

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

2023



WILLIAM (BILL) NEVIN Class of 1982



Bill Nevin, was a 1982 graduate of Ottawa Township High School. His senior year at OTHS he was president of the class, student council, and National Honor Society. He was the first recipient of the Alex and Virginia Scherer Scholarship, placed 8th in the state for IHSA Speech Individual Events / Radio Speaking, and was one of only five students statewide honored with a plaque by the Illinois State Board of Education in the “Those Who Excel” awards competition, among many other accomplishments and awards. After graduating from IVCC Cum Laude in 1984, he went on to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in 1986 in Radio-Television. He then began a very successful broadcasting and communications career. He is currently the Associate Vice President, Communications for the West Virginia University Foundation. Additionally he teaches at West Virginia University as an Adjunct Instructor in its graduate program, a course which he developed in voice performance for announcing. In 2019 he was named one of West Virginia University’s (WVU) Most Influential by the Daily Athenaeum newspaper. Also in 2019 he was honored for 15 years of announcing for the WVU’s Marching Band, was the public address announcer for an NCAA Division I Baseball Regional Tournament, public address announcer for the NCAA National Rifle Championships, and selected National College Sports Public Address Announcer of the Year by NASPAA. Currently, in 2022 he celebrated his 7th season as public address announcer for the West Virginia Black Bears of Major League Baseball’s Draft League, received the WVU Reed College of Media Alumni Commitment to Service Award, and became a WVU Greek Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee.