West Babylon Alumni Foundation

Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

October 27, 2018
**Program**

**Presentation of Colors**
Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634 of the American Legion

**Pledge of Allegiance**
Miss Kyra Duke
West Babylon SHS Class of 2020

**Welcome**
Ralph Rienzo ‘64, President
West Babylon Alumni Foundation

**Superintendent’s Message**
Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly

**Board of Directors’ Award**
Christopher Haug
James Egbert

**Dinner**

**Hall of Fame Inductees**
Joseph Germano ‘64
Richard Scheinberg ‘71
Pamela Vaughn Valdez ‘75
Robert Weaver ‘83

**Closing Remarks**
Ralph Rienzo

**Dessert**
Hall of Fame Inductees

2009
Erica Crespi ‘88
Jonathan Reese ‘86
Mozelle Thompson ‘72
Judy Skillen
Senator Owen H. Johnson
Helmer Petersen (posthumously)

2010
Thomas C. Teufel ‘88
Dr. Charles Thompson ‘72
Thomas McAttee ‘71
Justice Ralph Costello ‘59
H. Austin Sheldon, Jr. (posthumously)

2011
Dr. William G. Hawkins ‘87
Lawrence Doyle ‘76
Dr. Christopher Proto ‘72
Dr. Daniel McCally ‘64
Major Melvyn Kloor ‘59

2012
Dr. Debra Viti ‘77 (posthumously)
   Eric Kraft ‘61
   Silvio Impagliazzo

2013
Patrick M. Farrell ‘73
Michael J. Rizzo ‘67
Dominick Varrone ‘67
Dr. John Bernardo ‘64

2014
Shannon Smith ‘08
Harold Dieterle ‘95
Patrick Halpin ‘71
Vincent DiMartino ‘66
Russell D. Van Brunt (posthumously)

2015
Dr. Mark Thompson ‘79
Anthony Cacciola ‘79
Constance Campanella ‘73
Eileen Naughton Roberto ‘70
John Zaruka ‘69

2016
Suffolk County Legislator
   Thomas Cilmi ‘82
Benedict Reyes ‘64 (posthumously)
   Mary Myers Bruckensteen ‘63
   Leroy Douglas ‘60 (posthumously)

2017
Shannon Romanchuk Saturno ‘01 (posthumously)
   Christine Mowbray Manzi ‘96
   Jeffrey Mintz ‘75 (posthumously)
   Glenn Drewes ‘67

2018
Robert Weaver ‘83
Pamela Vaughn Valdez ‘75
Richard Scheinberg ‘71
Joseph Germano ‘64
Hall of Fame Board of Directors’ Awards

2010
Dr. Robert J. Manley

2011
Martin P. Kennedy
Dr. Anthony Capone
Mathew Wilensky

2012
Frank Taplin

2013
Margaret (Peggy) Ehrensperger

2014
Phillip Ames

2015
Wally Alesse
Barry Titone

2016
Melvin Noble
Margaret Joan Haugen
Emanuel Campisi

2017
Jon Link

2018
Christopher Haug
James Egbert
CHRISTOPHER HAUG

ELEMENTARY
PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Chris grew up in nearby Islip Terrace and attended East Islip High School. He received a wrestling scholarship to the University of New Hampshire where he graduated with B.A. degrees in Athletic Training and Exercise Physiology.

After 10 years working in physical therapy, Chris decided he wanted to be a physical education teacher like one of the most influential people in his life, his junior high school physical education teacher and wrestling coach – Mr. Rocky Gilmore. Chris attended Hofstra University for a Master’s Degree in Physical Education and was soon after hired in the West Babylon School District as a physical education teacher and as the district’s athletic trainer. At the same time, as a nationally ranked judo black belt, he volunteered to teach children’s judo classes. He enjoyed 13 years as WB’s district athletic trainer working on the sidelines with West Babylon’s fine student athletes. Chris decided to resign from athletic training in 2014 in order to coach his children. As a physical education teacher at JFK Elementary, Chris has been awarded the Founders Day Award twice.

In 2013, with the approval of the West Babylon School Board, Chris started the Eagle Sports and Recreation Camp. The camp was designed to provide the elementary students of West Babylon an opportunity to participate in sports, arts and crafts, dance and a variety of other activities in a less competitive atmosphere with children from other West Babylon Elementary Schools. The camp has employed dozens of West Babylon’s finest juniors and seniors as well as dozens of younger volunteers. The camp has grown in leaps and bounds over the years and now has over 100 attendees per week and continues to grow. Each year, the Eagle Sports and Recreation Camp gives back to West Babylon in the form of scholarships for graduating seniors. To date, the camp has given over $15,000 to our college bound students.

Chris enjoys life in Islip with his wife Jillian and their 3 children - Collin, Jenna and Julia.
JAMES EGBERT
ENGLISH TEACHER

West Babylon has been James Egbert’s professional home for more than two decades. Immediately after his hiring in 1996, he pioneered the district’s highly lauded inclusion program that stands today as the undisputed gold standard of teaching and learning excellence.

