

Mishawaka High Schools 144th Commencement Speaker

Karen Furore Grau



Karen Grau - Founder/President Calamari Productions

Karen Grau is a 1980 graduate of Mishawaka High School and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from Indiana University, Bloomington. After a decade of journalism and education policy experience, Karen founded Calamari Productions in 1998. At the time, Calamari was one of the first female-owned television production companies in the United States. As Calamari's Founder and Chief Executive, Karen brings 25 years of broadcast experience to all Calamari projects, from her time as a radio and TV news reporter in Indianapolis to the two decades she spent creating, writing and producing award-winning documentaries and TV series under the Calamari banner. Her career also includes three years as Deputy Legislative Director to former Indiana Governor Evan Bayh, where she assisted in writing three State of the State addresses.

Today, Calamari Productions remains the only production company in the world with special waivers granted by state Supreme Courts around the U.S. to bring documentary cameras inside juvenile courts and prisons, venues that are legally closed to the media and the public. Calamari has turned that trust and extraordinary camera access into award-winning films, series and video content used around the globe, from television networks and streamers such as ABC, NBC, MSNBC, Hulu, A&E, MTV, YouTube, Court TV, PBS, Bio and Channel 4 in the U.K., to universities and state governments around the country. Calamari Productions has won some of journalism's highest honors, including Emmy Awards, the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award, and more than 16 national awards for its groundbreaking programming.

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Notes From The Editor

Summer sure did go by quickly this year. Frankly, this time, I'm glad. I feel as though we all missed out on many of the summertime things that we really enjoy because of the extreme heat. I am really looking forward to the cooler temperatures of Fall/Winter and all these seasons bring with them.

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Awards

Edward R. Murrow Award- *Best Writing*, National Edward R. Murrow Award- *Best Documentary*, National Emmy Nominee- *Best Documentary*, Emmy Award- *Best Documentary*, Emmy Award- *Best Writing*, National Headliner Award- *News Documentary*, Columbus International Film Festival- *Award Winner*, Headliner Award, Casey Medal For Meritorious Journalism- *Television: Long Form*, National IRE Award- *Television: Network/Syndicated*, American Society On The Abuse Of Children- *Outstanding Media Coverage*, Anna Quindlen Child Welfare League of America Award- *Excellence in reporting on behalf of children and families*, Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Award- *Exceptional Contribution to the Juvenile Courts*, IARRCA "Friend of the Child" Award- *Efforts on Behalf of Children*, Associated Press Broadcasters Award- *First Place Best Coverage of Children's Issues- Society of Professional Journalists*.



GROWING THE FUTURE AUCTION/DINNER RSVP

Saturday, October 2 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm | Mishawaka High School Parking Lot

TICKET	PRICE	NUMBER NEEDED	TOTAL
Adult	\$20 each		
Child	\$7 each		
		Total amount of check	

**Each ticket includes a donation to the MEF for continued support to the students and educators of SCM*

**Dinner options are available thru our three food trucks: Martin's (famous chicken), Pasqualli Rulli's (famous mostaccioli and pizza) or MHS Culinary Arts (famous Beef and Noodles). Children's meals will be Martin's (chicken tenders), Pasqualli Rulli's (pizza) and MHS Culinary Arts (Beef and Noodles).*

**Dinner Seating will be available with LIVE MHS student music or a Drive thru option*

**Other events to experience: Bounce House, Face Painting, Balloon Pull for Gift Cards, Wine Pull, Auction pick up or purchase unsold auction items, 50/50 Raffle pull and more!*

These tickets will make a wonderful FAMILY give-away! So come join the fun - family-friendly costumes encouraged!

Be sure to check out all the great items waiting for your bids at the online auction site:

https: www.biddingforgood.com/scmef or use the mobile link at www.bforg.com/scmef.

Online auction ends Tuesday, September 28 at 8:00 pm.

The MEF **THANKS YOU** for your continued support of this AMAZING Mishawaka community event!

