

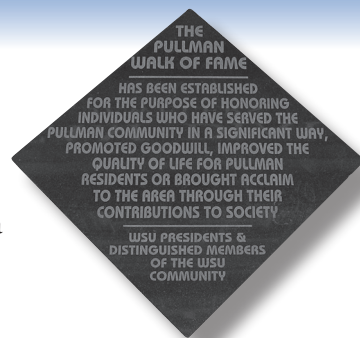
DOWNTOWN PULLMAN

Walk of Fame



*Take a stroll on the Walk of Fame and
discover the noteworthy people who have made
Pullman such a special community.*

The Pullman Walk of Fame was established to honor those individuals who have served the Pullman community in a significant way, promoted goodwill, improved the quality of life for Pullman residents or brought acclaim to the area through their contributions to society.



WSU Presidents & Distinguished Members of the WSU Community

[Corner of Town Centre Building]

Criteria: Served as acting President or Positive National Recognition and Community Involvement

- 1 **George W. Lilley** 1891-1892
Lilley was the first President of WSU, which was then called the Agricultural College, Experiment Station, and School of Science of the State of Washington.
- 2 **John W. Heston** 1892-1893
During his presidency, he faced low enrollment due to the panic of 1893, a downturn in the US economy.
- 3 **Enoch A. Bryan** 1893-1915
In 1905, he secured the change of name to State College of Washington. He emphasized that the University was to be a College of Science and Technology, "shot through and through with the spirit of liberal arts."
- 4 **Ernest O. Holland** 1916-1944
Departments at WSU were organized into schools and colleges during his presidency. Also, he instituted the first Ph.D. degree and employee retirement system. The Cougar was named the university mascot during his tenure.
- 5 **Wilson M. Compton** 1945-1951
Following World War II, he managed the explosive "G.I. Bulge" – when those who served in the military returned from war and attended college, thanks to the GI Bill. WSU enrollment increased from 1,000 in 1945 to 7,890 in 1947-1948. This was a record until fall 1960.
- 6 **William A. Pearl** 1951-1952
He served as WSU Interim President, being elevated from his WSU Institute of Technology director duties.
- 7 **C. Clement French** 1952-1966
He united the faculty and staff and guided the institution, which grew from 5,890 to more than 10,000 students.
- 8 **Wallis Beasley** 1966-1967
Interim President for an academic year. He was executive vice president, 1968-1981 and the university's Pac-8 Conference faculty athletic representative, 1959-1966.

- 9 **Glenn Terrell** 1967-1985
Showing compassion during student unrest, the "Student's President" guided enrollment growth, from 12,575 students in 1967 to 19,000 in 1985. He led development of the WSU Foundation.
- 10 **Samuel H. Smith** 1985-2000
WSU campuses in Spokane, the Tri-Cities, and Vancouver were established during his presidency. He led Campaign WSU, the university's first comprehensive private fund-raising effort.
- 11 **Edward R. Murrow**
WSU Class of 1930. His successes with CBS radio and TV made him broadcasting's all time top news analyst and reporter. On appointment by President John F. Kennedy, he served as US Information Agency director, 1961-1965.
- 12 **Keith Jackson**
WSU Class of 1954. As an ABC-TV sports commentator, he is the only individual ever selected as National Sportscaster of the Year five times.
- 13 **Gary Larson**
WSU Class of 1972. His humorous "The Far Side" cartoons were syndicated worldwide.
- 14 **Orville Vogel**
WSU Class of 1939, Ph.D. agronomy. A heralded wheat breeder, his findings sparked the world's "Green Revolution."
- 15 **Philip & Neva Abelson**
In 2002, they were honored when Science Hall was renamed as Abelson Hall. He (WSU Class of 1933) was involved in development of the first nuclear submarine and long-time *Science* magazine editor. The first woman to graduate with a medical degree from Johns Hopkins, she (WSU Class of 1934) co-developed the widely used Rh blood test, which has saved many babies' lives.
- 16 **R. James Cook**
A National Academy of Sciences member, he is one of WSU's most honored research scientists, recognized for work in plant pathology and biotechnology. The university's endowed chair in wheat research is named for him.
- 17 **Leo K. Bustad**
He was the Dean of the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine from 1973-1983, and placed WSU as a leader in many areas of veterinary medicine both nationally and internationally.
- 18 **V. Lane Rawlins** 2000-2007
President of WSU for seven years. A noted economist and academic leader, is the President Emeritus and Professor of Economic Sciences at WSU. An outstanding WSU and community builder.
- 19 **John R. & Mary Ellen Gorham**
John R. and Mary Ellen Gorham have lived in Pullman since 1942 after attending WSU. John is a well-recognized professor and veterinary researcher. Mary Ellen has written articles and hosted a radio talk show on pet care, and is a partner in a veterinary medical lab. They have served in various community roles during their time in Pullman.
- 20 **W.B. 'Hoot' Gibson**
A 1938 WSC graduate. Gibson was the WSU Foundation founding chair. He received numerous honors in his lifetime, including the WSU Regents' Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1979.

