

The 29th Annual Jericho High School Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

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Time marches on, and with it comes change. After years of holding the pre-ceremony dinner at the Maine Maid Inn and then at the Milleridge Inn, since 2017 the dinner has taken place up the road a bit at Westbury Manor.

Management kindly let us change the name of the place for the evening with a few cans of spray paint, which we thought was mighty swell of them, don't you think?

Well, they didn't "let" us, exactly, 'cos we forgot to ask. And we certainly would have scrubbed away the graffiti ourselves, but when we drove past the catering hall a few days later on our way to somewhere else, it seems they had done the job for us. Like we said, extremely accommodating. Come inside and join us!



The first honoree to arrive was Ira Lerner, who lives in South Carolina. On the right are his guests, Sara Towber and Harold Lerner; and on the left, of course, Mr. Bob Hoffman, cofounder of the Alumni Hall of Fame, which is about to celebrate its thirtieth year in 2020.



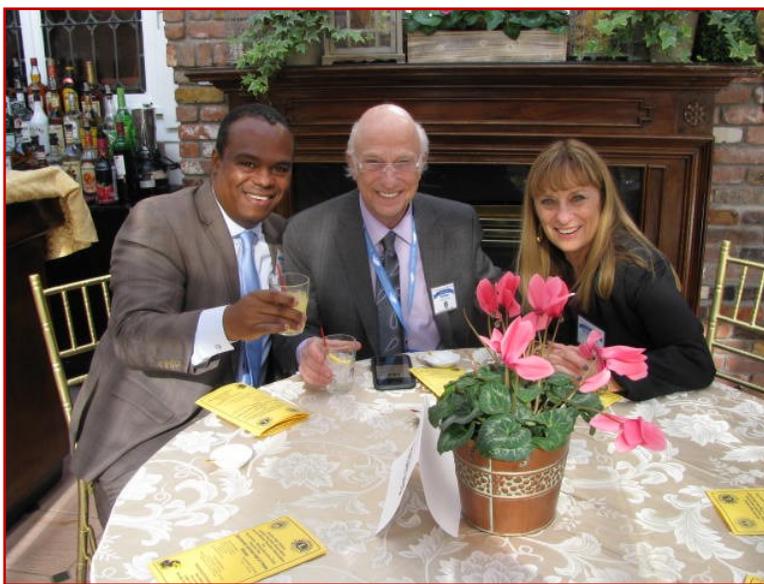
Here we have three members of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee: from west to east, Mary Drayer, a popular teacher at JHS; Nick Maraventano, who spent many years teaching in Jericho and also used to emcee the annual induction ceremonies; and Eric Sundberg, curriculum associate for social studies, business, and libraries.



Time for the obligatory atmospheric shot already? Yes.



The youngest member of this year's group of inductees, Logan Levkoff-Cortes (right), from the class of 1994, poses with math teacher Dr. Matthew DeMarinis, who's been co-emceeing the induction ceremonies for the past few years. A funny math instructor—can you believe it? In the middle is Hall of Fame Selection Committee member Mary Vitale.



Joan Baiman Rosenberg (r.) is not only a JHS alumna (1971), and the mother of JHS grads, and a member of the Hall of Fame herself, but also the high school principal. With her are assistant principals Dagoberto Artiles and Jeffrey Ratner.

(At right) A whole bunch of Scarpinati (plural of Scarpinato; you can look it up in the dictionary if you don't believe me) attended to support the class of 1976's Dr. Dorothy Scarpinato (second from left), an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports-related injuries. With her are, at far left, brother Dominic Scarpinato ('75), a custom home builder in Tampa, and, from left to right, Dorothy's life partner, Debra Ciresi, sisters-in-law Estelle Oliva Scarpinato ('70) and Dianne Oliva ('74), Dominic's son, Andrew Scarpinato, and Brandi Banks.





Hall of Fame Selection Committee member Brian Cummings with Katie Behr, curriculum associate for fine and performing arts. A former math teacher, Brian is now the curriculum associate for science and technology education.

