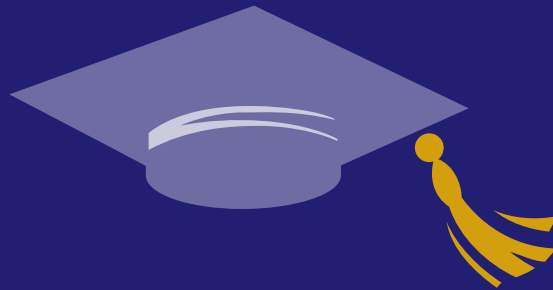


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First 40 Years

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First 40 Years

Commencement is a time when seniors traditionally reflect on what they have accomplished and what their future might hold. The Class of 1980 also asked some questions. What about the graduates who preceded them? Where were they? What had they achieved? How well had they met the challenges they faced following commencement?

The questions led the 1980 Senior Class officers to establish the first annual Distinguished Graduate Award to recognize the professional and humanitarian achievements of Butler High graduates who made their presence known in their communities and in the world. Twenty-four years later, the president of the Class of 1980 was named a Distinguished Graduate for her achievements.

Among the 40 Distinguished Graduates in this edition are musicians, educators, diplomats, medical doctors, scientists, business and government leaders, and humanitarians. The search for the recipient begins annually with American Education Week in November. Nominations are accepted until April 1.

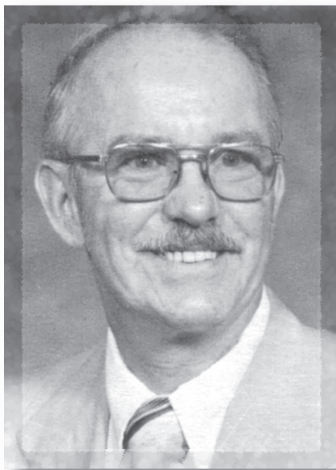
A DGA Steering Committee directs the project. The committee includes the founder of the award, the senior high principal, past recipients, a member of the Class of 1980, the school board president or his/her designee, and the Senior Class officers and faculty advisors.

The steering committee reviews the nominee files and presents the names of three finalists to the DGA Selection Committee, who vote by secret ballot to choose the Distinguished Graduate. The finalists are notified. Members of the selection committee include the Senior Class officers and advisors and a senior representative from each Butler High club and organization.

All nominees remain in contention from year to year unless the person making the nomination withdraws the name. Anyone nominating a graduate should continue to update the nominee's file by sending new information to the senior high principal. More than 80 Butler High graduates remain in contention for 2021.

The Senior Class president announces the name of the DGA recipient annually during commencement exercises in June. What the class of 1980 and each succeeding class has discovered is that there are no limits to what Butler High graduates can become.

This edition, which includes the first 40 recipients of the Distinguished Graduate Award, is supported by The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation, Inc. and the Butler Education Association. A new edition will be published every ten years.



George P. Young, Ph.D. CLASS OF 1942

1980

An educator who received national and international recognition, George Young was superintendent of St. Paul Public Schools in St. Paul, MN, when he was named the first recipient of the Distinguished Graduate Award. Young earned advanced degrees at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Illinois after graduating from the University of Kansas. He began his career in education as a math teacher at Schenley High School in Pittsburgh and later spent seven years in Guatemala and Colombia, where he was a teacher, guidance counselor, and school superintendent. Young co-founded two schools in Colombia: an institute for Colombian adults that became the official United States Information Service Bi-National Center and the American Business Academy for women seeking secretarial training in English. Young received awards for Outstanding Service in Advancing Social Justice and Building Better Human Relations and for Outstanding Leadership to Students. The University of Illinois College of Education honored him as a Distinguished Alumnus. Young, who died in 1991, attended Center Avenue Elementary School.

1981

P. Richard Rittelmann CLASS OF 1956

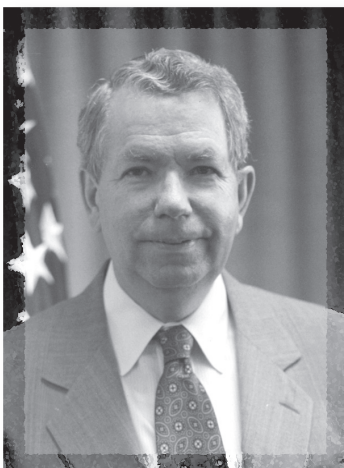
Chairman of the Board of Directors of Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates in Butler, Richard Rittelmann is recognized internationally for his research in energy-efficient building design. The registered architect and specialist in solar systems design was a U.S. representative to the International Energy Agency in the early 1980s. He was responsible for managing an international research program involving 12 countries studying methods to reduce energy use in buildings and apply solar energy in their heating. In 1987 Rittelmann was inducted into the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows (FAIA), an honor bestowed on fewer than two percent of practicing architects. He was the only United States architect to be nominated by the AIA for the International Union of Architects Technology in Architecture Award. Rittelmann was principal-in-charge for work at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). He was also principal-in-charge of the Center for Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he graduated from the School of Architecture. For three years in the late 1990s he served as chairman of the research advisory board at Oak Ridge National Laboratories, Oak Ridge, TN. Prior to his passing, he was a resident of Butler Township. Rittelmann attended St. Peter's Elementary School.



Edward M. Ifft, Ph.D. CLASS OF 1955

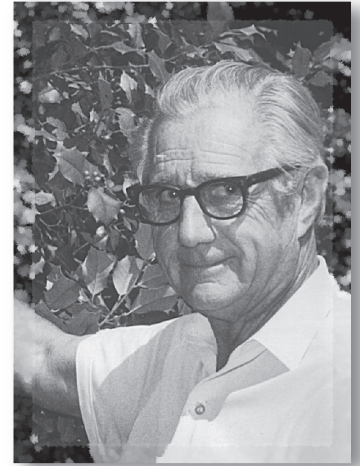
1982

Edward M. Ifft is a retired member of the top-level Senior Executive Service following a 40-year career with the U.S. State Department, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, On-Site Inspection Agency, and Defense Threat Reduction Agency. Ifft played a major role in negotiating and implementing many of the important nuclear arms control agreements of the past 45 years. He was deputy chairman of the delegation that negotiated the Threshold Test Ban Treaty in Moscow in 1974. He was the senior State Department negotiator for both the START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) Treaty and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Ifft served as a U.S. inspector under the former treaty, visiting many sensitive Soviet and Russian military installations. Among his many honors are a Senior Executive Service Meritorious Executive Award from President George H. W. Bush in 1989 and a Distinguished Civilian Service Medal from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in 2002. He also received the Exceptional Civilian Service medal from the On-Site Inspection Agency for his work from 1991 to 1998 and was cited as "the driving force behind the execution of the arms control mission." In 2010, he received the Horace Mann Award for lifetime achievement from Antioch College. For 13 years, he was an Adjunct Professor in the Graduate School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Ifft is currently a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. Ifft received a bachelor of science degree from Antioch College and a doctor of philosophy degree in physics from Ohio State University. A resident of Arlington, VA, he attended the former Institute Hill Elementary School.



1983**Orlando S. Pride** CLASS OF 1925

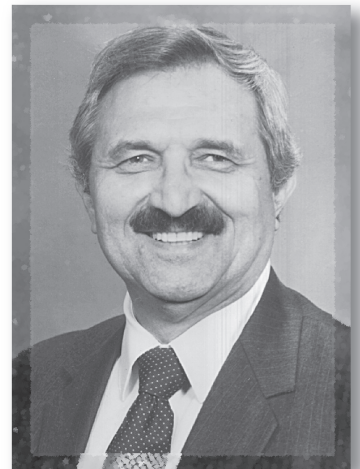
Gardeners and landscapers in climates like our own will be eternally grateful for the talents and labors of "Lanny" Pride. A 1928 Penn State graduate with a major in landscape architecture, Pride applied his horticultural abilities in developing hybrid strains of perennials, such as the American Holly, that were hardy enough to withstand freezing winter temperatures. Pride was honored for his achievements in 1969 as one of six Penn State Distinguished Graduates, at which time Pride met longtime football coach, Joe Paterno. Seven years before his death in 1983, Pride named a hardy white hybrid rhododendron for the popular Paterno. In the early 90s, the Joe Paterno Rhododendron gained widespread commercial success, prompting his son, Lanny Pride, Jr., to write, "It seems after death, he has achieved something that had eluded him in life . . . a commercially successful rhododendron!" Pride also became internationally known for creating hardier forms of azaleas. The beautiful azaleas that once graced the Senior High campus were Pride's gift to his alma mater.

