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2026 OTHS Hall of Fame Profile

Dr. Charles Sheaff, Ottawa Township High School (OTHS) Class of 1966

Dr. Charles “Chuck” Sheaff is a 2026 inductee to the Ottawa Township High School (OTHS) Hall of Fame sponsored by the OTHS Educational Foundation.

During his time at OTHS, Dr. Sheaff was a four-year member of the award-winning band and a member of the National Honor Society.

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 performing general surgery and teaching surgical techniques. He traveled on three trips to Guatemala conducting hernia repairs and gall bladder removals for the local Mayan population. In 2016 Dr. Sheaff and his wife Linda, a nurse practitioner, traveled to India at their own expense to help immunize children against polio.

Dr. Sheaff is a founder and CEO of the Jacksonville Promise, a charitable community organization dedicated to providing college educational assistance to area high school students. Since its inception the organization supported 350 students and currently expects to support 100 students for eight semesters at \$1,500 to \$2,100 per semester.

The OTHS Educational Foundation established the Ottawa Township High School Hall of Fame in 2006, focusing on recognition of excellence while a high school student, after leaving OTHS, or a combination of both. While honorees may or may not have attended OTHS, they were significant and accomplished contributors connected to the school district.

The latest Hall of Fame class will be introduced between OTHS basketball games January 23, 2026, in the school's historic Kingman Gym. An induction ceremony and banquet to honor inductees is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026. Banquet tickets are \$45 and may be purchased by contacting Susan MacDonald at smacdonald@ottawahigh.com or Kelly Schmitt at kschmitt@ottawahigh.com.

