

2021 Hall of Fame Honoree

Geoffrey Cain Hinsdale South High School Class of 2004

Inducted: November 16, 2021



Mr. Geoffrey Cain is an accomplished author and award-winning journalist who serves as an advisor at the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. Cain's book "Samsung Rising: The Inside Story of the South Korea Giant That Set Out to Beat Apple and Conquer Tech" was a Financial Times best mid-year book of 2020 and was longlisted for the Financial Times McKinsey Business Book of the Year award. He has written for The Economist, Time magazine and The Wall Street Journal, and appeared as a regular guest on CNN, NPR, MSNBC and Bloomberg TV. He is also a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a Fulbright Scholar.

Cain received a bachelor's degree in international affairs from George Washington University, a master's degree with distinction in Asian studies from the University of London, and an executive certificate in anti-money laundering, illicit finance and kleptocracy from George Mason University.

Cain said his passion for writing and reporting began during his time at Hinsdale South. He said, "Hinsdale South was the place where I started exploring my interests that would later blossom as an adult, and found the teachers, mentors and friends who could show me the early ropes of my hobbies."

Message to students:

The person who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones. Work towards your goals and interests every day with pacing in mind. Cultivate enjoyment in what you're doing. Over time, with persistence, you'll move a mountain, even if you don't realize it's happening under your feet.