A Hauppauge native and graduate, Mr. Egbert went on to attend SUNY Plattsburgh and earn double Bachelor Degrees in both English as well as Education. His first teaching position at Saint Mary Gate of Heaven in Queens was not in English, but interestingly enough, Biology and Earth Science. This breadth of knowledge comes as no surprise once you begin to converse with him; James is well-versed in many topics, issues, and of course, authors.

Of the many accolades Mr. Egbert has earned during his tenure in the West Babylon Union Free School District, his being a recipient of the West Babylon Alumni Foundation’s Board of Directors’ Award is truly the sweetest, given his tireless contribution to the young people of this district. He has always maintained the core philosophy that a classroom should promote intellectual curiosity and through the Socratic Method, students are empowered to present and defend their ideas in a congenial, supportive atmosphere. His adherence to this philosophy has made him one of the most consistently requested, beloved, and recognized teachers on all of Long Island, in addition to having won The West Babylon Teacher of Excellence award, the highly coveted Coca-Cola Award, as well as the Harvard Club of Long Island’s Distinguished Teacher Award.

If you asked James what the greatest triumph of his English career is he would share it is the Veterans Day Project that he founded and has continued for over 14 years. A fully fashioned class project featuring interviews to artwork to family photos, these student-edited editions are printed and bound by the High School Print Shop to be distributed to a host of veterans and affiliated organizations. To date, over 30,000 copies have been distributed worldwide.

When James Egbert is not in the classroom, he can be found in the kitchen of his North Shore home preparing classic dishes or in his workshop restoring antiques and crafting wooden furniture. A perfect day for him is entertaining family and friends at his home alongside the loves of his life: his beautiful wife of 21 years, Tricia, and their dog, Thea.
In 1951, Joseph Germano and his family moved to West Babylon where he attended Santapogue School along with his sisters Judy and Mary. His father, Frank, opened a meat counter named Frank’s Gem Meats in Zito’s Grocery Store, inserting himself as a businessman in the West Babylon Community. As a schoolboy, Joe helped his mother make deliveries for the store in between his Little League games. Joe married Jo-Ann Fisch-ett, also a West Babylon alumnus in 1968. In 1976, Joe opened C & J Meats, named after his sons, Charles and Joseph.

Throughout his life, Joe has been affiliated with many community organizations and clubs, as both an active member and benefactor. They include – the Republican Party serving as a committeeman, the Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition, Our Lady of Grace Knights of Columbus, and the West Babylon Beautification Committee. Additionally, Joe has been active in Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church programs serving as a coach in the soccer program where his sons played and sponsoring the Women’s Soccer program where his wife played.

Organizations including (but not limited to) the American Legion Sardiello Post, West Babylon Fire Department, West Babylon Youth Center, and the West Babylon School District have always counted on Joe for supporting their fundraising events. He has also helped countless Eagle Scouts earn their Scout titles through food service. Many families have been comforted by Joe’s actions to provide food to them during their bereavement after losing a loved one.

Joe continues to support countless programs in the West Babylon School District and continues to enhance the reading program at Santapogue, taking time to read to these elementary students whenever asked. This is just a glimpse of Joe’s commitment to the West Babylon community. Over the years, Joe has been the recipient of several community awards. Induction into the Hall of Fame is just a small token of the community’s appreciation of Joe Germano’s accomplishments and commitment to the community.
RICHARD SCHEINBERG  
CLASS OF 1971

Richard Scheinberg received his high school diploma from West Babylon High School in 1971; his undergraduate degree in psychology and sociology in 1975 from the State University at New Paltz; and his master’s degree in social work in 1981 from Adelphi University in Garden City. He is currently a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the state of New York and a Board Certified Diplomate in clinical social work by the American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work.

Mr. Scheinberg served as an executive board member of the Suffolk County chapter of the Society of Clinical Social Work from 1984 to 1995. In January 2000, he was recognized as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the New York University School of Social Work.

Mr. Scheinberg now has spent the past thirty seven years as a psychotherapist in private practice. He opened Sunrise Counseling Center in East Islip, New York, in 1993, in order to help serve the ever increasing need for counseling services on Long Island.

The success of the organization has depended on core human values: to make every effort to provide for each client’s individual need, regardless of their socioeconomic background, while utilizing and collaborating with every other agency in the surrounding community. Sunrise has reached out to coordinate services with every church, school and hospital within 20 miles of the office. Staff clinicians also work on site in other facilities.

In the spring of 2012, Sunrise Counseling Center was recognized as the “BEST AGENCY” in all of New York State by the New York State chapter of the National Association of Social Workers! In a special Long Island reception that followed, Sunrise Counseling Center was also awarded citations from local legislators.

Aside from being a human resources specialist for community organizations, employee assistance programs, and managed care insurance companies, Mr. Scheinberg continues to serve as a seminar and workshop leader locally and as a business consultant outside of New York State. He has been featured locally both in print media and on television.

Richard Scheinberg is also the author of two books. His first book, “Turning Trauma into Triumph”, is an additional effort to reach out to those individuals in the community who are silently suffering; and his second book focuses on deeper, spiritual aspects of personal growth.

