

PATRICK JOHN HUGHES PARENT/BOOSTER AWARD

PRESENTATION FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023

8:30 P.M. AWARDS CEREMONY

The Patrick John Hughes Parent/Booster Award annually recognizes the extraordinary commitment, dedication, support, and sacrifice of music parents and boosters around the world by shining a spotlight on an individual who exemplifies these qualities. The award is named in honor of Patrick John Hughes, the father of Patrick Henry Hughes, a remarkable man who, despite physical challenges that would seem overwhelming to many, excelled as a musician and student. Learn more at education.musicforall.org.



DIANE AND BOB PRESSEL

2023 RECIPIENTS

Diane and Bob Pressel marched together in the Miamisburg band in high school and have been parent supporters of the Miamisburg band program since 2009 with their daughter, Jennifer, helping with props, fundraising, uniforms, chaperoning, handling parent communication for the color guard, and more. However, the Pressel's role changed when their youngest daughter Stephanie joined the Miamisburg Marching Band and Winds program. A member of the percussion section, Stephanie is multi-handicapped with cerebral palsy and a speech and physical disability.

Diane attends every single summer, fall, and winter rehearsal for both the marching band season and winds season alongside Stephanie. From learning the music alongside her daughter, to assisting with setup of her percussion equipment, she is always there. "Diane is the ultimate band mom."

Bob rides the bus with Stephanie to and from all performances where he pushes her wheelchair onto the field while Diane helps push her percussion equipment. Bob also serves as one of the band photographers, capturing hundreds of photos of as many students as he can, and managing a free online gallery for parents to collect photos. Alongside Diane, Bob is also present at every event helping to make sure Stephanie gets where she needs to be. Bob is described as every band director's dream parent, a go-to person who can do just about anything you ask, from fundraising to prop building to chaperoning.



The staff, parents and students of the Miamisburg band program have described the Pressels as supportive, selfless, kind, and loyal individuals who would do anything to see the program succeed. Their daughter Jennifer is now the director of the elementary school color guard and A guard program at Miamisburg, where Diane helps sew flags and alter uniforms, and Bob takes headshots and action shots of the students throughout the season.

Ryan Wintersheimer, Assistant Director at Miamisburg shared "The Pressels are truly wonderful people . . . the dedication they have displayed towards helping to create success for not only their daughter, but the entire Miamisburg program, makes them the ideal recipient of the Patrick John Hughes Parent/Booster Award."

PATRICK JOHN HUGHES PARENT/BOOSTER AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- 2022** **Mindy Patton**
William Mason H.S.
Mason, OH
- 2021** **Tom Shrum**
Norwin H.S.
Irwin, PA
- 2020** **William Montgomery Jr.**
Bellbrook H.S.
Bellbrook, OH
- 2019** **Ann Leever**
Millard North H.S.
Omaha, NE
- 2018** **Randy Barnett**
Blue Springs H.S.
Blue Springs, MO
- 2017** **Greg Hooper**
McEachern H.S.
McEachern, GA
- 2016** **Robert Edwards**
Fort Mill H.S.
Fort Mill, SC
- 2015** **Derek Greer**
Owasso H.S.
Owasso, OK
- 2014** **Tom Meyer**
Blue Springs H.S.
Blue Springs, MO
- 2013** **Dick Zentner**
Norwin H.S.
North Huntingdon, PA
- 2012** **PJ Littleton**
Hillsboro Middle School,
Franklin, TN
- 2011** **Tom Barnett**
Ben Davis H.S.
Indianapolis, IN
- 2010** **Charlie Broach**
Franklin H.S.
Franklin, TN
- 2009** **Jim and Ginny Klopfenstein**
Morton H.S.
Morton, IL
- 2008** **Dan Adams**
American Fork H.S.
American Fork, UT