West Babylon Alumni Foundation

Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

November 2, 2019
Program

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

Pledge of Allegiance
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
Douglas G. Hassell Jr.
Patricia Martin Farrell

Dinner

Hall of Fame Inductees
Dr. Jennifer D’Amico ‘98
Justin Davies ‘94
Thomas H. Weidemeyer ‘65

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 McAteer ‘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 Bruckenstien ‘63
Leroy Douglas ‘60 (posthumously)
Hall of Fame Inductees

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

2018

2019
Dr. Jennifer D’Amico ‘98
Justin Davies ‘94
Thomas H. Weidemeyer ‘65
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

2019
Douglas G. Hassell Jr.
Patricia Martin Farrell
Douglas G. Hassell Jr. is the owner of Hassell Auto Body of West Babylon in New York. He is the only son of Anne and Douglas Hassell and only brother of Kimberly and Kelly Hassell. He is currently married to his beloved wife of 21 years Catherine and has two beautiful children, Katie and Douglas III, and resides in West Islip. Since 12 years old, he has been a fixture in the shop, learning almost everything he knows from his father about repairing vehicles. Eventually he became an estimator and moved into the office. When Doug Sr. passed away in 2007, Doug Jr. took over Hassell Auto Body and has been successfully running all. He ascertains his facility has the most up to date equipment and his employees are well trained. Customer service is of the utmost importance and all his customers are treated like family.

Of equal importance to Doug, is giving back to the community. Hassell Auto Body hosts car wash fundraisers almost every Saturday from April to September where all car wash supplies are provided with breakfast and lunch included. Various organizations take advantage of the car wash fundraisers ranging from Boy/Girl Scouts of America, school groups, dance and cheer groups, cancer survivors etc. Around prom and graduation season, Hassell Auto Body places a damaged vehicle at West Babylon High School for Students Against Destructive Decisions, in an effort to remind students to make positive decisions while driving to keep themselves, their passengers and fellow drivers safe. Every November the shop also gives away turkeys to less fortunate families. Throughout the year, various community groups stop in for donations to their organization, whether it be an ad in a bulletin, buying a wreath, supplying supplies to an Eagle Scout project, etc. Hassell Auto Body also has trained and certified child safety seat technicians to install or check infant/child’s car seats and boosters free of charge.

Hassell Auto Body has been a staple in the community for over 50 years beginning with Douglas Hassell Sr. and continuing with Douglas Hassell Jr.
Patricia Martin Farrell was born in Queens, NY and moved to Babylon in the third grade. After high school, she attended St. John’s University, University College in Brooklyn graduating with a BA in English in 1964. Pat next attended Hofstra University, graduating with a MS in Elementary Education in 1969 and also receiving a CAS in Educational Administration in 1985. She finally was granted a PD in Educational Administration in 1992.

After teaching in a private school for one year, Mr. Petersen hired Pat to teach fourth grade at Santapogue School in 1965. In the next 18 years, Pat taught first through fifth grades at Santapogue. Her final classroom responsibility was at Tooker Avenue School, teaching a self-contained class of Gifted and Talented third, fourth and fifth graders. Throughout these years, Pat actively participated in school and community events in addition to her classroom responsibilities.

In September 1986, Pat was appointed Principal of South Bay School, involving herself in all aspects of the school and community. Pat always focused on student achievement and the many ways to have students and their families become a part of the learning process.

With the assistance of staff and parents, Pat developed varied activities and events to help students learn and grow in all aspects. Pat retired from South Bay in 2002 after serving 35 years in West Babylon School District.

Pat now resides in Bay Shore and her son, Mark, a Long Island chef, resides in Babylon. She continues as a teacher in an ESL program for immigrant women of all nationalities. As a life-long learner, Pat is still trying to learn the game of golf.
Dr. Jennifer Ann D’Amico  
Class of 1998

Dr. Jennifer Ann D’Amico was born in the Belmont section of the Bronx; was raised in Florida, and after her parents divorced, grew up on Long Island. Dr. D’Amico was always passionate about taking care of people, even as a child, and explored her interests in science and biology from an early age - her future in Medicine was certain. In fact, upon receiving a “C” in penmanship in second grade, when her mother (Connie) questioned her, she informed her mother that she was going to be a doctor “and doctors have bad handwriting!”

