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*Welcome to the 2017*  
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# *Blazing a Trail* TOWARD HONORING & GIVING

*Dear Friends of Kennedy High School:*

*Welcome to the 2017 John F. Kennedy High School “Hall of Fame/Cougar Nation Wall of Honor” Dinner and Induction Ceremony. We are truly pleased that you have taken the time to join us for this wonderful event!*

*Tonight, the administration of Kennedy High School has the honor of inducting thirteen new members into the Hall of Fame. These thirteen individuals have all demonstrated success in both their personal and professional careers. Additionally, each one of them has given back to the local or global community, thus following the mandate of President John F. Kennedy:*

*“To those whom much is given, much is expected.”*

*It is our hope that the educational foundation they received at Kennedy High School helped them achieve their dreams, goals and successes. They are role models for our students and we are proud of all of their accomplishments. Congratulations to them and to their families on this special recognition.*

*This evening we also have the honor of bestowing recognition on two retired staff members, whose combined years of service to the Bellmore-Merrick communities have influenced thousands of graduates who have walked our halls since the opening of Kennedy in 1966. We are grateful for their service and for the role they have played in shaping the lives of so many Kennedy students.*

*Tonight is a wonderful celebration of the past, present and future of Kennedy High School. Thank you for sharing this evening with us.*

*Sincerely,*

*Eileen Connolly  
Retired Assistant Principal  
HOF Chairperson*

The administration of John F. Kennedy High School  
proudly announces the 2017 inductees into the  
“Hall of Fame” & “Cougar Nation Wall of Honor”

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

(Alumni)

Joseph Alagna, 1982: Founder of Wall Street Venture Capital Fund, JFK Alumni Association Football Club

Thomas Buda, 1978: Liason Officer, U.S. Mission to United Nations, Retired NYPD Detective

Lyle Phillips Cogen, 1976: Arts/Educator, Singer, Songwriter, Theater Performer

Craig Greben, MD, 1982: System Chief, Division of Vascular Radiology, Northwell Health

Michael Greenberg, 2003: Director of Football Administration, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Jonathan Haas, MD, 1984: Chairman, Department of Radiation Oncology, Winthrop University Hospital

Richie Jackson, 1983: Television Producer, Film Producer, LGBTQ Crisis Advocate

Wayne Levinson, 2006: President of Bulk Fr8 LLC

Steven Lutvak, 1976: Broadway Show Producer, Musical Consultant, Vocal Arranger

Mark Proctor, MD, 1982: Neurosurgeon-in-Chief, Boston Children's Hospital

Howard Riina, MD, 1982: Vice Chairman, Neurosurgery, NYU Langone Medical Center

David Silverberg, DC, 1987: Chiropractor, Acclaimed Student-Athlete, Community Volunteer & Sponsor

Merrick Wetzler, MD, 1978: Orthopedic Surgeon, Medical Chair of Team USA Maccabiah Games

COUGAR NATION WALL OF HONOR

Shula Hirsch

Teacher of English, Speech and Debate Advisor

Gregory Maushart

Teacher of Physical Education and Varsity Football Coach

# *Thank you to our Hall of Fame Helpers*

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Eileen Connolly, Retired Assistant Principal

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Lorraine Poppe, Principal

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# *John F. Kennedy High School History*

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John F. Kennedy High School opened in September 1966 with grades 10 and 11. It became the third high school in the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District. The Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District #3 was one of only three central high school districts in New York State.

The district at that time was comprised of Wellington C. Mepham and Sanford H. Calhoun High Schools, Jerusalem Avenue, Merrick Avenue, Grand Avenue and Brookside Junior Highs. Boundaries of the newly established Kennedy High School would include south of Sunrise Highway between Meadowbrook Parkway and east to the Wantagh border, including the towns of South Merrick and South Bellmore. Boundaries were to shift as the population changed and demographics over the years forced the closing of Jerusalem Avenue and Brookside Junior Highs.

The 9th graders were then added to the three high schools, changing the junior high schools to middle schools for 7th and 8th graders. Today, the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District consists of two middle schools that feed into the three high schools. Kennedy is the only high school that draws students from both Grand Avenue and Merrick Avenue Middle Schools.

Population Changes: Class sizes have varied from the 400's in the early 1970's, to 500-600 in the 1980's, and has declined to the low 200's in the 1990's due to demographics. In 1966, with grades 10 and 11, Kennedy's population was over 980 students. By the late 1970's, it rose to 2200 students in grades 10, 11, and 12. In 1996, the population for all four grades totaled 830 students. Today, Kennedy High School boasts an enrollment of 1110 students.

