

2022 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee

DR. CALVIN HIGGINS, JR.

GRADUATED: 1981

RESIDES: LAKE ORION, MICHIGAN

Dr. Calvin Higgins, Jr. is a retired decorated Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent. Dr. Higgins conducted hundreds of major drug investigations that spanned across the world. In 2018, after 27 years of service, Dr. Higgins retired as a Supervisory Special Agent.

Dr. Higgins graduated from GLHS in 1981, where he was Co-Captain of the basketball team and a starter on Gahanna's 1980-1981 OCC



Champions football team. Dr. Higgins is thankful to four teachers who guided him through the challenges of being a student athlete. They were the late Tom Moehring (Freshman Basketball Coach), Phil Koppel (Head

Football Coach), Colin Messaros (Assistant Football Coach) and Jan Meyers (English Composition Teacher). Each played a role in challenging Dr. Higgins to be better and to help others.

At an early age, Dr. Higgins's parents, Calvin and Sally, taught him the value and importance of education. This guided Dr. Higgins to pursue and obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from The Ohio State University. In addition, Dr. Higgins went on to obtain a Master of Science in Criminology from Tiffin University, a Master of Arts in Political Science from Wayne State University, and a Doctor of Philosophy from Wayne State

University. Dr. Higgins has again returned to the classroom but this time as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Wayne State University.

Dr. Higgins has also contributed to his alma mater, The Ohio State University, Department of Sociology and Alumni Advisory Board. The creator and past Chair of the Sociology Advisory Board, Dean Gibson spoke highly of Calvin, "Through tremendous leadership and innate ability to lead and inspire we created the first ever OSU Department of Sociology Mentorship Program for sociology, criminology and criminal justice studies students. The mentoring program places particular emphasis on first generation, underrepresented and marginalized students. It continues to thrive and grow under Calvin's leadership."

Soon after retiring from the DEA, Dr. Higgins accepted a position as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer at the Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Due to his success with the DEA, in eighteen short months, Dr. Higgins was promoted to Assistant Vice President overseeing multiple operations in the Branch.

After retiring from the DEA, Dr. Higgins never completely disengaged from drug and substance abuse work. Shortly after leaving the DEA, Dr. Higgins joined the Board of Directors for the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities (ACHC) where he is the Vice Chair of the Board.

Dr. Higgins is married to his wife Diane, and they have two wonderful daughters. Dr. Higgins is an avid Buckeye fan and is enthusiastically involved in CrossFit, running, and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.