**William K. Parker** CLASS OF 1961

William Parker saw his first opera when he was a 17-year-old AFS exchange student in West Germany. The experience changed his life. Returning to the United States, he entered Princeton University where he earned a degree in Germanic languages and literature. He was a college senior before he took his first voice lesson. The New York City Opera baritone won major singing competitions in France, Germany, and Canada, but the turning point in his career came in 1980 when he won first prize in the Kennedy Center-Rockefeller Foundation International Competition for Excellence in the Performance of American Music. Parker was honored by the Butler Rotary Club and the Butler Symphony Association as a "native son." He wore the medal he received on a ribbon around his neck during concert performances. Best known for his comedy roles in opera, Parker performed with major European and American opera companies, including the Pittsburgh Opera. He died of AIDS in 1993 at the age of 49. Parker spent the last years of his life working on a project he called the AIDS Quilt Songbook to benefit a New York housing organization for homeless AIDS victims.

1984**1985****William L. Grecco, Ph.D.** CLASS OF 1942

A former instructor and professor at the University of Pittsburgh, Purdue University, and the University of Tennessee, William Grecco retired as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the College of Engineering at Tennessee. During his lengthy teaching career, Grecco served on the board of directors of numerous academic and honorary organizations, including a six-year term on the board of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Grecco also consulted on engineering education at several universities, including the University of Louisville, the University of Nebraska, and Clemson University. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. Grecco has conducted numerous research projects and published over 50 articles and studies. In a letter to the Butler Eagle in 1985, Grecco wrote, "It was probably my satisfaction with the quality of my teachers and the education I received in the Butler school system that prompted me to enter the education profession." Prior to his passing, he was a resident of Knoxville, TN. He attended Center Avenue Elementary School.





Margaret C. Puff CLASS OF 1922

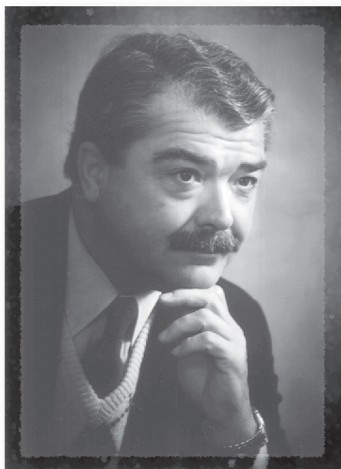
1986

A former Butler "Teacher of the Year," Margaret Puff was instrumental in the development of an expanded modern geography curriculum for the Butler Area School District. She created a high-level strategic geography course that she taught without a textbook. "I tried to show why geography, economics, and history are inseparable," Puff said. She also wrote a Senior High School geography pilot program at the request of the University of Pittsburgh Geography Department. Puff's teaching skills served Butler students for over 40 years. She taught at Center Avenue School from 1926 to 1945 and at Butler Senior High School from 1945 to 1969. She attended Slippery Rock Normal School and then received her teaching certification and a bachelor of science degree in education from Kent State College. Later studies at Pitt earned Puff a master of education degree in geography. The 1922 class valedictorian, she attended Center Avenue Elementary School. In her 90s, Puff continued to be active and pursued her hobby of studying wildlife, especially birds. She died in 1999.

1987

Thomas O. Oesterling, Ph.D. CLASS OF 1956

A founder, president, and CEO of Gliatech, a biomedical products company in Beachwood, OH, Thomas O. Oesterling conducted important research in the mechanisms of drug degradation, development of controlled-release drug delivery systems, genetics, and cancer. The company successfully developed and marketed a line of products in the U.S. and major world markets to prevent internal scarring following various surgical procedures. The company also established a pharmaceutical division targeting products to treat Alzheimer's disease. Before joining Gliatech in 1989, Oesterling was president of Collaborative Research Inc. in Boston, where he led the development and commercialization of the first diagnostic test for human identity based on DNA. During his career he also was a research assistant and later head of the Upjohn Co. and held several positions with Johnson & Johnson, including Director of Research and Development for the Dermatological Division. At Johnson & Johnson, he led the team that developed the first sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF). In 1983, Oesterling was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, where he earned his bachelor of science degree in pharmacology and advanced degrees in pharmaceuticals. Oesterling is a member of the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the American Chemical Society, and the American Academy of Dermatology. A resident of Naples, FL, Oesterling attended the former Institute Hill Elementary School. He retired from Gliatech in 2000.



Dr. Peter E. Sheptak CLASS OF 1955

1988

Since completing his undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame in 1959, Dr. Peter Sheptak has studied, practiced, and taught medicine at the University of Pittsburgh for over four decades. He attended medical school at Pitt from 1959 to 1963. Since completing an internship and residency, Sheptak has devoted his professional career to neurological surgery as both a teacher and a practicing surgeon. His professional achievements include the publication of numerous articles in professional journals as well as contributing chapters to textbooks. He has lectured many times to his fellow neurosurgeons at national and international meetings. Sheptak developed microsurgical techniques for treating acoustic tumors and was a pioneer in utilizing tissue adhesives to treat brain aneurysms. His teaching legacy includes contributing to the training of over ninety neurosurgeons now practicing in the United States and overseas. He was Vice Chairman and Professor of Neurological Surgery at Pitt. The university honored Sheptak by establishing the Peter E. Sheptak Endowed Chair in Neurological Surgery. For thirty-five years, he was the neurosurgeon for the Pittsburgh Penguins. Sheptak is now retired, living in Pittsburgh and Hilton Head. He attended Broad Street Elementary School.

1989 Dr. Dorothea Drews Johnson CLASS OF 1948

As an international authority on the development and implementation of health care programs for industry, Dr. Dorothea Johnson has been recognized for her innovative methods in assisting employee groups to achieve and maintain optimum personal health, and thus, to perform at their best. Johnson completed undergraduate studies at Capital University in Ohio and earned her medical degree in 1956 from the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Her occupational health affiliation with AT&T began one year later. Until her retirement in 1995, Johnson served as Vice President and Division Executive for Health Affairs at AT&T, overseeing health policies affecting 270,000 employees. Among her numerous distinctions, Johnson served in 1985 as the first woman president of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. In 1990, a videotape produced under her leadership - "What If It Wasn't There?" - was honored by the U. S. Industrial Film and Video Festival. Johnson received the 1991 Achievement Award from the Medical College of Pennsylvania and the 1992 American Red Cross Humanitarian Award. She continues to serve on the Board of Trustees of Sandy Cove Ministries, a non-profit, non-denominational ministry in North East, MD. A resident of Basking Ridge, NJ, she attended Center Avenue Elementary School.



Samuel Scarnato, Ph.D. CLASS OF 1947

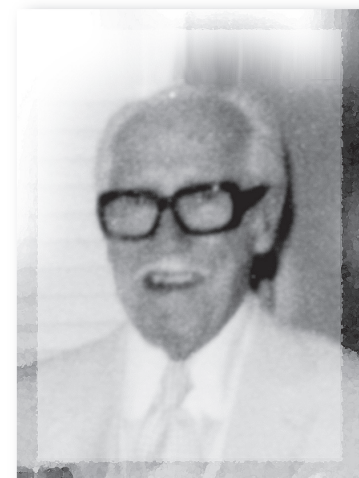
As superintendent of the Special School District of St. Louis County, MO, Samuel Scarnato was instrumental in restoring public confidence and integrity to a system that was under multiple investigations and wracked with controversy and financial deficits. During his tenure in the New Orleans Public Schools, Scarnato worked to create two different non-traditional high school programs: the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts for students gifted in the arts and the New Orleans Center for Science and Math, which accepts average students on a half-day basis for advanced schooling in science, math, and technology. Scarnato retired in 1991 as chief financial officer who oversaw a \$275 million budget for over 84,000 pupils. The American Federation of Teachers cited him in 1994 as an "educator exceeding expectations." In retirement Scarnato serves as chairman of the board of the Louisiana Executive Service Corps, a non-profit management consulting service to other non-profits in Louisiana. He received his master of education degree from the University of Pittsburgh and his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Michigan. Prior to his passing, he was a resident of New Orleans. Scarnato attended Oakland Township Elementary School.

