



*DCS*

*2023*

*Hall of Fame*

**THE DEPOSIT CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PRESENTS  
THE ANNUAL  
HALL OF FAME DINNER**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023  
ELEMENTARY CAFÉ  
5:30 PM**



## PROGRAM

- 5:30 PM Social Reception  
Entertainment provided by  
Hannah Buffington, Class of 2016
- 6:00 PM Welcome Remarks & Musical Performance  
Mrs. Denise Cook, Superintendent  
Select Members of the DCS HS Chorus under  
the Direction of Anastasia Alexopoulous
- 6:15 PM Dinner & Dessert  
Entertainment by Hannah Buffington  
Food Service provided by Mr. Patrick Walsh,  
BT BOCES, Dave Stroka, Binghamton CSD  
Chef, and Mrs. Lori Wheeler, Cafeteria  
Manager. Waitstaff, DCS High School Students
- 7:00 PM Hall of Fame Presentations  
Mr. Dan Briggs, Jr.– Kristin Canedo, Sister &  
DCS Alumnus  
Mr. Bernie Neale - Kimberlee Neale, Daughter  
& Mrs. Marie Tiffany, Sister, DCS Alumnus  
and Retired DCS Teacher
- Closing Remarks - Denise Cook

# *Deposit Central Schools*

## *Hall of Fame*

The Deposit Central School District was proud to begin its Hall of Fame program in 2017 as a way to recognize outstanding alumni. Nominees are selected for induction into the Hall of Fame based on their local, regional, national or international recognition in one or more areas. These areas may be professional, educational, athletic, cultural or community/charitable.

A committee selects a maximum of three inductees from its pool of nominees. The Hall of Fame Committee will review all nominations and make its selection in the early spring. Nomination forms and letters of recommendation for Hall of Fame consideration are accepted throughout the year.

To honor the Hall of Fame program and its purpose, distinguished honorees are invited to visit and speak with current DCS students about their career path and necessary preparation. Plaques honoring the inductees will be permanently displayed in the renovated trophy hallway in the Middle-High School.



## 2023 HALL OF FAME HONOREE

### Mr. Daniel Briggs, Jr., Class of 2003



Dan Briggs, Jr. graduated from the Deposit Central School District in 2003. Since his graduation, Dan has committed himself to the Deposit Community and the students at the Deposit Central School District through his dedication to athletics, most specifically, softball and wrestling. Acting as the assistant coach since 2011, Dan took over as head coach for varsity softball in 2016.

During his tenure as head coach, the Deposit (and merged Deposit-Hancock in 2022) team has won 7 Section IV Championships and 5 State championships. Dan has been nominated New York State Coach of the Year 4 times out of 7 possible seasons and was awarded the title in 2016, 2019, 2021 (Class C) and 2022 by the New York State Sports-writers and Coaches Organization for Girls Sports. Dan's passion for athletics and his impact on the lives of his student athletes has created a lasting legacy not only in Deposit, but also across the State of New York and the entire softball community. Deposit CSD is proud to induct Dan Briggs, Jr. into the DCS Hall of Fame. Dan and his wife, Lauren, live in Deposit, New York.



## 2023 HALL OF FAME HONOREE

### Mr. Bernie Neale, Class of 1962



Bernard (Bernie) Neale graduated from the Deposit Central School District in 1962.

Following graduation, Bernie attended the Northrop Institute of Technology in Inglewood, CA, where he earned a certificate in Aircraft Maintenance Technology and subsequently his Airframe and Powerplant license from the FAA. From 1965-2007, Bernie developed a remarkable career in the aerospace and aviation industry where he

worked on the initial Apollo Space Program including the Apollo 11 mission which was the first to successfully land on the moon. Beyond his contributions to the aviation and aerospace industry, Bernie amassed an extensive real estate portfolio which spans locations from Boston to Hawaii. His love for travel led him on many adventures which has included spending extensive time in all 7 continents often visiting remote, unexplored parts of countries by land and sea. Bernie's passion for serving others can be seen through his works with the impoverished in Mexico and Dandora, a village on the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya. Bernie's personal achievements, professional accomplishments, and his dedication to the underserved are the epitome of a Deposit Central School distinguished alumni. Bernie has been married to his wife, Ada, for 59 years. Congratulations, Bernie! DCS is so proud to have you represent the best of the best!





The background of the page is a scenic landscape. It features a large body of water in the middle ground, with rolling hills and mountains in the distance under a blue sky with light clouds. In the foreground, there are green bushes and plants with small white and yellow flowers.

*Deposit Central Schools*  
*Alma Mater*

In the grand old Catskill Mountains,  
By the Delaware,  
Stands our favorite Alma Mater,  
DCS so fair.

Shout her praises,  
Sing her honor,  
Loud her name proclaim.  
We will rally round her standard  
And uphold her fame.

***OUR VISION***

*Inspiring children to develop a passion for  
learning and a commitment to make a better world for  
themselves and their community.*

## *Special Thanks*

Tonight would not have been possible without the assistance of many people and organizations:

BT BOCES & Deposit CSD Food Services staff including Patrick Walsh, Dave Stroka, Lori Wheeler, Jeanne Warner, Cherry Matthews, Jessica Madugno, and Rick Marland

DCS Facilities & Maintenance: Mr. Matt Mastropietro

The DCS High School Chorus: Ms. Anastasia Alexopoulous

Ms. Hannah Buffington

DCS Hall of Fame Committee:

Mr. Mark Tucker, Mr. Hal Pettersen, Mrs. Brenda Lee,  
Mrs. Nancy Zacharias, Mr. Chris Zacharias,  
Mrs. Megan Decker, Mrs. Denise Cook

Ruth Lobdell, Assistant to the Superintendent

The Deposit Courier

DCS Student Waitstaff; Mrs. Kimberly MacDonald

The families and supporters of our distinguished alumni

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Hal Pettersen, Middle School Principal  
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### ***OUR MISSION***

***We are a community united to improve  
the quality of life through education.***