Contact information: Jane Wright, Executive Director, foundation@mishawaka.k12.in.us

In Memory

**Diana (Vaerewyck)
Barrett**
01-07-46 to 07-25-21
Class of 1964

**Donna (Craft)
Baumgartner**
05-18-38 to 11-24-20
Class of 1957

John C Bohdan
10-22-33 to 01-31-21
Class of 1953

**Donna (Emery)
Borsodi**
11-05-30 to 01-25-21
Class of 1948

**Barbara (Marks)
Bortone**
11-27-45 to 03-12-21
Class of 1964

**Dawn (Larimer)
Brasseur**
08-30-41 to 01-20-21
Class of 1959

James Bruynell
09-18-36 to 03-21-21
Class of 1955

**Marilyn (Robbins)
Burke**
08-08-34 to 02-21-21
Class of 1952

Danny Cook
05-18-56 to 02-10-21
Class of 1974

Charles Curtis
03-10-35 to 01-03-21
Class of 1953

John Roger Deputy
07-25-42 to 02-25-21
Class of 1960

James DeWinter
05-25-48 to 01-08-21
Class of 1966

**Donna (Coleman)
DuBois**
01-02-38 to 03-20-21
Class of 1955

Jeffrey Alan Gardner
09-22-58 to 02-22-21
Class of 1976

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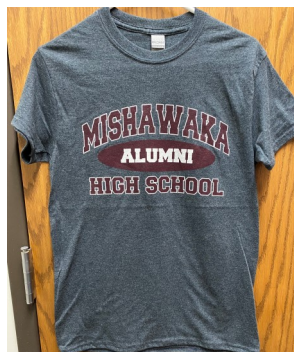
Junior Achievement®

Have you ever wanted to make an impact on the life of a local student? Do you have a passion for wanting students to own their economic success? Do you want the future of our community to learn good soft skills so they can succeed in the workplace?

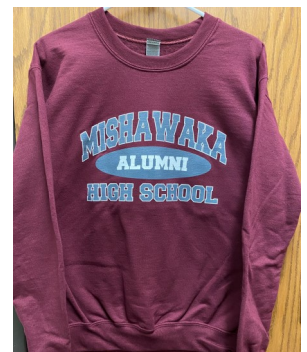
That is the mission of Junior Achievement serving St. Joseph County. We want our local students to learn the importance of job readiness skills, entrepreneurship and financial literacy, which is why we support Junior Achievement curriculum locally in classes K-12.

What is the commitment of a JA volunteer? Volunteers need to attend a training session where you will be given your materials for the class and learn about how to properly deliver the content to students. In addition, you will be responsible for visiting the classroom to which you are assigned, one time a week for 45 minutes for 5-7 weeks depending on the grade. There is some preparation before class as well, only about 20 minutes.

You'll work with Colleen Hahn, Senior Program Manager for JA serving St. Joseph, to ensure that you are placed in a classroom where you are comfortable to work with students. JA has three waves each year of classes and all the materials are provided. If you are interested in learning more about the program or would like to volunteer, contact Colleen Hahn at colleen.hahn@ja.org or call 574.252.6056.



We now have a few Alumni spirit wear items for sale. T-shirt \$10, Sweatshirt \$15, add'l \$3 for 2xl and up. We hope to add additional styles and items to the inventory in the future. If interested, please call Heidi At 574-254-4523. Once we begin having our luncheons inside again, they will be available for purchase there as well.





TRUNK OR TREAT

October 2 at 5:30 -7:30pm
Mishawaka High School Parking Lot

MEF will be hosting the first Trunk or Treat of the Halloween season and we invite you to join us!

You and your company/business will have the opportunity to have fun with the Mishawaka community while passing out child friendly candy, trinkets or goodies from the trunk of your car or table set up.

To participate a donation fee of \$50 (for businesses only) will benefit the students of School City of Mishawaka through classroom grants and unique educational opportunities. If you would like to participate in the Trunk or Treat portion of the Growing the Future event, please provide the information below. Event details will be provided to you via email.

We are also looking for donations of gift certificates, unique experiences or items for the silent auction. Please consider a contribution for this event. The more funds raised, the more Mishawaka students will benefit!

Name/Company _____ Contact _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

☐ I will participate in the Trunk or Treat. Please send me the details.

☐ I will contribute to the silent auction. Please contact me.



If you have questions or need additional information, please contact:
Deborah Brechtel, GTF Co-chair, MEF Board Member at indydeb23@outlook.com
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Jane Wright, MEF Executive Director at foundation@mishawaka.k12.in.us