Here's Brian again, this time with Matt DeMarinis and two of our student presenters: JHS seniors Luke Josephy (second from left) and Kristina Kallansrude (second from right).



This photo is a complete accident—definitely didn't intend to aim down at the floor—but it proves an important point about the Jericho school district. Not only is the high school one of the top-rated public schools in the country year after year, but clearly Jerichonians have impeccable fashion sense when it comes to stylish footwear. You're welcome.



Hall of Fame committee member Mary Vitale poses with inductee Kenneth Bobis from the class of 1967, an architect and college professor of architecture who came down from his home in Syracuse, New York.



Two of Logan Levkoff-Cortes's longtime childhood friends (since kindergarten at Cantiaque Elementary) attended the dinner: sisters Aileen Diamond Gingold (left) and Marni Diamond Rubin (middle), both of whom live in Jericho. Logan is a married Manhattan mom of two. Try saying that ten times fast.



Logan again, with Nick Maraventano.



(Above) Hall of Fame Selection Committee member Philip Bashe ('72) and Dianne Oliva ('74). (Below) All of a sudden, someone hollered, "Simon says put your hand on your hip!" An alert Dianne complied immediately, but Phil was a little slow on the download. It happens when you hit sixty-five. You'll see.



Brian Cummings and Board of Education Trustee Pam Wasserman-Heath.



(Below) Ken Bobis (third from left) brought a whole posse with him, including his wife, Catherine (third from right). Also pictured here are Ken's son Aaron Bobis and his wife, Tricia Vuong (at right), and, on the other side, Judy Reisman and her husband, David Toof. Like Ken, Judy is also from the JHS class of 1967 and also in the JHS Hall of Fame.



There's one in every crowd—or in this case, three central administrators. At left, with his back to the camera is Henry Grishman, superintendent of schools. You'll see his better side in two pages. At center, in red, Barbara Bauer, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction; and standing at right, in the gray jacket, Ben Ciuffo, assistant superintendent of personnel and educational operations.



(Above) Nick Maraventano and Jill Citron, vice president of the Board of Education.

Here's the whole Scarpinato-Oliva clan: (standing) Andrew Scarpinato, Michael Greco, Dianne Oliva, and Debra Ciresi; (sitting) Brandi Banks, Dominic Scarpinato, Manny Scarpinato, Estelle Oliva Scarpinato, and Dorothy Scarpinato. Manny, who graduated in 1968, attended Jericho schools through junior high, then transferred to St. Dominic High School before heading off to Cornell University.



Speech! Speech! Mr. Bob Hoffman welcomes one and all to the Hall of Fame dinner, followed by JHS principal Joan Baiman Rosenberg. Unfortunately, the two of them ignored our frantic requests for their mashup duet of Sonny and Cher's "I Got You Babe" and Deep Purple's "Smoke on the Water," always a crowd favorite. Maybe next year.



... and the cake. Can't forget the cake.

Ladies and gentlemen, we give you the 2019 JHS Alumni Hall of Fame inductees: Ken Bobis ('67), Logan Levkoff-Cortes ('94), Dr. Dorothy Scarpinato ('76) and Ira Lerner ('69) ...

Teachers come to the annual ceremonies, such as Mrs. Karen Schwartz (far left) and Ms. Maureen Tracy (second from right). Mrs. Schwartz nominated her former student Dorothy Scarpinato (far right). Principal Joan Baiman Rosenberg is second from left.



Before the prospective inductees are entered into the Hall of Fame, they must pass one final test: Do they have the humility, not to mention the inner strength and fortitude of character to sit beneath three-by-four-foot enlargements of their Emperor high school yearbook photos? To their credit, none of this year's four inductees ran screaming from the stage and out the door. We salute you!



