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John F. Kennedy High School 2019 Gala

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Friends of Kennedy Inductees



Saturday, May 4, 2019

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Induction Ceremony and Dinner

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Dear Friends of Kennedy High School:

Welcome to the 2019 John F. Kennedy High School "Hall of Fame/Cougar Nation Wall of Honor" & Friends of Kennedy 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 eleven new members into the Hall of Fame. These eleven 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 three 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.

Additionally, we also have the honor of recognizing three individuals (Friends of Kennedy), whose efforts on behalf of the students and staff enhance the co-curricular life of our beloved Cougar Nation.

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

Sincerely,
Gerard Owenburg
Principal

The administration of John F. Kennedy High School proudly announces the 2019 inductees into the

"Hall of Fame"
"Cougar Nation Wall of Honor"
Friends of Kennedy

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

(Alumni)

Dr. Joseph Etzel, 1983

Rick Farber, 1978

Neil Grover, 1973

Steph Hammerman, 2008

Dr. Jack Krauser, 1969

Lee Mandel, 1999

Dr. Thomas Pappas, 1974

Seth Pitlake, 1977

Jackie Stone, 1986

Dr. Aren Skolnick, 2001

Steve Wunderlich, 1971

COUGAR NATION WALL OF HONOR

Lorraine Poppe, Principal (1995 -2018)

Eileen Connolly, Assistant Principal (1996-2015)

John Schaefer, Teacher/Coach (1966-1992)

Friends of Kennedy

Janet Goller Louise Maxworthy Brooke Jones

Thank you to our Hall of Fame Helpers

Hall of Fame Committee Advisors:

Gerard Owenburg, Principal, JFK High School Dr. Gary Morganstern, President JFK Alumni, Inc.



A special thank you to...

Mr. Ronald Steiger (Alumni Association) for his support, advisement, design and expertise in the publication of this journal and for his willingness to always "step up to the plate" whenever anything is needed.

A big Thank You to Gwen Rappel Rosenberg for proofreading this HOF Journal.

Mr. Steven Buchbinder, thank you for recording the events of this special evening.

Eileen Connolly (Retired Assistant Principal) for her constant support of all things "Kennedy High School."



John F. Kennedy High School History



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 High Schools. 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-four year history of John F. Kennedy High School, there have only been five building principals. The newly retired principal is Lorraine Poppe, who holds the distinction of being the longest serving principal in the history of the school (twenty-three years):

Anthony Yeneralo - September 1966 - June 1972

Morten Tannenbaum - September 1972 - June 1984

Fredrick Cohen - September 1984 - June 1995

Lorraine Poppe - September 1995 - June 2018

Gerard Owenburg - September 2018 - Present

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

Dr. Joseph Etzel Class of 1983



A graduate of St. John's University, Dr. Joseph V. Etzel earned both his Bachelors degree and Doctor of Pharmacy degree by 1990. He is currently Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Associate Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice at St. John's University.

- Dean and Professor of Pharmacy, St. John's University
- Former Clinical Coordinator of Infectious Diseases, Nassau County Medical Center
- Former Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, VA Hospital (Northport)
- Over 50 Publications in Biomedical Journals
- Contributing Author, Foye's Principles in Medicinal Chemistry
- Over 200 Presentations on the Local, State and National Levels
- Former President and Member, Board of Directors, Long Island Society of Health Systems Pharmacists

Joseph Etzel has been recognized for his many contributions, his research, clinical practice and for his leadership in the Pharmacy profession. He has been named "Professor of the Year" three times by St. John's University and has been the recipient of numerous awards for his role in the Pharmacy profession. Dr. Joseph Etzel's commitment to improving healthcare has built his reputation as an expert, advocate, leader and educator; his actions embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

Richard Farber Class of 1978



A graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Rick Farber went on to earn his MBA at UCLA Anderson School of Management. He currently serves as the Domestic Finance Senior Advisor for the United States Department of the Treasury.

- Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Managing Partner/Founder, Mc Kendree Capital
- Partner, Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors
- Vice-President, Lehman Brothers, Inc.
- Principal Officer/ Executive Board Member, American Diabetes Association
- Maccabi USA, Seven Time Medalist in Men's Masters Basketball

Rick's pursuit of excellence on the basketball court and in the business, world has taken him from the hallways of Kennedy to the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington, D.C.. Rick's personal commitment to helping others, through his longtime involvement with the American Diabetes Association, the executive committee of the Maccabi Teams, advisory board of the Jewish Graduate Student Initiative, volunteer basketball coach and finance committee member at his synagogue is exemplary. Rick's ability to lead, his keen financial sense and his commitment to volunteerism are the basis of his success, and he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.





A graduate of Florida State University and New England Conservatory of Music, Neil Grover is well recognized in the music industry as world renowned percussionist, who has performed for over forty years with the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops, including over 100 tours in the United States and Asia.

- Renowned Percussionist (Over 40 years) Boston Symphony and Boston Pops
- Chair of Percussion Programs, Boston Conservatory of Music and University of Massachusetts (Lowell Campus)
- Acclaimed Author of Four Books on Percussion Techniques
- Presented Over 100 Master Classes at Universities/ Music Conferences throughout the World
- Founder of Grover Pro Percussion, Inc., Designers and Manufacturers of the World's Finest Percussion Products
- Awarded "New England Small Business Manufacturer of the Year" by the SBA
- Member, Board of Directors of Percussive Arts Society

A talented artist, a recognized leader in the music industry, internationally renowned percussionist, successful entrepreneur, Neil Grover has gone from the music room at Kennedy to the biggest stages in the United States and across the world; his work and passion embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

Steph Hammerman Class of 2008



A 2012 graduate of Lynn University, Steph Hammerman received her Bachelor's degree in Advertising and Public Relations. She then went on to further her education, earning a Master's Degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2014. During this time, she was drawn into working in fitness and today she has turned that passion into her life's mission.

- World's First Level 2 Cross Fit Trainer with Cerebral Palsy
- Nike's First Adaptive Training Athlete
- Featured Athlete, Good Morning America
- Owner /Operator, Hammer Driven Fitness
- Motivational Speaker

From her days at Kennedy to owning her own business, Steph Hammerman has defied all odds. She has turned challenges into opportunities, refused to accept limitations and has demonstrated that with hard work, persistence and perseverance, one can achieve their dreams. Steph's commitment to improving her own health, as well as the health of others is noteworthy indeed; her passion and energy embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.



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Dr. Jack Krauser Class of 1969



A 1973 graduate of the University of Connecticut, Jack Krauser continued his education at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine (School of Graduate Dentistry). Dr. Krauser is a world-renowned periodontist and implant surgeon.

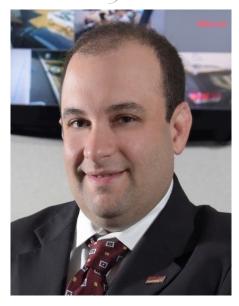
- Diplomate, International Congress of Oral Implantologists
- Fellow, Academy of Osseointegration
- Life Member, Academy of Periodontology
- Guest Lecturer to FDA Panel on Dental Implants
- Author of several textbooks on Dental Implants
- Published Over Twenty-Five Articles and Editor of Four Journals
- All Decade Team, University of Connecticut Lacrosse

Dr. Jack Krauser is a leading expert in the area of dental implants. He holds both a solo patent and collaborated on numerous additional patents being utilized in the market. Jack has been in the forefront on research and advanced practices; his commitment to the field of Dentistry and his dedication to Health Education embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.



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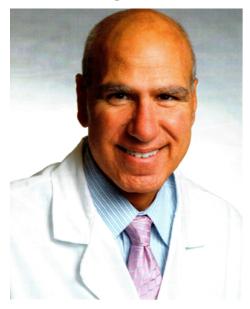
Lee Mandel Class of 1999



After graduating Kennedy, Lee Mandel attended Hofstra University, earning a degree in Accounting. The numerous tragic events transpiring across the country, particularly in schools, led Lee to reinforce his commitment to protecting children. Lee has distinguished himself as an expert and global leader in advanced security solutions for schools and school districts, utility companies, mass transportation authorities, governmental agencies and large business enterprises.

