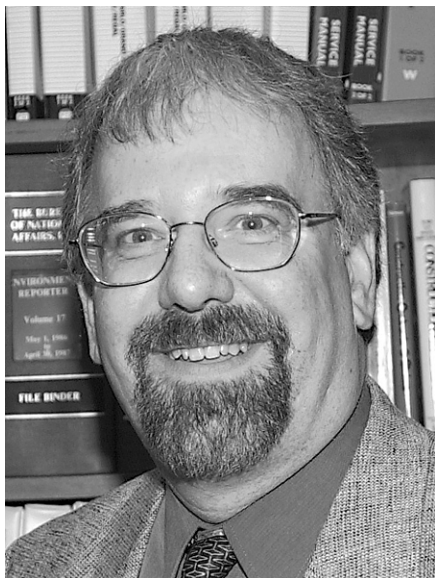


Keith Crabtree

Class of 1970

To his National School Choral Award, his seventeen Spotlight on Excellence national communication awards, and several national advertising nominations, communication consultant and 1970 WHS graduate Keith Crabtree is about to add another.

“When I went to Edgewood Middle School, the High School came down and put on a play. That’s when I got hooked in theater, and the following year I auditioned at the high school for the play, *You Can’t Take it With You*,” Crabtree said.



He tried out for numerous plays and, after graduation, went to the University of Akron to major as a communication consultant.

Crabtree also said his love for the arts helped him decide on advertising for his career choice, and now he works around the country as a communication consultant.

According to Drama Director and PAC Manager Todd Patterson, the Hall of Fame committee looks for people who did well in the arts, but also, they look for people who can serve as inspiration to others. “Though Keith has won many awards for his work in communications, I am most inspired by his courage, as he has dealt with multiple sclerosis over the past 25 years. He always has a positive attitude and is an inspiration to all who know him,” Cabot Rea said, who was the person that nominated Crabtree.

Crabtree said that he is very honored to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. “At first I was shocked because of the amount of talent that has come from Wooster High School. I am humbled to be a part of a rich tradition that Wooster has in the fine arts.”

Crabtree said he hopes to continue inspiring people and steering people in the right direction with his job as a communication consultant.

Zach Humrichouser, *student interviewer*

“Recognize you may get knocked down along the way, but a lifelong dream is just that – lifelong. If you can keep getting up, the dream will be yours.”