(Left) Okay, time to get this baby going. Normally, Matt DeMarinis cohosts the ceremony with fellow JHS teacher Meredith Hynes, and they get a George Burns–Gracie Allen, Jerry Stiller–Anne Meara kind of vibe going. But you know that wicked flu that was going around? Well, it found Meredith. Suddenly Matt was a solo act—a Simon without his Garfunkel—but to his immense credit, he pulled it off seamlessly. (Apologies for the dated cultural references.)



Short speeches followed from Joan Baiman Rosenberg (r.), Superintendent Henry Grishman (far r.), and William Ferro, president of the Jericho Board of Education (top r.). One theme that emerges year after year is that most of our inductees didn't follow a prescribed path, both personally and professionally. They zigged, they zagged, and sometimes they benefitted from the happy accidents of life. Mr. Ferro, addressing the students in the audience, pointed this out, encouraging them to be adventurous and to explore their interests at this stage of their young lives. In such a highly competitive district as Jericho, it was a refreshing and most welcome message.





The first inductee, Ira Lerner ('69), was introduced by senior Luke Josephy ('19), the two of them separated by exactly fifty years. Henry Grishman and Joan Baiman Rosenberg then presented him with his plaque. (Wall plaques for each nominee, going back to the first ceremony, in 1991, adorn the wall opposite the high school's side entrance—a popular smoking spot back in the day.)

At nineteen, Ira became the youngest full-time photographer ever hired by National Geographic. He'd sent the magazine some samples of his work and, before he knew it, was on assignment in the Amazon jungle, where he lost fifteen pounds. He fondly recalled teachers such as Mrs. Miriam Reff (science); Gym Department chairman Mr. Dominick Morelli, who used to reprimand him by saying, "What would your mother think?"; social studies teachers Mr. Bob Hoffman, "for instilling values and character," Mr. Ira Greene, and Mr. Emil Voigt; and art instructor Mr. Scott Mackay.



Ira, who lived on Magnolia Lane in East Birchwood, entered college as a science major but soon switched to fine art. After spending six years at National Geographic, he branched out into commercial and fashion photography, counting Revlon and Calvin Klein among his clients. He managed to achieve success without sacrificing his principles: for example, Ira refused to accept cigarette ads. And as a fashion photographer, he often used regular people whenever possible instead of fashion models.

His landscapes hang in the permanent collections of the Library of Congress, the Museum of the City of New York, the Brooklyn Museum, and the New York Public Library. And now his work will be displayed at Jericho High School: Ira presented his alma mater with a large print of the stunning photo below, taken in 1973.

The class of '69 alum embarked on yet another career, as an inventor and designer of eyewear. He has patented roughly two dozen of them, and hundreds of thousands of people wear his designs.

Ira concluded his acceptance speech by telling a fascinating story from early in his photography career: in the fall of 1970, one of his first assignments for National Geographic entailed planting himself in the Blue Ridge Mountains in the hopes of getting a shot of the rare albino woodpecker. Given the size of the mountain range, it was akin to finding the proverbial needle in a haystack.

He spent six weeks out in the wild, without a single sighting. By now it was almost Christmas, the weather had turned freezing cold, and he and his editor decided in frustration to call it quits.

The magazine had loaned Ira a dilapidated Chevy that had to be warmed up for several minutes before driving. While he was sitting there, with the sun setting, gently pressing the accelerator, he heard a thud! on the hood.

There it was: the albino woodpecker, probably looking to warm its feet. It perched there, just three feet away, separated only by the windshield.

Problem was, Ira had stashed his camera in the backseat. But he managed to retrieve it, s-l-o-w-l-y, hoping that the woodpecker wouldn't startle and fly away. It didn't. The bird just stared back calmly at him. Ira got off three closeups, after which his prey took off into the darkening sky, disappearing over the sixty-foot-tall oak trees.

"That day affected me for the rest of my life," he said. "Did I find that bird? Or did that bird find me?"

"You never know where life will take you."