In the fifty-year history of John F. Kennedy High School, there have only been four building principals. The current principal is Lorraine Poppe, holding the distinction of being the longest serving principal in the history of the school (twenty-two years):

Anthony Yeneralo - September 1966 - June 1972

Morten Tannenbaum - September 1972 - June 1984

Fredrick Cohen - September 1984 - June 1995

Lorraine Poppe - September 1995 - Present

Excerpts taken from The John F. Kennedy Alumni Directory-1994.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Joseph Alagna*

*Class of 1982*



After graduating Kennedy, Joseph Alagna attended the University of Miami and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from C.W. Post College of LIU. His career in the Securities Industry spans almost thirty years. Joe has distinguished himself as a successful business executive, entrepreneur, philanthropist and community volunteer.

- Founding Member, Chairman, CEO of Joseph Gunnar & Co.
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- Franchisee/Owner, Arooga's Grille House & Sports Restaurant
- Kennedy Football Alumni Booster

Joe's pursuit of excellence on the football field and in the business world have taken him from the hallways at Kennedy to the center of Wall Street. His ability to lead, as well as his keen financial sense, perseverance and strong work ethic are the basis of his success, and he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.



## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Thomas Buda*

*Class of 1978*



A 1982 graduate of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Thomas Buda has served his community, the City of New York and his country through his various roles in law enforcement and the military. His expertise in national security matters has enhanced his career in the New York City Police Department and the United States Navy Reserve, as he has led many missions and assignments pertaining to anti-terrorism.

- NYPD Detective Second Grade (Retired)
- NYPD/FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force
- US Navy Reserve Chief Petty Officer (Retired)
- Law Enforcement Liaison Officer at the United States Mission to the United Nations

Thomas' commitment to serving others and his dedication to providing for the personal welfare of the citizens of New York City and beyond are exemplary. He is truly one of New York's "Finest," and he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Lyle Phillips Cogen*

*Class of 1976*



A graduate of Long Island University - CW Post College, Lyle Cogen is an award-winning arts educator, singer-songwriter, recording artist, theater performer and anti-bullying advocate. Lyle's critically-acclaimed musical play about bullying, "Sticks and Stones," launched her into the front lines of national efforts to curtail bullying and cyber-bullying.

- President, Pint Size Productions
- Commissioned playwright and performing artist in "Sticks and Stones"
- Four-time winner of Parent's Choice Award
- Teaching artist affiliated with Tilles Center for Performing Arts
- Publisher, songwriter and executive producer at MalZac Music
- Cultural Partner with Suffolk BOCES

Lyle's personal commitment to helping others and her dedication to providing to the welfare of others who are victims of bullying and cyber-bullying are exemplary. Lyle's continued effort to be the voice and advocate for the often forgotten and neglected embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Dr. Craig Greben*

*Class of 1982*



A 1986 graduate of Emory University, Craig Greben continued his education at New York Medical College. As an interventional radiologist, Craig has distinguished himself as a leader in his field, promoting advancements in interventional oncology that offers new treatment options for cancer patients.

- System Chief, Division of Vascular and Interventional Radiology, Northwell Health
- Associate Professor, Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine
- National and International Research Presentations

Craig has participated in research presentations on medical device inventions and advancements in interventional oncology that allows patients to utilize treatments that incorporate state of the art devices and equipment. Craig's commitment to improving the lives of his patients through advancements in cancer treatment and his dedication to the healthcare profession are noteworthy indeed; his actions embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Michael Greenberg*

*Class of 2003*



A 2007 graduate of the Cornell University, Michael Greenberg continued his education at Hofstra University School of Law. An avid sports fan, a scholar athlete and the Research Editor of Hofstra Law Review, Michael went on to become the youngest Director of Football Administration in the National Football League.

- Director of Football Administration, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Football Administrative Intern, New York Jets
- Law Clerk, NFL Management Council
- Newsday Nassau County Scholar Athlete

Mike's pursuit of excellence as a three-sport athlete and as a student leader has taken him from the hallways and athletic arena of Kennedy to the front office in the National Football League. Mike has demonstrated that persistence, perseverance and a strong work ethic are the basis of success, and he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Dr. Jonathan A Haas*

*Class of 1984*



A 1988 graduate of Cornell University, Jonathan Haas went on to study at Harvard University School of Dental Medicine before pursuing a medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine. As a renowned Radiation Oncologist, Jonathan has distinguished himself as a professional consistently recognized by Newsday and Castle Connolly as both a Long Island and Metro area “Top Doctor”.