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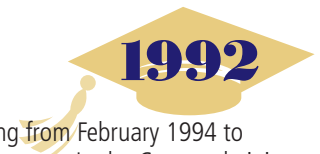
H. Creston Doner CLASS OF 1922

An international authority on design and color, Creston Doner was director of design, Libbey-Owens-Ford Company in Toledo, OH from 1938 to 1967. He was a Fellow of Industrial Designers Society of America and of Design Directors in Industry, as well as president of Industrial Designers Institute 1959-60. Doner served as a consultant to the architects and designers of Expo '67, the New York World's Fairs in 1939-40 and 1964-65, and for "Tomorrowland" for Disneyland in California and Florida. While working for Libbey-Owens-Ford, Doner was instrumental in designing the contemporary business office and in conceiving the Daylight Color System for industrial plant painting designed to improve working conditions and productivity. Most significantly, Doner created the trend-setting "Kitchen of Tomorrow" in 1942, which demonstrated the use of new glass products. The kitchen was displayed by Libbey-Owens-Ford in key cities of the U.S. and Canada. Doner's designs have appeared in Life, House Beautiful, Better Homes and Gardens, Office Design, and many professional publications. Doner also received recognition for his trend-setting ideas in men's fashions. Featured in colorful evening clothes in a 1960 issue of Gentleman's Quarterly, Doner was selected a charter member of the American Society of Beau Brummels in 1954. He died in September 1991.





William J. Perry, Ph.D. CLASS OF 1945

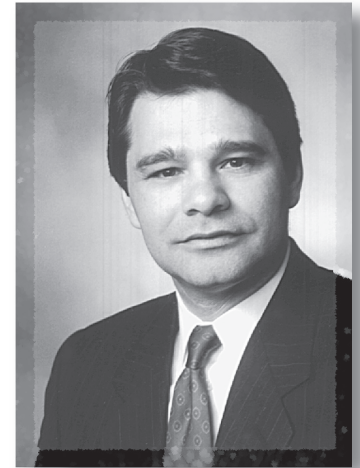


Dr. William Perry was the 19th Secretary of Defense for the United States, serving from February 1994 to January 1997 in the Clinton administration after serving one year as Deputy Secretary. In the Carter administration, Perry had served as Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. He is recognized as chief architect of this country's stealth technology and smart weapons. In 1997, Perry returned to Stanford University, where he has a joint appointment in the School of Engineering and the Institute for International Studies. In the latter, he is co-director of the Preventive Defense Project, a research collaboration between Stanford and Harvard. Perry is also a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution. He received his bachelor and master of science degrees from Stanford and his doctor of philosophy degree from Penn State, all in mathematics. Perry is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Among his awards are the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal. Perry has also received decorations from 11 European and Asian nations. A resident of Palo Alto, CA, Perry attended the former Jefferson Street Elementary School.



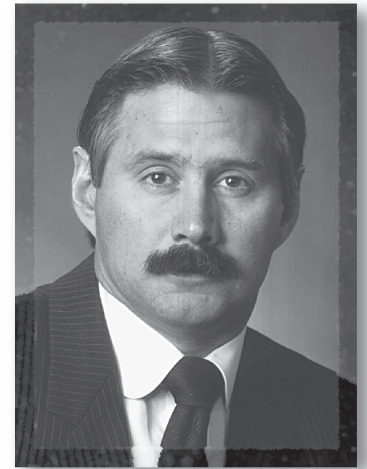
Daniel A. D'Aniello CLASS OF 1964

Daniel A. D'Aniello is Co-Founder, Chairman Emeritus, and member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of The Carlyle Group, a global alternative asset management company headquartered in Washington, D.C. and operating in 21 offices in North America, South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Australia with over \$216 billion in assets under management. Prior to forming Carlyle in 1987, D'Aniello was a Vice President for Finance and Development at Marriott Corporation. Prior to Marriott, he was a financial officer at PepsiCo, Inc. and Trans World Airlines. D'Aniello is a 1968 magna cum laude graduate of Syracuse University and a 1974 graduate of the Harvard Business School, where he was a Teagle Foundation Fellow. He served in the United States Navy from 1968 through 1971 during which time he was a Distinguished Naval Graduate of Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI; a Supply Officer (LTJG) aboard the USS Wasp (CVS 18); and in 2016, awarded the designation of Lone Sailor by the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation. D'Aniello is Chairman of the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy; Co-Chairman of the Institute for Veterans and Military Families; Chairman of the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts; a founding Trustee of the Lumen Institute; a Lifetime Board Trustee of Syracuse University where he is an Arents Alumni Award recipient; a member of the Chancellor's Council and the Corporate Advisory Council to the Martin J. Whitman School of Management; and an advisor to the John Templeton Foundation. He attended St. Paul Catholic School.



1994**Ernest E. Moore, Jr., M.D.** CLASS OF 1964

Ernest E. "Gene" Moore, M.D. was the Chief of Trauma at the Denver General Hospital for 36 years, Chief of Surgery for 28 years, and the first Bruce M. Rockwell Distinguished Chair in Trauma Surgery. He continues to serve as Vice Chairman for Research and is a Distinguished Professor of Surgery at the University of Colorado Denver (UCD). He has been the Editor of the Journal of Trauma since 2012. Under Moore's leadership, the Rocky Mountain Regional Trauma Center at Denver General became internationally recognized for innovative care of the injured patient, and its trauma research laboratory has been funded by the NIH for 30 consecutive years. In July 2018, the center was renamed the Ernest E. Moore Shock Trauma Center at Denver Health. Moore has served as president of nine academic societies, including the Society of University Surgeons; American Association for the Surgery of Trauma; International Association for Trauma and Surgical Intensive Care; the World Society of Emergency Surgery; and as Vice President for the American Surgical Association. His awards include the Robert Danis Prize from the Society of International Surgeons, Orazio Campione Prize from the World Society of Emergency Surgery, Philip Hench Award from the University of Pittsburgh, Florence Sabin Award from the University of Colorado, and Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of University Surgeons, among many others. Moore has honorary fellowships in the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand, and the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is coeditor of the textbook Trauma, in its 9th edition; Surgical Secrets, in its 7th edition; and Trauma Induced Coagulopathy, in its 2nd edition. A resident of Denver, he attended Oakland Township Elementary School.

**Rebecca J. West, Ph.D.** CLASS OF 1964

A recognized specialist in 20th century Italian literature and culture, Dr. Rebecca West is the William R. Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Service Professor Emerita of Italian in the Department of Romance Language and Literature, and in the Department of Cinema and Media Studies at the University of Chicago. Her book, Eugenio Montale: Poet on the Edge, received the Marraro Prize in 1981 from the Modern Language Association as the best book on an Italian topic. West visited the 1975 Nobel prize-winning poet when she was awarded a fellowship in 1978 to study at the American Academy in Rome. West later received a Guggenheim Fellowship for studies in contemporary Italian fiction. In 1992, she was one of two professors at the University of Chicago to receive the Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Prize for excellence in graduate teaching. The MLA awarded West the Scaglione Publication Prize in 2000 for a second book, Gianni Celati: The Craft of Everyday Storytelling. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in French and Italian from the University of Pittsburgh and her master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from Yale University. A resident of Chicago, she taught at both universities before joining the University of Chicago faculty in 1973. West attended Center Avenue and Emily Brittain Elementary Schools.

