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THREE FORMER PR TEACHERS SELECTED FOR INDUCTION INTO THE SI SPORTS HALL OF FAME



In an announcement which appeared in the SI Advance on 12/11/2020, Karen Lynch, Jack Hurley '65, and Nick Bilotti were selected for induction into the 26th SI Sports of Fame Class. Since the Class of 2019 has yet to be inducted due to COV-19, it is hoped that both the 2019 and 2020 will be inducted in 2021 in a joint ceremony. The following are summaries of the reasons why these three outstanding PR faculty members were selected:

KAREN LYNCH graduated from John F. Kennedy in the Bronx. She then went on to become a two-sport standout at Wagner College (basketball and softball). Karen still holds the Wagner single-season record for assists in basketball. She is also an All-American who won the national title for modified-pitch on three occasions. Karen served as an assistant basketball coach at Wagner, followed by a one-year stint as the woman's basketball coach at the College of Staten Island. It was there that she was selected as the CUNY Conference Basketball Coach of the Year. However, it was during Karen's thirty years as a teacher and coach at PRHS that she had the greatest impact on Staten Island high school sports. Her teams won four PSAL city softball championships as well as three METRO BOWL Championships. Karen's teams won 70% of their games, which included a 26-0 season in 1996. Karen also coached wide receivers and running back for the Raider football program. Now retired and living in New Jersey, Karen indicated that she would like to resume working with young people as soon as possible. Congratulations and best wishes, Coach Lynch!

JOHN (JACK) HURLEY '65 was born and raised on Staten Island. He attended PS29R and graduated from PRHS in 1965. Jack was a standout at PR in basketball and captained the school's 1965 Staten Island PSAL championship team. During his high school career, Jack was selected as an ALL CITY pitcher three times and was chosen the Staten Island Varsity Club's outstanding student-athlete for 1965. Jack went on to study and play ball at the University of Michigan where he received several offers from major league teams. He finally signed with the Minnesota Twins as a first-round pick. In what would be a promising start to a career in the major leagues, Jack won all nine of his minor league starts for the Twins in 1970. Jack's baseball career came to an abrupt end when he suffered a serious rotator cuff injury. He left the game with a very respectable record of 11-5 and an earned-run average of 2.42. After his professional career ended, Jack became a chemical salesman, a sports store owner, public school teacher, inventor, and president of his own company. Congratulations to Jack on his selection to SISHOF and for being one of PR's most outstanding graduates.

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Principal's Message

Greetings to my fellow Alumni,



I hope this message finds you well and your loved ones continue to stay healthy and safe. I am happy to report that after another five month shutdown of "live" instruction, students finally returned back to school the last week of March. It's hard to believe that it's been over a year since school was in full swing with bustling halls and crowded lunch periods.

Since my last newsletter message, over 80% of our students are now in fully remote learning with fewer than 200 students reporting to school each day. We still have no more than 12 students in a classroom and little movement throughout the building. Despite these challenges, we continue to find new and innovative ways to celebrate students.

Our Good Morning Port Richmond television show continued to air new episodes, while our amazing music program still managed to release a virtual Holiday Winter Concert. Last month we also celebrated the virtual induction of 43 new members into the Port Richmond High School National Honor Society and this month we will celebrate our 2020 inductees into the Port Richmond High School Hall of Fame. This is by far one of my favorite events of the year, because it reminds me what an incredible place I come from and how proud I am to be a graduate of this amazing school.

This month also saw the return of limited PSAL sports activities with student athletes finally able to condition and practice with their teammates. Our mission next month is to begin celebrating the senior class of 2021 with a combination of "live" and virtual events. Although we are still not permitted to host a Senior Prom, we will once again be delivering 2021 Lawn Signs, conducting our annual Senior Awards Ceremony, celebrating college acceptances, and hopefully hosting mini socially-distanced "live" graduation ceremonies.

Lastly, I am extremely hopeful that next school year sees a return to normalcy and our great school is, once again, alive with 1600 students crowding the hallways, classrooms, gymnasiums and auditorium.