Founded by Mr. Scheinberg in July of 1993, Sunrise Counseling Center now has a staff of 50 clinical practitioners who serve over 3500 people each month-making it the LARGEST private mental health center in all of New York State!
PAMELA VAUGHN VALDEZ

CLASS OF 1975

While a student at West Babylon High School, Pam excelled both academically and as an athlete. Pam graduated in the top 5 percent of her class. She played field hockey, basketball and softball. Pam earned the Long Island Gold Key Award as well as a softball scholarship to Adelphi University. Two big influences in her life were her 6th grade teacher Mr. Jack Scharf and her field hockey coach Ms. Peg Ehrensperger.

Pam attended Adelphi University majoring in Education. After three years, she left college to join the United States Navy. She completed her Bachelor’s degree while in the Navy. Pam is the first woman in the history of the United States Navy to be a member of a flight crew. After 6 years, Pam was honorably discharged from the Navy.

In 1984, Pam started working for the Boeing Company in the Military Division. Her accomplishments at Boeing include receiving a Master’s Degree in Information Technology and Business Administration; FAA Pilot; FAA Airframe and Power Plant Mechanic; and FCC Electronics Technician.

Currently, Pam is the Vice President of Air Force Services. She is responsible for managing the daily operational support for 1,500 aircraft throughout the world. Pam works directly with the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Navy on a daily basis to insure our nation’s military aircraft are fulfilling our military’s needs.

Pam is the president of the Royal Aeronautical Society—Seattle Branch and is a board member of the USO Northwest.

For the past 19 years, Pam has sponsored 3 scholarships given annually to West Babylon graduating seniors. The scholarships are given in honor of Jack Scharf, Peg Ehrensperger, and Pam’s mother, Winifred Vaughn. To date she has given in excess of $50,000 to deserving West Babylon students.
ROBERT WEaver  
CLASS OF 1983

Robert P. Weaver, Esq. is a 1983 West Babylon Alumni. Rob received his Bachelor of Art, cum laude, from St. John’s University in 1987 and his Juris Doctor from Hofstra University’s School of Law in 1990.

In 1990, Rob joined the Dime Savings Bank of New York, FSB, where he served as counsel, specializing in banking regulation and compliance and eventually served as a special assistant to the Bank’s CEO, overseeing public, government and investor relations.

Governor George Pataki appointed Rob as counsel to the New York State Banking Department in 1995 and he eventually served as the Department’s Chief of Staff. While at the Banking Department, Rob facilitated the establishment of the Holocaust Claims Processing Office, drafted regulations implementing the ATM safety act and oversaw the Department’s staff during and in the immediate aftermath of the events of September 11, 2001.

In 2004, Rob joined Emigrant Bank as Regulatory Counsel and assisted the Bank in developing one of the earliest online banking platforms in the country as well as led Emigrant’s compliance area during the 2008 financial crisis.

Rob left Emigrant in 2010 to serve as counsel to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington DC, where he assisted in drafting regulations implementing provisions of the Dodd Frank Act.

In 2012, Rob joined the staff of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, where he oversaw legal and compliance efforts at GE Capital Corporation and Citigroup. Rob also led the special review of several large institution’s manipulation of the foreign exchange markets, which resulted in the first time in US history that several banks pled guilty to a crime.

Rob rejoined Emigrant Bank in 2016, where he serves as Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Chief Compliance and Bank Secrecy Act Officer.

Rob resides in Lindenhurst with his wife, Donna. Rob and Donna are the proud parents of three daughters and a son and welcomed their first grandchild, Hailey Lynn on July 4, 2018.
ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The West Babylon Alumni Foundation was established in 1997 and re-organized in 2008. The West Babylon Alumni Foundation is comprised of graduates from 50 years of students.

The purpose of the Foundation is to perpetuate the “tradition of excellence” in the West Babylon School District.

The Foundation has set goals of awarding scholarships, creating a “Hall of Fame” and establishing a website, as well as a grant program for student clubs and organizations.

THE MISSION

The West Babylon Alumni Foundation, Inc. is a broadly based, non-profit organization whose purpose is educational and charitable to secure and distribute contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations for the benefit of the students in the West Babylon Public Schools and by doing so, perpetuate the unique experience and traditions.

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www.wbschools.org and also at www.westbabylonalumni.org

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Or contact us at:
wbalumni@wbschools.org
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2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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CLASS OF 1986
MEMORIAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
Miss Daria DelMonico
Miss Victoria Kilfeather
Mr. Joseph Randazzo
Miss Lianna Sirel
Mr. Anthony Verdi

Miss Hailey Baldauf
Miss Erin Petroski
Miss Kayla Reese
Miss Alexandra Gaudioso
Mr. Eric Donohue

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Mr. Vincent DeLucia

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Miss Lauren Prendergast

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ANITA PARIS MEMORIAL Scholarship
Mr. Neil Cella
Miss Victoria Kilfeather

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Mr. Neil Cella

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Mr. Robert Aguanno

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Miss Valentina Lentricchia

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Miss Julia Gabrell

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Austin Sheldon ‘64  
Robert Weaver ‘83  
Glenn Drewes ‘67

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for your continued support of our organization.