

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS SCHOOL  
HALL OF FAME  
Fifth Induction 2009

**Earl Bloam**  
Class of 1956

**Academic/Career Accomplishments**

Earl T. Bloam moved up the ranks in his 35-year career at Cleveland's NASA Lewis Research Center, now known as Glenn Research Center. He also left his mark in the community

It has been said that Earl's very successful career at NASA and his ability to take on many civic activities were just part of his normal lifestyle.

Earl Graduated from Ohio University in 1961 with an electrical engineering degree. At NASA, he published technical briefs, was an engineering course instructor and received many awards for technical and management achievements. Earl was a member of the Atlas/Centaur launch vehicle team responsible for launching scientific and communication satellites and planetary science missions. He eventually became Chief of the Engineering Support Division and was in charge of computer-aided design (CAD), computer aided manufacturing (CAM), support contracts and software engineering at the research center.

Earl also was a church elder, deacon and secretary and sat on the Brooklyn Board of Education for eight years, two years as board president. He was a Boy Scout advisor and is a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree mason.

**Dr. Lynn Borchert**  
Class of 1956

**Academic/Career Accomplishments**

"Lynn Borchert has acquired outstanding academic and professional achievements and has become a highly respected leader in the medical profession," a former Cuyahoga Heights classmate said.

Lynn earned a medical degree at the University of Michigan in 1968, where he also did an internship in internal medicine. He did his residency in obstetrics and gynecology and a 3-year fellowship in reproductive endocrinology in infertility at Duke University Medical Center.

Beginning in 1975, Dr. Borchert taught medical students at the Medical College of Virginia and East Carolina University Medical School. Additionally, he pioneered a surgical technique to reverse a woman's tubal sterilization. His technique was used successfully in about 1,500 women.

Upon retirement in 2001, Lynn, along with his wife Joyce, began UltraScreen, Inc. The company was designed to bring mobile ultrasonographic screenings to patients across North Carolina at a reasonable price.

**George Gross**  
Retired Faculty  
**Major Contributions to Cuyahoga Heights School**

During his 30 years at CHS, George Gross was a mentor to elementary and high school students alike.

As elementary school physical education teacher, George Gross had a positive influence on every student (boy or girl) that passed through Cuyahoga Heights...George made it clear to all students the opportunities Cuyahoga Heights presented.

Mr. Gross began teaching elementary physical education at CHS in 1956. In addition, he coached basketball, established the boys' and girls' cross country programs and had great success coaching track. He coached state champions in several events including the mile, hurdles, relays, pole vault and shot put. Over the years, his teams were successful at local relays and district, sectional and state track meets.

George served as track official for many years and was a founding member of the Greater Cleveland Track Coaches Association. He was also influential in developing physical education curriculum and was nominated for Ohio Teacher of the Year in 1978.

**Judy Fink Kirsch**  
Class of 1959  
**Athletic/Career Accomplishments**

Judy Kirsch is probably best known for being named the first female athletic director in Medina County and possibly the state. She held the post for more than 10 years beginning in 1980. She was also responsible for bringing girls' sports to Brunswick High School

Ms. Kirsch began teaching physical education at Brunswick High School in 1964 and introduced girls' intramural sports soon after. She set up after school games with area physical education teachers and eventually formed the South Suburban Girls' Athletic conference. In 1972, Kirsch became assistant athletic director and was responsible for running the girls' sports programs.

It has been said that Kirsch's development of girls' sports "is an accomplishment which places her at the forefront of the most significant advance in woman's athletics of our time."

Judy retired in 1994 but continues to run sectional, district and regional tournaments for the Ohio High School Athletic Association. She coached the girls' basketball team, ran state tournaments year round for OHSAA and chaired the Health and Physical Education Department during her 30 year tenure in the Brunswick Schools.

**Dr. James Radcliffe**  
Class of 1948  
**Academic/Career Accomplishments**

With his political science background and law degree, James E. Radcliffe accomplished much since graduation from CHHS. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree in history and political science from Bowling Green State University and went on to earn a PhD in the same fields from Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Radcliffe also earned a law degree from Cleveland-Marshall Law School.

The great thing about Jim Radcliffe is that he has always been a brilliant guy... a real asset to his family, community, career and our world," a classmate said.

Jim taught college-level government classes for 30 years. He chaired the Political Science Department at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania between 1979 and 1983. Radcliffe also published a book examining the constitutional provision controlling access to the federal courts, has several professional memberships and won several prestigious awards.