Fondly,

Andrew Greenfield

Andrew Greenfield (Class of 1988)

Principal

President's Message

To All Alumni



By the time you receive this newsletter it will be late April and there will be but two months remaining in the school year.

Students have missed out on many things this year...sports teams being just one of them. Now with only three months remaining the PSAL has decided that it's time for high school sports to resume. In a normal school year, students are

able to participate in a different sport in each season but in this shortened year the students may only select one sport to play. Students also missed out on the opportunity to make friends in their classes and the one on one interaction with their teachers that can develop more easily in a classroom situation.

In the three years I've been President of the Alumni Association I've acquired a really great understanding of how effectively Andrew Greenfield performs as the school Principal and how the Assistant Principals work diligently with their teachers to perform at their best to make sure that students are receiving the best education they can under the conditions of COVID 19.

From what I have observed the staff of PRHS is a very dedicated group. Here are two examples of the hard work they all are doing: Vincent Medugno, the school's Coordinator of Student Activities, works with his students to organize activities such as "Good Morning Port Richmond", "Black History Month" and "Women's History Month" where they have featured former students such as Dr. Jerry Jackson, Class of 1968, who went from being a good student/athlete at PRHS to become the Superintendent of a Long Island School District, and our three term Councilwoman Debi Rose, Class of 1969, who has served our community so well.

Naomi DeMastro, the College Counselor, works with the students to select a college and guides families to find aid, grants and scholarship money to help ease the burden of paying for their college education..

It is everyone's hope that this June PRHS will be able to have a live graduation ceremony with music by the school band and where students can receive their actual diploma and the recognition they so deserve.

Sincerely,

John C. Woodman

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Class of 1962

Alumni Association President

(cell 347 612-1379)

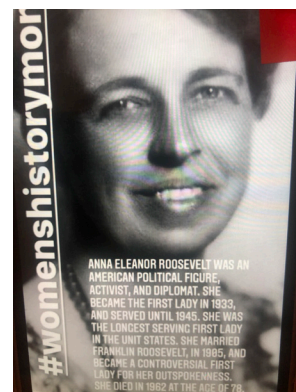
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NICK BILOTTI is a graduate of PS16 and Curtis High School where he played football and baseball under long-time Curtis coaches Andy Barberi and Harry O'Brien respectively. Nick also had a keen interest in baseball when, as a teenager, he guided a team called the Tompkinsville Violets to the first of six Kiwanis League state championships. After graduating from Springfield College, Nick began his career as a public school teacher, first on the junior high school level and then in the Physical Education Department at PRHS. Nick succeeded Lou Trella, who had coached both varsity and junior varsity basketball at PR for over twenty-five years, in 1966. When a new principal named Martin Blum arrived at PRHS in 1967, he decided that it was time to restore football at the school and Nick Bilotti was selected as the new head coach. Along with colleagues such as Angelo DeSimone, Bob Mathews and Jack Kriegsmann, Nick became the driving force in fielding a football team at PR in 1968 after a hiatus of thirty-five years. Thanks to Nick's dedication, PRHS football is alive and well in Elm Park fifty years later. Congratulations to Nick and many, many thanks for all he has done for high sports on Staten Island. (courtesy of Charlie DeBiase and the Staten Island Advance).



WOMEN IN HISTORY

The Raider Family celebrated the accomplishments of famous women, both past and present, by highlighting the achievements of one individual on each of the thirty-one days of March, 2021. Each of the individuals elected women was assigned a PR student who researched the subject and compiled a biographical sketch of that individual. We hope that our students' efforts will encourage our member to learn more about these outstanding ladies.



