




GREENSBURG COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2014 INDUCTEES

 **Kathryn Ernstes Bailey '32** was born in Houston, Texas, on October 26, 1915. She was born to Lawrence and Christina Ernstes. Kathryn had three brothers, Howard, Henry, and Ralph. She also had a sister, Jean. Kathryn married Raymond Bailey on February 11, 1956. She was a member of the Decatur County Historical Society, St. Mary's Catholic Church, American Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, and the American Association of University Women.

After graduating from high school, Kathryn went on to get her Bachelor's Degree in nursing from Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1937. She also received a Master's Degree in Art Appreciation. She received a Certificate in Advanced Pediatric Nursing from Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing in New York, New York, in March of 1938. Kathryn went to the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. to get her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education in 1948. She also received her Master of Arts in Nursing Service Administration in 1951 from the University of Chicago. Kathryn had many opportunities to gain experience while being a nurse. She was Head Nurse of Pediatrics at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati from 1938 to 1939. Then from 1939 to 1942 she was the Pediatric Head Nurse at General Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. On June 8, 1942, she enlisted in the US Army Nurse Corps and worked her way up to being head nurse. Kathryn served from 1942 until 1946, serving in World War Two on D-Day and was in charge of 1,000 beds during the invasion on the beaches of Normandy. She received the rank of Captain in the 25th General US Army Hospital located at the European Theater. After serving, she worked at the Milwaukee County General Hospital in Wisconsin as a Pediatric Supervisor and Clinical Instructor for two years and then for a year was the Night Supervisor. From 1952 until 1956, Kathryn was the Director of Nursing at the Children's Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1956, she became the Executive Director for the Illinois League for Nursing. Kathryn received the Pi Lambda Theta Honorary Educational Society award from the University of Chicago Chapter while she was in college for her exceptional academics. She was also featured in the "Who's Who of American Women" in 1968 and 1971. Kathryn Ernstes Bailey passed away on November 24, 2011 at Decatur County Memorial Hospital.



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🏠 **Fred Craig '60** was born in Greensburg in 1942. When he was 5 years old, he saw the Walt Disney animated movie, "Bambi." It made an everlasting impression, which later drove his motivation into a life-long passion for filmmaking. At the age of 14, he saved up enough money to purchase an 8mm film camera. He designed and built an animation stand to shoot artwork. Fred wrote and filmed his first film titled, "The Honey You Eat". His high school teachers suggested that he enter the film with an explanatory display of his filmmaking processes in the regional science fair in 1958. He won first prize and an all-expense paid trip to the national science fair.

Upon his graduation from Greensburg Community High School, he had produced 7 films. After serving in the US Air Force, Fred gained employment in Hollywood as an apprentice animation cameraman. He was later hired by Hanna-Barbera Studios. Over the next 20 years in Hollywood, Fred eventually created his own production company and studio, Fred Craig Productions, Inc. He was involved in numerous projects including more than 30 segments of Sesame Street, 24 animated TV Network Specials, 12 TV Series, over 400 TV commercials and 13 independent Feature Length films. His client list included Chuck Jones and Tex Avery, Universal, Paramount, Disney, UPA and MGM Studios. In 1979, Fred was invited to join Don Bluth Studios as a production management executive and technical director, the result was the ground-breaking production of "The Secret of Nimh". In 1986, he became Vice President/Director of European Studio Operations/Producer Executive Office of TV Commercial Division, he was responsible for all forward planning with the Irish government in creating the largest animation studio in Europe known as Sullivan-Bluth Studios Ireland. Over eight years, the studio produced "An American Tail", "The Land Before Time", "All Dogs Go to Heaven", "Thumbelina" and "Rock-A-Doodle". Both "An American Tail" and "The Land Before Time", broke animation box-office records. In 1992, Fred became a consultant to the film industry working with Fox Film Corporation and other international studios to assist in forming efficient production units utilizing digital technology. Through his Irish company, Fred Craig Productions, Ltd, he was involved in developing, writing, financing and independently producing feature-length family entertainment motion pictures and television programs. Fred continues to follow his initial philosophy of "It's What You Do with What You Got!" and encourages others to follow in that path by acquiring a passion, following their dreams and never giving up.



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 **Oscar Ewing 1906** left Greensburg to study at Indiana University receiving a bachelor's degree and later at Harvard School of Law in 1913, receiving a law degree. Upon his graduation from Harvard School of Law, Ewing returned to Indianapolis to join a law firm. He later served in the U.S. Army during the First World War, and after his discharge in 1919, Oscar joined the law firm of Hughes, Sherman and Dwight (Charles Evans Hughes of future Supreme Court fame).