- Chairman, Department of Radiation Oncology, Winthrop University Hospital
- Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology, Stony Brook University School of Medicine
- Board of Directors, Maurer Foundation for Breast Health Education
- Medical Advisory Board, Fans for a Cure

As Chairman, Department of Radiation Oncology at Winthrop University Hospital, Jonathan has been in the forefront on research and advanced practices in the treatment of cancer, particularly the use of “CyberKnife Radiosurgery” for early stage breast cancer and prostate cancer. Jonathan’s commitment to the medical field and his dedication to health education embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Richie Jackson*

*Class of 1983*



A 1987 graduate of New York University, Tisch School of the Arts, Richie Jackson is well recognized in the entertainment industry as a talent manager and a television, movie and Broadway producer. Through his generosity, Richie has endowed the “Richie Jackson Artist Fellowship at New York University, Tisch School of the Arts”.

- Executive Producer, Showtime’s “Nurse Jackie” (Television)
- Co-Executive Producer, “Short Bus” (Film)
- Producer, “A Catered Affair” (Broadway)

A tireless advocate for the LGBTQ community, Richie has been honored for his efforts in providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention to LGBTQ youths. An ardent supporter of the LIVE OUT LOUD Homecoming Project, Richie’s endeavors embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Wayne Levinson*  
*Class of 2006*



A 2010 graduate of the University of Indiana's Kelley School of Business, Wayne Levinson earned a dual degree in Accounting and Supply Chain Management with a minor in Public Policy. With his business and logistics background, Wayne founded his own company, Bulk FR8, specializing in the transportation of bulk liquids and chemicals.

- Owner/ President, Bulk FR8
- Seattle Business and Humanitarian of the Year (2015)
- Puget Sound Business Journal, Top 25 LBGT Owned Business
- Puget Sound Journal, Top 40 Under 40
- Vice-President, Pacific Northwest Chemical Association
- Volunteer, Northwest Art Alliance

Wayne is widely regarded as a steward of the industry and of LGBT rights. As a business owner, dynamic leader in his field and relentless advocate and contributor to the LGBT equality efforts, Wayne has clearly demonstrated that he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Steven Lutvak*

*Class of 1976*



A 1980 graduate of Binghamton University, Steven Lutvak continued his education at New York University Tisch School of the Arts. A highly successful Broadway show writer, producer and musical consultant, Steven's credits are both extensive and varied.

- Composer/Co-Lyricist, "A Gentleman Guide to Love and Murder"
- Recipient of Drama Desk, Drama League, Outer Critics Circle and Tony Awards for Best Musical
- Composer/Lyricist, "Mad Hot Ballroom"
- Two Solo Albums: The Time It Takes, Ahead of My Heart
- Faculty, NYU Tisch School of the Arts Graduate Musical Theater Writing

A multi-talented creative artist, a recognized leader in the Broadway community and a mentor to aspiring composers and musicians, Steven Lutvak has gone from the choral room at Kennedy to the big stage in the Big Apple; his work and passion embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.



## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Dr. Mark R. Proctor*

*Class of 1982*



A 1986 graduate of Dartmouth College, Mark Proctor went on to continue his education at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. As a pediatric neurologist, Mark has distinguished himself as a leading physician internationally, performing minimally invasive endoscopic corrections of craniofacial disorders.

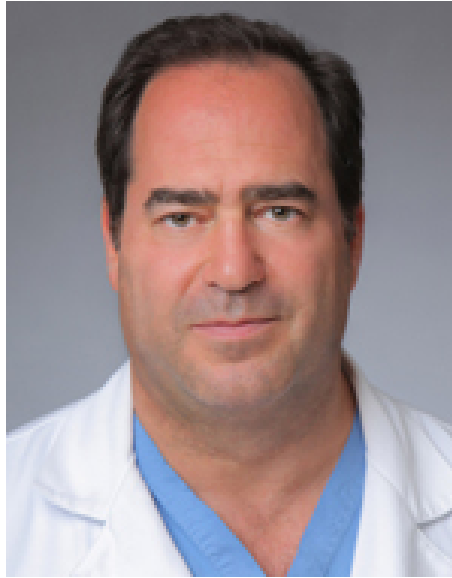
- Neurosurgeon -in- Chief, Boston Children's Hospital
- Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School
- President, New England Neurosurgery Society
- Past Chairman, Thinkfirst National Injury Prevention Foundation
- Noted medical author/ lecturer