Six Outstanding Alumni Chosen for Induction into Class of 2020 Hall of Fame

Principal Andrew Greenfield announced the names of six outstanding PRHS alumni who were to be inducted into our Hall of Fame as the Class of 2020. This announcement was made in March of 2020. However, due to the COV-19 pandemic, it has not been possible to hold a formal induction ceremony. A virtual induction ceremony will be held on April 29, 2021. Therefore, it is with great pride that we present the PR Hall of Fame Class of 2020:

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CONDOLENCES

The Board of Directors of the PRHS Alumni Association wish to express their sincerest condolences to the families and friends of the following members of the PRHS family who have passed away:

ALBERT B. ANDERSON '48
JEAN MARTIN ARTALE '47
BETTY BRANTLEY BELLEMY '56
JEAN NAUGLER BERG '52
ROBERT G. BERG '49
MARIAN DONNELLY BOGDANOWICZ '51
THERESA GALLO BORRELL '50
JOHN E. BOTTONE '65
WILLIAM M. BURKE '56
DOROTHY SWAIM BUSH '45
CARLOS CALDERON '67
HELEN BESANCENY CANNIZZARO '45
LOUIS CARLEY '42
CARL OSKER CAVAGNARO '52
ROBERT R. COLE '42
MARILYN MANLEY DAMATO '64
DONNA COLLINS DATELLO '65
ESTELLE MCGRATH DIDONATO '54
ROBERT DIDONATO, JR. '56
DON DOLAN '53

KATHLEEN CRIMMINS DRANDORFF '40
EVERETT DUNNE '41
JOANN LAURENZANO FANTICOLA '64
ARTHUR FINKELSON '32
GENE FIORELLA '70
MICHAEL I. FRISCHBERG - FACULTY
ALPHONSE A. GENTILE - FACULTY
MARILYN POLLACK GOLDSMITH '47 - SECRETARY
JOSEPHINE FERRARA GRABOWSKI '50
JOSEPH GUIDO '58
THOMAS J. HIGHAM '53
WILLIAM R. HOLMAN, JR. '48
JOHN HUMIN '70
IRENE ROWE KELLER '37
ROBERT K. KEMP '67
JOHN C. KILEY '60
GEORGE KIMMERER '63
KATHY PERRICONE KLEINLEIN '68
RUTH SCHUBERT KOPF '39
DEAN KOWALSKI '71

ROBERT KUSSNER '58
RICHARD LAGOMARSINI '54
GEORGE J. LAMBERT '42
JANET CHURCHILL LAMBERTSON '51
ALBERT LARSON, JR. '50
VINCENT LOBUE '75
SALLY OLSEN LORENTZEN '60
CARMELA GANGEMI MACRI '38
RICHARD K. MANTZ '63
PATRICIA MARTIN MCDUGALL '52
BARBARA MCGOWAN '52
JANE DONNELLY MCKEE '51
RONALD MERRITT '66
LOIS GRILL MEYERS '51
JOSEPHINE SAIEVA MICELI '55
MARIE RAGAGLIA MICHELL '44
MARIE E. MOLOKIE '54
MICHAEL MULLANEY '49
HELEN WASZAK MURRAY '51
LAURIE SMITH MUSANTE '72

MARION SIMONSEN NILSEN '50
ELIZABETH DALESSIO NILSEN '70
VICTOR A. PEROSI '46
GRACE SCHOLARO QUATTROCCI '53
GARY REEBE '67
JEAN SPENDIFF SALBADOR '43
MARY LOU NOLA SANGINARI '58
ANDREW SCALERA, JR. '63
LEONARD SCAPARROTTI '58
DR. NORMAN SCHAEFER '42
RONALD R. SCHWALL '62
FLORENCE MUIRHEAD SIVE '45
HOWARD SMILOWITZ '64
JERRY H. STOUTLAND '47
HARRIET LERVIK TERKELSEN '58
THERESA ROTUNDO TROIANO '46
BERNARD F. VENEZIANO '15
JUNE MAXWELL VIGAR '46
LEAH SMITH WALDSCHLAGEL '62
DORIS TOLAS-YELLEN '55

May They Rest in Peace

Principal Andrew Greenfield has announced that the 2020 class for the Port Richmond High School Hall of Fame has been selected. The Port Richmond High School Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Committee recently met to review applications and the following individuals have been chosen for the class of 2020 and will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Port Richmond High School by a video ceremony on April 29, 2021 that will be accessible to everyone.