After leaving the law firm, Mr. Ewing became an assistant vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee. The Democratic National Committee is in charge of overseeing the Democratic platform and works to help advertise for Democratic candidates. For some time, Oscar was the assistant, and later he was promoted to vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee. In 1944, he was a member of a group that led a movement to make Senator Harry S. Truman the candidate for Vice President on the ticket with President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Roosevelt was seeking a fourth term in that election. In 1947, Mr. Ewing was appointed the administrator of the Federal Security Agency, a cabinet-level position. The agency was in charge of food and drug safety as well as the administration of public health programs and the Social Security pension. It was here that he left a national legacy. He was the advisor to the President in as the White House began advocating for stronger civil rights. He would later be an advisor to President Johnson, who would sign The Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law. His most noteworthy accomplishment was as an advocate for national health insurance. His achievements were noted in 1966 as President Johnson invited him to join him at the ceremony of signing Medicare into law. Known as the Father of Medicare, health coverage for the elderly exists today because of Ewing. At the 1952 Democratic National Convention, Oscar emerged as a serious candidate for the party's presidential nomination, but that nod would go to Adlai Stevenson. Ewing died in Orange County, North Carolina on January 8, 1980.



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 **Nanci Hellmich '76**, is a writer for USA Today. After graduating from Greensburg Community High School, she went on to attend Indiana University, during which time she received the Ross Hazeltine Travel Scholarship. This scholarship allowed her to travel to Great Britain, where she spent her summer studying women's magazines. It also allowed her to study at the feet of journalists who managed to produce quality publications with limited resources. Nanci graduated from Indiana University in 1980 with a double major in journalism and English, and a minor in education. After graduating from college, she interned for Redbook magazine and the Cincinnati Enquirer. Before working for USA Today, Nanci reported for Greensburg Daily News and Florida Today.

Eventually, she was invited to sign on to USA Today in 1983, only one year after the famous newspaper was launched. Nanci has been writing in the Life section for 28 years, covering things like diet, nutrition, and fitness. Other topics she writes about include heart disease, diabetes, children's health, and psychology. Nanci has received two media excellence awards from the American Dietetic Association; an award for excellence in reporting from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the nutrition science journalist award from the American Society for Nutrition; and the Atkinson-Stern Award from the Obesity Society, the nation's largest group of weight management researchers and professionals.



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 **John Arthur Stewart '37** graduated third in his class of 67 students from Greensburg Community High School. He was born May 5, 1919, in Decatur County on the 80-acre farm where he lived and worked until his retirement in 1984. The only exception was the four years when he was at Purdue and the following three-and-a-half years when he served as an officer in the United States Coast Guard during World War II.

Stewart is a 1941 graduate of Purdue's School of Agriculture and received an Honorary Doctor of Agriculture degree from Purdue in 1974. He is a life member of the Purdue Alumni Association and served on the Purdue Board of Trustees as the member representing agriculture from 1980-1992. Stewart and his late wife, Alberta (B.S. Science, Purdue 1941) have five children, all of whom are Purdue graduates (as are four of the children's spouses). Ten grandchildren and three of their spouses have Purdue degrees, the last graduating in 2013.

Stewart is the retired president of Stewart Seeds, Inc., a family farm business started by his father a year before John was born. The business today produces farm seeds and registered Angus cattle. He has also served on the boards and as president of Purdue Ag Alumni Seed Improvement Association, Purdue Ag Alumni Association, and Indiana Crop Improvement Association. He has been active in several other farm and crop organizations, including the Indiana Farm Bureau. From 1952 to 1985, Stewart served on the board of the Decatur County Bank and was chairman from 1975 to 1985. Since 1931, Mr. Stewart has been an active member of the Greensburg First Baptist Church, where he has served on many boards and committees, and also on state and national boards of the American Baptist Churches, USA. He was president of the Indiana board in 1986. From 1986 to 1993 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Stewart has received many recognitions in our community, state, and national levels, including his attendance with Alberta at the "White House Salute to Agriculture" in 1971 as guests of President and Mrs. Nixon. In 1972, he was named to the Purdue "Livestock Hall of Fame"; he received the "Certificate of Distinction Award" by the Decatur County Extension Committee; in 1975, he received the "Community Service Award" by the Greensburg Area Chamber of Commerce; in 1994, Stewart was named a Purdue "Old Master"; and in 2008, he and Alberta jointly received the "Optimist of the Year" award from the Greensburg Optimist Club. He has twice received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award: from Governor Robert Orr in 1998 and from Governor Evan Bayh in 1991.