



GREENSBURG COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2019 INDUCTEES

 **Adm. Oliver Kessing 1908** was a 1914 graduate of the Naval Academy. As a Lieutenant during World War I, he served on board the USS Huntingdon. Kessing did hydroplane flying and served as a balloon observer with convoys where he was searching for submarines. He was the first, and because of the high degree of danger in the program, it was discontinued.

During World War II, Kessing distinguished himself by outstanding service in command of advanced bases in the Pacific from Bougainville, the Solomon Islands, and beyond. Kessing was the recipient of many awards, including the Legion of Merit.

In November 1943, President Roosevelt presented Kessing with the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroic conduct. When enemy bombs starting a raging fire in a supply and ammunition dump, Kessing organized a fire-fighting party. He made his way under constant danger of further air attack to the dump. Working in a blazing inferno of exploding ammunition, Kessing finally extinguished the fire.

Later in life, Kessing served as the third and final commissioner of the All-American Football Conference before it merged into the National Football League.

 **Bill Wenning '56** holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Butler University. Wenning's teaching career began at GJHS in 1962 where he taught eighth grade math and coached football. In 1966, Wenning moved on to teach upper level math at GCHS for 34 years. Some of his many achievements at the high school included coaching over 85 teams, girls golf for 19 years, boys golf for 25 years, and girls basketball for five years. Wenning was the boys basketball announcer for 37 years and the football timer for 30 years. Wenning directed local FCA activities for 34 years and was an active member and past-president of the Greensburg Teachers Association.

Wenning's involvement and accomplishments in the community have been equally impressive. He was a past-president and member of the Greensburg Optimist Club where he served for 47 years, past-president and member of the Big Brothers and Sisters for 20 years, past-president and member



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of the Greensburg Country Club for over 50 years where he started the youth golf program. Wenning was always an active volunteer and as a coach. His athletes recognized his ability to drive them to their best.