

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

2024



SUSAN WILLIAMSON Class of 1971

After graduating from OTHS as an Illinois State Scholar, Sue Williamson attended Eastern Illinois University graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She later received a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from National Louis University, and her Plus 30 designation, also in Curriculum and Instruction at Olivet Nazarene University. She returned to OTHS as a teacher in 1979 until her retirement in 2019. She was the English Department Chair for 7 years, directed 88 plays for OTHS over 40 years, and was a Speech Coach for 14 years. As a Speech Coach she took 40 students to State, with 12 making the finals, and as Play Director has had 3 former students win Emmy's, several perform in Las Vegas, 1 make it to Broadway, and another win multiple Oscar's in art production for Disney. Sue has written 6 plays and co-authored 7 children's plays. She received the LaSalle County Excellence in Education Award in 1998 and again in 2015, was OTHS Teacher of the Year in 2015, received the Omni Arts Theatre Award in 2015, and was the student selected OTHS Homecoming Parade Marshal in 2018.