21 Clarence 'Bud' Ryan

Bud's WSU career spanned more than 40 years as a pioneer researcher in plant biochemistry. The recipient of many honors and awards from professional organizations, he was also chair of the Dept. of Agricultural Chemistry and acting director of WSU's Institute of Biological Chemistry.

22 Phyllis J. Campbell

One of the state's most influential Asian Americans of the century, earned a business administration degree from WSU in 1973 and an MBA from the University of Washington. She began her professional career just out of college as a management trainee with Old National Bank in her native Spokane. She went on to become a leader in business and philanthropy, and served on the WSU Board of Regents, 1991-2003. Throughout her career she has been actively involved in civic and charitable causes.

Famous Sports Figures

[Corner of the Professional Building]

Criteria: Positive Impact Beyond Pullman High School or Washington State University

1 Asa V. Clark

Captain of the 1915 Cougar football team which played in the first Rose Bowl game, he was an outstanding farmer and stockman in Pullman. For many years, he served in the State House of Representatives.

2 Mel Hein

Charter member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, this WSU All-American was a storied all-pro with the New York Giants football team. In 1969 he was selected as the greatest football center ever to play the game.

3 E.C. 'Bobo' Brayton

A WSU grad and its first baseball All-American, when he (full name Fredrick Charles Brayton) coached Cougar baseball for 33 seasons (1962-1994); his teams won 1,162 games. His 1965 Cougars were third in the NCAA College World Series. WSU's baseball field is named for him and his coaching predecessor, Buck Bailey.

4 Keith Lincoln

Nicknamed "Moose of the Palouse," he was a great triple-threat as a football running back and kicker for the Cougars. He played professionally for the San Diego Chargers and Buffalo Bills, and was voted MVP in the 1963 American Football League championship game.

5 Peter Rademacher

A WSU boxing star, he was a super heavyweight gold medal winner in the 1956 Olympic Games. He was the first boxer in history to fight for the World Heavyweight Championship in his first professional fight. He lost to Floyd Patterson.

6 John Elway

He was a student athlete at Pullman High School (freshman year) and Lincoln Junior High in Pullman. A quarterback, he went on to a stellar career at Stanford and with the Denver Broncos. He is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

7 Kirk Triplett

A standout golfer for Pullman High School, he played collegiately at the University of Nevada and is now a member of the PGA Tour. He has done much to encourage and support the Pullman Junior Golf Club.

8 John G. Olerud

He's the only WSU baseball player ever named College Player of the Year. An outstanding batter, pitcher and first baseman for three years with the Cougars, he went on to fame in the Major Leagues, including two Toronto Blue Jay World Series championship teams.

9 Drew Bledsoe

Many records were set by this Cougar quarterback. In 1993 he was the first pick in the 1993 NFL draft by the New England Patriots, for whom he played in a Super Bowl. He has also played for the Buffalo Bills and the Dallas Cowboys.

10 Jeanne Eggart Helfer

The most prolific scorer in Women's Cougar basketball history, she also starred in track (javelin) for WSU.

