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2026 OTHS Hall of Fame Profile

Jeff Vezain, Ottawa Township High School (OTHS) Class of 1991

Jeff Vezain 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, Vezain participated in track and basketball. He was a co-captain of the 1990-1991 varsity boys basketball team.

After graduating from OTHS in 1991, Vezain received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Northern Illinois University (NIU) in 1996 where he also performed with the university chorus, vocal jazz group, jazz combo program, and university big band.

Vezain has performed professionally in a wide variety of artistic endeavors as a singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, actor, and dancer. Over the past 20 years he has performed with numerous bands from Chicago and Los Angeles. He has appeared in national television commercials, print ads, and lent his voice to radio spots. A drummer as well as a guitarist, Jeff was a finalist in his audition for the part of “Blue Man” in the hit theatrical show “Blue Man Group.”

Vezain is currently a member of the Lt. Dan Band, one of the nation’s most recognized military-support performance groups. The band was originally formed by Kimo Williams and Gary Sinise and was named for the character Sinise played in the Oscar award-winning film Forrest Gump. Vezain has served as lead singer of the band in over 500 shows performed in more than a dozen countries on more than 150 military bases, the United States Capitol, and the Grand Ole Opry. The Lt. Dan Band is one of the nation’s most

recognized military-support performance groups and was heavily involved in the building of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in 2014.

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 ceremony honoring inductees is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026, beginning at 4PM in the OTHS auditorium followed by a banquet at the Rivers Edge event center. Tickets are \$45 and may be purchased by contacting Susan MacDonald at smacdonald@ottawahigh.com or Kelly Schmitt at kschmitt@ottawahigh.com.

