

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

2026



DR. CHARLES SHEAFF Class of 1966



Charles Sheaff was a four-year member of the award-winning band while at OTHS. After graduation from OTHS, he attended and graduated from the University of Illinois, then received his medical degree from Rush Medical College in Chicago. Dr. Sheaff was a general surgeon for more than 45 years prior to his retirement from private practice in Jacksonville, Illinois. He traveled to Haiti in 2010 to volunteer his services after a major earthquake struck the country. He made a second humanitarian trip to Haiti in 2012, followed by two trips to Ghana doing general surgery and teaching surgical techniques, then three trips to Guatemala doing hernia repairs and gall bladder removals for the Mayan Indians. In 2016 Dr. Sheaff and his wife Lynne, a nurse practitioner, traveled to India at their own expense to help immunize children against polio. Dr. Sheaff was a founder and CEO of the Jacksonville Promise, a charitable community organization dedicated to providing college educational assistance to area high school students. The organization has supported 350 students since inception, and they currently expect to support 100 students for eight semesters at \$1,500 to \$2,100 per semester.