Mark's specialties include brain injury, brain and spinal trauma, concussions, craniofacial anomalies and disorders and head and spine injury. Mark's commitment to improving healthcare and the lives of his patients has built his reputation as an advocate, expert, leader and educator; his actions embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Dr. Howard A. Riina*

*Class of 1982*



A 1986 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Howard Riina went on to continue his education at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. As a neurologist, Howard has distinguished himself as a physician, medical school professor and hospital administrator.

- Vice Chairman of Neurosurgery at NYU Langone Medical Center
- Professor of Neurosurgery, Neurology and Radiology at New York University school of Medicine
- Noted medical author/ lecturer

Howard is a cerebrovascular and endovascular neurosurgeon and leading expert in the treatment of aneurysms and vascular malformations of the brain and spine. He is one of the few internationally recognized neurosurgeons who perform both open-cerebrovascular neurosurgery and interventional neuroradiology. Howard's commitment to the field of medicine, his ability to lead and his strong work ethic are the basis of his success, and he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*David Silverberg, D.C.*

*Class of 1978*



A 1991 graduate of the University of Bridgeport, David Silverberg continued his education at the New York Chiropractic School. As a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine, David has distinguished himself as a professional who has given back to the local community through numerous charitable endeavors. David continues to be regarded as one of Kennedy's most celebrated student-athletes.

- President, A & H Chiropractic
- Marlboro Township Police Unity Tour Board Member ('09- '13)
- Recognized Community Volunteer, Sponsor of Youth Teams/Programs
- JFK's first "All-County" Basketball Player
- New York Daily News All -Star Academic All-American

As a student-athlete, a professional and a long-time community volunteer and advocate, David Silverberg has transformed his passions into action, and he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Merrick Wetzler*

*Class of 1978*



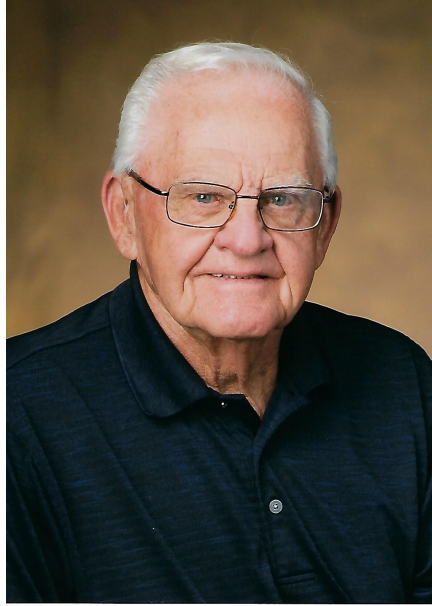
A 1982 graduate of Yale University, Merrick Wetzler continued his studies at Temple University School of Medicine. He is an orthopedic sports medicine surgeon, who has distinguished himself as an athlete, surgeon, team physician, medical chairman and distinguished presenter.

- President, Advocare South Jersey Orthopedic Associates
- Medical Chairman, Maccabiah USA
- Team Doctor, International Maccabiah Games
- Team Doctor, European Maccabiah Games
- Team Doctor, Pan American Maccabiah Games
- Associate Editor, Journal of Arthroscopy
- Chief Medical Officer, Chinese Arena Football League

Merrick's pursuit of excellence and love of sports have taken him from the athletic arena of Kennedy to working with top athletes from around our country to around the world. Merrick has demonstrated that persistence, perseverance and a strong work ethic are the basis of success, and he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

## COUGAR NATION WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE

*Gregory Maushart*



Greg Maushart was a member of the “original” faculty at Kennedy High School, serving as a member of the physical education staff from 1966 -1992. He began his career in Bellmore-Merrick in 1960, being first assigned to Grand Avenue Junior High School and coaching numerous sports, including football, basketball, baseball, lacrosse and track.

When Kennedy High School opened its doors, Coach Maushart was assigned to the staff and became Kennedy’s first football coach, a position he held for over twenty years. He led the Cougar Football Squad to their first (and only) undefeated football season in 1973, earning him “Coach of the Year” honors. Additionally, Coach Maushart coached the Varsity Lacrosse and Track teams.

