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### **Kris (Johoske) Butler – Class of 1983, Professional Achievement**

Kristina was born on May 17, 1965, at St Rita's Hospital in Lima, OH to Todd and Sherry Johoske. She is the oldest of three children and sister to Alicia Kay and Todd Michael. Kristina was a member of the Bath High School graduating class of 1983 and enjoyed being part of the Wildcats Marching Brass. After high school, Kristina married Jerry Clum, Jr. and moved to Rantoul, IL to follow her new husband through his Air Force career. They had two children, Heather Lynne, born in May 1988, and Jerry III (Trey), born in December 1993.

In September 1989, Kristina took her first step to what would someday spark her inspiration for Comfort Keepers, by enrolling at Mercy School of Nursing in Toledo, OH. After moving their family to Springfield, OH in 1993, Kristina began her career as a Registered Nurse at Mercy Hospital. Kristina worked in different departments within the hospital, but finally found her calling in Home Health Care. During her time as a Home Health Care Nurse, her patients would often ask her to help with the simpler, yet necessary tasks of life, like picking up a few groceries or helping to cook a meal. These are tasks not under the scope of a Home Health Care Nurse, but Kristina knew, in her heart, she needed to care for the entire wellbeing of her patients. In attempts to find a solution for her patients with their day-to-day tasks, she came to realize something was missing in her community and the idea for Comfort Keepers was born.

Kristina's vision and goal for her company was to provide uplifting care, while keeping clients comfortably at home. She shared this vision with her family and her daughter suggested the name Comfort Keepers. Kristina and, her then husband, Jerry officially founded Comfort Keepers in 1998. Comfort Keepers was quickly accepted into their community as the need for their services was great. Word spread into other communities and in 1999, Peggy and Wally Kincaid, opened the first franchise in Kris's hometown of Lima, OH.

Comfort Keepers grew rapidly and by year six was ranked #1 in senior care in Entrepreneur Magazine's Franchise 500. The brand was strengthened in 2009 when it was purchased by Sodexo, the global leader in the healthcare and senior markets and the 20<sup>th</sup> largest employer in the world. Since its inception in 1998, Comfort Keepers has gone from Kristina's dream to 700+ locations, helping seniors worldwide. In October 2020, Kristina sold the founding Comfort Keepers office in Springfield, OH and now enjoys her new title of the World's Best Nana. She enjoys the quiet times in Sarasota, FL with her husband Terry.

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### **Laura Ford – Class of 1976, Athletic Achievement**

Laura Ford is a 1976 graduate of Bath High School, where she played basketball and was also a member of the very first volleyball and softball teams at Bath. As a member of the basketball team, she was part of the varsity team that won 62 straight games. Following high school, she went on to play basketball at Defiance College where she was a 2-time captain and MVP for her team. While at Defiance, Laura was a member of Alpha Xi Delta and graduated *Cum Laude* with a BS in health, physical education, and municipal recreation in 1980.

Following graduation, Laura spent 3 years teaching and coaching basketball and softball in the Defiance City School System before heading back to Lima and Bath. In 1983, she was hired as a substitute teacher and assistant girls' basketball coach, and head softball coach for the Wildkittens. During her tenure as assistant basketball coach, she was part of many great teams over 13 years and a state championship in 1987.

During her 30-year career as the head softball coach, Laura's teams experienced many great accomplishments and successes. Some of them include: 19 Western Buckeye League Championships, 7 OHSAA Final Four appearances ('87, '93, '95, '00, '01, '02 and '04), 1 State Runner-up in 2000, and 1 State Championship in 2001. She coached many All-Ohio players and many that went on to play college softball. As a coach, Laura was 19-time WBL Coach of the Year, 5-time NW District Coach of the Year, 1-time OHSFSCA Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Winner, Lima YWCA Wall of Fame, 2001 Worth Coaches' Advisory Board, and she was elected to the OHSFSCA Hall of Fame in 2010. She finished her coaching career with a 630-142 record.

Laura's philosophy was always trying to give her teams experiences beyond the field through special team activities and trips. Her teams traveled to Australia 1 time and Hawaii 7 times to compete, take part in educational activities, and have fun. She truly believes this is a "softball family" honor. This belongs to the great athletes, their families, all the community support, and the great assistant coaches that played such a major role in every team accomplishment during her coaching tenure at BHS, 1983-2013.

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### **Joel Mayerson – Class of 1986, Professional Achievement**

Joel Mayerson, a 1986 graduate of Bath High School, was involved with football and band. He received his Eagle Scout Award from Bath Troop 82. He graduated with a B.S. in Biology, *Summa Cum Laude* with College Honors from the University of Toledo in 1990. While at UT, he was a Presidential Scholar and studied abroad at the University of Salford in Manchester, England. He met his wife Connie at UT and they are the proud parents of two wonderful sons, Drew, and Ethan. Joel received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1994. He completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and his orthopaedic oncology fellowship at the University of Washington. Dr. Mayerson joined The Ohio State University College of Medicine in 2001 and is a Professor and Director of the Division of Musculoskeletal Oncology in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. He is also the Medical Director of Perioperative Services and Sarcoma Services at the James Cancer Hospital. Joel has authored over 125 peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters and presented at over 100 international, national, regional, and local medical conferences.

