

TROJAN HALL OF FAME 2022 INDUCTEES



James Merritt

Jim graduated from Fife High in 1965. He played both football and basketball for the Trojans. Jim went on to the University of Washington, graduating 1st in his class, receiving his Bachelors' degree in Architecture and Urban Planning in 1970. For five decades, Jim has been a leading and distinguished architect in the NW and is recognized as a Fellow with The American Institute of Architecture. Along with 'Save Union Station', he has been involved in many projects, structures, and buildings in Pierce County that bear his mark and reflect his vision and creativity. Additionally, Jim has been active with the Tacoma Athletic Commission and is currently President.



Cathy Bettinzoli

Cathy is a life-long resident of Fife and graduated from Fife High School with the class of 1970. In March of 1973, Cathy started working for the Fife School District at Surprise Lake Middle School. Three years later, she became the administrative assistant for the deputy superintendent. Cathy also supported the transportation and special education departments. After mastering those tasks, she moved to the business office supporting the director and all classified personnel. Now in the Human Resources Department, Cathy is in her 50th year of keeping the administration of Fife Schools running smooth!



Jeff Breland

Jeff graduated from Fife High in 1986. He went on to Central Washington University, earning degrees in Economics and Finance. Jeff started his career at Boeing in 1991 and is currently the Executive Director of Risk Management & Insurance. He recently received the Aircraft Builder's Outstanding Achievement Award for his breathtaking ability to partner, command, and pioneer evolving legal concepts on behalf of the worldwide aviation industry. Jeff married his high school sweetheart, Michelle Thaut, and their 3 girls are Fife graduates. Away from the office, Jeff has coached FME Soccer and has provided his time and talent to the FHS Booster Club for many years.



Molly Stubrud

Molly was hired to teach PE, advise the cheer squad, and help coach girls' basketball at Fife High School in 1984. More importantly, she was tasked with creating a strong culture and lay the foundation for many of the traditions still practiced at Fife today. She valued and taught student leadership that motivated, inspired, and welcomed a variety of students. Molly had a unique ability to get students to take pride in their school and community. She started using Josten's leadership camps to build a strong core of student leaders and set a precedent of what was and still is expected of students who attend Fife High. Molly retired in 2015, but her footprints are found all over the campus at Fife High.



Ed Fietz

Ed graduated with the Trojan Class of 1988. He received a degree in Business Administration from PLU, became a certified public accountant, and joined a Federal Way accounting firm in 1993. Throughout the following 30 years, Ed's extensive experience and expertise in accounting have propelled him to become an owner and managing partner of the firm. His respected leadership in the community has enhanced the image of CPA's. Ed actively serves our community as a contributor to the FHS Booster Club, the Scholarship Foundation, the Fife Historical Society, and the Swiss Sportsmen's Club. Ed has also been a coach in FME soccer, fastpitch, and flag football.

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