REUNIONS

Joseph Gladura
09-14-40 to 02-08-21
Class of 1958

**Rose (Gartner)
Gordon**
12-24-26 to 01-12-21
Class of 1945

Dorothy L Guidi
08-01-24 to 03-07-21
Class of 1942

**Elizabeth (Fritz)
Hardesty**
08-08-30 to 01-03-21
Class of 1948

Russell Hays
04-17-44 to 03-08-21
Class of 1962

John Heintzberger
10-06-63 to 01-12-21
Class of 1982

**Charleen (Vercruysse)
Hixenbaugh**
04-17-40 to 01-12-21
Class of 1958

Gladys (Evon) Keller
06-15-27 to 03-11-21
Class of 1945

Norman Kizer
11-15-31 to 02-13-21
Class of 1950

Duane Kollar
02-19-30 to 08-16-20
Class of 1948

**Christine (Canfield)
Larimer**
03-28-45 to 02-06-21
Class of 1963

James Laskowski
08-19-53 to 02-02-21
Class of 1971

Ted Leach
03-28-47 to 03-09-21
Class of 1965

**Patricia (Malia)
McIntee**
02-16-33 to 12-29-20
Class of 1951

**Mary Ellen (Norton)
Maenhout**
07-21-33 to 01-05-21
Class of 1951

Class of 1961 **60th Class Reunion** **October 16**

BK Club

5:30 -10:00 pm

(cash bar)

7:00 Dinner

\$25 per person

**Make check payable to MHS 60th Reunion.
Check must be received by September 1.**

**Contact Joseph DeKever, 2113 Linden Ave,
Mishawaka, IN 46544, 574-255-2708.**

**Veronica (Tordi)
Maggioli**
08-27-37 to 02-28-21
Class of 1955

Terrance Magnuson
05-05-41 to 03-02-21
Class to 1960

**Patricia (Caskey)
Mechling**
02-05-27 to 12-09-29
Class of 1945

**Harriet (O'Dell)
Meuninck**
01-24-24 to 04-21-21
Class of 1942

**Julie (Verspelt)
Moore**
06-01-46 to 02-10-21
Class of 1964

William Moshak
03-02-34 to 02-13-21
Class of 1956

Tammy Nard
07-20-61 to 01-28-21
Class of 1980

Mervin Phillips
10-08-39 to 03-20-21
Class of 1958

William Poure
10-22-29 to 12-07-20
Class of 1948

**Dolores (Needham)
Riggs**
03-05-34 to 12-06-20
Class of 1979

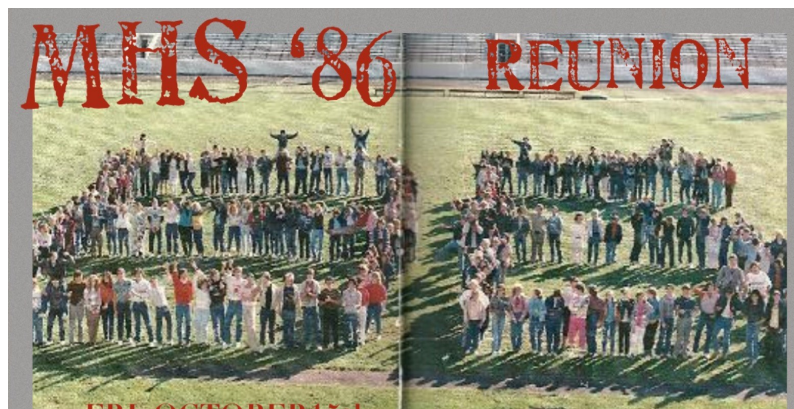
**Carol (Sostack)
Robertson**
03-06-54 to 04-25-21
Class of 1972

**Rose (McClure)
Rupard**
07-30-32 to 12-20-20
Class of 1950

William Reed
10-24-26 to 02-24-21
Class of 1944

Wendy Sabinas
12-13-74 to 12-07-20
Class of 1993

**Louise (Van Der Beke)
Schlundt**
08-09-33 to 01-24-21
Class of 1951



FRI. OCTOBER 15th
6-11pm

Chicory Event Center
114 W. First St.
Mishawaka

Polish Buffet \$40/p
Polish Buffet with
unlimited Bar \$50/p
Hashtag Music &
Entertainment

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PIC•COLLAGE

David Shelby
09-01-48 to 12-12-20
Class of 1966

DeVerl M Smith
04-14-44 to 04-20-21
Class of 1962

Gregg Smith
10-24-74 to 03-08-21
Class of 1993

Vernon "Tom" Smith
03-28-29 to 12-21-20
Class of 1947

Timothy Sowers
08-05-81 to 04-23-21
Class of 2000

Suzanne Spain
11-28-56 to 01-31-21
Class of 1974

Matthew Spart
06-16-65 to 12-08-20
Class of 1983

Karen (Hyska) Spears
05-10-39 to 04-30-21
Class of 1957

Richard L Spears
09-17-40 to 04-10-21
Class of 1958

James Spencer Jr
08-18-54 to 12-08-20
Class of 1972

Frank M Steele M.D.
01-11-25 to 01-07-21
Class of 1943

Lois (Webber) Stethem
08-25-29 to 03-24-21
Class of 1947

Tammy (Kyle) Thomas
11-13-59 to 02-02-21
Class of 1977

Michael Thornton Sr
09-29-48 to 03-23-21
Class of 1966

Joanne (Van De Loo) Van AverMaete
05-29-38 to 01-24-21
Class of 1956

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Al Weis sent this to me after reading J.B. Rivards letter (February issue) on the NYC's 20th Century Limited non-stop passenger train from NYC to Chicago. Al said that the article brought back many memories for him and he wanted to share them with the alumni.

