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New inductees chosen to the Trenton Educational Foundation's Wall of Fame

Since 2011, the **Trenton Educational Foundation's (TEF) Wall of Fame Volunteer Selection Committee** has met to choose deserving candidates to add to the prestigious display prominently featured inside of Trenton High School. A total of 35 people (and one organization) has been selected in the past.

The TEF is proud to induct three new members this year, each of whom will be honored at the foundation's annual Signature Event fundraising dinner – featuring a “Back to the 80's” theme – on Friday, November 15, at the Grecian Center in Southgate, beginning at 6 p.m.

Joining the esteemed group are the late **Jean Pendell**, along with **Max Monas**, and **Dr. Noel and Debbie Jackson**.

Pendell, who passed away last year, taught elementary art in the Trenton Public School (TPS) system for more than 25 years. She was a devoted and active member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Trenton for almost 50 years, and was a dedicated volunteer for the Community Garden at the Cultural Center, where she specifically focused on developing the Children's Garden – efforts which led her to be recognized as “Trentonite of the Year” in 2016.

Monas, a longtime educator and swim coach, began his career with TPS in 1970. Admired and respected for his work both in and out of the classroom, he won a State Championship for girls swimming and diving in 1995. He also coached baseball, hockey, and soccer for the Trenton Parks and Recreation department, serving as a positive role model to all the student athletes he taught along the way. In 2000, he was inducted into the Trenton Sports Hall of Fame.

Dr. Noel and Debbie Jackson have been immersed in the Trenton community for decades. In 1998, they founded the Downriver Youth Performing Arts Center (DYPAC) and along with other volunteers, have offered theatrical education and experiences to thousands of Downriver children while providing quality entertainment. Additionally, they have served in leadership positions with a wide range of community groups, including the Rotary Club of Trenton, the Downtown Development Authority, the Trenton Business Association, and Kiwanis Club just to name a few. Along the way they've been recognized for their dedication by numerous groups, both civic and professional.

The TEF invites you to participate in the formal induction of these community servants by purchasing sponsorships or tickets to the **“Back to the 80's” Signature Event**. The evening will feature great food, raffle and auction items, and plenty of fun.

Information can be found online at <https://trentonedfoundation.org/events>, or by calling the TEF at 734-365-0672. You can also stop by the Board of Education office during normal business hours.

All proceeds go to supporting the TEF and its grant and scholarship programs.

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About Us: 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. Established in 2008 by a partnership of community leaders from various organizations, the TEF is now known as a source of grants teachers can seek to help fund special projects and activities not within the budget, as well as added student scholarships. 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 Foundation conducts one grant cycle each school year for all grant requests in order that all grants will be ready for implementation at the beginning of the next school year. For more information, visit the web site at <http://trentonedfoundation.org> or Facebook page at facebook.com/TrentonEducationFoundation.