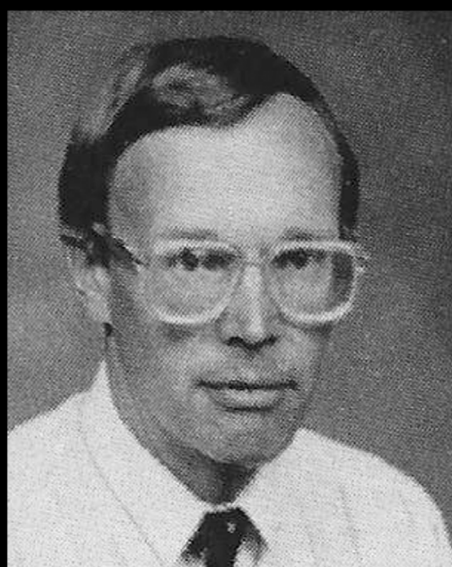




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CHUCK GERUT
SCIENCE
YEARS OF SERVICE 1988 – 2005
INDUCTED – 2012

Chuck Gerut

Years of Service:
1988 - 2005

Accomplishments:

- Taught physics chemistry and physical science
- He labored in obscurity, trying each day to have the most rewarding and happy class meetings. That anyone noticed is a surprise to him.
- He expanded the technology of physics, stressed a hands-on approach and introduced a non-honors level of physics.
- “I never looked for awards and only applied for them when compelled,” He said. “Is doing the best job you can reward enough? Yes.”



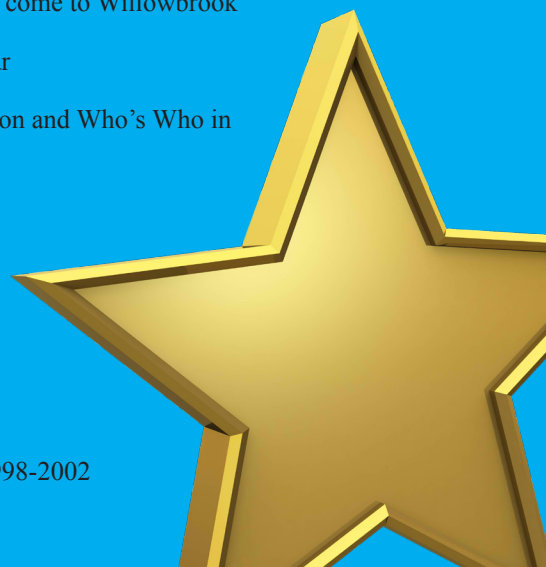
DAVID KNOEBBER
ART
YEARS OF SERVICE 1968 – 1994
INDUCTED – 2012

David Knoebber

Years of Service:
1968 - 1994

Accomplishments:

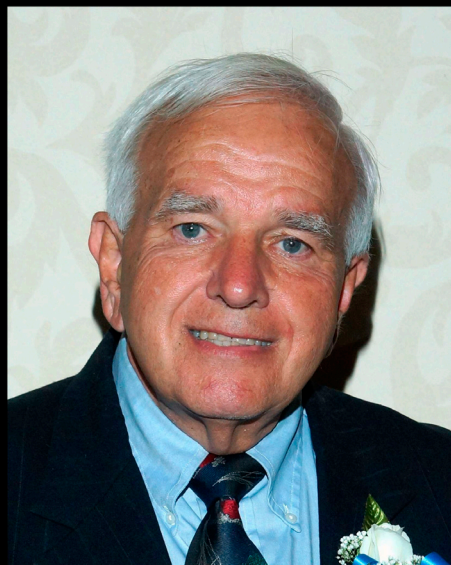
- In 1973, began inviting artists to come to Willowbrook
- National Art Educator of the Year
- Those Who Excel in Art Education and Who's Who in American Education
- Distinguished Member
Illinois Art Education
- Alumni Educator of the Year -
University of Wisconsin
- Outstanding Member - Illinois
Art Education Association
- Invitational Watercolor Awards 1998-2002
- Bonita Springs Art Award - 2010