11 James Donaldson

Outstanding during three years as a Cougar basketball player, he holds WSU records for single game blocked shots. He went on to play in the NBA, including teams in Seattle, San Diego, Los Angeles, Dallas, and New York.

12 Jack Friel

During his 1927-1958 tenure as Cougar men's basketball coach, he led WSU to the 1941 NCAA national championship game, losing to Wisconsin. He was the Big Sky Conference's first basketball commissioner, 1967-1971, and is a member of the Helms Athletic Foundation Basketball Hall of Fame. WSU's basketball court is named for him.

13 Ike Deeter

The first—and only—fulltime boxing coach at WSU, he was known to many as "Mr. College Boxing." He coached WSU teams from 1931 until the sport was discontinued in 1959. His 1937 team won the Cougars' first national championship. A longtime Pullman resident, he provided inspiration, leadership, and first class instruction for WSU students.

14 Ray Hobbs

Longtime Pullman High School educator, head football and basketball coach, and athletic director at PHS. He was inducted into the Washington High School Coaches' Hall of Fame in 1983.

15 Orin 'Babe' Hollingbery

A legendary WSU football coach, 1926-1942, he (full name Orin E. Hollingbery) led the Cougars to the 1930 Rose Bowl game. He earned 93 wins during his tenure. WSU's fieldhouse is named for him.

16 A.B. 'Buck' Bailey

He (Arthur Buckner Bailey) led the Cougars for 32 seasons (1927-1942 and 1946-1961), winning 603 games. His 1950 team was second in the NCAA College World Series. WSU's baseball field is named for him and his former player, Bobo Brayton.

17 Mark Rypien

After completing one of the most illustrious sports careers in the history of Washington high school athletics, Rypien brought his talents as the nation's top prep quarterback to WSU. Following record-setting performances for the Cougars (1981-85), he moved on to the NFL, teaming up with Washington Redskins, leading them to the 1991 NFL Championship.

18 Jack Mooberry

Under his direction, WSU became the first school to produce All-Americans in every NCAA track and field event. Coach of the Cougars for 28 years during which he compiled a dual meet record of 120-50-1.



Distinguished Residents

Sponsored by Pullman Rotary Club

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WSU Presidents & Distinguished Members of the WSU Community

Sponsored by Pullman Kiwanis Club

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Pullman Mayors

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Professional Building

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Famous Sports Figures

Sponsored by Pullman Lion's Club

19 Rueben Mayes

Mayes played for the WSU Cougars, where he became All-American. He established an NCAA record for the most rushing yards in one game in 1984, a Pac 10 conference record. He was drafted in 1986 by the New Orleans Saints and won the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year Award. He was named to the Pro Bowl twice, played for the Saints for four seasons and spent his final two years with the Seattle Seahawks. Mayes was elected to the US College Football Hall of Fame in May 2008.

20 John Chaplin

1963 WSU graduate, a world-record sprinter as a Cougar track athlete. As a coach (1973-1994), he led WSU to the 1977 NCAA indoor track & field championship, Pac 10 outdoor titles and numerous other honors. Chaplin was the 2000 U.S. Olympic track & field team head coach.

21 Bob Robertson

Bob is a longtime voice of Cougar Football. He was named the Washington Sportscenter of the year 12 times by his peers and is also a member of the Inland Empire Hall of Fame. Listeners to his Cougar broadcasts are familiar with his trademark sign-off, "Always be a good sport, be a good sport all ways." Bob has one of the most recognizable sports voices in the state and was inducted into WSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002, State of WA Hall of Fame in 2006, in addition to many other awards.

22 William T. Gaskins Jr.

Bill came to WSU from Spokane's Lewis and Clark High School in 1962 and completed a pharmacy degree in 1969. He played football for Coaches Sutherland and Clark. In addition to starring at cornerback, he also was a kick return specialist and occasionally running back. He had seven career interceptions, including five as a senior. His post season honors included being named to the United Press International and Newspaper Enterprise Association All-America second teams, along with earning All-West Coast recognition from Associated Press and Pac-8 Conference coaches. He received the WSU Bohler Award, given to a Cougar team member who exhibits the inspiration of former WSU Athletic Director J. Fred Bohler. Bill also was a hurdler on the WSU track team.

