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**“BEAVER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL TRUST  
EDUCATION HALL OF FAME 2025 CLASS SELECTED”**

The Beaver County Educational Trust has announced its 2025 class selection to the Beaver County Education Hall of Fame. After careful consideration of many nominations from across Beaver County, the following individuals will be inducted into the Education Hall of Fame on Tuesday, May 6 at a dinner gala ceremony at Seven Oaks Country Club.

**William DiBenedetto**'s professional experience spans several decades, beginning in 1969, with positions ranging from Senior High School Band Director to Interim Superintendent in several school districts including Rochester, Aliquippa and Beaver. Notably, Bill served as Superintendent of Schools in the Aliquippa School District from 1998 to 2004 and held key roles as Staff Development Coordinator and educational consultant. Additionally, Bill demonstrated substantial community involvement, chairing the advisory board for the CCBC Prevention Project and serving on several boards, including the B.F. Jones Memorial Library and Drug and Alcohol Services of Beaver County.

**Sr. Mary Thaddeus Markelewicz**, retired president and CEO of McGuire Memorial, was a visionary leader who fostered a climate of loving inclusion for

individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She championed the recognition of their inherent dignity and worked diligently to enhance programs and opportunities available to them. Under her leadership, McGuire Memorial delivered comprehensive and compassionate care for those with physical and intellectual disabilities, including complex medical conditions. The organization features a residential program, a licensed school, two adult day programs, and satellite community homes, all dedicated to educating, caring for, and advocating for those in need.

**Dr. Donald Sheffield** earned his B.A. in Secondary Education from Geneva College in 1969 and a Masters in Education from Slippery Rock University in 1974, culminating in a doctorate in Higher Education from Penn State University in 1989. Primarily engaged in higher education, he spent 26 years at Penn State until his retirement in 2002 and currently serves as an adjunct professor at Penn State Beaver Campus. Dr. Sheffield has developed programs focused on improving multicultural education among undergraduate students and is involved in the DARE2XL After School Program, which supports low-income elementary and middle school students. As the founder and president of TAME Inc., he is committed to fostering cultural excellence through understanding high performance.

**Dr. Carol Sprinker**, a dedicated public servant and native of Beaver County, currently serves as the Executive Director and Secretary of The Wright Promise. Her educational background includes Riverside High School, Duquesne University, and The University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Sprinker has extensive experience in education across Beaver and Allegheny Counties, demonstrating her commitment to public education through her role as a Regional Service Specialist with the PA Principals Association. Furthermore, she serves as the President of the Blackhawk School Board of Directors and is involved with the Jumet Charitable Foundation, reflecting her commitment to enhancing educational opportunities within her community.

All friends of the inductees and friends of education in general are encouraged to attend the award ceremonies. Hall of Fame honorees will be recognized at the BCET “Coming Together For Education” gala to be held on May 6 from 6 to 8 PM at Seven Oaks Country Club. Tickets for the gala are available to the public on-line at the BCET website or through BCET Trustees or the Executive Director.

Nominations for The Education Hall of Fame are open to all, and nominations may be made year round through website: [www.beavercountyeducationaltrust.org](http://www.beavercountyeducationaltrust.org).

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