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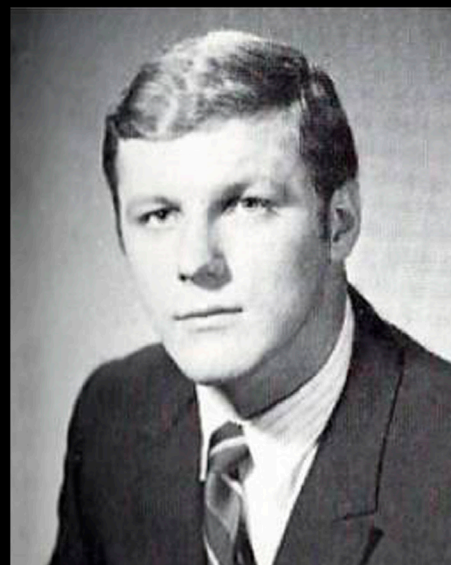
ED RADDATZ
SOCIAL STUDIES
YEARS OF SERVICE 1968 – 2001
INDUCTED – 2012

Ed Raddatz

Years of Service:
1968 - 2001

Accomplishments:

- Helped create new social studies classes - America in Peace and War; Government, Law and Politics
- Co-founded the Model United Nations Club
- Sponsored the Model United Nations Club for more than 25 years. The club participated in very challenging U.N. conferences at Harvard, Georgetown and the University of Chicago (the club earned outstanding delegate and best delegation awards at those conferences, as well as others)
- Active member of the American Federation of Teachers during teaching career and retirement
- Involved in various volunteer activities in retirement



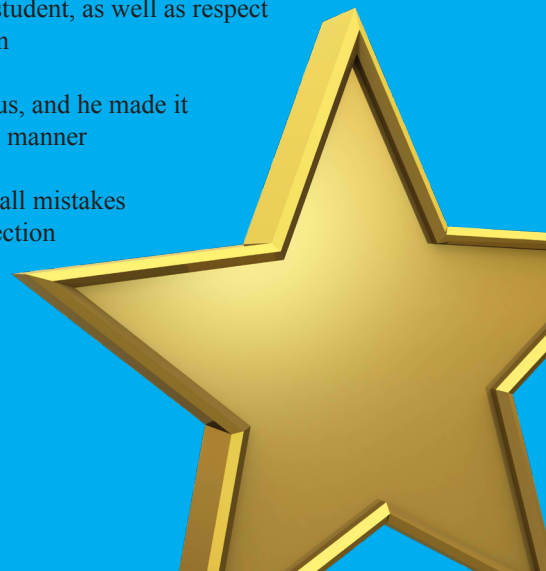
TOM ROSS
INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY
YEARS OF SERVICE 1969 – 2002
INDUCTED – 2012

Tom Ross

Years of Service:
1969 - 2002

Accomplishments:

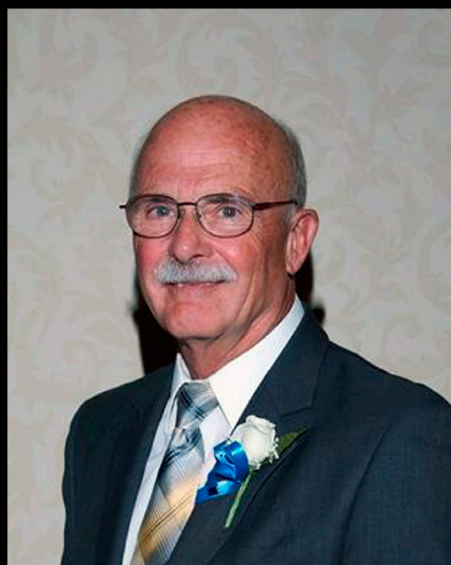
- His desire to make you a better student, as well as respect the Industrial Arts, was his passion
- His focus to detail was contagious, and he made it his mission to instruct in the same manner
- He found teachable moments in all mistakes and provided reasons for the correction





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RON TYLER
GUIDANCE
YEARS OF SERVICE 1968 – 2006
INDUCTED – 2012

Ron Tyler

Years of Service:
1968 - 2006

Accomplishments:

- 1968-2006 Willowbrook Faculty
- 1969-1983 Founded Willowbrook Cave Club
- 1972-2006 Willowbrook Guidance Department
- 1985-2006 AP and ACT Testing Supervisor
- 1994-2006 Presentor Senior College Night, Financial Aid Night



AL VANDEMERKT
ENGLISH
YEARS OF SERVICE 1959 – 1988
INDUCTED – 2012

Al VandeMerkt

Years of Service:
1959 - 1988

Accomplishments:

- Having had the following Hall of Famers in class or on teams he coached gives him great satisfaction:
Dr. Kevin Most, Mark Johnson, Bob Ryan, Ted Cunningham and Tom Domin
- University of Chicago mention for teaching excellence - 1963
- Worked two state tournaments in baseball (1986-1987)
- Who's Who in American College and Universities - 1957