1995



William Purvis CLASS OF 1966

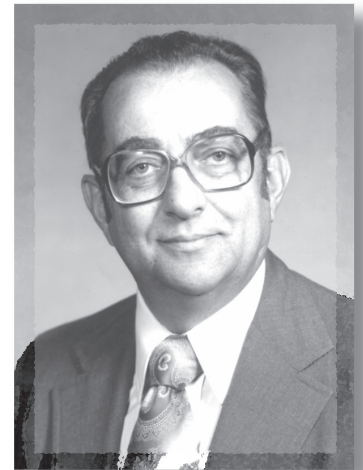
1996

William Purvis began his study of the French horn as a fourth grader in the instrumental music program at Emily Brittain Elementary School. At 13, he was playing in the horn section of the Butler County Symphony and at 18 won the Young Artists Competition to appear as soloist with the Pittsburgh Symphony. Today Purvis is known internationally as a French horn soloist, chamber musician, conductor, and educator. He is a member of the New York Woodwind Quintet and co-principal horn of both the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and the Orchestra of St. Luke's. He has recorded extensively with all three groups. Purvis studied the French horn at the Juilliard School of Music and earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy at Haverford College. A frequent guest with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Purvis is a faculty member of the Yale School of Music, where he is also coordinator of winds and brass; Juilliard, where he is also coordinator of the New York Woodwind Quintet Chamber Music Seminar; and SUNY, Stony Brook. A recording of works of Schumann, in collaboration with his wife, pianist Mihae Lee, was released on Bridge in 2004. The couple reside in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. He attended Emily Brittain Elementary School.

1997

William H. Dumbaugh Jr., Ph.D. CLASS OF 1947

William H. Dumbaugh, Jr. joined the Corning Glass Works in 1958 as a senior chemist and later in his career was appointed manager of the Glass Chemistry Research Department. In 1984, he was appointed a research fellow in recognition of his scientific achievements. A technical colleague at Corning called him a "scientific talent" and one of the top three or four scientists to work at Corning in 35 years. Dumbaugh was the key inventor of the glass technology that produced the popular Corelle tableware. Other key Dumbaugh inventions include infrared transmitting glasses used in the Sidewinder and Stinger missiles; glass tubing for tungsten-halogen lamps used in automobile headlights; and liquid crystal displays used in laptop computers and other technology. At the time of his death in 1996, Dumbaugh held 52 U.S. patents. After receiving a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the University of Rochester, which he attended on an ROTC scholarship, Dumbaugh served as an officer in the U.S. Navy for three years. He later earned his doctor of philosophy degree in chemistry at Penn State. Dumbaugh attended Center Avenue Elementary School. He was the first Distinguished Graduate to be named posthumously.



John W. Gumpper CLASS OF 1936

1998

Except for a correspondence course from the Chicago Art Institute, John Gumpper was a self-taught artist who volunteered his time and talent to his community. The architectural planner retired in 1985 from the Butler County Planning Commission. Gumpper began his career in design with the former Walter Wimer and Associates, a Butler architectural firm, where he worked for 28 years. Before serving as a fighter pilot in World War II, Gumpper worked in the advertising department of the former American Bantam Car Co. He later created designs for Sunnyview Nursing Home and other county projects, including the Vietnam Memorial in Diamond Park. He has contributed cover designs for more than 50 Butler County Symphony programs and illustrated three publications for Butler High School: *Favorite Sons and Sons of Guns*, *Silent Heroes Among Us*, both written by students, and the [Butler Senior High Alumni Directory](#). A self-taught musician also, Gumpper playing his soprano saxophone was a familiar sight at churches, nursing homes, and senior centers. His honors include the American Legion Award for Volunteer Service and the Butler County Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award. Prior to his passing, he was a resident of Center Township. Gumpper attended the former Jefferson Street Elementary School.

1999

Carl J. Yankowski CLASS OF 1966

In 2002, Carl Yankowski became executive chairman of CRF Inc., a clinical drug testing company serving most of the large global pharmaceutical companies. Recognized as a seasoned global brand builder, Yankowski has parlayed his technology and marketing skills into key management positions with some of the world's major corporations. He began his career in 1971 at Procter and Gamble, where he developed campaigns for Pringles potato chips and Duncan Hines mixes. In the years following, he served as CEO or head of marketing for such corporations as Memorex, Pepsi Cola, General Electric, Cadbury Schweppes, Polaroid, Sony Electronics, Reebok Brand, and Palm, Inc. Under Yankowski's leadership, Sony Electronics became the largest and first Sony operation to reach \$10 billion in annual sales. One of Yankowski's favorite campaigns was "Is It Live or Is It Memorex," featuring the late jazz legend Ella Fitzgerald. Yankowski worked on both the product - a new cassette tape that was able to record a greater range of sound - and its marketing. Yankowski holds degrees in electrical engineering and management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A resident of Dover, MA, he attended Homeacre, Northwest, and Emily Brittain Elementary Schools.



Carmen V. Scialabba CLASS OF 1953

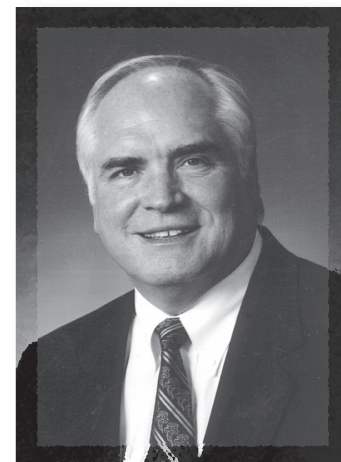
During the years following graduation in 1953, Carmen V. Scialabba seemed destined to become a champion boxer. But fate intervened, and in 1961, he was diagnosed with polio, which left him paralyzed from the waist down. Scialabba overcame all odds and just two years later enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh Johnstown. He taught at a junior high school in Johnstown and later earned a master's degree in geography from Indiana University. Since 1975, he has been associate staff member for the U.S. House of Representatives. President Ronald Reagan described Scialabba as "an inspiring example of the indomitable spirit of the true champion." He has spearheaded numerous community service efforts including flood relief work, hurricane relief, a cultural exchange program, tutoring programs, and rehabilitation programs. He has been a strong advocate for the promotion and protection of individuals with physical disabilities, has served on numerous boards, and is the founder and CEO of PAID (Pennsylvania Association for Individuals with Disabilities). Scialabba received the Ben Franklin Award for dedicated service to Pennsylvania and the Patrick Henry Award from the National Guard. Prior to his passing, he was a resident of Silver Spring, MD.

2000

2001

George "Mike" Kelly CLASS OF 1966

George "Mike" Kelly represents the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the U.S. Congress, where he serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and as Ranking Member on the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight. Kelly also has co-chaired the House Auto Caucus, and co-chairs the Health Care Innovation Caucus and the Congressional Caucus on Korea. Owner of the Chevrolet-Cadillac-Hyundai dealership in Butler, he has devoted much of his time, energy, and resources to his alma mater and community. He earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Notre Dame before returning home to take over the family business. Kelly is on the Board of Directors of both the Chevrolet Dealers Advertising Association of the Pittsburgh area and the Cadillac Consultants of Western Pennsylvania. In addition, he has received the Cadillac Crest Club Outstanding Sales Performance Award and the Chevrolet Motor Division Customer Satisfaction Leader Award. He is a past member of the Butler Area School Board. He helped to establish and served as past president of The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation, Inc. In addition, Kelly serves on the Board of Directors for the Housing Authority of Butler County, Pullman Park, and the Gathering of Butler. Active in local athletics since his elementary school days, he has coached Butler Midget Football and worked with the Butler Area Baseball Association. He is a past president of the Butler Quarterback Club and a board member of the Butler Area Sports Hall of Fame. Kelly attended St. Paul Elementary School.





Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN

CLASS OF 1971



In 2007, Jonathan W. Greenert was promoted to Admiral and assigned to command the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, home ported in Yokosuka, Japan. In 2011, he was nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate to be Chief of Naval Operations. His career in the military began at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he earned a bachelor's degree in ocean engineering. After completing nuclear power certification, Greenert served as a submarine officer on the USS Flying Fish and the USS Tautog. He was engineer officer on Submarine NR-1, the Navy's only nuclear-powered deep submersible. His work included deep ocean missions of national security and various research missions including prototyping equipment and techniques used in the search and discovery of the SS Titanic. Greenert later served as executive officer of the USS Michigan. His first command was the USS Honolulu, which was formally recognized as the best submarine in its squadron for three consecutive years. He went on to serve as Chief of Staff for Commander of the Seventh Fleet and as Director of Operations for the Office of the Navy Comptroller. Greenert received numerous decorations and awards including the Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale award by Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet in 1992. He retired from naval service in October 2015 and lives in Annapolis, MD. He attended St. Paul Elementary School.