Senior Kristina Kallansrude introduced inductee Dr. Dorothy Scarpinato ('76), who should change her name to Dorothy Scarpinato the First, because she's achieved a number of firsts in her career as an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine, including first woman orthopedic surgery resident at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and first woman fellow at the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, Alabama. There she studied with famed surgeon Dr. James Andrews, who taught her "when to operate and, even more importantly, when not to operate." As copartner of Premier Orthopedic Surgery in Melville, Long Island, her ultimate goal is to prevent injuries and keeping athletes healthy and playing the sport they love.



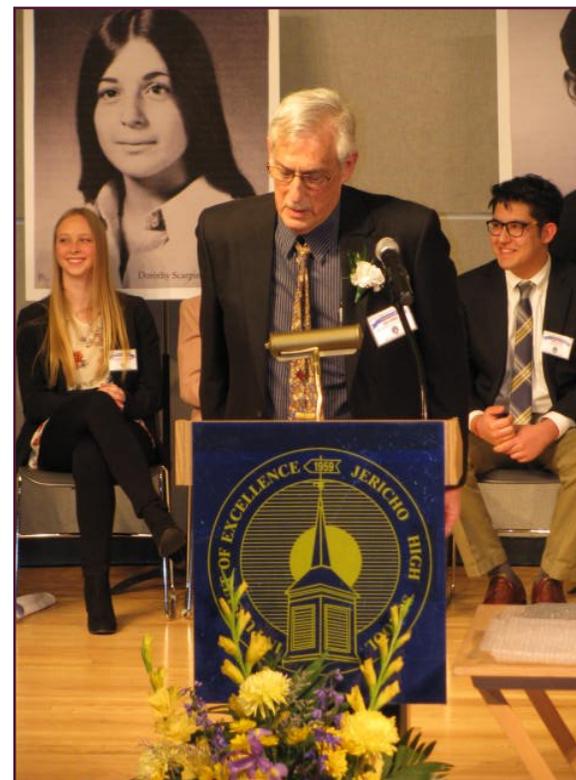
At Jericho High School, which she called "an uplifting experience," Dorothy was a three-sport athlete. She gave shout-outs to some of her favorite JHS teachers—Mrs. Miriam Reff, Mrs. Judith Broadwin, Mr. Rudy Cesarini, Mr. Charles Vigilante—and especially Mrs. Karen Schwartz. The Scarpinatos' father passed away during Dorothy's senior year, and Mrs. Schwartz, she said, "became like a second mother to me, and a friend to this day." (Also a patient! Incidentally, a number of retired Jericho teachers' doctors used to be their students.)

This was Dorothy's second Hall of Fame induction: in 2010 she was inducted into the Union College Athletics Hall of Fame. The resident of Woodbury, Long Island, is active in youth sports, having coached softball and basketball in Little League and the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). She dedicated her award from Jericho to her mother, Frances Scarpinato, who was recovering from a medical procedure and wasn't able to attend.



Every year, the Jericho Retirees' Association (JRA), made up of retired faculty, makes a generous donation on behalf of a charitable organization founded by a member of the Alumni Hall of Fame. Here Mrs. Carol Spielberger presents a check to 2018 Inductee Susan Sturgess (JHS 1982), the senior dietitian at Hospice Care Network in Woodbury, Long Island. There she works with patients and their families grappling with end-of-life issue. A talented photographer, Susan donates her time to capture the young lives of HCN's pediatric and perinatal patients, creating photo books of memories for grieving families.

The Emil Voigt Community Service Award is named in honor of the late Emil Voigt, one of the best social studies teachers ever to stand in front of a classroom.



Senior Rehan Hak, who introduced inductee Kenneth Bobis, is interested in not only medicine but also law and politics. He so impressed Ken that we thought the '67 alum, a father of four, was going to hand his plaque directly to Rehan.

