

Roger Pacholka

Mr. Pacholka graduated from NHS in 1970 after being a member of the track and cross country teams for four years and being named scholar-athlete. After receiving his BA degree at Wright State in 1980, he graduated in the top 10% of his class in Wright State's school of medicine in 1985. He was chief resident in emergency medicine at WSU in 1987-1988. His wife for 24 years is Kathryn; they have a daughter, Lora Marie.

Roger worked at several radio stations as a disc jockey (including WTUE in Dayton) before becoming a doctor. As an emergency medicine physician, he worked for 8 years at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Dayton before moving to Miami Valley Hospital where he has worked for the past 3 years.

Dr. Pacholka has helped his community by working as a volunteer assistant clinical professor at WSU school of medicine, volunteering as NHS football team physician for 10 years and serving as a medical advisor for the city of Dayton fire department for 3 years. He has been a medical missionary to Swaziland in Africa for two years, is co-founder of "In His Name Ministries," and is founder of two medical clinics in Swaziland. He is currently leading volunteer medical and construction teams into Swaziland and Mozambique and organizing the neonatal AIDS prevention program in Swaziland. He is the author of research articles in the Annals of Emergency Medicine and has written two chapters in the textbook, Presenting Signs and Symptoms in the Emergency Department.

Roger was named a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians in 1990, was honored as "Ohio Emergency Physician of the Year" in 1994, and in 1997 became an honorary member of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Mr. Pacholka said, "I thank God that I was able to grow up in Northridge. The community, its teachers, and its coaches have given me more than I could ever hope to repay. They gave me encouragement, allowed me to develop confidence, taught me the value of hard work, sacrifice, and discipline, and taught me to believe in myself. Most importantly, the people of Northridge taught me that the only limitations we have are those that we place upon ourselves. Through the kindness and support of this community, along with the love of God, I have been set free to fulfill my dreams. Thank you so very much."