Dr. Mayerson has served on the executive committee of the Musculoskeletal Tumor Society (MSTS), the leading organization world-wide for orthopaedic oncology, for nearly ten years in multiple leadership roles, culminating as president in 2019-20. In 2018, he was elected to the Board of Councilors (BOC), the de facto "House of Representatives" for orthopaedic surgeons in the U.S., for The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS). In October 2021, he was elected to lead the BOC and will become chair in 2025. Dr. Mayerson will also serve a three-year term on the Executive Board. Joel has been recognized annually as a Castle Connolly National Best Doctor in both Orthopaedic Surgery and Cancer since 2009. U.S. News and World Report has honored him as a Best Cancer Doctor in America. He has been awarded "Teacher of the Year" three times by the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Teacher of the Year, and "Outstanding Alumnus" by the University of Toledo's College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics in 2011. In June 2020, Mayerson was elected as one of 38 members among more than 2000 OSU College of Medicine faculty into the Mazzaferrri-Ellis Society of Master Clinicians, a peer-elected honor society recognizing "Master Clinicians who excel in clinical practice, clinical teaching, mentoring, professionalism, and service." ESPN, MSNBC, The Anderson Cooper Show, The Today Show, and ABC News have featured his clinical work.

Joel also has passionately supported charitable causes. He founded the annual Steps for Sarcoma Walk at The James Cancer Hospital that raises money for the rare type of cancer called sarcoma raising over 1.25 million dollars as of October 2021. He also actively supports Pelotonia and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Joel enjoyed his time at Bath High School and has tremendous appreciation for the dedicated teachers and staff that provided the early foundation for his success.

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### **Ken Penhorwood - 1951-1985, Community Service**

Kenneth J Penhorwood, son of Reverend Emory J and Imogene Penhorwood was born September 30, 1925, in Tiffin, Ohio. Ken had 3 siblings: Erwin, Donald, and Phyllis. The family later established their home in Lima, where Ken's dad pastored South Side Church of Christ for 43 years. After graduation from South High School in 1943, Ken was drafted into the US Air Corps, 302nd Fighter Command Squadron. During WW2, Ken was stationed in Hawaii, Iwo Jima, and Saigon. While overseas, Ken played on the military basketball team.

In 1947, Ken met Eva Jean Somers. They enrolled at Ohio State University where Ken made the OSU basketball team as a walk-on. They remained dedicated OSU fans throughout their lifetime. On Sept 19, 1948, Ken and Jean were married by Ken's father, Reverend Penhorwood at South Side Church of Christ where they remained lifelong members and served in various ministries. Following graduation, they returned to Lima and settled in the Bath community, raising 3 children, Scott, Jill, and Kathy, who all played varsity basketball at Bath, with Scott continuing at Western Michigan University. All their grandchildren participated in varsity sports at Bath and some in Michigan.

Ken began his 34-year teaching career at Bath Elementary serving as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for 7 years, then teaching elementary physical education for the remaining years. During his years at Bath, Ken supervised the boys' intramural program for over 20 years, started and supervised the Saturday morning boys' basketball program for 25 years, coached 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball for 25 years, assistant varsity basketball coach for 3 years, bus driver for many years, and received the Lifetime Service Award from the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Ken worked at Buckeye Pipeline for 25 years during the summer months.

At the heart of Ken's character was his love and devotion for God, family, and others. Ken was a humble, honest man who gladly gave his time teaching and enriching the lives of his children, grandchildren, students, and players. With loving discipline, yet maintaining a sense of humor, Ken taught a variety of skills in the classroom and on the court. He truly was ahead of his time in the field of elementary physical education. His classes were simply fun! Mr. Penhorwood encouraged his kids to recognize their strengths and potential, knowing they were valued, important, and loved. His goal was helping young people become honest, responsible, giving, and loving people. Ken's greatest joy was his family. He loved fishing, basketball, and outdoor activities. Ken instilled the love of nature into his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The legacy that Ken and Jean left for their family was to build life's foundation on God. Mr. Penhorwood (Coach) impacted numerous young people in the Bath school system and was deeply loved by his family and all who knew him. Ken passed away August 28, 2014. That September, Ken and Jean would have celebrated their 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ken often said, "I have the best job in the state of Ohio! Go Blue!"