Distinguished Residents

[Corner of US Bank Building]

Criteria: Length of stay 5 or more years, an economic and cultural contributor to Pullman

1 Daniel McKenzie

In September 1887, he brought his family west from Kansas and settled in the area of the Palouse known as Three Forks.

Bolin Farr

He arrived in 1875 to homestead in the Three Forks area. In 1881, he platted about 10 acres of his land for a town site and named it "Pullman," after George Pullman, inventor of the Pullman railroad sleeping car, who gave \$50 toward the first July 4th celebration held here.

Dr. Henry Webb

A pioneer physician, banker, merchant, and inventor, he arrived in Pullman in June 1881.

2 Harriet Bryan

Wife of WSU President Enoch A. Bryan, she envisioned and organized a Women's Literary Club in 1893. She also organized a Faculty Women's Club, and welcomed and assisted women and children of incoming faculty and staff.

3 Edward H. Letterman

He was a pioneer resident of Pullman and leader in the campaign for location of the state college in Pullman. In 1892, he was elected to the state legislature.

4 Alvin T. Fariss

He was elected as territorial representative for Whitman County and elected to the State Senate after Washington was admitted to the statehood in 1889.

5 Marshall Neill

An active civic leader, he was the son of Roy Neill and grandson of Thomas Neill. Marshall served as State Representative, State Senator, a Washington State Supreme Court judge and a Federal judge for this region.

6 Jim & Trudy Reavis

These longtime Pullman community supporters were active in civic affairs. For 50 years, they owned and managed Corner Drug in downtown Pullman.

7 John Fabian

A 1957 Pullman High School and 1962 WSU graduate, he was a US Astronaut in 1982 on the Space Shuttle Challenger. His father was a WSU faculty member.

8 Del & Mid Rowland

Longtime Pullman residents active in Pullman civic affairs and retail businesses, they donated to the Pullman School District.

9 Dr. Wenzel & Julianne Leff

He served many years as a physician in the community. The Leffs are longtime Pullman residents, active in Pullman civic affairs and in commercial developments in the city.

10 Dr. Ed & Mary Schweitzer

Pullman's Edmund O. Schweitzer III, who earned his electrical engineering Ph.D. from WSU, and Mary Steffens Schweitzer were honored for their civic commitment. Schweitzer philanthropy supports a variety of local efforts. He is founder and president of Pullman's Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, which makes protective relays, controls and devices which serve the electric power industry worldwide. Headquartered in Pullman, SEL is the county's largest private employer.

11 Gerald Lawson

A lifelong farmer, he donated land and money for the creation and maintenance of Pullman's Lawson Gardens, dedicated in 1987 to the memory of his first wife, Alice.

12 Beverly McConnell

Her strong support of the Gladish Community and Cultural Center, located in an old Pullman High School building, gave her fame. Also, she was a pioneer in improving living conditions for migrant workers.

13 Downen Family

The Downen Family traces its ancestry to the Pullman area in the late 1870s and early 1880s. It established one of the oldest insurance businesses in the city. Early family members farmed and managed retail establishments.

14 Rod Bertramson

This retired WSU agronomist and Pullman philanthropist was actively involved in the community, including Pullman Regional Hospital, Neill Public Library and the Kiwanis Club.

15 Anna & Robert Neill

They were extremely community minded, specifically in the areas of children, health, welfare, and education. They were instrumental in bettering the community by supporting the Pullman Hospital, the swimming pool at Reaney Park, Neill Public Library, and the Pullman Community Foundation.

16 Bob & Gen DeVleming

Bob and Gen DeVleming met at Cougarville where both were elected to the 1948 Class Men's Big Five and Women's Big Five. Bob established his optometric office in Pullman in 1959, and Gen became Assistant to four WSU presidents. Both were very supportive of WSU and community groups, including the Chamber, Lions Club, United Way, Humane Society, Pullman Foundation, Pullman School District, bowling groups, Cougar Club, Gray W, Phi Beta Kappa and PEO.