Paula J. Smith Hartley

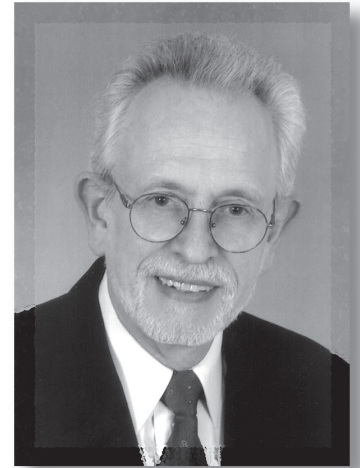
CLASS OF 1980

Paula J. Hartley is the Vice President of Enterprise Performance and Digital Transformation for Lockheed Martin Space Systems in New Orleans. She is responsible for driving program performance and ensuring 100% mission success across the portfolio, which provides advanced combat, missiles, rocket, hypersonics, and energy systems to customers worldwide. Her career spans 30 years with Lockheed Martin. Hartley was the Lockheed Martin Vice President and Program Manager for the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite R-Series (GOES-R) responsible for the design and delivery of the Observatory Spacecraft, the Geostationary Lightning Mapper, the Solar Ultraviolet Imager, and the Magnetometer. Most recently, Hartley served as the General Manager and Vice President of the Advanced Product Solutions market segment delivering electronic warfare, directed energy, and open architecture systems to space, air, ground, and surface platforms. Another notable role includes the Program Director for Global Communications Satellites System. As the Space Director for Safety and Product Assurance, she managed the Space Shuttle External Tank, Orion, and was the program lead for the Post-Columbia Return to Flight II investigation. She holds two U.S. patents for her friction weld research, an innovative weld repair technique instrumental to the space transportation system, and has published extensively on friction stir technology. Hartley received a bachelor's degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree in Business Administration from Tulane University. She was recognized by Business Insider as one of the Most Powerful Female Engineers of 2018. In addition to other awards, Hartley received a NOVA Award, Lockheed Martin's highest honor for achievement. Hartley currently lives in Windermere, FL. She attended Clearfield Elementary School.



2004**Richard A. Hoehn, Ph.D. CLASS OF 1954**

Richard Hoehn retired as Director of Special Programs for Bread for the World Institute where he previously served as the Institute's director supervising grants, programs, staff, and the production of eight books on world hunger. Before that, he was a grassroots organizer at Bread for the World, recognized as the most influential grassroots advocacy organization focused on U.S. policies on hunger and poverty affecting people worldwide. Hoehn completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at Capital University, a Master of Divinity Degree at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, and Master and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Ethics and Society at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He was a tenured professor at Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University, taught at the Washington Center in DC, and at LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania. He was the founding pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Brunswick, ME and served as pastor at two Maryland congregations. Hoehn is the author of Up From Apathy and more than sixty articles and book reviews. He presented papers at academic meetings, served on the executive boards of nonprofits, and spoke before audiences and at press conferences on five continents. An adventurous spirit inspired him to celebrate his 60th birthday by climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro. Hoehn currently lives in Adelphi, MD. He attended the former Institute Hill Elementary School.

**James E. Pugh CLASS OF 1968**

A freelance trombonist, composer, and educator, James Pugh has performed in over 4,000 recording sessions including small group improvisational settings with such artists as Joe Levano, David "Flathead" Newman, and Andre Previn. He also has recorded with cellist Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble. He has been a featured soloist on Grammy Award recordings with clarinetist and band leader Woody Herman and the group Steely Dan. While in high school, Pugh studied trombone at Duquesne University and then attended Eastman School of Music, receiving the coveted Performer's Certificate. After Eastman, he joined Woody Herman's band as lead trombone and featured soloist. With Herman he received two Grammy awards for "Giant Steps and Thundering Herd" and the "40th Anniversary Concert." He is in constant demand for film recordings and has contributed to the soundtracks of *Fargo*, *A Time to Kill*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *All That Jazz*, and other films. Pugh, who lives in New York, is professor of trombone at Purchase College Conservatory of Music, State University of New York. He also has taught at the University of Arts in Philadelphia and at New York University. Pugh is the only recipient of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences Virtuoso Award after being voted Trombone MVP by the New York recording community for five years. He attended Emily Brittain Elementary School.

2005**2006****Kerry Blake Dumbaugh CLASS OF 1970**

Kerry Dumbaugh began her career in Washington working for the late Sen. H. John Heinz of Pennsylvania and for several other Members of Congress. In 1984-1985, she was executive assistant to the president of the Center for Strategic and International Studies before joining the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service as an analyst in Asian Affairs. While there, Dumbaugh analyzed political, security, and human rights developments in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. She has written extensively on U.S. policy in Asia and has delivered numerous lectures and papers on the subject. She is the author of Capitol Jobs: A Guide to Finding a Job in Congress, has contributed chapters to several books on China and U.S. policy, and was moderator for a public television program, *The China Forum*, which focused on issues in Asia that were significant for U.S. policy. Dumbaugh earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in East Asian Studies from Wittenberg University, where she served as a Senior Fellow at the East Asian Institute. She also earned a Master of Arts degree in Chinese Studies and International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Master of Science degree in National Security Studies from the U.S. National War College in Washington, DC. Dumbaugh retired from the federal government in 2009 and worked for two more years as a China analyst with the Center for Naval Analysis in Alexandria, VA. Dumbaugh currently lives in Holyoke, Massachusetts. She attended Broad Street and Emily Brittain Elementary Schools.





George P. Kiester CLASS OF 1929

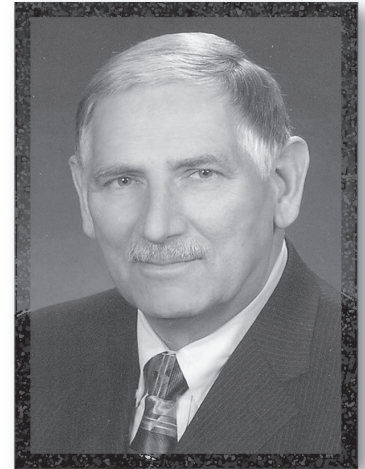
2007

George Kiester served as a Butler County judge for nearly four decades. A graduate of Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, he began practicing law in Slippery Rock, PA in 1940 and later served in the Army during World War II. During his private career, Kiester represented 25 school districts, nine townships and boroughs, and 10 municipal authorities. He also served for a time as an assistant district attorney and helped to create the county Juvenile Guidance and Custody Remediation Program. He was appointed a judge in 1963 to fill a second county judgeship. When he reached the mandatory retirement age in 1981, he was named senior judge, the first in the county, serving on an as-needed basis. In 1985 Kiester was appointed the supervising judge of the Fourth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury charged with investigating racketeering. He retired again in 2003 at the age of 91. The county's longest serving judge, he was a former president of the board of trustees at Slippery Rock University, active in the United Way, Boy Scouts, and Pennsylvania Bar Association, and served on the Republican State Committee. He was active in promoting strip mine legislation in Pennsylvania and worked to create Lake Arthur and Moraine State Park. Judge Kiester, who died in 2008, attended the former Institute Hill Elementary School.

2008

Thomas J. Rutkoski CLASS OF 1962

Undiagnosed dyslexia made Thomas Rutkoski's school years difficult, but the Butler native went from a young man barely able to read to authoring four books, publishing motivational audios and videos, and presenting over 1,000 motivational speeches throughout the world. He entered the U.S. Air Force following graduation and served during the Vietnam War in satellite reconnaissance. After leaving the service he became a professional photographer for WPGH-TV, a new Pittsburgh television station, and later worked at KDKA-TV for 20 years as chief cinematographer. An award-winning photojournalist, Rutkoski received the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA) Cinematographer of the Year award. For the past two decades, Rutkoski has devoted his energy to serving the needs of others. In the 1990s he founded two nonprofit foundations. Gospa Missions provides humanitarian aid and motivational support. Abode for Children is dedicated to the welfare of children in Africa, India, and other nations. Through Abode for Children, Rutkoski has built two large orphanages and schools in Nigeria and India, each accommodating over 600 children. At the end of the 1994-95 war in Bosnia, Gospa Missions shipped containers of food and thousands of pounds of clothing and medical supplies to refugees in the war-torn area. Rutkoski was featured on a WQED series called "Pittsburgh People Changing Lives." He attended the former Lyndora Elementary School.