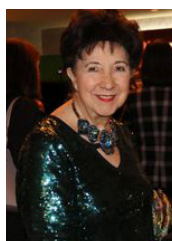
Ms. Janet Rubich & Ms. Ellen Tharp, Classes of 1942 & 1972 — MS. Ellen Tharp founded Staten Island Ballet in 1993 after performing many years as a classical dancer as well as an actress on Manhattan stages and in television dramas. She is a SAG-ATRA member. Her choreography has been performed at the Sylvia & Danny Kaye Playhouse, the Center for the Arts at CSI, Cape May Performing Arts Center, Algonquin Theater, NYC & Co. CultureFest, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, and in venues in Japan. A native of Staten Island and long-time resident of Manhattan, Ms. Tharp is a graduate of Fordham University-Lincoln Center, and earned a diploma from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She was a principal ballerina and senior faculty member of the Manhattan Ballet. When she founded Staten Island Ballet and relocated back to Staten Island, she also created the organization's "Dancing Over Walls" program,

which provides free, unlimited dance training to talented children from economically challenged homes, helping launch careers and enhancing college scholarship opportunities for hundreds of youths. It is a signature program of the Staten Island Ballet, achieving remarkable outcomes in developing diversity and arts careers for numerous students. Ms. Tharp has demonstrated a quarter-century of success with financing in the not-for-profit sector, as well as arts management, theatrical production and personnel issues supporting the creative individual. For 26 years, Ms. Tharp has provided free, fully staged performances of its classic holiday "Nutcracker" annually to deserving groups, providing a live, theater spectacular to more than 12,000 individuals who might not have been able to see live theater. Ms. Tharp is the recipient of a NOVA Award, a Bravo Award, and is an Advance Woman of Achievement. Ms. Tharp was honored with a proclamation by the New York State Legislature for her contributions to the arts. She also has served as grant panelist for the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. She was honored by the American Cancer Society for her contributions of using dance for patient recovery. She also has developed approaches for dance to aid in various maladies such as autism spectrum issues, and created health and wellness programming serving both physical and emotional realms. At the Manhattan Ballet, she trained numerous children of luminaries including Robert Redford, Kurt Vonnegut, Jill Krentz, Sidney Lumet, Tommy Hilfiger, Broadway producer Manny Azenberg, and the granddaughter of Lena Horne. At the Staten Island Ballet, she has trained more than 2,600 young dancers, many of whom are today members of major dance companies around the U.S.



Ms. Janet Rubich, co-founder of the Staten Island Ballet, was one of five children and, along with their parents, emigrated from Scotland following world War I to settle in Willowbrook where Ms. Rubich lived her full life. She attended P.S. 30 where she was an exceptional student in Math and English with a deep love of reading even as a child. As an adult, she regularly devoured a book in a single day. At Port Richmond High School, she was active in sports, the yearbook and numerous clubs and groups. Upon graduation, and due to a wartime shortage of bright young men, she immediately landed an entry level job in Wall Street at the brokerage Spencer & Trask Co. for a decade. On a blind date, at the time, she met a dashing and tall, young first-generation Yugoslavian from Mariners Harbor, George Rubich, serving in the South Pacific as a Navy "Seabee." By the summer of 1945, George took special leave from Pearl Harbor prior to a planned, allied invasion of Japan to marry Ms. Rubich. Janet and George's world changed when atomic bombs fell on Japan to end the war just days before their wedding and honeymoon, freeing millions for

