

Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor

2025 Honorees



Sally Burton-Hoyle, Ed.D., moved to Brighton in May, 1994, to become the Executive Director of the Autism Society of Michigan (ASM), based in Lansing. At ASM (1994-2006), she provided expert guidance to the Livingston County Community Mental Health, the State of Michigan, and nationally through Person-Centered Planning—honoring needs/opportunities of people with autism and intellectual disabilities while planning/implementing community support. Sally led the grassroots efforts to make Person-Centered Planning a statute of the Michigan Mental Health Code and worked with the Michigan Department of Education to create the Policy for the Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint approved in 2017. Sally developed KIDPOWER, a program for siblings of

people with autism, that served children in SE Michigan from 1995-2016 and trained professionals in four other states about its guiding principles. After beginning her career as a faculty member at the University of Idaho's College of Education, Sally left ASM and joined Eastern Michigan University faculty in the Department of Special Education. In 2007, Sally joined with lead EMU faculty to create the Autism Collaborative Center providing full services to persons with autism and their families. In 2008 she developed and introduced the Masters of Arts degree in Autism, one of the first national graduate degrees focused on autism. Hundreds have completed this degree, and several graduates have been employed in Brighton. In conjunction with her colleague Dr. Pamela Lemerand, the College Supports Program was established in 2010 for EMU-admitted students diagnosed with autism. Inspired by her brother, who is on the autism spectrum, Dr. Burton-Hoyle has propelled EMU to be nationally ranked as one of the top universities supporting students with autism. Sally served on the US Department of Health and Human Services Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) from 2012-2017 and has been a panelist on the National Quality Forum for Person Centered Planning (PCP) and Practices since 2020. Sally was recognized as the 2024 EMU Brickley Endowment award recipient.



Jane Horal is a 1978 Brighton High School graduate who co-founded the GoLivCo-Horal family foundation (GLC-HFF) in 2019 after the tragic death of her husband, Dan, as he cycled in Island Lake State Park and was fatally struck by a distracted driver. Motivated to protect other cyclists from avoidable tragedies, Jane and her family established the Daniel J. Horal Family Foundation as a 501(c)3 and then with support from our community rebranded under the name GoLivCo-Horal Family Foundation. The “Do It For Dan Ride” through Island Lake State Park has annually honored the route of Dan’s last cycle ride since 2019. The Foundation is dedicated to developing and advocating for protected, active mobility solutions in Livingston County—focusing on creating safer streets, roads, and trails for walking, running, biking, and horseback

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Jane Horal, cont. riding. Jane's advocacy and structuring of the Foundation has enabled local and state governments to become more invested and collaborative in preventing distracted driving while involving greater community participation. Jane has spoken on behalf of GLC-HFF to the US Congress, the Michigan State Legislature, the Livingston County Commissioner, and various Livingston County municipalities in addition to presenting opening remarks at the First National Distracted Driver Coalition held in Washington, DC, in on April 26, 2023 (the four year anniversary of Dan's passing). Jane earned a BA in Business Administration and a minor in History from Western Michigan University in 1982. Her 40-year career in the chemical and plastics industry leading sales, marketing and applications development launched innovations in interior and exterior automotive plastic polymer applications around the world.



Sara Patrick has served since 2018 as the first female President and CEO of Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO), with the mission of providing highly reliable and secure North American bulk power systems. Prior to becoming President and CEO, Sara was Vice President of Compliance Monitoring and Regulatory Affairs (2016-2018), and Vice President of Enforcement and Regulator Affairs (2011-2016). Sara strategically oversees corporate activities across regulated industries focusing on reducing reliability/security risks to the North American power grid and promotes effective collaboration with diverse groups to optimize performance. Sara holds a Cybersecurity certification from Private Directors Association, a Cybersecurity and Privacy Law Certificate from Minnesota's Mitchell Hamline School of Law, and a 2022 Executive Education completion certificate in Strategic

Leadership from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. A 2024 member of the Think Bank Board of Directors, Sara has also served since 2022 as Commissioner on the Sustainable Eagan (Minnesota) Advisory Commission. She serves on the 2023-formed Leadership Team of the Minneapolis St. Paul Professional Women for Good, a philanthropic giving circle that collected and granted over \$20,000 in their first year to nonprofits focused on economic development. Sara earned a BA in political science from Western Michigan University and a J.D. from Indiana University Mauer School of Law.

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Stephanie K. Young, MD, has been a Clinical Assistant Professor in the OB/GYN department for the University of Michigan (UM) Health since 2001. Stephanie estimates that she has delivered over a thousand babies, (many of them "Brighton babies," received multiple patient-recognition awards, and is consistently rated Excellent for Bedside Manner, Time with Patients, and Caring Attitude. In her over 25 years as a full-time staff physician for University of Michigan Health System/Michigan Medicine, Stephanie has helped develop and publish a Guide to Perinatal Oral Health for dentists and other healthcare professionals, and given lectures to UM dental students. Active in the Brighton community, Stephanie has volunteered with LACASA, served as a

Girl Scout Leader, Science Olympiad coach, and parent volunteer with the Brighton Musical Theater and Brighton Marching Band. Stephanie was a dedicated "Dance Mom" for over ten years, supporting the competitive dance team at Academy of Dance and attending multiple national competitions. A resident of Livingston County since 1969, Stephanie graduated from Wayne State University's Medical School in 1996 and completed her residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Detroit.

Outstanding Historical Accomplishments by Young Women

2024 Brighton Varsity Girls Lacrosse Team - Won the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I State Championships for their third title, defeating Rockford 7-4 after four consecutive state championship appearances. In 2023 and 2024, the Team faced Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern/Eastern and won back-to-back titles.

