

DR. TONY BILLINGSLEY

-Class of 1993

A medical caregiver who bases his career and service on relationships.



» Friends from his school days in Walla Walla remember Tony as a natural leader and steadfast friend, with a true commitment to teamwork. After receiving his diploma from Walla Walla High School, Tony graduated from Whitworth College in 1997 and the University of Washington Medical School in 2002. He was appointed Chief Resident during his residency at Madigan Army Medical Center.

Since returning to Walla Walla in 2005, he has worked in the Providence St. Mary Medical Center Emergency Room. He serves as Emergency Department Medical Director in addition to beginning a two-year term as Chief of Staff. He also lends his medical expertise to Wa-Hi, Whitman College, Young Life's Middle School Camp at Washington Ranch, and the Milton-Freewater Rural Fire and Ambulance Department.

Tony has volunteered with the Walla Walla Hospice and Blue Mountain Community Foundation Boards. He is active on his church music team and as an AAU basketball coach. He is known for being tech savvy and loves coming to the rescue for family and friends. He also helped develop and implement an electronic medical information system currently used throughout the Providence health network.

Tony and his wife, Kara, have four children. His mother and siblings live here, too, and their home is a frequent family gathering place. He is an avid runner and cyclist who completed an ironman in 2016, in addition to other triathlons and marathons (including Boston) throughout the years.

His nomination was originated by Marc Yonts, with help from Mike Clark, Dr. Philip Green, Jesse Broel and Dr. Marc Bruce.

Tony selected longtime Wa-Hi teacher Johnnie Dennis as his inspirational staff person. He took zero period physics from Mr. Dennis and says the early hours were memorable because he was such an enthusiastic and dynamic teacher. Tony remembers amazing classroom demonstrations, such as lying down on a bed of nails to explain the distribution of force. He said it was a pleasure to learn from such a committed person.

» **MOST INSPIRATIONAL STAFF MEMBER:**

JOHNNIE DENNIS, *Walla Walla High School Physics Teacher*

» GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION « AWARD RECIPIENTS 1999-2019

AWARD YEAR	RECIPIENT'S NAME	GRAD YEAR	AWARD YEAR	RECIPIENT'S NAME	GRAD YEAR
1999	James F. Aylward	1946	2009	Greg Ralston Pepin.....	1968
1999	Richard P. Neher	1949	2009	Dr. Philip Phillips	1975
1999	Karen E. Glover	1968			
1999	Dr. Eric Johnson.....	1968	2010	Richard K. Knuth, Ph.D.....	1969
1999	Michael Murr	1969	2010	Mary Jane Towner-Glaser	1971
			2010	Tim Donaldson	1979
2000	Gordon S. Riess.....	1944			
2000	Dr. William C. Dement.....	1947	2011	Edward Aliverti	1950
2000	Wilber Pribilsky	1951	2011	Lt. Gen. Robert D. Beckel	1955
2000	Philip N. Lane, Jr.....	1962	2011	Larry B. Siegel	1969
2000	Bruce T. Bjerke.....	1968	2011	Drew M. Bledsoe.....	1990
2001	Gordon L. Jaynes.....	1946	2012	John P. Folsom.....	1962
2001	Ned Lange	1952	2012	Jill A. Largent, M.D.....	1968
2001	Eugene Blattman	1954	2012	Megan Ferguson Clubb	1974
2001	Jeanne Parker Miller.....	1969			
2001	Vickie Anderson-VanZandt.....	1972	2013	Carol Minnick Santa.....	1962
			2013	Dan Reid	1974
2002	Charlotte Wirth	1944	2013	Craig Nelson	1981
2002	Robert I. Brunton.....	1953			
2002	James K. Hayner	1968	2014	Thomas L. Copeland.....	1942
			2014	Daniel J. Hess.....	1968
2003	Gene Frank	1946	2014	Paul H. Schneidmiller.....	1970
2003	Mark Anderson.....	1973	2014	David Wagner	1993
2003	Irene Gonzales.....	1980			
			2015	Judy Chamberlain Holloway	1962
2004	Harold R. Frank.....	1941	2015	Richard "Dick" Moeller	1963
2004	Ned Shafer.....	1961	2015	Carol M. Barker.....	1974
2004	Jeffrey Frank Ray.....	1978			
			2016	Gary Hanson	1976
2005	Gerwyn A. Jones.....	1928	2016	Mark Kajita	1987
2005	Dr. George Cole Williams Jr.....	1947	2016	Jerry Zahl	1962
2005	Michael Maiden.....	1968			
			2017	Bruce Hunt.....	1974
2006	Val Jensen.....	1947	2017	Jeanne Eggart Helfer	1977
2006	Dr. Stephen Hayner	1966	2017	Richard D. Simon, Jr, M.D.	1968
2006	AnnRene Joseph	1973			
			2018	Terry Atchison	1966
2007	Dr. Neil V. Follett	1944	2018	Dr. Randall Kenneth Barton	1971
2007	Barbara D. Johnson	1967	2018	Dr. Elizabeth MacDonald	1995
2008	Claro E. Bergevin.....	1941	2019	Peggy Blize Needham	1982
2008	Gretchen Miller Kafoury	1959	2019	Scott Krivoshein	1983
2008	John E. "Jack" Pelo.....	1974	2019	Mary Lux Stumph.....	1983
			2019	Dr. Tony Billingsley	1993
2009	R.F. "Dick" Monahan	1958			
2009	Daniel DeSiga	1967			