Ken, nominated by his older brother, Richard, a retired physician now living in San Jose California, reminisced fondly about growing up in Jericho. His class remains close, as evidenced by the fact that more than eighty members turned up for the class of '67's fifty-year reunion two years ago. As a kid, he liked art and "making stuff." Among the teachers he paid tribute to were Ms. Lois Smith (art), Mr. Jack Latham (technical drafting—also Ken's track coach), typing teacher Mrs. Gloria Kaufman, Mr. Chuck Schmidt (earth science), and wrestling coach Mr. Ray Deren, an ex-marine.

Reflecting on how Jericho shaped his work ethic, Ken recalled taking a summer job maintaining the grounds at the high school, which included cutting grass with a scythe. (Note to those under thirty: What's a scythe? Look it up on yer Wikipedia.) "I hit beehives and got stung many times, and it was labor-intensive work," he said, "but it was all good stuff." Paid a whopping \$1.50 an hour, too.

Though he's past retirement age, the Syracuse University grad still runs his own architectural firm as well as teaches architecture at Onondaga Community College, where he's been a professor for three decades. Long before it was fashionable, Ken was a leader in the concept of "green" designs that are energy efficient, and he has donated his time and expertise on this issue to the city of Syracuse. In 2018, Ken received the annual Green Building Advocate of the Year Award.



Dr. Logan Levkoff-Cortes ('94), introduced by senior Christine Bae, an actress, singer, and writer, is an internationally recognized expert on sexuality and relationships. After attending the University of Pennsylvania, Logan received her PhD in Human Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Life Education from New York University. There's a good chance you've seen her on TV shows such as Oprah, Good Morning America, The Today Show, and CBS's The Early Show. She's also the author of two books on parenting and the provocatively titled How to Get Your Wife to Have Sex with You (A Good in Bed Guide)—not that anybody writing this copy needs it in the slightest. Not at all.

Logan is a popular speaker at seminars as well as schools in the area, including her alma mater. She remembers the Jericho she grew up (West Birchwood) in as a place where "we all knew and cared about one another." As much as she enjoyed her teen years, she stressed, "People say, 'High school is the best time of your life.' It's not supposed to be the best time of your life! Ideally, high school gives you the tools you need to have the best years of your life."

One thing that distinguishes Dr. Levkoff-Cortes from others in her field—and one reason why she's in such demand as a speaker and TV personality—is her disarmingly frank approach to sexuality, not to mention her playful sense of humor. She told a hilarious story of attending a model congress at Princeton University during her sophomore year in high school. The fact that most of the other kids were older juniors and seniors was, understandably ... intimidating.

The matter being debated was a theoretical law to legalize gay marriage—an extremely controversial issue in 1992. Logan, taking the pro position, spoke passionately about being the happy, well-adjusted product of gay parents. Her mother's and father's union, she explained, was "a marriage of convenience." The story was pure fiction, but it had the desired results: the "bill" passed. However, another attendee from Jericho told her parents about Logan's revelation, and word spread. Her parents received a call from Logan's aunt informing them of what their daughter had told a room full of high school students. When Mr. and Mrs. Levkoff picked her up in the circular driveway in front of Jericho High, they asked haltingly, "Um, Logan, did you tell people we were gay?" "Yes, I did!" Hopefully, they shared her sense of humor.

Among the teachers that Logan thanked were Cantiague Elementary's Mrs. Lea Weiner ("She pushed me") and Mr. Bob Hoffman, of whom she said, "He knew who I was and what I was capable of."

Afterward, time for coffee and cookies in the library's reception area. (Below) Social studies still rules! Mr. Bob Hoffman and Mr. Ira Greene.



Teacher Mary Drayer and Principal Joan Baiman Rosenberg.



Debra Ciresi and Manny Scarpinato.



Kristina Kallansrude ('19) and Dr. Dorothy Scarpinato ('76).



Hey, looked who stopped by on her way home from work: the class of 1975's Gloria Rothstein (r.) with Dianne Oliva ('74).



Dorothy (r.) with sisters-in-law (and sisters) Dianne Oliva and Estelle Oliva Scarpinato and, looking fabulous as always, Mrs. Schwartz.



