

Marion High School Hall of Distinction 2006 inductees named

MARION — The purpose of the Marion High School Hall of Distinction is to give lasting recognition to Marion High School graduates who have made exceptional contributions to the achievements and prestige of Marion Community Schools.

Furthermore, it is the purpose of the Hall of Distinction to promote more interest in Marion High School and to display before current Marion students, the success of past graduates who have contributed in making Marion schools exceptional.

The Marion High School Hall of Distinction selection committee has chosen the Class of 2006 inductees. The selection task was difficult, as there were nearly 40 highly talented and capable nominees for consideration. Nominees not selected continue to be considered for three years. A call for new nominations will be made annually.

The Hall of Distinction induction ceremony took place on June 3 rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Grant County Event Center, 6508 E. Museum Blvd., Gas City, IN 46933. Honorees were recognized at the commencement ceremony for the Class of 2006.

The five members of the Marion High School Hall of Distinction represent a mix of experiences and backgrounds – some of whom made their distinctive marks in Marion, others who have used the foundation learned at Marion to achieve distinction elsewhere.

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Richard Simons
Class of 1938

Businessman, Grant County historian, author, founder of the Indiana Junior Historical Society, journalist, Indiana University graduate.

Mr. Simons' work has inspired generations of teachers and students of history. Mr. Simons has been a longtime feature writer for the Indianapolis Star, and he has authored *Railroads of Indiana* and *The Rivers of Indiana*.

He also managed his family's Marion business, Richard Clothing Co., for more than 30 years.

He has served on several local boards, such as Marion General Hospital and the Mississinewa Arts Council. He has also served as President of the Indiana Historical Society, and has received national recognition from the American Association for State and Local History. He has been named a distinguished alumnus, Indiana University (1984), named Sagamore of the Wabash (1995), vice president of the National Railway Historical Society, and Indiana Historian (1996).

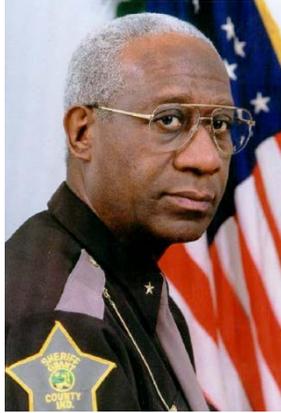


Dr. Edmund Casey
Class of 1942

Physician, Air Force, 52 years of medical practice, graduate of Meharry Medical College, residency and internship at Cleveland City Hospital.

Dr. Casey served as the first African American on the medical staff at Bethesda Hospital as director of coronary and intensive care. Dr. Casey also served as president of the National Medical Association, and was the first African American president of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Casey received numerous awards and honorary degrees, including humanitarian awards, such as the Daniel Drake Award. Dr. Casey also served as chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Sickle Cell Anemia, and president of various medical associations. Dr. Casey chaired the National Medical Association delegation to the Peoples Republic of China (1973) and served as president of the National Commission on Certification of Physicians Assistants.



Oatess Archey
Class of 1955

Athlete, FBI agent, Grant County sheriff, teacher, coach, Grambling State University graduate, Ball State University graduate.

Mr. Archey has served students as a teacher, coach, and counselor for Marion Community Schools. Mr. Archey is Indiana's first elected African American sheriff, and he has provided security expertise for FBI headquarters, Super Bowls, World Cup Soccer, Olympics, and served as a security liaison official with the Drug Enforcement Administration, State Department and White House.

Mr. Archey is a pioneer as an African American who has broken down several barriers, including as a coach, teacher, counselor, and sheriff.



William Hanley
Class of 1956

Athlete, Marine, businessman, Purdue University graduate.

Mr. Hanley, a graduate of Harvard Business School, has given generously to the communities where he has resided. His business' successes include Cummins Great Plains Diesel, which has allowed him to share his good fortune with others.

Mr. Hanley has endowed a chair for a professorship in gerontology at Purdue University. He was also the lead donor for the creation of the Human Development Institute at Purdue, which promotes research on families, aging, and leadership.

Mr. Hanley has served on various boards, such as Boy Scouts of America, Purdue Alumni Association, Rotary Board, and Chairman of the Board of the Omaha Children's Hospital.

Mr. Hanley's mission has been to give back to people, organizations and communities that have been important to his success.



Dr. Doris Jesch
Class of 1956

Pediatric physician. Dr. Jesch is a graduate of Indiana University School of Medicine, interned at Albany Medical Center, completed residency in pediatrics at Ohio State University Children's Hospital, and has earned staff privileges at Marion General Hospital.

Dr. Jesch's professional success has been built by desire, determination, persistence, skill and self sacrifice. For nearly 40 years Dr. Jesch has given countless hours during the night, weekends and holidays, dedicated to meeting the needs of her patients. Dr. Jesch's commitment to children is a tribute to caring, serving interests greater than self, and devotion to fellow humanity. Generations of Marion families are grateful for her clinical competence, gentle spirit and compassionate care.