civilian life. For Janet and George their world soon would change again at the birth of their daughter Ellen in 1954. Ms. Rubich left Wall Street to raise their daughter. George gave up his photography career to work his way up to supervisor and foreman at the Sanitation Department, giving a stable life for their young family. The popular couple also had a love of theater. Janet and George performed in numerous community theater musicals under Robert and Dorothy Kircher, celebrated musical theater professionals living in Staten Island. Ms. Rubich was devoted to her daughter's dance training, personally taking her to Manhattan via bus, ferry and subway for dance classes from the age to 6 to 14, when Ellen decided she no longer needed an escort to continue dance. It enabled Ms. Rubich to start a new ten-year career in health care as an intake counselor at the North Richmond Psychiatric Center at St. Vincent's Medical Center. She received numerous commendations and awards upon her retirement in 1987. Her next career would last three decades, helping her daughter launch a professional ballet company and conservatory "so that other kids wouldn't have to make long trips for dance." "She was a remarkable woman in every way, and in every conversation with people," said her daughter Ellen. The night before she died, we had our deepest and most emotional talk ever. It seemed simple: I told her how exceptional she had been as a mother. She said, "I was always her pet." Somehow, it became our first moment where nothing was left unsaid. Ms. Rubich's efforts and skills for nearly three decades helped evolve the Staten Island Ballet from a parish house at New Dorp Moravian on Todt Hill into a landmark dance facility dedicated to ballet arts located in on the Seaview/Farm Colony campus. Ironically, Ms. Rubich's own mother worked there as a nurse while Ms. Rubich was growing up. For her humanitarian work in the arts, Ms. Rubich was inducted into the Women of Achievement Class of 2005 by the Staten Island Advance. Well into her 90's, Ms. Rubich worked daily at the ballet as a board member, treasurer and shepherd to hundreds of remarkable children. Ms. Rubich, co-founder of the Staten Island Ballet was a beloved "dance grandma" for generations of youths. In recognition of both of their contributions to the community and as the founders of the Staten Island Ballet School, Ms. Ellen Tharp and her mother, Ms. Janet Rubich have been honored as inductees into the Port Richmond High School Hall of Fame.



Lina Merlino, M.D., Class of 1948 — Dr. Merlino was born and raised in Staten Island. She is one of twelve children of immigrant parents, John and Filomena Merlino, a sense of caring and sharing was an important part of her childhood years. She carried that sense of caring through her life. She attended Port Richmond High School from 1944-1948. While attending Port Richmond High School, she was on permanent Honor Roll and was inducted into the Arista Honor Society. She then went onto attend Notre Dame College on Staten Island as a Chemistry major and Biology minor (pre-med) and graduated Cum Laude in 1952. Dr. Merlino was the first female graduate of Port Richmond High School to attend medical school. She attended New York Medical College-Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital in Manhattan. Dr. Merlino was one of only 8 females in the freshman class of 150. At graduation, Dr. Merlino received the Pediatrics Excellence Award and the Cor et Manus Award for Service. Dr. Merlino had a rotating internship at St. Vincent's Hospital, Manhattan and further specialty training in pediatrics at Metropolitan Hospital, Manhattan, plus additional fellowships

in her specialty. She went onto open her office, specializing in Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine in Port Richmond on Richmond Avenue and practiced for over 50 years! Many Port Richmond High School students received their annual physicals at her private office. Dr. Merlino has many honors. She was the first woman to be elected president of the Richmond County Medical Society in its 187 year history. Dr. Merlino was the only pediatric consultant at Doctor's Hospital. She was a contagious disease consultant at Seaview Hospital for pediatrics. Dr. Merlino was a participant in the first American-Soviet pediatric medical symposium in Moscow and Leningrad, USSR. Recognized as an outstanding practitioner, Dr. Merlino has frequently been quoted by the media on topics of child rearing and medical problems. Dr. Merlino has been honored by the Soroptomist International of Staten Island (a professional women's service organization) with the Lifetime Achievement Award. She has also been honored by the Cystic Fibrosis Association, the Academy of Medicine of Richmond County and by St. John's University with the Presidents Medal and St. John's Outstanding Achievement Award. The Academy of Medicine of Richmond has established an annual award in her name. In recognition of her career as a caring Pediatrician, Dr. Lina Merlino has been honored as an inductee into the Port Richmond High School Hall of Fame.