2009

Patrick C. Smith CLASS OF 1971

Patrick C. Smith retired from the United States Secret Service in 2006 after thirty years of service. During his tenure, he protected six sitting presidents and one former president, from President Richard M. Nixon through President George W. Bush. During Smith's career, he worked all facets of Secret Service jurisdiction and responsibilities to include Protection, Investigations, Training, and Administration with assignments in New York City and Raleigh, North Carolina, plus numerous assignments in Washington D.C. At the Senior Supervisor and Senior Executive Level, he held the positions of Special Agent in Charge of the Vice-Presidential Division, Special Agent in Charge of the Technical Security Division, Special Agent in Charge of the Special Investigations and Security Division, and Deputy Assistant Director for Investigations. In 2005, Smith was nominated for the Presidential Meritorious Award. In 2006, he received a Presidential Appointment from President George W. Bush, along with the advice and consent of the United States Senate, to the position of United States Marshal, Western District of North Carolina, for a term of four years. He graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in Criminology. He attended George Washington University School of Graduate Studies in Forensic Science and Criminal Law in 1977-1978. Smith attended St. Paul School and McQuiston Elementary School.



John E. Kosar CLASS OF 1956

For over four decades, John Kosar headed the nationally and internationally acclaimed architectural firm of Burt Hill, Kosar, Rittelmann. He started his career with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture from the University of Cincinnati in 1962. Joining Burt Hill in 1958 as an architectural intern, Kosar steadily grew with his firm becoming a senior associate in 1967, partner of Burt Hill Associates in 1969, Director of Burt Hill, Kosar, Rittelmann Associates in 1972, President in 1984, Chairman in 2000, and Chairman of Burt Hill International in 2003. He participated in the successful metamorphosis of a small regional architectural office into a recognized, award winning multi-national corporation with offices in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Washington D.C., Boston, Florida, India, and the city of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Despite the international reach of his firm, Kosar remained close to his hometown, serving on the boards of and giving his efforts for organizations such as the Butler County and Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, Butler Memorial Hospital Foundation, Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation, Inc., the Community Development Corporation, Butler YMCA, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Cornerstone of CMU, George Junior Republic, PA Economy League, March of Dimes, Special Olympics of PA, Pittsburgh CLO, Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, St. Francis Medical Center Private/Public for Profit Boards, National Underground Storage, Sprint/United, Bank of Maryland, and many more. In addition to his philanthropic work, Kosar received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award by Inc. Magazine, the SBN – 2002 Pittsburgh Pacesetter's Award, Butler County Business Community Distinguished Service Award, and March of Dimes Service to Humanity Award. He has written extensively for both trade and client publications and received recognition for his achievements in such media sources as Pittsburgh Business Times, USA Today, Khaleej Times, Fortune Magazine, INC Magazine, and Wall Street Journal. He attended the former Lyndora Elementary School.

2010



Chester Aaron CLASS OF 1941

Born in May 1923 in North Butler, Chester Aaron lived a rich life of youthful adventure and family struggle in Depression-era Butler. Some of these experiences became the basis of his later literary offerings. It was Pearl Harbor Day that propelled him into adult life as a soldier in World War II. In Europe near the end of the war, he was present and witness to the liberation of the German concentration and extermination camp, Dachau. As an American Jew, this was a time of considerable emotional trauma for the young soldier. When the war ended, he found himself in California, where, for the next ten years, Aaron worked as an x-ray technician at a large San Francisco Bay Area hospital. In his thirties, he decided to further his education and launch his true vocation. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California –Berkley and a Master of Arts degree from San Francisco State University, which enabled him to pursue an honored career as a professor at St. Mary's College in Moraga, California. For over thirty years, Aaron taught English and Creative Writing and became a prolific author. He has written over 19 books with his latest book published in the summer of 2009. His most well-known works are Willa's Poppy, Lackawanna, and About Us, the last of which is about a Jewish family living in a coal town near Pittsburgh, PA during the 1930's. Most of his works were written after he retired in 1997. Aaron's works include both fiction and non-fiction, and many have been crafted for the young adult audience. His accolades include literary awards, an ABC Weekend Special movie adaptation, and the translation of his tales into Dutch, German, and French.

2011

2012

John J. Pinder, Jr. CLASS OF 1931

"A head for thought profound, unmatched, and clear" is a quote chosen by "Johnny" Pinder for the 1931 Magnet staff to express his thoughts on himself. He also submitted a short story he titled, "On the Road to Bar X" for the Magnet staff to publish as was popular for seniors in 1931. The Magnet chronicled school life in photos and literary prose as well as poetry in those years. Pinder moved to Butler with his family from Burgettstown, PA when he was young. Graduating from Butler High school in 1931, he was very athletic and like most young men at the time played baseball. In 1935, Pinder signed on to play and pitch professionally with the Butler Indians, which became the Butler Yankees a year later, an affiliate of the New York Yankees. Pinder moved between a number of minor league baseball teams along the east coast until his last professional game in August 1941. In August 1941, he registered for the military draft and entered the US Army, January 27, 1942. After training at a number of Military bases including Indiantown Gap, PA, he was assigned to the 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st "Big Red One" Infantry division. He participated in the Allied Landings in North Africa in Algeria as well as the Sicilian campaign in Italy. By 1943, Communications Technician Fifth Grade Pinder was in England preparing for D-Day at Normandy Beach. On June 6, 1944, John Pinder's 32nd birthday, he was embarked with his regimental headquarters company in the first wave of troops to hit Omaha beach. As they approached the beach, their landing craft was hit with mortar fire and they were disembarked in deep water 100 yards from shore. With gunfire everywhere, he grabbed a vital radio and swam to shore. He was wounded in the leg as he came to shore, but that did not stop him as he went back three times across the machine gun raked beach to retrieve essential radios, codebooks and communication parts. A second bullet ripped through the left side of his face, and he still kept going. On his third trip through the surf, he was hit yet again with machine gun fire but he struggled on, retrieved the needed equipment and with his last ounce of energy, made it to shore. He died of his wounds later that morning. January 4, 1945, Pinder was posthumously awarded with the Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty". On May 11, 1949, the US Army barracks at Zirndorf, Germany, was renamed Pinder Barracks. Today a business park known as Pinder Park occupies the area.



2013

James N. Anderson CLASS OF 1969

James Anderson is an internationally recognized recording engineer and producer of acoustic music for the recording, radio, television, and film industries. His recordings have received ten Grammy and Latin Grammy awards and 27 Grammy and Latin Grammy nominations. His radio recordings have received two George Foster Peabody Awards and there have been two Emmy nominations for television programs. In 2013 and 2018, Anderson won the Grammy for Best Surround Album and was nominated for the Best Surround Album in 2014. A graduate of the Duquesne University School of Music in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Anderson has studied audio engineering at the Eastman School of Music and Sender Freies Berlin. During the 1970s, he was employed by National Public Radio. Since 1980, Anderson has had a career as an independent audio engineer and producer, living in New York City. He has been a frequent lecturer and speaker for the Audio Engineering Society (AES) and master-class guest faculty member at leading international institutes. He is a professor of recorded music with the Clive Davis Institute of Recorded Music in the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University and was the department's Chair from 2004 to 2008. He has served as Vice President for Eastern Sections of the AES, chaired the NYC Section, and was Chair of the 119th, 123rd, 131st, 135th AES conventions and Co-Chair of the 139th Convention. Anderson is a Fellow of the AES, has received five AES Board of Governors Awards and was also the President of the Society, 2008-2009. With his wife, music producer Ulrike Schwarz, he is the engineering part of Anderson Audio New York, a world-wide music production company. He attended Center Avenue Elementary School.