17 Bob & Carol Smawley

Bob and Carol Smawley have donated countless hours to the community of Pullman serving with the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Council on Aging, Friends of the Pullman Library, Pullman Chamber, Lions, the Hospital Foundation and others. Carol was a WSU librarian and with Pullman Schools and Bob worked at WSU for 53 years.

18 Chet & Gertrude Dissmore

They opened Dissmore's Grocery in 1937. Chester was active on Pullman School Board, a member of Pullman Lions and a founder of the Bank of Pullman. He served on the Pullman Chamber of Commerce Board and was active with the Masonic Lodge and the Elks. Gertrude was a member of the Lady Lions, Hospital Auxiliary and served as Garden Fair Chair. She is a life member of Pi Beta Phi and served as an advisor for 25 years. She is also a member of Chapter S. PEO.

19 Duane & Esther Brelsford

The Brelsforths are both graduates of Pullman High School and have lived most of their lives in Pullman while being extremely active in the community over the years. They have both been active in Pullman Jaycees, holding president positions, and chairpersons of Washington Junior Miss. Both are supporters of Pullman Chamber of Commerce, Pullman Regional Hospital, Friends of Neill Library and Pullman Civic Theater. Esther is a charter member of the Pullman Concert Band, has been a member of the Pullman Women's Bowling League and the Pullman Women's golf, and is a member of Patchin' People Quilt Guild of Pullman.

20 Ron & Barb Wachter

The Wachter's have been active leaders and contributors in a wide range of business and community affairs for the past 49 years, promoting strong ties between the city, WSU, local businesses and the surrounding agricultural community. Ron and Barb are both longtime Pullman business owners, with Ron involved in agri-business Nuchem and Barb's involvement in the hospitality industry with the Hilltop Inn and Restaurant. They work together in promoting many local programs such as establishing ties and coordination in the first Pullman's sister city exchange with Kasai City, Japan, and for the past 36 years they have been dedicated volunteers and contributors to Pullman's annual Fourth of July Community BBQ.

Pullman Mayors

[Corner of American West Bank]

Criteria: Served as Mayor

1 Orville Stewart 1888

He was Pullman's first storekeeper, first postmaster, and first mayor.

M.S. Phillips 1889

Though called "mayor," he officially was chairman of the Board of Trustees. During his term, Pullman's streets received major improvement.

Walter V. Windus 1890-1893

Very civic minded, he assisted in locating the state college in Pullman. Later, he served on the WSU Board of Regents.

Thomas Neill 1894

In 1890-1891, he led the successful effort to locate the state college in Pullman. He established the *Pullman Herald* newspaper. He also served as city attorney and was a Superior Court judge for Whitman County, 1910-1912.

2 John Squires 1895, 1897, 1900

He was elected mayor three times. Shortly after coming to Pullman, he was appointed town marshal, thus becoming Pullman's first police officer.

J.H. St. Lawrence 1896

He was known as the blind musician, the blind optimist, and the blind orator. He was revered by area residents, one of whom called him "strictly honest, charitable in deed and thought, and always cheerful."

Levi Crawford 1896

After J. H. St. Lawrence resigned as mayor, the City Council named him *mayor pro tempore* at every meeting from July to December. He served one term on the council.

3 W.L. White 1898-1899

He came to Pullman to practice medicine. His older brother, Archie White, came to Pullman five years earlier and started a drug store.

Theo. T. Davis 1901-1902

Within two months of becoming mayor, he succeeded in ridding the city of all slot machines. He also served as a director of the Pullman School District.

D.F. Staley 1903-1906

He served four terms as mayor. An eight year member of the City Council, he was involved in numerous civic improvement efforts.

4 M.C. Gray 1907

He was the only Pullman mayor to resign the office over a matter of principle.

P.W. Lawrence 1907

By a City Council vote, he (full name Perry W. Lawrence) served the three months remaining of M.C. Gray's mayoral term.

H.V. Carpenter 1908-1909

Pullman's first mayor affiliated with WSU, he (full name Hubert Vinton Carpenter) was dean of the College of Mechanic Arts and Engineering (1917-1941) and director of the Engineering Experiment Station (1919).

