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## **GREENSBURG COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2017 INDUCTEES**

Betsy McLaughlin Moll '61 holds two degrees in music education from the Indiana University School of Music. In 1967, Moll received a grant to study in Budapest, Hungary at the famous Franz Liszt Music Academy. Moll was the first American citizen to receive a student visa to study behind the Iron Curtain in Hungary since World War II. Moll says those two years living in a completely different culture and learning to speak a second language changed her life and opened her heart and mind to a world beyond her greatest expectations.

After returning to the United States, Moll married and moved to Pittsburgh, PA where she taught music in several preschools and in Mt. Lebanon Public Schools. She later became a professor of music at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, where she taught classes in music theory and music education for thirty years. Moll also taught as a guest faculty member at Indiana University in 2000-01. Moll has been invited to teach music courses and lecture throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

In 2014, Moll was awarded the *Pro Cultura Hungarica*, prize in Budapest, which is Hungary's highest award in arts for foreigners. Moll has also received the *Outstanding Educator Award* and the *Lifetime Achievement Award* by the National Organization of American Kodály Educators. Moll was founding member of several international music organizations and founding editor of the Kodály Educators. Moll also served as its president.

After her retirement, Moll decided to complete the circle and home to Greensburg to live, where she says Greensburg has always been "home." Moll has three children, seven grandchildren, and friends all over the world.

**Richard C. Reed '54** was formerly educated from Culver Military Academy in 1949 prior to graduating from GCHS in 1954. Reed received a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University in 1958, where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. However, Reed considers his most valuable education to come from the wealth of knowledge awarded to him from his grandparents and parents.



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During the 1960s, the agriculture industry changed in a big way. A new flood of technologies, including herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides became available to allow farmers to expand their operations and increase their productivity. For instance, today's American farmer feeds about 155 people worldwide. In 1960, that number was only 25.

Kova was founded in 1935 by Nick Reed, Richard's father. By the 1960s, Kova already had a presence in the agriculture industry, which allowed Reed to expand the company to make these new technologies available to the farmer. Kova later grew under Reed's leadership to encompass several companies to offer a wide variety of agriculture services in Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio, including Crop Fertility Specialist, Heartland Ag, Next Generation, Kova of Ohio, Agri-Business Finance, and Fields of Vision.

Kova has grown to be listed in the *Top 100 Ag Retailers* in the U.S. This success was only accomplished because of many loyal and qualified employees, thousands of farm families throughout Indiana that allowed us to be a part of their business, and numerous world-class companies such as Shell, DuPont, Dow, Ciba Geigy, and Monsanto that allowed Kova to be a part of this new industry.

Despite Kova's success, Reed's biggest accomplishment is with his wife Louise of 58 years in raising three sons, who now run the business, and mentoring six grandchildren now involved in the family business, as well.

It is this accomplishment that was the motivator for the growth of Kova, with the goal of passing on the values, family history, and family and business philosophy through now four generations.

Both business and personal accomplishments have allowed Reed to give back to the community and industry in which he has recognized through the receipt of many awards from state and national associations as well as through contributions to the Decatur County Memorial Hospital, 4-H, YMCA, local youth groups, churches, and schools.

Reed has also served on the Decatur County 4-H board, DuPont Ag Chem advisory board, the Farm Chem / PACE Advisory Council, the Greensburg Methodist Church investment committee, as well as being the President and Co-Founder of the Indiana Plant Food Association, and President of the B.P.O.E. Lodge #475.

Reed was also active in the community as a member of the Lions Club, Greensburg Country Club, and



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The Reed family is like branches of a tree. We may grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one in Decatur County.