Mr. Thomas Anderson, Class of 1962 — Mr. Anderson, who grew up in West Brighton and attended Staten Island Community college, De Paul University and the University of Maryland at Baltimore, has been recognized on many fronts. On Wall Street for over 20 years, he was a bond trader with Bear Stearns & Company and eventually became a partner and member of the executive committee. There he was recognized for his generous giving and skill in working with people. Mr. Anderson always believed in giving back and helping those in need. With that in mind, he established a foundation to support various Christian charities. Mr. Anderson has supported hospital and school development programs such as Morristown Memorial Hospital in New Jersey, Messiah College in Pennsylvania and Timothy Christian School in New Jersey. Mr. Anderson has also provided material to enrich programs at Port Richmond High School such as helping the music program, providing college scholarships & contributing to the Matthews Scholarship Fund. Mr. Anderson has traveled to Africa with World Vision where he helped fund a water develop-

ment project there as well as provide a school teacher to enable children to attend school. He has been in demand as a keynote speaker, which also involved being on television and radio on such programs as "The Pat Robertson Show" and "Focus on the Family" sharing his life as a Christian businessman. His stories have been featured in "Readers Digest", "Guideposts Magazine" and "The New Yorker Magazine". Apart from providing for others with his finances, Mr. Anderson has also given of his time. He has been on various boards for many years providing vision and leadership. He recently retired from the boards of the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C. and the Walter Hoving Home for chemically dependent women in Garrison, NY. Before that, he was on the board of Messiah College, the Good News Home for Women and is presently on the board of Franz Medical Ventures. After retiring from Wall Street and having grown weary of playing golf, Mr. Anderson began his second career by founding the PDA (Players Development Academy) Soccer Club in 1999. The PDA has grown to be nationally & internationally recognized as one of the most respected and prestigious soccer clubs in the USA. Thousands of young people have participated in this program with over 95% of the players being awarded scholarships to some of the most prestigious colleges in the nation. Mr. Anderson has also devoted himself to coaching at PDA. His 15-year-old girls team won the National Championship in 2003 and Mr. Anderson was then awarded "Best Coach of the Year" by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). The most recognized soccer player from PDA is Tobin Heath who Tom began coaching at 8 years of age. Tobin now has 2 World Cup Gold Medals, 2 Olympic Gold Medals and was the 2016 Woman's U.S. Soccer Player of the Year. Many other soccer players from the PDA Club have gone on to play professional soccer. With all of these accomplishments behind him, Mr. Anderson gets his satisfaction from making a difference in the lives of others. What is most important to him is his faith, family & friendships. He resides in Bernardsville, NJ with his wife Evelyn. In recognition of his philanthropic endeavors and the sacrifice of his time, Mr. Thomas Anderson has been honored as an inductee into the Port Richmond High School Hall of Fame.



Hon. Orlando Marrazzo, Jr., Class of 1968 — Justice Orlando "Lindy" Marrazzo, Jr. is a graduate of Wagner College and Brooklyn Law School. He was a partner in the law firm of Marrazzo and Dollard and practiced law on Staten Island with James A. Dollard, a St John's Law School graduate, for 32 years. Justice Marrazzo is a past director of the Richmond County Bar Association for six years, past Chairman of the Fee Arbitration Committee, past member of the Richmond County Grievance Committee, past member of the Character and Fitness Committee for the 2nd, 10th and 11th Judicial Districts for 14 years, past member of the Judicial Screening Committee for the Democratic Party, Kings County as a representative of the Richmond County Bar Association 2004-2007 and served as a Court Examiner for the 2nd Judicial District. Justice Marrazzo has also served as Treasurer for the Committees to Elect Judges/Justices Thomas Aliotta, Philip Minardo, Pasquale Bifulco, Barbara Panepinto, Michael Brennan, Patricia DiMango and Kim Dollard. He was the roasteer of the Hon. Vito J. Titone Roast and Toast in 2012, sponsored by St. Johns Law School, and recently, the 2019 recipient of the Hon. Louis Sangiorgio Award, presented by the Staten Island Trial Lawyers Association. Justice Marrazzo served as Chairman of the Northfield Local Development Corporation, of which he was a founder, specializing in senior citizen housing, was a director for the Fund for the Advancement of Mental Health, Inc., was a Director of the Sisters of the Charity has served as a Director for the American Red Cross 1996-1998 and in 1998 was the Recipient of the Distinguished Service to Youth Award from the State Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Justice Marrazzo is Past President of the Staten Island Kiwanis Club (1984), Past Lt. Governor of the Metropolitan Division of Kiwanis International (1987), and from 1997 - 2007 served as President of the N.Y.S. District Kiwanis Foundation which operates a sleep away camp for underprivileged and handicapped children known as Kamp Kiwanis located in Taberg, New York. During Justice Marrazzo's presidency of the Kiwanis Foundation, approximately 7,000 handicapped and underprivileged and handicapped adults attended Kamp Kiwanis. As a way to honor Justice Marrazzo for his ten years of service to the New York District Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis, the Administration Building located at the camp was named in his honor. He was also convention honoree in Saratoga, N.Y. in 2006. Justice Marrazzo is an original "Barrister" from the Barrister softball team which was formed in 1978 and was elected to the