Trains

Our little house at 717 ½ E. 4th St. located between the Merrifield St. crossing and the Union St. crossing backed up to the New York Central RR right of way; we couldn't get any closer without being on the tracks. The trains both passenger and the Oh so frequent freights were a part of our lives. The freights went on forever and stretched to eternity. Sometimes my friends Jimmy Tinsley, Danny Raab and a few of the Boehnleins flock of 15 kids would count the number of cars, sometimes reaching as high as 130 in my memory.

Elkhart, IN was just a few miles east of Mishawaka and had a huge number of switching tracks for the freights to get all those cars to different locations. The bumping back and forth to pull a few boxcars off the main track was hard to ignore.

The switching process sometimes backed the cars up so the caboose ended up adjacent to our backyard. The caboose was a special car looking like a little house trailer with slanted roofs and a smokestack for the cook stoves inside. Some workers traveled with the freight to their final destination and cooked for the engineers. They would show us inside the caboose and if we were lucky, give us a piece of pie.

The 20th Century Limited, non-stop between NYC and Chicago, flew by our house at speeds up to 90 miles an hour, loudly blowing its whistle every afternoon heading for Chicago; it was a beautiful train. The front of the engine had a headlight centered in the middle of the tapered nose, which jutted out from the very front like a bullet. I believe it was called the Pacemaker, but we called it the bullet train.

The 1940s were the last days of the steam engine trains; they were the last beautiful engines. The giant main engine wheel connected with the long cam arm to the huge engine piston pumping in and out of the steam tank, hissing away, discharging excess steam. Puffing white smoke from their smokestack.

The diesels were nothing in comparison. Their whistle sound was not even as powerful. I'm not sure they even had cabooses. The drive mechanics were shielded by outer painted sides. You couldn't see the giant piston driving that huge wheel. Even the smoke from the little smokestack was dirty! The end of an era.

Al Weis 50'

To fill you in on the last Newsletter. The last one went out in August. As soon as the hardcopies are picked up by our mail service, I send it out to those that receive it through their email. A week or so later I receive a call from the mail service informing me that my mailing had been rejected by the USPS because I was promoting gambling, which is not allowed. It was the flyer on the MEF 2021 50/50 Raffle that was in question. The same one that was in the last newsletter. I am not sure why it wasn't allowed this time and the many times that I have published it before but for some reason it wasn't going through this time. So please forgive me, I had no idea printing that was illegal.

Phyllis (Booker) VanBruaene
01-23-29 to 04-13-21
Class of 1946

Marcia (Sawdon) Vargo
02-18-43 to 02-23-21
Class of 1961

Moniefa (Siade) Wadsworth
02-24-22 to 12-08-20
Class of 1941

Marilyn (Sprague) Wall
12-08-26 to 12-21-20
Class of 1945

Ruthann (Wishart) Walters
08-12-39 to 01-12-21
Class of 1957

Sally Jo (Bonney) Westlake
11-05-39 to 01-08-21
Class of 1957

Norma (VanHoutte) Wardlow
03-28-32 to 12-01-20
Class of 1950

Jean (Zimmerman) Warner-Magrane
09-16-24 to 12-28-20
Class of 1942

Dorotheann (Sellon) Wasio
01-16-28 to 12-03-20
Class of 1945

William Whitten Sr
11-15-64 to 04-20-21
Class of 1983

Wanda (Nichols) Wilson
05-22-38 to 11-09-20
Class of 1957

Lois (Roesti) Wisthuff
11-30-32 to 01-11-21
Class of 1950

Ball Band Biergarten Luncheon

The first luncheon we did in July was really nice, though it was very hot, we still had a pretty good turn out of people. I think that people would of shown up regardless of the weather just to see each other! We met at the Ball Band Biergarten again in August. Not as big of a crowd in August but I'm sure it was because of the heat (again). Here are just a few pictures of our time there.



