

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

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FRANK KNEUSSL, Ph.D.
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Dr. Kneussl attended Jefferson Grade School and graduated from OTHS in 1957. He then attended the University of Chicago before continuing his post-secondary education at Shimer College in Illinois, receiving his baccalaureate degree in 1962 in natural sciences. Dr. Kneussl began his graduate studies in Human Anatomy at the Graduate School at Loyola University of Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine. He received his master's degree in anatomy in 1966, and his Ph.D. in anatomy in 1971. Dr. Kneussl began a teaching career at the University of Chicago-Pritzker School of Medicine, teaching anatomy. In 1972 he joined the faculty of the Department of Anatomy of the Medical University of South Carolina, teaching anatomy to medical and dental students, and also carrying out research. In 1980 he joined the faculty of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (now Des Moines University) becoming a founder of the Physician Assistant Program, helped to develop the Podiatric Medicine program, and formulated and developed the Histology Course and laboratory manual for medical and podiatric medicine students. He served on numerous faculty and University committees, and in recognition of his service the school established in 1996 the Frank Kneussl Service Award for physician assistant students. In 2005 Dr. Kneussl received the Distinguished Professor Award and the Des Moines University Appreciation Award, and upon his retirement that year was awarded Professor Emeritus.