Kids in the Hall: Inductees, 1991–2019

The Brief Descriptions Below Convey Only Part of What Makes These Alumni Hall of Famers, but You'll See How Eclectic Jericho Grads Are: Doctors, Lawyers, Firemen, Photographers, Dancers, Teachers, Musicians, Authors, Businessmen, Builders—Even an Opera Star

1st Induction Ceremony, 1991

Larry Grobel (1964), author
Arthur Kaminsky (1964), attorney
Maureen Byrnes O'Reilly (1969), psychiatric nurse
Rose-Ann Schifano (1965), corporate secretary/treasurer
David Starobin (1969), acclaimed guitarist, record producer
Pamela Joan Tropper (1968), doctor of perinatology, obstetrics and gynecology

2nd Induction Ceremony, 1992

Paul Altesman (1970), UN delegate
Wendy Chin Parise (1971), special education instructor
Dr. Ellen Cooper (1965), assistant professor at Boston University and virologist for AIDS
George Gilson (1967), business/concrete slip forming company and author
Martin A. Lee (1971), political activist, journalist, and author
Marc Miller (1965), attorney, author

3rd Induction Ceremony, 1993

Barbara Block Goldstein (1966), social worker and public education coordinator
Mitchell Goldman (1968), attorney and founder of drug education program
Ronald Irving (1969), professor and director of graduate studies, University of Washington
James Mansberger (1964), fire commissioner, Jericho Fire Department
Susan Sternberg Raff (1964), vice president/regional director, Macy's East

4th Induction Ceremony, 1994

Sharon Becker Markovics (1968), physician and leader in the field of pediatrics and adult allergies
Lorraine Huzar (1968), teacher and community activist
John Innelli (1973), attorney specializing in securities fraud and antitrust violations, political leader
Stuart Shalat (1968), researcher in occupational and environmental science
Michael Soupios (1967), college professor and administrator, author, lecturer
Jay D. Tarnow (1965), child psychiatrist, medical school professor

5th Induction Ceremony, 1995

Diane Freedman (1973), college professor and author
Steven Gittelman (1967), president of Vanderbilt Museum and entrepreneur
Roberta Grobel Intrater (1962), photo journalist
Randi Kramer Fox (posthumously) (1971), geneticist and founder of National Marfan's Syndrome Foundation
Peter Miller (1968), Emmy Award-winning sound engineer and editor
Steven Shimberg (1971), lawyer and environmentalist
Sanford Sylvan (1972), opera singer

6th Induction Ceremony, 1996

Philip Bashe (1972), author
Carol Fein Ross (1968), chief attorney, Warner Books
Robert A. Kaplan (1963), pediatrician
Robert Raiber (1964), dentist
Jonathan Santlofer (1963), artist
Gary Strudler (1973), early childhood educator
Ilise Zimmerman (1972), executive director, Northern New Jersey Maternal/Child Health Consortium

7th Induction Ceremony, 1997

Joan Baiman Rosenberg (1971), educator
Elizabeth Bernstein, (1970), attorney, educator
Robert F. Fischer (1965), psychiatrist
William Herskowitz (1964), educator
Steven Molina (1971), musician

8th Induction Ceremony, 1998

James F. Davis (1963), financial analyst
Brad Spencer (1975), attorney
Robin Samuel Twerdahl (1967), educator
Bonnie Siber Weinstock (1971), labor relations attorney
Heather West Werthessen (1967), educator

9th Induction Ceremony, 1999

Bruce Browner (1964), professor of orthopedic surgery
Ira Goldman (1969), gastroenterologist
Edward Green (1969), musician, educator

Steven Hahn (1969), professor of history, author

Lesléa Newman (1973), author

10th Induction Ceremony, 2000

Mark Jay Friedman (posthumously) (1973), cardiologist
Michele Innelli Cox (1976), director of human resources
Neil Minikes (1969), pediatrician/allergist and immunologist
Geoffrey Touretz (1969), educator