Barrister Hall of Fame in 2011. Justice Marrazzo is married to Christine, also an attorney. They have two sons Peter Martin and Graig Martin, also attorneys and have 4 granddaughters, Amber, Ella, Giuliana and Francesca and one grandson Peter. In 2009 Justice Marrazzo was elected to the NYC Civil Court being crossed endorsed by all the political parties and in January 2012 was appointed an Acting New York Supreme Court Justice. In 2016 Justice Marrazzo was honored by the Staten Island Women's Bar Association. In 2019 Justice Marrazzo was elected to the New York Supreme Court and serves as a full New York Supreme Court Justice. Judge Marrazzo currently presides over the medical malpractice and commercial parts of the Richmond County Supreme Court and has an inventory of approximately 600 cases. It is because of his many accomplishments in the legal field and Justice of the New York Supreme Court that the Port Richmond High School Hall of Fame has chosen Justice Orlando "Lindy" Marrazzo, Jr. to be honored as an inductee into the Port Richmond High School Hall of Fame.



Mr. David Brown, Class of 1985 — It's been a long ride for Mr. Brown since he helped launch Port Richmond's SING program and was writer and director of our School's first 3 winning productions in 1983, 1984, & 1985. Mr. Brown was also the 1985 Port Richmond Senior Class Vice President and a winner of the schools "Co-Operation in Government" Award. The skills Mr. Brown learned in our auditorium led to his winning an EMMY award as Executive Producer of WNET/PBS's "MetroFocus", a Nightly News Magazine Show with various digital components. Mr. Brown was also a part of the team that launched the Fox News Channel in 1996 and helped create, format, & run some of its highest rated programs including "The O'Reilly Factor" and "Fox and Friends" amongst many others. He oversaw all of Weekend Primetime Programming for a number of years, and Executive Produced a variety of specials including New Year's Eve coverage live from Times Square in 2006 & 2007. He left Fox News in 2008. At CNN Mr. Brown Executive Produced three shows. Two of those programs: "At This Hour" and "Wolf", hosted by Wolf Blitzer, Mr. Brown created, launched, and ran simultaneously. "Wolf" was also simulcast internationally on CNN. Previously, Mr. Brown had been the Executive Producer of CNN's weekend afternoon edition of "News Room". The hours he oversaw became the highest rated regularly scheduled daytime programming on CNN while he was at its helm. At Tribune, Mr. Brown was the Executive Producer of the "Dr. Steve Show" where he received three Emmy Nominations and various other awards. In total his Honors include 1 EMMY Award Win (2019) and 6 Emmy nominations (PBS/Tribune), New York Festival award winner for "Breaking News Coverage 2015 (CNN), 3 CINDY awards (PBS), 7 FAIR Media Council awards including "Best Talk Show - 2019" (PBS), New York State Broadcasters Assoc. "Best Newscast" (PBS). Above all, Mr. Brown is a proud graduate of PRHS and is still in touch with many of his teachers. The skills he learned in the Balish Auditorium are what he uses every day to create his shows. In recognition of his career as an executive producer, Mr. David Brown has been honored as an inductee into the Port Richmond High School Hall of Fame.