5 Ed Maguire 1910-1911

His civic involvement included serving three years on the City Council.

A.E. Shaw 1912-1914

During three terms, he sparked a number of city improvements, including paving many streets.

Harley Jackson 1915-1916

He came to Pullman in 1912 as First Christian Church pastor.

6 John W. Mathews 1917

An attorney, he practiced for 25 years. Prior to taking office as mayor, he was Whitman County's prosecuting attorney.

William Swain 1917-1918

During his term, he faced city difficulties related to the 1917 US entry in World War I and the world's 1918 influenza pandemic.

N.E.J. Gentry 1919-1922

His background included bank director, Mason and Methodist. He supported the temperance movement, which was a worldwide organized effort encouraging moderation in the consumption of intoxicating liquors or pressing for complete abstinence.

7 M.K. Snyder 1923-1926

A WSU faculty member, he (full name Morris K. Snyder) taught civil engineering and designed municipal water systems and sewage plants.

E.E. Wegner 1927-1930

He (full name Earl Edward Wegner) was a WSU graduate. He served as College of Veterinary Science dean from 1921-1947.

J.P. Duthie 1931-1936

Elected three times, he came to Pullman in 1905 and opened a store dealing in produce, flour, feed, hay, lumber, posts, coal, and wood.

8 Thomas Neill 1937-1938

He was also mayor in 1894. [Plaque #1]

Robert D. Tucker 1938

Thomas Neill died in 1938. Tucker was chosen by the City Council to complete the term.

E.B. Parker 1939-1943

He (full name Eri B. Parker) was a member of the WSU mechanical engineering faculty and also directed its Division of Industrial Research.

9 M.R. Ebner 1944-1948

Joining First National Bank of Pullman in 1944, his banking career included time with Old National Bank, US Bank, and Security State Bank of Colfax.

J. Fred Bohler 1949-1951

His civic involvement included serving on the City Council and as mayor. He led the drive for Pullman's community swimming pool. At WSU 1908-1950, he coached and was athletic director. The university's Bohler Gym is named for him.

Richard A. Smith 1951-1952

He majored in dairy science at WSU and devoted his working career to the dairy industry. He established, owned and operated Pullman's Milky Way Dairy.

10 Kester Grimes 1952-1958

He was the first mayor born, raised, and educated in Pullman. His civic involvement included being a Pullman Fire Department volunteer.

Allen Miller 1958-1961

He began a career in educational broadcasting in 1926. Later, he served for 20 years as WSU's Radio-TV services general manager and director of university information.

W.T. Mitchell 1962-1969

He came to Pullman in 1947 to join First National Bank of Pullman. When the bank merged with Old National Bank of Washington, he was second vice president.

11 Oscar Gladish 1969-1971

From 1929-1972, he was a beloved and respected principal of Pullman High School.

12 Jim Dunne 1972-1975

An active Pullman resident, he was a member of the WSU communication department and also worked for WSU's Radio-TV services. As mayor, he helped develop the Pullman Comprehensive Plan. He was a long-distance runner and part-time meat cutter at Rosauer's grocery in Pullman.

13 Karen Kiessling 1976-1979

She was Pullman's first female mayor. She was instrumental in developing Pullman Transit.

14 Pete A. Butkus 1980-1985

A former Pullman police officer, as mayor he instituted capital improvements to City Hall.

15 Carole A. Helm 1986-1991

She coalesced support from four governments, two states, the FAA, and two universities for improvements of Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport, including construction of a new terminal.

16 Alfred R. Halvorson 1991-1995

He was a City Council member, when the council appointed him to finish the term of Carole A. Helm, who resigned. Later, he was elected to a four-year term. During his tenure he was instrumental in developing Cougar Plaza in downtown Pullman. He served on the WSU Crop and Soil Sciences faculty.

17 Mitch Chandler 1996-1999, 2000-2003

A downtown floral business owner, during his two terms as mayor he was instrumental in creating and implementing downtown improvements and town beautification projects.



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