

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

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DR. NANCY RABENSTEIN PIELEMEIER Class of 1963



Nancy Rabenstein Pielemeier was a member of the National Honor Society, received the DAR Citizenship Award, and graduated from Ottawa Township High School as valedictorian. She later received her bachelor's degree in modern languages from Knox College also earning the Mortar Board and Phi Beta Kappa designations while there. She then received a master's degree in health science from Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, followed by a doctorate degree in public health, also from Johns Hopkins. She is an international health policy and program expert with over 30 years of experience including 14 years of residential experience in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Dr. Pielemeier developed and maintained relationships with multiple donor, country, multilateral, and private clients and oversaw the hiring and supervision of over 600 employees, including staff in over 25 countries. She managed the implementation of child health programs in Botswana and Liberia, guided child health and HIV/AIDS policy development as a Senior Policy Advisor for USAID, and served as Deputy Director for the USAID/Washington Office of Health, administering a portfolio of global programs. She has authored numerous papers and treatises for professional journals, publications, and programs. Dr. Pielemeier has received numerous awards for her health leadership and humanitarian efforts, including the Ambassador's Award for Promotion of Understanding between the People of Botswana and the United States, the Ambassador's Award for Promotion of Morale in the American Community in Liberia, the A.I.D. Superior Unit Citation for Agency Leadership in Health, and the Award for Outstanding Service and Contributions as Member of the Board, Escola Americana de Brasilia.