

# OHS Hall of Achievement Induction on Sept. 25

Owensboro High School inducted eight distinguished alumni into the OHS Hall of Achievement during the 5<sup>th</sup> biennial ceremony on Friday, Sept. 25. The ceremony was highlighted by the recognition of this year's inductees: Casper "Cap" Gardner; Dr. Vicki A. Funk; Joseph "Tarzan" Kendall; Morton Allen Kirtley; James L. "Buddy" Gaddis; Dr. Robert J. Mahoney, Col. USAF (retired); Adrian B. Moody; and C. G. "Moose" Morehead, Jr. Posthumous awards for Mr. Gardner, Mr. Kendall, and Mr. Morehead were accepted by family members.

A selection committee considered approximately 80 nominations before naming this year's inductees. Criteria for selection are:

- \*Attendance at an OPS high school (OHS, Western High, Owensboro Technical High)
- \*Excellence in one's career or occupation
- \*An accomplishment and/or attribute worthy of emulation
- \*Extraordinary service to one's community and/or country
- \*Candidates are considered after they have been out of high school for at least 20 years.

Forty-five distinguished alumni have been selected for the Hall of Achievement since its establishment in 2001.

## 2009 OHS Hall of Achievement Inductees



**Casper "Cap" Gardner**

*OHS Class of 1933*

Cap Gardner actively served his country, state, and city. His career was highlighted by service as a US Naval Air Corps Lieutenant (1942-46), Owensboro Board of Education member (1949-54), Owensboro Mayor (1954-58), Kentucky State Senator (1962-66) and State Senate Majority Leader, Alcohol Beverage Control Administrator for the City of Owensboro until age 91, and a member of Rotary for 65 years. He owned Gardner Insurance Company until 1979. A city park is named in his honor.



**Dr. Vicki A. Funk**

*Class of 1965*

Dr. Funk is a botanist committed to discovery and the understanding of biodiversity. She earned BS and MS degrees from Murray State and a PhD from Ohio State University. Since 1981, she has served as a research scientist at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institute, in Washington, DC. As a senior research scientist, she travels the globe collecting and studying plants from the flowering plant family, Compositae. She has published nearly 200 scholarly papers and served as an officer of several scientific organizations.



**Joseph Nathaniel "Tarzan" Kendall**

*Class of 1933*

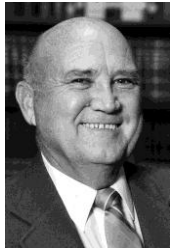
A graduate of Western High School and Kentucky State College, Joe Kendall won the National Negro College Football Championship in 1934 and was selected First Team All-American three times. He was inducted into the Kentucky State Hall of Fame (1975), College Football Hall of Fame (2007), and the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame (2008). He served as a teacher, coach and principal in Harlan, KY, before returning to Owensboro to become a highly successful coach and teacher at his alma mater, Western High School, and later at OHS. Kendall-Perkins Park was named in his honor.



**Morton Allen Kirtley**

*Class of 1956*

A 1960 graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College, Allen Kirtley was a teacher and coach prior to becoming Owensboro's first Junior Achievement director. During his 42 years with JA, he served as JA president and CEO in several major cities. He also served as national and international vice president for JA worldwide. His missions to foreign countries have included the Fiji Islands for the Peace Corps; Moscow for USAID; China for JA China, and India on behalf of Rotary International. He is in the Junior Achievement National Hall of Fame.



**James L. "Buddy" Gaddis**

*Class of 1946*

A 1951 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, Buddy Gaddis co-owned and operated Schureck and Gaddis Pharmacy for over thirty years. He participated in the effort to create Southern Little League and gave 22 years of service in youth baseball. He served on the Owensboro Board of Education from 1980-1992 and often volunteered his services to the schools during his tenure. He has volunteered his time at the Owensboro Free Clinic as well as to many other community needs.



**Dr. Robert J. Mahoney, Col. USAF (ret)**

*Class of 1977*

A graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Dr. Mahoney holds a PhD from George Washington University. He is a published author, the Dean of the United States Marines War College, a command pilot with over 3,500 hours, a retiree from the Air Force after 27 years. He flew combat missions in Panama, Iraq, and Bosnia. He was an operations officer working in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Medals he has earned include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air Medal.



**Adrian B. Moody**

*Class of 1953*

Adrian Moody's YMCA career began in Owensboro in 1956. While in a state YMCA leadership role in Kentucky, he led the development of the statewide Model United Nations Program. During his career, he provided leadership for large YMCA programs in Houston, Nashville, and Miami/Dade County. His national and international contributions and experiences are legendary. He helped establish YMCA in the former USSR. He is in the YMCA USA Hall of Fame.



**C.G. "Moose" Morehead, Jr.**

*Class of 1939*

C.G. Morehead was a WW II veteran, a successful realtor and a world famous artist. After serving as chair of the Kentucky Real Estate Commission in 1966, he began his career as an artist, establishing Morehead Prints. His most famous paintings included the "Oval Office," "No. 10 Downing Street," and numerous pictures of Kentucky buildings. He was known as Kentucky's "Artist of Property." His prints have become collectors' items and can be seen hanging in many businesses as well as homes throughout Owensboro and across the country.

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### *2009 Honorees/Representatives*

*Row 1: Theresia Smith, representing her late father Joe Kendall; Adrian Moody; Mrs. Cap Gardner representing her late husband; Mrs. C. G. Morehead, representing her late husband; Row 2: Chris Gardner also representing his father, Cap; Dr. Vicki Funk; Buddy Gaddis; Col. Robert Mahoney; and Allen Kirtley.*