Coach Greg Maushart’s influence on the students at Kennedy High School went far beyond the gymnasium and beyond the school day. As a teacher, coach and role model, Greg Maushart is recognized for his commitment to the students and student-athletes of Kennedy and is deserving of his placement on the Cougar Nation Wall of Honor.



## COUGAR NATION WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE

*Shula Hirsch*



Shula Hirsch began her teaching career at Kennedy High School in 1966 as an original member of the English Department, teaching grade level courses, Public Speaking and Jewish Literature. In her twenty years at JFK, Shula demonstrated a deep commitment to the students and families of South Bellmore and Merrick.

As a founding member and long-time advisor to the JFK Speech and Debate team, Shula spent long hours well beyond the school day working with students to improve their skills in the art in debate, carefully preparing them for competitions on the local, county and state level. Under Shula's tutorage, the JFK Speech and Debate team performed at a high level, winning numerous competitions and tournaments. Shula's influence on the students in her classroom and on her Speech and Debate team was far reaching; so many of them have and still keep in touch with her.

An accomplished writer, Shula is a published author of "An American Housewife in Israel" and co-author of "Off the Mat". She has appeared on radio and television shows throughout the United States and has authored numerous magazine articles. Shula also taught on-line Public Speaking classes to soldiers who were stationed abroad.

Shula Hirsch is thanked for her commitment to the students at Kennedy. As a teacher, advisor, mentor and role model, she is well-deserving of her placement on the Kennedy Cougar Nation Wall of Honor.



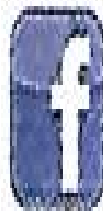
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# *A Tribute to Coach Greg Maushart*

I am a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School and one of the great privileges of my life was being a member of the John F. Kennedy High School Football Team and playing for Coach Maushart during the 1969, 1970 and 1971 seasons. I was fortunate to have played on very successful teams during those years, which success came against very good competition. Far more important to me, however, than our success on the field, was that playing for Coach Maushart taught me many things which I have drawn upon throughout my professional career, including the importance of preparation and the recognition that through effort, discipline and sacrifice, any of the goals that we set for ourselves in our lives can be attained.

While there are many stories I could convey about Coach Maushart, perhaps one that is representative of how inspirational he was to his players relates to a game we played against Long Beach High School in 1971. Back then most of us played on defense, offense and special teams and we rarely came off the field during games. That year Long Beach had a number of track athletes on their team and we spent most of the first half chasing them up and down the field. At halftime we were behind by a couple of touchdowns and I vividly remember walking into the gym, dropping to the floor and lying flat on my back due to total exhaustion. Coach clearly sensed that despite the score that his players were competing as hard as we could. I remember that the first thing he told us during halftime was that we were going to win the game. While lying on the floor I kept wondering what game he was watching because it could not have been the same game that I was playing. Nevertheless, in as calm a voice as I could ever remember him speaking in, he instilled in us the confidence that if we reached deep inside ourselves, that we would find the strength to be successful. Of course, we went on to hold our opponents scoreless in the second half and scored the winning touchdown at the end of the game. Our success that day was more about his confidence in us and his inspiring words, than it was about our level of play.

The late sixties and early seventies were a time of great political and social turmoil in our country and it was easy for many of my high school classmates to become distracted by activities that were not conducive to excelling in the classroom or to living as responsible citizens outside of school. With respect to his players, however, Coach Maushart never allowed us to become distracted from our goals and never accepted anything less from us than maximum effort in the classroom and on the football field. It was this discipline that he instilled in his players that helped me in my academic and professional success following high school.

I want to congratulate Coach Maushart on this great honor of being inducted in the John F. Kennedy High School's Hall of Fame. For me, and I am certain that I speak for all of his former players, it was simply an honor to play football for him. I also want to thank Coach Maushart for everything he taught me and I want him to know that as I look back on my life, that he was a tremendous influence on me and that without the lessons he taught me about life, I would never have achieved anything close to the success I enjoy today.



