

Distinguished Service Award & Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Four County Career Center honored six graduates from the Career Center who have had success in their careers and who will serve as outstanding representatives for the school at the 19th annual “Wall of Fame” awards program Monday evening. Nominations for this honor are open to the public and based on the areas of significant contributions to the individual’s career, the community, education, and Four County Career Center.

This was also the third year for the “Distinguished Service Award” presented to the individual who has displayed on-going dedication and commitment to the Career Center and to the communities served by the Career Center. This year’s recipient is Karen Maassel, retired Instructor at the Career Center.

The new members were inducted during the annual advisory committee dinner where Ellie Cichocki, Workforce Development/Job Placement Coordinator, served as Master of Ceremonies. Superintendent Tim Meister formally welcomed everyone and gave special introductions. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jaryd Hobbs, a Automotive Technologies student from Archbold, and a Student Ambassador. Ashley Martin, an Early Childhood Education student from Defiance and a Student Ambassador, gave the invocation.

Shown above following the ceremony holding their plaques are (LEFT TO RIGHT) Karen Maassel; J. Mark Holbrook; Tom Riegsecker; Michelle M. Pelland-Semer; Steve Slattman; Chuck Wallace; and Shannon K. Zellers.

Karen Maassel retired as GRADS Instructor from the Career Center in 2009 after twenty-five years in education. She has continued to be active in many educational and community organizations following retirement over the next seven years and is a member of the FCCC Endowment Committee. Karen lives in Napoleon with her husband Don.

J. Mark Holbrook came to the Career Center from Bryan High School and enrolled in the Printing program from which he graduated in 1982. J. Mark is currently Founder/Director of The Acacia Alliance in West Unity. J. Mark lives in West Unity.

Tom Riegsecker enrolled at the Career Center from Pettisville High School, entered the Auto Mechanics program and graduated in 1971. He is the owner of Tom’s Welding & Repair and Delta Truck Sales and lives in Delta.

Michelle M. Pelland-Semer attended the Career Center from Defiance High School and graduated in 1989 in the Cosmetology program. Michelle is currently an Independent Contracting - Pedicurist, Manicurist & Cosmetologist - Specializing in Elderly People and lives in Bryan.

Steve Slattman came to the Career Center from Bryan High School, entered the Small Engine Repair program and graduated in 1984. He is currently the Transportation Manager at Quadco Rehabilitation Center in Stryker and resides in Bryan.

Chuck Wallace enrolled at the Career Center from Edgerton High School and graduated in 1985 in the Auto Body program. Chuck is the General Manager at Best One Tire & Service in Bryan and he lives in Edgerton.

Shannon K. Zellers attended the Career Center from Napoleon High School, entered the Early Childhood Education program and graduated in 1989. She is currently the Program Manager at Quadco Rehabilitation Center in Stryker and lives in Napoleon.

A picture/plaque of each “Wall of Fame” and “Distinguished Service Award” recipient will be placed in the main entrance at Four County Career Center. A special “Thank You” is extended to all area businesses who continue to employ Career Center students and give them the opportunity to succeed. Nominations are now being accepted for next year’s “Wall of Fame” and “Distinguished Service Award.” Contact the Career Center at 419-267-3331 for nomination forms or visit the website at www.fourcounty.net.