11th Induction Ceremony, 2001

Debra Esernio (1974), pediatrician, child advocate
Elizabeth Nicolosi (1980), international entrepreneur
Sharon Press (1979), attorney
Leslie Shalat Katz (1967), award-winning educator

12th Induction Ceremony, 2002

Sharon Chalkin Feldstein (1973), TV fashion designer, fund-raiser for children's causes
Martha Flanagan Sammartano (1975), educator/volunteer
Alicia Romano Neri (1977), pediatric endocrinologist

13th Induction Ceremony, 2003

Jennifer Armstrong (1968), director-consumer bank programs for Citicorp
Joel Flatow (1982), senior vice president, Recording Industry Association of America
Edward Mardovich (posthumously) (1977), stockbroker/volunteer, Make a Wish Foundation
Paul Pellicoro (1974), dance instructor to the stars
Wendy Schack Forrest (1976), attorney/volunteer for Meals on Wheels

14th Induction Ceremony, 2004

Walter Bachman (1968), teacher/coach
Susan Winston Berland (1979), council-woman/community activist
Bruce Smoller (1975), chairman of pathology department
Lori Traikos (1974), international photo-journalist
Arlene Lori Wasserman Weiss (1976), toxicologist, environmentalist

15th Induction Ceremony, 2005

Ellen Friedland (1976), documentary film maker
Diane Krencik (1975), dentist/environmentalist
Howard Lutnick (1979), CEO, Cantor Fitzgerald
Michael Milner (1969), elite firefighter
Richard Zimmerman (1976), medical director, Mayo Clinic

16th Induction Ceremony, 2006

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Jon Carin (1982), recording artist, keyboardist with Pink Floyd, Roger waters, Bryan Ferry, others

Celia A. Felsher (1972), attorney/school board president
Bruce Friedman (1976), chiropractor
Geraldine Kalfus-Gurman (1964), dance and drama educator
Jill Seelig (1979), publisher of *O, The Oprah Magazine*
Matthew D. Lynch (posthumously) (1997), first lieutenant, US Marine Corps

17th Induction Ceremony, 2007

Fred A. Bernstein (1974), journalist, educator, attorney
Paula Flatow (1980), freelance musician and teacher
Leslie Prichep (1964), associate director of brain research labs at NYU Medical Center
Peter Saunders (1967), civil engineer, US Naval Captain
Jeffrey Weinstock (1978), international marketing executive, Carnival Cruise Lines

18th Induction Ceremony, 2008

Joann Ferrara (1974), founder of Dancing Dreams Ballet
Bonni Retzkin (1978), Olympic skating coach
Neil Schechter, MD (1965), pediatrician
Adrienne (Levine) Shelly (posthumously) (1984), actress/director/filmmaker
Ronnie Steinberg (1965), sociologist/women's studies

19th Induction Ceremony, 2009

Marvin Schwartz (1969), CEO of Jarro Building Industries
Jessica Pincus Gerschwitz (1970), president/COO of Abilities Inc.
Robin Bergman (1973), fashion designer/entrepreneur/political activist
Daisy Khan (1975), executive director, American Society for Muslim Advancement
Adam Levy, MD (1986), pediatric oncologist

20th Induction Ceremony, 2010

Mark S. Zaid, Esq. (1985), managing partner, attorney, litigation, National Security
Lori Greene (1978), executive producer, BBCAmerica.com and vice president of New York Women in Cable Telecommunications
Sandra M. Gumerove, Esq. (1968), attorney and advocate for Families with Special Needs
Lainie Friedman Ross, MD, PhD (1978), pediatrician, medical ethicist, professor

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Jay S. Winuk (1976), president, Winuk Communications, Inc., cofounder and vice president of MyGoodDeed