John W. Connor, Ph.D. CLASS OF 1949

A 1949 graduate of Butler High school, John Connor enlisted in the U.S. Army and served under General Douglas MacArthur at his headquarters in occupied Tokyo, Japan. With the outbreak of the Korean War he volunteered for a special unit, the G.H.Q. Raider Co. (special forces Ranger battalion) that carried out long range reconnaissance missions seeing combat from the landing diversion at Kunsan, South Korea to the first contact with the Chinese at the Yalu River in North Korea. After the war, he returned to the US and took advantage of the GI Bill. He attended college in California, exploring majors in English, sociology, and history before choosing anthropology. Completing his B.A. in less than four years, he began teaching high school English, history, and social science, while also pursuing a master's degree in Anthropology. With his master's degree, he began to teach at American River College, Sacramento City College, and Sacramento State College while also working as a full-time doctoral student at the University of California Davis. He received this degree in 4 1/2 years, specializing in psychological anthropology, Japanese studies, and American studies. Professor Connor has been a teacher at California State University, Sacramento for over 30 years. In that time, he has produced over 70 publications and 52 papers and made numerous public addresses. He has received 4 NEH Summer Fellowships; 4 directorships of NEH Fellowship programs at California State University, Sacramento; and 3 Fulbright scholarships for study in Japan, China, and Korea. He has received 3 major awards from CSUS: the Anthropology Department Distinguished Teaching Award, the Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award, and the John C. Livingston Award for Outstanding Intellectual Leadership. He attended St. Paul Elementary School.

2014



Jay T. Last, Ph.D. CLASS OF 1947

Dr. Jay Last was one of eight young scientists (known as the "Traitorous Eight") that formed Fairchild Semiconductor on September 18, 1957 in Palo Alto, CA. Together they created the first integrated circuit chip (first computer chip). Dr. Last was its principal architect, and the group became the leaders of the silicon semiconductor industry that ultimately changed Santa Clara Valley into what is now Silicon Valley. Last went on to become one of the initial investors in Intel Corporation and was a venture capitalist in numerous other startup businesses. In 1999, the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp honoring Last and the other inventors. In 2006, the New York Times ran an article, "Ten Days that Changed History," which quoted "September 18, 1957 was the birth date of Silicon Valley, of the electronics industry, and the entire digital age." In 2014, Endeavor magazine listed the value of \$2.1 trillion dollars to all those companies that trace their roots back to Fair Child Semiconductor, including Apple, Google and EBay. A graduate of the University of Rochester with a Bachelor of Science degree in Optics, he went on to study at MIT and received his Ph.D. in Physics in 1956. Dr. Last founded the Archeological Conservancy in 1989, which has preserved and protected over 150 archeological sites in 28 states. He compiled a rare collection of lithographic art now on display in the Huntington Museum's *Jay Last Collection*. He has authored several books and is founder of Hillcrest Press Publishing. He attended Broad Street Elementary School.

2015

2016

Douglas M. Balog CLASS OF 1979

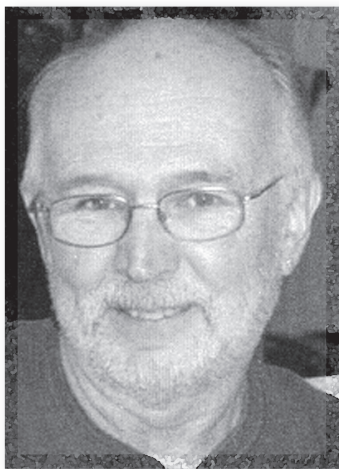
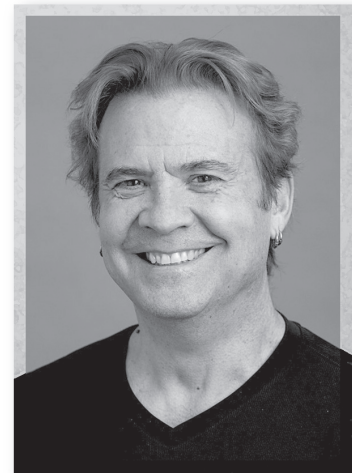
Since January 2017, Douglas Balog, General Manager for Storage Client Success, has been responsible for IBM's Worldwide Storage client engagements and driving client success across all on-premises Storage Systems and Software Solution offerings. Balog helped lead IBM Storage to 5 out of 8 quarters of revenue growth in 2017-2018 while achieving one of the highest client Net Promoter Scores (NPS) in the storage industry on sales and support delivery. Previously, Balog was General Manager for the Power Systems business. He led the transformation of POWER for four years, including the launch of the OpenPOWER initiative, and aligned the business with market shifts to Cloud and Cognitive computing, underpinned by an open, community-based innovation business model. As a result of these transformational efforts, Power Systems grew every quarter in 2015 and achieved annual growth for the first time in four years. Before Power Systems, Balog was General Manager for IBM System Z and oversaw the launch of the hugely successful z12 in the third quarter of 2012. As a senior executive, Balog has been a member of IBM's Performance Team, which focuses on tactical execution of the company's strategic imperatives. He currently serves on the Acceleration Team, helping to drive IBM's growth and transformation plans. He has also been a member of IBM's Strategy Team that focuses on longer-term strategic shifts and steers corporate investments. Balog has been part of IBM Systems Unit for over thirty years, with product development and brand leadership roles across System z, System x, BladeCenter, Power Systems, and Storage. He has led major portfolio revitalizations, go-to-market improvements, and business transformation shifts across all of these brands, driving alignment with clients' needs and leading shifts in the enterprise IT industry. A 1983 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, where he majored in Computer Science, he joined IBM that same year and started work on the architectural validation of IBM's next-generation mainframes in Poughkeepsie, NY. He spent 18 years in NY in a variety of development, brand, and corporate roles until 2001 when he moved to San Francisco, CA to help a large IBM client deploy and operate one of the largest server and storage farms for web trading at the time. He lives in Chapel Hill, NC. He attended Butler Catholic Elementary School.



2017

Eric Klann, Ph.D. CLASS OF 1980

Dr. Eric Klann graduated from Gannon University in 1984 with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. He then attended the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth and earned his Ph.D. in biochemistry in 1989. During his doctoral studies, Klann's research resulted in five publications in scientific journals. Baylor's College of Medicine, Neuroscience Department, brought him in for a post-doctoral fellowship during which he published eleven more articles and made important findings related to aspects of the cellular and molecular basis of learning and memory in the brain's hippocampus region. In 1994, Klann was recruited to the University of Pittsburgh's Neuroscience Department, where he made further fundamental discoveries related to the biology of memory. He returned to Baylor in 2001 first as an associate professor and then as a full professor in the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics. Klann's work expanded into the areas of how memory is altered by aging, Alzheimer's disease, and autism. In 2006, he moved to New York University's Center for Neural Science and became the Director in 2016. Klann has published over 170 research articles and has contributed to numerous books on the molecular basis of memory and how it is altered in people with brain disorders. He has lectured all over the world and has developed numerous courses for graduate study. He has also occupied a chair on editorial boards for eight medical scientific journals. His awards include the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation Distinguished Investigator Award (2013); Elected Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science (2013); and the Jacob Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (2014). He attended the former Institute Hill and Butler Catholic Elementary Schools.



Michael J. Oesterling CLASS OF 1966

In 1970, Michael Oesterling earned a bachelor of science degree in biology at the University of Miami, followed by a master of science degree in zoology in 1976 from the University of Florida. After holding several positions with the University of Florida, Oesterling affiliated with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in 1981. There he established the migratory patterns of the Blue Crab. He led the development of the softshell crab shedding system, adding to the profitability of the industry, and became a leading authority in bivalve aquaculture development. He has served as a consultant to companies and governments in the United States, Brazil, Nicaragua, Australia, Ecuador, Chile, Venezuela, and Mexico. Oesterling's work has led to successful sea farming of oysters, clams, scallops, and mussels. He has authored several dozen reports and publications on a variety of aquaculture topics, from procedural and site selection guides to histories of the industry and from research results to seafood cooking instructions. Oesterling's work has had an impact on everything from domestic commercial seafood farming to aiding the economies of coastal communities in developing countries. He attended Center Township Elementary School.

