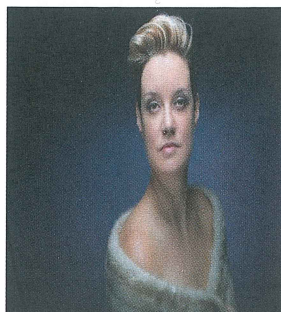


## 2017 Hall of Excellence Recipients Named

A renowned researcher and physicist, an accomplished musician, a beloved educator and a married couple active in community outreach are the 2017 inductees in the Central Hall of Excellence.



*Sarah Brailey*

**Sarah Brailey (class of '00)** has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York since graduating with distinction from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY. A classically-trained soloist, she has recorded with such notable composers as John Zorn and Paola Prestini, performed with Kanye West and can be heard on recordings released by Naxos, Tzadik and VIA Records. Among her numerous music-industry awards was First Prize in the Handel Aria Competition at the 2015 Madison Early Music Festival.



*Dr. Todd Mahr*



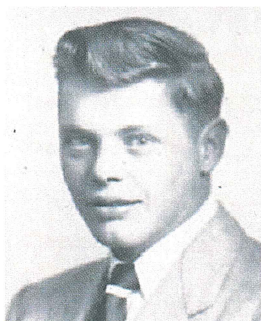
*Debra Mahr*

**Dr. Todd and Debra (Westerfield) Mahr (class of '75 and '74 respectively)** have been preeminently involved in raising awareness of issues related to mental illness in the La Crosse area. Since the death of their daughter Kaitlin, the Mahrs have created "Kaitlin's Table," designed to move therapists from the clinic to the community, and helped found the Teen Service Providers Network, which brings adolescents together to collaborate and share ideas. They also created "Kaitlin's Library" at both the La Crosse YMCA Teen Center and Inpatient Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit at Gundersen Health System. A graduate of the UW Medical School, Todd has written articles for more than 40 medical journals and served as guest presenter at nearly 70 medical conferences, primarily in his expertise in pediatric asthma and allergies.



*Dr. Richard Mewaldt*

**Dr. Richard Mewaldt (class of '61)** is a nationally-recognized physicist who has participated in more than 30 major studies for NASA. In 2011, he was selected as a member of a team responsible for developing one of four instruments to fly on NASA's Solar Probe Mission scheduled to launch in July, 2018. He is currently a research professor of physics with the Space Radiation Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology, where he began his career after receiving his Ph.D. in Physics from Washington University in St. Louis. Mewaldt is a prolific author of peer-reviewed articles for some of the most prestigious publications in space research and physics.



*Dr. Larry Nutter*

**Dr. Larry Nutter (class of '49)** taught chemistry, biology and geometry and served as assistant football and baseball coach at Central from 1957-63 before taking a position in the Chemistry Department at UW-La Crosse. He retired from UW-L in 1996 and further served the La Crosse community by serving on the air quality commission for the state of Wisconsin. Nutter was honored posthumously.

The 2017 inductees were honored at a reception at Central on May 25th.