WELCOME

» Walla Walla Public Schools' Graduates of Distinction program provides an avenue for recognizing high school graduates of Walla Walla Public Schools.

» These outstanding graduates have distinguished themselves in their communities and professions. This award also provides a platform to honor Walla Walla Public Schools staff members who were the most inspirational in their lives.

» GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION « PROGRAM





PEGGY BLIZE NEEDHAM

-Class of 1982

A risk prevention specialist and networker who always puts others first.



SCOTT KRIVOSHEIN

-Class of 1983

A business leader who dedicates his life to better the community.



MARY LUX STUMPH

-Class of 1983

A medical sales professional who values hard work and helping others.

>> Peggy has made it her life's goal to connect with people in the Walla Walla Valley and help them live safely. To say Peggy is a people person is putting it lightly. Peggy lives to help people, most notably our valley's children. Since 1990, the Walla Walla native has been actively involved in prevention emphasis work. She established a drug free workplace program during her early years with the Walla Walla County Department of Human Services (DHS) and she also directed both the Substance Abuse and County Traffic Safety Task Forces.

While an Injury Prevention Specialist with the Walla Walla Fire Department, she helped reduce fall and accident calls from older citizens to EMTs by 30 percent, according to one of her nominators. With grant funding, she also worked for the Retired Senior Volunteer Project (RSVP) and spent time on traffic safety programs for the same population.

While raising three boys with husband Mike, Peggy found her passion for a multitude of initiatives involving youth and she always finds a way to make a difference. She worked to have flashing speed limit signs installed around Prospect Point and to have reduced speed limits near the busy Howard Street/Abbott Road intersection. As a parent involved in the Walla Walla select baseball program, she raised more than \$9,000 to replace an aging backstop at Garrison Middle School.

One of Peggy's proudest accomplishments is bringing the Sources of Strength National Suicide Prevention Program to four high schools and three middle schools, with the goal of instilling hope, help, strength and connections for young people.

Her nominators, Lizbette Fera, Nancy McClenny-Walters, Noemi Sarmiento and Scott Bieber, say Peggy is committed to promoting a drug free community. Through W2 for Drug Free Youth, Peggy has been able to promote and enhance drug prevention efforts for elementary through high school students. And, best of all, she has encouraged teens to become involved as positive role models.

Peggy chose her Garrison Middle School Principal James Chubb as her inspirational staff person. Peggy says there was one person she could always count on and it was Mr. Chubb. She recalls he was always present when people talked with him and everyone knew he was really listening. To this day, Peggy says she remembers Mr. Chubb's leadership, guidance and genuine care for people as she performs her work in the community.