2018



David J. Kenyon, Ph.D. CLASS OF 1971

2019

In the fall of 1971, David J. Kenyon entered Butler Community College in pursuit of a degree in the pharmaceutical industry. Before he completed his degree, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force instead of waiting for the draft. While in the Air Force, he finished his associate degree. In 1979, Kenyon earned his bachelor of science degree in Microbiology at Ohio State University. He completed his master of science degree in Immunology at Louisiana State University Medical Center in 1982. That same year, he joined Johnson & Johnson at Ortho Biotech, Inc. in New Jersey. He attained his Doctorate in Microbiology and Immunology at Rutgers University in 1991. During this time, he coauthored several articles for national medical journals. In 1996, Kenyon was offered a position as Director of Immunizations for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Marriott, PA. He was instrumental in developing a system to deliver vaccine via nasal mist, and this system is the most common method to administer flu mist, including the vaccine for the H1N1 flu. After nine years with Wyeth, Kenyon returned to Johnson & Johnson as Director of Quality Operations for the Quality Unit Biologics site in St. Louis, Missouri. He continues his work in the development and distribution of new lifesaving medicine. Through the years, he has traveled extensively to Sweden, France, England, Ireland and many other countries in a global process to help the development, production, and preparation of biological regulatory submissions. Kenyon also contributes to many charitable and community organizations with his time and resources. He attended St. Michael's School.



**The Golden Tornado
Scholastic Foundation, Inc.**

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The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation Inc.

What began in the fall of 1990 as a small group of people interested in replacing the condemned bleacher seats at Butler Senior High School stadium has developed into The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation, Inc. This is a non-profit, publicly supported organization administered by a board of volunteers focused on supporting projects that enhance educational opportunities for students in the Butler Area School District (BASD). The Foundation receives no tax dollars from the district. Financial support is generated through a variety of fundraisers, grants, and contributions from businesses and individuals.

For its first ten years, the Foundation depended on sporadic contributions to support a limited number of programs. A \$5,000 grant from The Grable Foundation of Pittsburgh funded an environmental project for students and a nationally known speaker in education for a district-wide teacher in-service day. An \$8,000 grant from the Endowment for Butler County of The Pittsburgh Foundation helped to replace aging instruments for the district's music program. The Chevy R.O.C.K (Reaching Out to Communities and Kids) grant provided \$6,000 for advanced audio recording equipment for senior high music students. In 2000, a 3-year capital campaign was kicked off. Volunteer workers in the successful Vision Campaign raised \$214,495 to create endowments for students' scholarships and creative teaching grants. The "Scholars Circle", an annual giving club that supporters of Foundation goals joined for a minimum contribution of \$100, was established in 2002. In 2004 the "FAB" Showcase (Fine Arts and Beyond) had its first event and netted \$16,750 further stabilizing the Foundation's financial base.

The Foundation awarded its first and only \$500 student scholarship in 1993 which continued through 1998. From 1999 to 2005, the Foundation increased the annual number of scholarships to four, awarding \$500.00 to two male and two female seniors. From 2006 to 2016, this annual fund-

raiser generated \$256,224, making it possible to award at least 35 additional \$1,000 scholarships annually to deserving seniors. Starting in 2017, the Foundation awarded eighteen annual \$2,000 scholarships. To date, more than \$488,750.00 has been awarded in 437 student scholarships. Many more scholarships have been made possible by a \$10,000 endowed and non-endowed contribution from people wanting to honor or memorialize a family member or friend.

Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, the Foundation also awarded fourteen \$500 competitive Creative Teaching Grants annually to teachers whose innovative and creative ideas have brought the world into their classrooms and taken their students beyond what the curriculum requires, adding three named endowed grants. To date, \$202,430.61 in Creative Teaching Grants has been awarded with more than \$24,529.66 of them from endowed funds. Teachers are now able to request up to an established yearly budgeted amount.

In addition to the Scholar's Circle and the "FAB" Showcase, the annual Tuff Tornado Run, kicked off in the fall of 2018 and has raised \$29,302.75 with the funds being used for The Kids' Weekend Backpack Program, providing meals for approximately 350 district students in need, for technology improvements and other scholastic projects supporting our Butler Area School District students.

Other sources of income for the Foundation are: the EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) program, the sale of personalized paver bricks to honor or memorialize a graduate, or anyone of your choice, in the Walk of Fame which is located near Art Bernardi Stadium, books written by and published by students, STAR (Staff Teacher Appreciation and Recognition) awards to recognize teachers or any BASD employee, the Buck Stops Here, a payroll deduction program by employees of the BASD, or memorial/honor bequests.

Over the past thirty years The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation, Inc. has supported the BASD with such projects as:

- Creating an on-campus soccer practice field in collaboration with the Army Corp of Engineers.
- The publication of the 1997 Freedom Foundation's national award-winning book, Silent Heroes Among Us, written by BASD students.
- A \$10,000 contribution toward the upgrade of the district's electronic marquee sign located at the entrance to the Senior High School.
- Funding half of the stadium annex renovation in 2004 and its upgrade in 2019.
- A contribution toward the replacement of the stadium AstroTurf.
- Technology upgrades including the purchase of 85 Chromebooks for our secondary students.
- The purchase of the Art Department ceramic and photography equipment.
- The purchase of a plasma cutter for the Industrial Arts Department.
- Support and publication of the BASD's Distinguished Graduate Anniversary booklets, this being the 4th publication for its 40th anniversary.

Creative Teaching Grants and Scholarships

Kathleen Bachman Scholarship
Dr. & Mrs. John D. Anderson Scholarship Fund
James M. Franceschi Memorial Scholarship Fund
Goal Getters
Jacqueline Ruth Graham Memorial Scholarship Fund
John & Edith Ifft Memorial Scholarship Fund
Hank Keller Memorial Scholarship Fund
Butler Kiwanis Scholarship Fund
Paul R. Krenitsky Memorial Scholarship Fund
June M. Orr Memorial Scholarship Fund
Richard Pyewell Memorial Scholarship Fund
Rich Rider Memorial Scholarship Fund
John Solkovy Art Scholarship
Mildred Whisner Memorial Scholarship Fund
Matthew Cunningham Memorial Scholarship Fund
Burt, Hill, Kosar, Rittelmann
Butler Eagle
Carol Jean Miller-Mitch Memorial Scholarship Fund
Don B. Gibson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Victor K. Phillips
Patrica McTighe Kelly
Ralph A. and Mary Hope Nicholas
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Brent Kepple Memorial Scholarship Fund
Thomas E. Paserba Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Distinguished Graduate Profile

In the past 40 years, 35 men and five women have received the Distinguished Graduate Award. Eight of them attended Center Avenue Elementary School; four, Emily Brittain; and one each, Center Township and Northwest. Six attended Institute Hill; three, Broad Street; one, Homeacre; and two each at Jefferson, Lyndora and Oakland Township --- six schools that have been closed. Seven attended parochial schools that later became Butler Catholic School. Elementary school information was not available for several recipients.

The 40 recipients of the award represent the following graduation classes:

1922 H. Creston Doner Margaret Puff	1948 Dr. Dorothea Drews Johnson	1966 William Purvis Carl Yankowski George "Mike" Kelly Michael J. Oesterling
1925 Orlando S. Pride	1949 John W. Connor, Ph.D.	1968 James E. Pugh
1929 George P. Kiester	1953 Carmen Scialabba	1969 James N. Anderson
1931 John J. Pinder, Jr.	1954 Richard A. Hoehn, Ph.D.	1970 Kerry Blake Dumbaugh
1936 John W. Gumpfer	1955 Edward M. Ifft, Ph.D. Dr. Peter E. Sheptak	1971 Vice ADM Jonathan W. Greenert Patrick C. Smith David J. Kenyon, Ph.D.
1941 Chester Aaron	1956 P. Richard Rittelmann Thomas O. Oesterling, Ph.D. John E. Kosar	1979 Douglas M. Balog
1942 George P. Young, Ph.D. William Grecco, Ph.D.	1961 William K. Parker	1980 Paula J. Smith Hartley Eric Klann Ph.D.
1945 William J. Perry, Ph.D.	1962 Thomas J. Rutkoski	
1947 Samuel Scarnato, Ph.D. William Dumbaugh, Ph.D. Jay T. Last, Ph.D.	1964 Dr. Ernest E. Moore, Jr. Daniel D'Aniello Rebecca West, Ph.D.	

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