21st Induction Ceremony, 2011

Neil Goldberg (1981), graphic artist
Larry Licht (1972), senior staff engineer, General Dynamics
Les Scheinfeld (1973), associate director of Habitat for Humanity
Gail Sider (1977), fourth-grade elementary teacher
Stephen Spencer (1971), attorney, labor and employment law

22nd Induction Ceremony, 2012

James Greco (1973), president, Long Island K-9 Service
Patricia Monk-Eichner (1980), guidance counselor
Peter Shulman (1964), CEO of Pediatric Associates
Richard Slater (1978), girls' basketball coach
Benita Zahn (1972), TV news anchor/health reporter

23rd Induction Ceremony, 2013

Douglas Baumel (1974), family-business consultant
Cliff Forziat (1966), teacher, wrestling coach
Dr. Robert Martin (1964), pediatric dentist
Janet Penn (1972), founder and executive director, Interfaith Action (IFA) Youth LEAD
Judy Reisman (1967), founder, Guanacaste Animal Welfare Foundation, photographer

24th Induction Ceremony, 2014

George Haggerty (1977), member of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's transition team, real estate attorney
Edith Lutnick (1977), cofounder, executive director and president, the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund
Lori Meyers Peterzell (1978), developer of social-media strategy for A&E (*Storage Wars*, *Hoarders*, *Duck Dynasty*, others)
Cary Siegel, MD (1977), attending physician, assistant professor at Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Jonathan Small (1965), award-winning TV/concert/video producer and director

25th Induction Ceremony, 2015

Ken McLaughlin (1969), Emmy Award-nominated journalist, *San Jose Mercury News*
Louis Nicolosi (1984), FDNY firefighter, 9/11 first responder, three meritorious awards
Steve Noviello (1992), Emmy Award-winning TV investigative reporter
Bonnie Schneider (1987), meteorologist, Weather Channel personality, and author
Glenn Stoller (1982), ophthalmologist

26th Induction Ceremony, 2016

Teresa Murray D'Amato (1984), attending ER physician, North Shore Hospital
Dr. Robert Pappalardo (1982), scientist, NASA and Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Eric Shaw (1991), Emmy Award-winning television writer
Billy Jay Stein (1988), Grammy Award-winning musician and record producer
Michael Winston (1969), business executive, corporate whistle-blower

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Phil Bildner (1986), author
William Passarelli (1983), physician
Craig Pinto (1996), fund-raiser
Paula F. Rosenthal (1984), attorney, patients' rights advocate
Robert Simon (1972), TV producer

28th Induction Ceremony, 2018

Jeffrey Arkin (1975), military veteran
Adam Felber (1985), TV comedy writer
Susan Sturgess (1982), senior dietitian and photographer
Jill Wagner (1998) TV news reporter and anchorwoman

29th Induction Ceremony, 2019

Kenneth B. Bobis (1967), environmental architect and college professor
Ira S. Lerner (1969), photographer, eyeglass designer and inventor
Logan Levkoff-Cortes (1994), sexuality educator and author
Dr. Dorothy F. Scarpinato (1976), orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports-related injuries

In Memoriam: Jeffrey Ratner

We are deeply saddened to have to report the sudden passing of a member of the Jericho family: Mr. Jeffrey Ratner, assistant principal of Jericho High School, on May 9, at the age of seventy-one.

Jeff was a regular presence at the annual JHS Alumni Hall of Fame dinners and Inductions ceremonies; for several years, he served on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. He had also been the principal of the Robert Seaman Elementary School.

Newsday's obituary was headlined "Jeffrey Ratner, Beloved Educator in Jericho School District, Dies at

71," and he truly was beloved. More than 700 mourners, including some 250 current and former students, attended his funeral. Jeff had actually retired several years ago. But when the assistant principal position opened up unexpectedly at the high school, he was asked to unretire by Superintendent Henry Grishman, who called him "a very, very special man."



Jeff, who grew up in Queens, lived in Syosset with his wife of forty-seven years, Rita. The couple have a grown son, Michael.

The entire Jericho community extends its sincerest condolences to the Ratner family.