Upcoming Luncheons

Chicory Cafe

12:00 - 1:30pm

We are finally starting back up with our indoor luncheons!!! We will be returning to Chicory Café starting in October. Out of precaution, we have only scheduled through December. We will re-evaluate in December/January on if we are able to move forward and schedule out for the entire year of 2022.

There have been a few changes since we last met at Chicory. We will now be using round tables instead of the long tables that were used in the past. This will allow more opportunity for social distancing. Chicory has had to increase their prices because of the COVID backlash; therefore, we have to increase the luncheon price to \$10 per person. We will continue to have our 50/50 draw as usual. We are not sure about entertainment yet. Hopefully, we will have the Madrigals from the high school perform at the December lunch but are unsure for the other months right now.

October 6 Bruschetta Chicken, grilled vegetables, roasted potatoes, roll & butter

November 2 Turkey, potatoes & gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, roll & butter

December 1 Fried Chicken, polish sausage, noodles, potatoes & gravy, sweet & sour cabbage, roll & butter

There will now be a drink table instead of having to go to the bar. If you would like something other than what is offered, you can go inside to the restaurant and order from there.

Drinks available: Coffee, Water, Lemonade, Coke, Diet Coke

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kincade Acrey 21'	Elizabeth Fisher 09'	Katelin Pixley 21'
Connor Addison 21'	Kris Frazier 71'	Roman Robic 21'
Brian Amos 95'	Trevor Glassburn 21'	Eric Rodts 71'
Phil Barbera 71'	Lisa Ermeti Hull 71'	Curtis Swinehart 89'
Katrina Barfell 08'	Kristen Hurley 01'	Virginia (Gini) Thomas 89'
Kylie Blake 21'	Rev. Rita Johnson 71'	Victoria Tiller 21'
Leann Brown 21'	Isaiah Mark 21'	Marlene Vandygriff 71'
Jim Crook 71'	Lynnea Means 21'	Austin Wisler 21'
Cindy Shindledecker Crook 72'	Linda Carter Mendenhall 71'	George Wood 71'
Gian DeCarlo 21'	John Mortimore 71'	Becky Shriver Wood 71'
Laura Koselak Dorbin 88'	Julia Young Norris 76'	Charlotte Gann Zeak 70'
April Fisher 11'	Theresa Masters Olmes 71'	

MHS Alumni July Financial Report

Beginning balance as of June 30, 2021		\$ 34,900.65
Expenses:		
Special Olympics	375.00	375.00
MEF	700.00	700.00
Spirit wear	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 33,325.65
Income:		
Interest	1.41	
Membership/Donations	<u>185.00</u>	
	\$ 186.41	\$ 33,512.06
Ending Balance as of July 31, 2021		\$ 33,512.06

Class Rings

I have acquired a collection of lost class rings that has been growing and growing over the years and I have recently stumbled across a Facebook page, ***Class Rings Lost & Found***, dedicated to lost class rings. I've posted a few of the rings on this page as well as on the ***MHS Cavemen Alumni*** Facebook page. If you have lost your ring or found a ring, please contact:

mhs-alumni@mishawaka.k12.in.us.

I currently have:

B=boy G=girl

1940G,1989G,1957B,1992B, 2001B, 2008B, 2012B

Miskodeed Request

If you have old yearbooks that you would like to donate or are looking for a certain year that you may not have, please contact mhs-alumni@mishawaka.k12.in.us or call 574-254-4523.

I currently have extras of 1912, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48,49, 51, 57, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 79, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14

Free to Alumni, \$5 donation per book for non-alumni.

With the passing of MHSAA Board member Bob Smith, the board has purchased a Brick in Alumni Plaza in memory of Bob. The brick is in the process of being engraved and will be placed in the "M" when completed.

For more information on the bricks, see the back page of the newsletter.

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October Birthdays

George Wood 10-3
Kincade Acrey 10-9
Theresa Olmes 10-16
Sue Biron 10-20

PAVE THE WAY

School City of Mishawaka has built a lasting tribute to the tradition of Mishawaka High School. Alumni Plaza is the newly renovated courtyard leading to Steele Stadium. This is a beautiful external space that has become a place for students, alumni, and the community that encompasses the “Spirit of Mishawaka”. Personalized 4”x8” bricks are great gifts to: celebrate your class reunion, create a permanent place in the community for yourself, your children or grandchildren, promote your business and show your community support, memorialize a lost loved one, honor a soldier or service-person with a patriotic thank you. For more information, email peebleesh@mishawaka.k12.in.us or call 574-254-4523.