Jeffrey A. Burger  
John F. Kennedy High School, Class of 1972  
March 14, 2017





*Eileen Connolly*

*Many thanks are extended to for her dedication, for even while in retirement to Kennedy High School  
and the Bellmore-Merrick School Community.*

*Congratulations Jonathan Haas  
Congratulations to my wonderful son Jonathan  
on this amazing honor. You have always made  
mom and me proud. Keep on pursuing your gift  
for helping others to get well, and know how much  
your family loves you.*

*Love Dad*

*Congratulations  
Joe Alagna*



*And all of the 2017 JFK Alumni  
Hall of Fame Inductees!*

*"Love ya brother" - Paul Auersperg '82*



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*JFK Class of 1981*

# *Congratulations Shula Hirsch*

*She is one teacher who changed my life. When you live inside as many people's hearts as Shula Hirsch does, you don't need a Hall of Fame - as wonderful as that is - to be remembered. She is "Mama Hirsch" to us. She mattered - she matters - and she will always be loved. - Chris Keyser*

*Anytime someone can remember word by word lessons learned from a teacher 40 years later, the teacher certainly did her job! Thank you once again! - Bruce Wasserman*

*Mrs. Hirsch is the high school teacher I remember the most. Her class was an inspiration to me as a young man who believed he would have the chops to become a successful trial attorney. I am not the only student of hers who will never forget her and always be in her debt. Tom Benigno*

*Beyond her effectiveness as a classroom teacher, her talents as a coach for Debate and Speech produced competitors who brought home honor upon honor to JFK. But beyond the accolades and trophies for the school were the life lessons she taught her students. We learned skills that have stayed with us. That's impressive. - Stuart Chipkin*

*The best of teachers love teaching and love their students. Shula's ever present smile showed she loved her job; her students' smiles showed they loved her as much as she loved them. - Fred Cohen*

*You have more children, and grandchildren and great grandchildren, than anyone else on the planet. For decades you've taught us, inspired us and cheered us on. You're one of the rare and special teachers who make JFK great, and I'm proud to have gotten a little bit of light from your aura. There are literally thousands of alums cheering you on tonight. Congratulations on a well-earned honor. - Ted Poretz*

*No other teacher I've known from high school, college, or professional school can approach Shula in her caring and involvement with so many students as evidenced by how many of us turn up at our Debate and Speech Club reunions. -Robert Ludwig*

*No one more deserving of this honor than my all-time favorite teacher! My connection to you will always be deeper than any words. - Sue Menaskie*

*"Mama" Hirsch had a profound and lasting effect on me. I do a fair amount of public speaking and I still keep in mind her teachings (more than 40 years later!) - especially curling my toes!  
Congratulations on shaping generations of students. With love and admiration, Ira Nash*

*Shula Hirsch didn't care what I looked like, what my politics were or my general determination to flaunt propriety. No teacher motivated me like she did. Under her direction our team won the Long Island High School Debate Championship in our junior and senior years. Thank you Shula!! - Ed Kelley*

*Of the many fond memories I have of J. F. Kennedy High School, my inter-scholastic forensic league experience under the tutelage of Shula Hirsch was by far the most profound and influential. Her talent and determination made the JFK forensic league a force with which to be reckoned. Many thanks and love, your forever student. - Joanne Schlenk McAvey*

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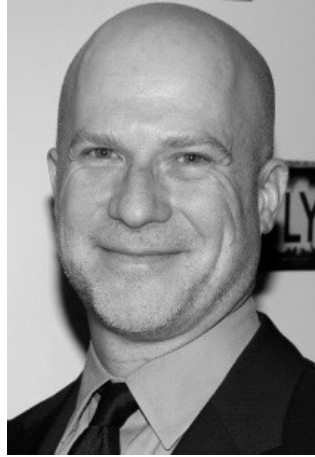
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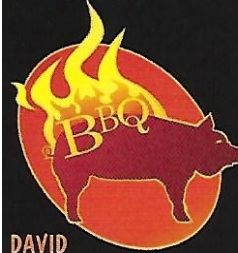
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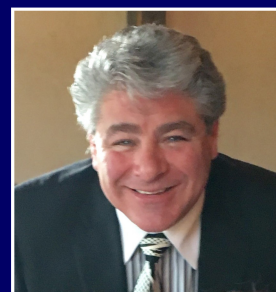
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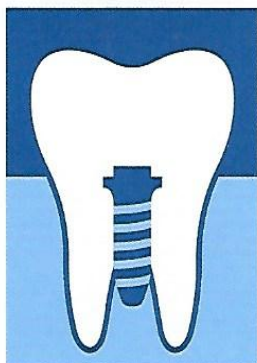
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