Dr. D'Amico persevered through life's challenges, including moving at the end of 8th grade. Entering West Babylon was a bright spot for her, as she was able to get into the honors classes she wanted, and excelled in. She participated in choir, musical theater, peer mediation programs, SADD, and many other after-school activities; Jen thrived at WBSHS. She attended the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. for her undergraduate education. Following her success at Catholic, she was accepted to the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, where she completed her Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM).

Dr. D’Amico matched to the residency program of her choice, studying in San Diego, CA; she was honored in her third year to be named Chief Resident, which provided her with even greater opportunities to help other doctors learn. From San Diego, she completed two prestigious fellowships - one in Switzerland and the other in Baltimore, MD - where she learned advanced techniques for limb deformity correction.

Along the way she found a passion for helping even more people when she was invited at the last minute on a mission trip to Kathmandu, Nepal, as one of the physicians providing treatment to heal foot and ankle deformities in both children and adults. After completing this mission trip, she was invited to participate in another one 2 years later; this parlayed into her leading the Kathmandu mission for the past 6 years, and has become an annual pilgrimage for her, allowing her to share her talents and form professional relationships with likeminded physicians across the world.

Dr. D'Amico is currently the Podiatric Surgeon at Litchfield Hills Orthopedics Associates in Torrington, CT where she continues to hone her craft and provide the best care possible to her patients.
Justin Davies, the son of Robert and Cynthia Davies, is a 1994 Graduate of West Babylon High School. Justin left his mark in West Babylon as an outstanding athlete and individual. During his years at WB, he was all-league and all-county in football and was an all-league and key member of both the 1993 and 1994 Long Island Large School Championship teams. Justin always gave of his personal time to lead and participate in both baseball and football clinics for the youngsters in the district. He was always the first volunteer to arrive and the last to leave. Justin then went on to Nassau Community College in 1995 and 1996 where he was a standout in both football and baseball. In football he played in two Bowl games and was designated an All-Region player two times.

His next step was Queens College, where he was on a baseball scholarship and was a major contributor to the team that won back to back conference titles and a NYCAC Tournament Title. Justin was named as a Division II All-American in 1998 and holds many records for Queens College. At the end of his career at Queens College he was drafted 23rd by the Toronto Blue Jays and played in the Jays organization from 1998-2000.

Justin then played in the inaugural season for The Long Island Ducks from 2000-2005 where he left his mark with the Ducks as a fan favorite and with several team records. He was a two time Atlantic League All-Star, the MVP of the 2004 Championship. When he retired in 2005, he held four team records. At the time, Ducks principal owner Frank Bolton said “There’s no replacing someone like Justin, he is the personification of a team player”. In 2015 the Ducks, who recognized his impact on the fans and the organization, retired Justin’s number 4. The number 4 is the first Ducks uniform number to be retired and will never be worn by another player.

Justin now resides in North Carolina with his lovely wife Jaslyn, and three beautiful children, Angelina, Christian, and Mathew. Justin joined the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department in 2006 where he continues to serve the Community both in the Department and through volunteering. Justin is also the head varsity coach of the very successful Hickory Ridge HS softball program.
Thomas H. Weidemeyer  
Class of 1965

Born in Brooklyn, Tom and his family moved to West Babylon in 1955. Along with his sisters, Arlene and Carol, Tom is a graduate of West Babylon High School, having graduated as class Valedictorian in 1965.

Following high school, Tom continued his education at Colgate University, receiving his BA in 1969, and then graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1972. Tom returned to New York in 1972, and began his career at UPS and became a member of the New York bar.

During his 32 year career at UPS, Tom worked in a variety of assignments, raising through the ranks until at the time of his retirement in 2004, he was Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of UPS, President of UPS Airlines and served as a member of the UPS Board of Directors from 1998 until his retirement.

In addition to his corporate responsibilities, Tom served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Air Transport Association of America, and a member of the Military Airlift Committee. He was also appointed by President Bush to the National Infrastructure Advisory Committee, and served on the board of the National Center for Family Literacy, the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, and the Southern Institute for Business and Professional Ethics.

Since his retirement from UPS in 2004, Tom has continued to use his executive experience. He currently serves as a Director of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., NRG Energy, Inc., Armstead Industries, Incorporated, and as Chairman and Director of Waste Management, Inc.

Tom and his wife Mary just celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. Son Tom, Jr. is married to Mimi and lives in Lake Worth, Fl; daughter Susan is married to Peter Davidson and lives in Mt. Pleasant, SC; and son Jeff is engaged to Chelsea and lives in Houston Tx. When not traveling for pleasure with Mary, Tom spends most of his spare time playing tennis and golf.
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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