, he received the Eagle Scout Rank and was honored with the 40 Under 40 Award in 2010.

His commitment to service is extensive. Robert currently serves as Mayor of the Village of East Syracuse and holds leadership roles with PEACE Inc., the Village of East Syracuse Zoning Board of Appeals and the Onondaga County Mayors' Association. He has also served as a past Police Commissioner for the Town of DeWitt, Finance Committee Chair for the New York Conference of Mayors and a member of the American Red Cross Disaster Team.

Above all, Robert is known for his integrity, collaborative leadership style and dedication to making a positive difference. His service reflects the values of civic engagement and responsibility celebrated by the NSCSD Wall of Distinction.



# JOSEPH VIVIANO

## **Cicero-North Syracuse High School, Class of 2007**

Joseph Viviano is a distinguished financial professional and community leader whose career and service exemplify excellence, integrity and commitment to giving back. A graduate of Cicero-North Syracuse High School, Joe earned his degree from Le Moyne College, where he was a standout student-athlete and later inducted into the Le Moyne College Gold Wave Hall of Fame.

Joe has spent more than 15 years in the financial services industry, beginning his career with AXA Equitable and later serving in leadership roles with MCC Financial Services and Ascension Wealth Management. He is currently the managing director of Ascension Wealth Management and president of Foresight Capital Ventures, LLC, a multi-unit property management company based in Syracuse.

His professional accomplishments include being named a Central New York Business Journal 40 Under Forty honoree and a Syracuse.com Reader's Choice Award recipient for Favorite Financial Planner and Favorite Investment Firm. Joe was also a Section III champion and All-CNY high school soccer standout at CNS.

Equally impressive is his commitment to community service. Joe serves as vice president of the ALS Upstate New York Advisory Council, chairs finance committees and supports scholarship initiatives that benefit both CNS students and the broader community. He is actively involved with the North Syracuse Lions Club, the Madden School of Business and the Tipperary Hill Neighborhood Association, where he leads neighborhood revitalization efforts.

Through his leadership, philanthropy and dedication to service, Joseph Viviano continues to make a meaningful impact, embodying the values honored by the NSCSD Wall of Distinction.

## **Board of Education**

- Michael A. Mirizio, President
- Paul Farfaglia, Vice President
- Robert Crabtree
- Matthew Hermann
- Joshua Ludden
- Cheryl McDonald
- Michael A. Shusda
- Amanda Sugrue
- Mark Thorne
- Brigid Gill, Student Ex-Officio
- Jilian Herrera, District Clerk

## **District Administration**

- Dr. Terry L. Ward, II  
*Superintendent of Schools*
- Dr. Christopher R. Leahey  
*Deputy Superintendent*
- Dr. Michael G. Baroody  
*Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources*
- Donald F.X. Keegan  
*Associate Superintendent for Business Services*

## **Wall of Distinction Committee Members**

- Doreen Brisson
- William Brown
- Kristen Hill
- Vincent Hollopeter
- Christopher Leahey

