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Buchanan Community Schools 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees



BUCHANAN, MI - During halftime of our home varsity football game on September 6th, Buchanan Community Schools proudly celebrated its 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees. Each year, a committee of school leaders and staff members reviews nominations in three categories: Contributions to Society, Performance in School-Related Activities, and Contributions to Buchanan Community Schools. This year's honorees exemplify the finest qualities of our district and community.

Donald Pears, Contributions to Society

Donald "Don" Roe Pears, a Buchanan High School alumnus, was recognized for his exemplary service in the military, educational system, and political sphere. Notably, he was the highest-ranking political figure ever achieved by a Buchanan graduate. His career included roles as Berrien County Register of Deeds, County Clerk, and Michigan House of Representatives member, where he served as Speaker. Active in various veterans' organizations, he also educated Buchanan High students on military and government roles. Don Pears, who passed away in July 1992, left a lasting legacy of dedication and service.

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Michael Greene, Performance in School-Related Athletics

Michael Greene was honored for his outstanding achievements in school athletics, particularly football. During the 1986-87 school year, he led the state in rushing yards with over 1,600 yards, earning All-State and All-American honors. His remarkable performance was a key factor in the Bucks' success. Greene continued his athletic career at Western Michigan University, where he further distinguished himself. His contributions remain a proud chapter in Buchanan's athletic history.

Ronald Stone, Contributions to Buchanan Community Schools

Ronald "Ron" E. Stone, a dedicated member of the Buchanan community since 1965, was celebrated for his significant contributions to the school district. After moving to Buchanan permanently in 1977, Ron coached the Buchanan floor hockey team for 25 years and later supported high school sports, including girls' softball and middle school football. Known for his unwavering support and enthusiasm, Ron was a beloved figure in Buchanan, known for his dedication to the community and its students. He passed away leaving behind a cherished legacy of commitment and community spirit.

The event was a heartwarming tribute to these remarkable individuals, celebrating their exceptional contributions and enduring impact on Buchanan Community Schools.