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### **Amy Prichard – Class of 1979, Athletic Achievement**



Amy Prichard was a four-sport athlete at BHS, earning 15 varsity letters from 1976-1979. Most remembered for her basketball prowess, she averaged 22 points a game as a four-year Wildkitten starter and set career records in points, rebounds, assists, and steals. Amy averaged 27 points, 13 rebounds, 7 assists and 6 steals per game during her senior season and was named the 1979 Ohio AA "Player of the Year" and "High School All-American" by Scholastic Coach, Parade Magazine, and Converse. She led all scorers in the Parade All-American game in New York and was recognized as one of the "Top 20 recruits in the Nation."

Amy accepted the first "full athletic scholarship" given to a women's basketball player at Northwestern University. As a 3-year starter, Amy scored over 1500 points during her career, setting the career mark for steals and assists, and finishing second in career scoring. She remained in the top 10 of four career categories: points, rebounds, steals and assists, for over 30 years. Amy was integral in the 1980 Big Ten Tournament championship and a three-time participant in post season play (AIAW, NCAA) with a career record of 84-35 while earning Women's Sports Federation HM "All-America" in 1982 and 1983. She was named to the 1980's Big Ten "All Decade Team" announced in 1991 and inducted into the Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010. In 1984, at age 23, Amy became the youngest Division I Head Women's Basketball Coach after accepting the job at Ohio University. Two years later her Bobcat team went 26-3, won the MAC League and Tournament Championship and accepted OU's first ever NCAA tournament bid losing by 1 point to the University of Illinois. Amy was named the 1984 Mid-American Conference and Women's Sports Federation's "Coach of the Year."

Amy spent 15 years as an ESPN TV Color Analyst for women's basketball and served as lead analyst for the BIG Ten, Big East, Conference USA, and Cleveland Rockers during that time. She was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in 2011 alongside her mother, mentor and High School Coach, Gretchen Prichard. As a Certified Executive Coach, Amy has "coached" collegiate coaches, and was a speaker at the 2018 WBCA Women's Basketball Final Four Convention.

Amy grew up rooting for Bath teams coached by her parents, Dave, and Gretchen, and playing all sports in the neighborhood with brothers Clarke and Pat (both eventual all state football players). She credits the Wildkitten tradition established by her mother and former Wildkittens and playing against her brother as integral to her success. Amy resides in Columbus, Ohio and is the mother of son Quincy, and daughter Aleya. After a 15-year corporate career culminating in a role as Regional VP Sales at CNA Insurance, she shifted career focus and became a licensed Mental Health Therapist focused on serving underprivileged populations. Of course, she continues to coach youth basketball today.



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### **Michael Rumer – Class of 1962, Community Service**

Michael A. Rumer was born in 1944 to Eugene and Shirley Rumer. Dad was a grocer in Lima and Mom did seamstress work out of the home. In 1957 the family built a residence on Reservoir Rd. and Mike and his siblings, Dan, and Libby, entered Bath Schools. Mike graduated in 1962. Mike married Carol Croissant who, after college, returned to B.H.S. where she taught English until her retirement. Mike has three children who graduated from B.H.S. and six grandchildren who are attending or have graduated and gone on to college. Mike owes a serious debt of gratitude to the teachers at B.H.S. who nurtured the concept that public service is paramount for the preservation of our democracy. After high school, Mike entered B.G.S.U. where he earned his bachelor's in education degree in 1966.

After teaching one year at the Bowling Green Public Schools while working on a master's degree, Mike entered law school at Ohio Northern University in 1967 and graduated in 1970 with a Juris Doctorate degree. During his law school days, Mike achieved his first public office when elected as a member of the Bath Local School Board of Education where he served for six years. Mike passed the Ohio Bar in 1970 and entered the practice of law as a partner with the firm of Lawson, Rumer and Smith in Lima. While associated with LR&SMike became a Referee and Administrative Assistant in the Allen County Juvenile Court for Judges Steiner and Kinworthy until late 1980. During this tenure, Mike acted as the liaison between the Court, Allen County Commissioners and architect for the design and construction of the David O. Steiner Juvenile Justice Center. In November 1980 Mike was elected Judge of the Allen County Common Pleas Court where he served from 1981 until his retirement in 1997. During this period, Mike was actively involved in the planning and construction of the Allen County Justice Center which includes an adult detention facility, Allen County Sheriff's Office, and the Common Pleas Court. As part of his Judgeship, Mike along with his colleague Judge Richard K. Warren, was instrumental in the creation of the Western Ohio Regional Treatment and Habilitation Center. The WORTH Center serves a seven-county area surrounding Allen County for non-violent offenders. During his tenure on the bench, Mike also served as an adjunct professor at the ONU law school and at Bluffton University.

After retirement from the bench in 1997, Mike joined the law firm of Cory, Meredith, Witter, Roush and Cheney which became Cory, Meredith, Witter, Rumer and Cheney. In March 2006 Mike joined his future spouse, Victoria Maisch, in the creation of the law firm of Rumer & Maisch Co., LLC which remains a viable law firm in Lima. One of his proudest events as a private attorney was acting as personal counsel for President George W. Bush in the 2004 presidential election.