>> **MOST INSPIRATIONAL STAFF MEMBER:**
JAMES CHUBB, *Garrison Middle School Principal*

>> Some might call Scott Krivoshein "Mr. Community Service" – and they wouldn't be wrong. Since returning to Walla Walla in the mid-80's after attending Mt. Hood Community College, Scott has immersed himself in community initiatives and organizations. The list includes Rotary Club of Walla Walla, Big Blue Boosters, Chamber of Commerce, school district committees and AAU basketball and softball coaching. He has also supported Hospice and the Blue Mountain Humane Society over the years.

Nominator and friend Mark Klicker says Scott is a man who volunteers because he is grateful for the community support he received while growing up in Walla Walla. Scott loved competing in sports at Wa-Hi, especially football. He was the type of teammate who rallied the team to go all out. The expression "Bleed Blue" could very easily have Scott's name linked to it.

Another nominator, Dan Hess, calls Scott a "bulldog on all projects in which he participates." One example is his tenacious work with the Wa-Hi track project through the Big Blue Boosters. He began fundraising in 2009, revived the effort again in 2013 and watched the project come to fruition in 2017, due in large part to \$800,000 in private community donations that he helped raise. Scott also was instrumental in getting the new track named after legendary teacher and coach Dave Klicker.

Scott also is a successful business professional, first working in his family's funeral home, then moving to Baker Boyer Bank as an investment advisor, and finally running his own business (Krivoshein Financial) since 2001. He has received multiple awards from the Raymond James Executive Council in recognition of strong business growth; and his firm has been voted "Best of the Best Financial Advisors" for seven years.

Scott is devoted to his family, including wife Renee and two daughters, and carves out time to support them in all their endeavors.

His nominators, Kim McDaniels, Mike Clark, Marc Yonts, Mark Klicker and John Royse, concur Scott is a loyal friend to many and commend his dedication to family, clients and citizens of his hometown community.

Scott chose his high school principal Dick Neher as his inspirational staff member, saying Mr. Neher was a "listener, boundary setter and he walked with us, not against us. He taught us respect and honor, even into his retirement."

>> **MOST INSPIRATIONAL STAFF MEMBER:**
DICK NEHER, *Walla Walla High School Principal*

>> A strong work ethic is second nature to Mary Lux Stumph, who grew up on her family's wheat farm. She learned early on you don't quit until your work is done. While attending pharmacy school at WSU, she received a rare and coveted internship with major pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly. Her internship resulted in a job offer launching a 30-year career in sales and management positions.

According to fellow Eli Lilly co-worker and nominator, Andy Metzinger, "Mary was an invaluable employee because she actively modeled excellence, leadership, teamwork and character." Another co-worker, Jenny Metcalf, says Mary paved a path for women in her profession and mentored many colleagues in leadership skills, collaboration, communication and conflict resolution.

While working and raising her son and daughter with husband Denny, she volunteered in classrooms, was Graduation Night committee chair twice, and helped raise more than \$60,000 for Stadium High School's booster club. In retirement, she continues to volunteer in unique ways. On Thursday's, she rocks babies in a neonatal intensive care unit, and serves as the unpaid executive director of the Patient Support Foundation. In this role, she helps patients and their families navigate the health care system and advocates to get cancer patients the best possible care – something she learned as a breast cancer survivor.

Mary's nominator was her friend and cousin Julie Gwinn Cox with the support of Melissa Hayes. A common theme noted in Mary's application was a desire to serve and improve the quality of life for all those around her.

Mary chose her high school assistant basketball coach Martha Lehen as her inspirational staff person. She calls Martha more of a life coach and said the basics she took away from her time with Martha were "respect for people, the importance of goal setting and always giving 100 percent." She said she still remembers Martha's encouraging words and strong support of confidence.

>> **MOST INSPIRATIONAL STAFF MEMBER:**
MARTHA LEHNEN, *Walla Walla High School Assistant Basketball Coach*