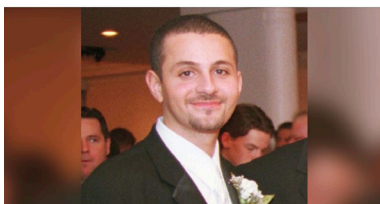
Raider Baseball Standout Acceptance Signing

Way to go Kevin Hannah!



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College Signings: PR second baseman Kevin Hannah commits to D2 AIC

ANOTHER FORMER RAIDER!



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Staten Island native appointed as city's finance commissioner

Kevin Hannah is a four-year varsity second base standout for the Raider baseball program. As pictured above, Kevin has signed a letter of acceptance to attend and play for Division II Atlantic International College. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to Kevin, his parents, his coach, John Sce and PRHS for their efforts in bringing making this day possible.

FROM THE ASSOCIATION TREASURER
ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP REPORT
MAIN ENTRANCE HEALTH CHECK STATION

The Scholarship Fund

As most of our Alumni know, our Scholarship Fund has had a good start generating more than \$4,000 from our Alumni with major contributions from Bill Ruan, Ron Lerman and Edward Ronckovitz, and generous contributions from Florence Ronckovitz Dewey, Samuel C. Marino, Alexis Capofari Ventre, Todd Daley, John C. Woodman and Nancy Olsen Woodman.

A real highlight occurred when Carmen Cagnetta sent a grant application to the Richmond County Savings Bank Foundation and our Alumni Association was awarded with a check for \$5,000 primarily to fund the Bob Mathews and Bill Drinnan scholarships that we award to graduating students each year.

\$9,000 is a pretty good start for this Fund.

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Date _____

Port Richmond High School Alumni Association Membership Form 2020 -2021

General Membership	\$15 per year	Patron	\$100 per year
Co-Sponsor	\$25 per year	Business Sponsor	\$250.
Sponsor	\$50 per year	Benefactor	\$500 one lifetime payment

(Dues Are From July 2020 - June 2021)

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Please enroll me as a: General ☐ Co-Sponsor ☐ Sponsor ☐ Patron ☐ Business Sponsor ☐ Benefactor ☐

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CARMEN COGNETTA, TREASURER

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Thank you to all our alumni who have already sent in their dues for the 2020-2021 year. (Our year runs for 7/1/20-6/30/21) Despite the pandemic you have continued to be very generous with you dues. Due to the school being closed most of the year and no extra circular activities taking place, we did not make any contributions to school activities. We will be increasing the amount of scholarships we award at graduation in lieu of contributing to the school, and are ready to contribute as soon as the school opens in the fall.

However many have not yet paid their dues! If you have not, please fill out the form above and send them in. **Please add your e-mail address so we can change as many alumni as possible to e-mail rather than paper.** It allows us to spend more of your dues money to benefit the school and students! If you wish to pay by credit card (via Pay Pal) go to our newly revamped website at **www.portrichmondalumni.com** and click on the donate button, fill out the information requested, enter your credit card number and it is done! Don't forget to enter your class year in the box where you can add information and include your maiden name if necessary. If you have any questions about dues you can reach the treasurer at treasurerprhsalumni@gmail.com

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Our record number of lifetime member's joining so far this year has continued to grow! We would like to thank the following five Alumni, who joined our 12 previous members who joined earlier this year. Joining since October 15, 2020 are **Dwight Johnsen '62, Kenneth Peters '72, William Regine '79, Steven Noll '87 and Danielle Sorrentino Zayer '11.** As of October 15, 2020, they are: **Donald C. Spruck '49, Betty Olsen Harty '52 and Francis Harty '52, Irene Chrampanis Agoratus '54 (Also Faculty), John "Dwig" Dwyer '58, Ruth Kolbjornsen Nybro '64, Bonnie Olsen Selletti '64, Rose Bocchetti Takvorian '65, Susan Brown Salvesen 68 and Erling Salvesen '67, Eugene Timmins '72 and William R. Distefano '80.** Thanks Again!

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Information concerning dates and times of
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