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"Trenton Educational Foundation Ignites 'A Blast!' For the Future,
Honors Inductees to the Trenton Wall of Fame"

The Trenton Educational Foundation is holding the thirteenth annual Signature Event on Friday, November 17, 2023, at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. The group hopes to host at least three hundred guests with anticipation of raising at least \$70,000 for the Foundation.

"A Blast! For the Future, is our theme again this year," said Kathy Kane, TEF Executive Director. "We will be featuring the many student initiatives that the TEF has funded the past years as well as honoring on our next Wall of Fame inductees." Futuristic attire is encouraged, and the group is planning for a Blast! for its guests.

The Wall of Fame volunteer committee has chosen three new Inductees for the November 17 event. They have inducted thirty people over twelve years. This year's recipients are Clifton Mace, Ann Marie Lipinski and Joe Hoshaw, Jr.

Clifton Mace was an educator in Trenton from 1966-1999. He held leadership positions in Monguagon, Hedke, Owen and Taylor Elementary in Trenton. He was a good listener and problem solver in his leadership roles and he was firm yet fair with students. He volunteered in the Lions Club and Goodfellows for over thirty years. He passed away in 2017.

Ann Marie Lipiniski is a 1974 Trenton graduate who excels in her industry of journalism. She participated in many THS activities including the Trojan Trumpet editor, Student Council and National Honor Society. She went on to become a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and Curator of the Nieman Foundation of Journalism at Harvard University. She was also Editor in Chief and Senior Vice President at the Chicago Tribune amongst other accolades.

Joe Hoshaw Jr. is a 1975 Trenton graduate who wrote for the Trojan Trumpet and played Football. His excellence in journalism stemmed from his participation in the Trojan Trumpet and led him to the Mellus/News Herald Downriver, where he served as Managing Editor from 1982-98 before starting his own Public Relations company as well as serving as President for the Trenton Rotary club. He then partnered at the Trenton Trib as Editor from 2009-2021 where he mentored many Trenton students in the journalism field as well as providing the community with a quality, compelling and detail filled local newspaper.

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The TEF OUT OF THIS WORLD program will include futuristic fun, raffles, silent auction, and a family style dinner, and a recap program of last year's teacher/staff grants.

Tickets are \$50 a person or included with sponsorship packages (with sponsor seating) and tables of ten are discounted to \$450. They are available at the School Board office and Trenton City Hall. Sponsorships are still available by calling Chair Kathy Kane (734) 365-0672.

About the Trenton Educational Foundation:

Established in 2008 by a partnership of community leaders from various organizations, the TEF is now known as a source of "grants" that teachers can seek to help fund special projects and activities not within the budget. Over the years the group has also budgeted for providing scholarships to graduating seniors of THS.

All levels of Trenton public education are helped by the TEF. The Foundation funds six integral areas of education — cultural enrichment, scholastic enrichment, arts and education, technology and learning, continuing education and professional development.

The Trenton Educational Foundation (TEF) is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation created for the purpose of enhancing the educational opportunities for teachers and students within the Trenton Public Schools system. The Foundation's mission is to help achieve and maintain an extra margin of excellence. The TEF is an independent entity, not affiliated with the Trenton Board of Education.

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