- **CEO** of Intralogic Solutions
- Featured Speaker at Security Industry and Safety Conferences Across the Nation
- Provided "Technical Threat Vulnerability Assessments" to More Than 300 Schools in New York State (In-Kind)
- Inc. 5,000- One of America's fastest growing companies
- Recipient of Long Island Business News NY ICON and "40 Under 40" Business Leaders Awards Lee's pursuit of excellence in the business world has taken him from the hallways of Kennedy to the center stage of security solutions during times of unrest and tragedy. His ability to lead, his strong work ethic, commitment to the protection of innocent children and adults and his generosity in supporting local communities are the basis of his success; he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

Dr. Thomas Pappas Class of 1974



A graduate of Colgate University, Thomas Pappas continued his education at Cornell University Medical College in Ithaca, New York. A highly skilled physician, Dr. Pappas has distinguished himself as leader in the field of cardiac catherization, promoting advancements that offer optimum results for cardiac patients.

- Interventional Cardiologist, St. Francis Hospital
- Director of Cardiac Catherization Laboratory, St. Francis Hospital
- Medical Director, LJDR Medical Mission to Jamaica
- Consistently Ranked as a "Top Doctor" in Newsday, Metro New York,
 Pulse Magazine, New York Magazine and by Castle Connolly

Thomas has been a participant in cutting edge clinical research in cardiac catherization and imaging. He is highly experienced in complex coronary angioplasty and stents. Thomas' commitment to improving the lives of his patients through advancements in cardiac treatment and his dedication to the healthcare profession is noteworthy indeed; his actions embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

Seth Pitlake Class of 1977



A graduate of Le Cordon Bleu (Paris, France), Seth Pitlake trained as a professional chef. Today, he works as a highly successful Licensed Real Estate Salesperson for Douglas Elliman Real Estate in Merrick.

- Top Team Pinnacle Awards 2016, 2017, 2018
- #1 Douglas Elliman team on Long Island 2018
- Realtrends Best Real Estate Teams in America 2017, 2018
- President, Merrick Kiwanis 2016-2018
- Most Valuable Kiwanian 2013-2014

Seth's commitment to the Bellmore-Merrick communities, through his extensive involvement in the Merrick Kiwanis, led him to being honored as the "Most Valuable Kiwanian" in 2014. In addition, Seth has served as "President" of the Kiwanis Club of Merrick since 2016. Under his leadership, many donations and projects geared toward benefitting children and the community as a whole reached fruition.

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



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Jackie Stone Class of 1986



A 1990 graduate of the University of Miami, Jackie Stone furthered her education at Barry University, Florida. Jackie is a well-respected marketing executive, whose illustrious career has taken her from an entry level position at Madison Square Garden to working her way up to being Chief Marketing Officer of MiMedia, a personal cloud platform.

- Chief Marketing Officer of MiMedia
- Founder of GATHER, a Culinary Events and Content Platform
- Marketing Advisor to Numerous Media Platforms
- Created the Members Lounge for American Express (Now Centurion Lounge) at Airports
- Participating Author, "The Club No One Wanted to Join"
- Adjunct Professor at New York University
- Founder of Jackie's Jobs
- Conceived "Eye Health Program" on WebMD and Medscape
- Lead Events for AOL, Super Bowl, Grammy's, Academy Awards, Sundance Film Festival and Others.
- Helped Launch Food Network and MSNBC in 1995

Jackie's professional achievements in the marketing industry and with digital media have taken her from the hallways of Kennedy to around the world. Jackie Stone has demonstrated that persistence, perseverance, innovation and a strong work ethic are the basis of her success, and she embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

Dr. Aren Økolnick Class of 2001



A 2005 graduate of Binghamton University, Aren Skolnick went on to continue his education at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. As an endocrinologist, Aren has distinguished himself as an innovative professional, who has given back to the JFK community in a variety of ways.

- Endocrinologist, Northwell Health
- Established, Northwell Health Center for Transgender Care
- Assistant Professor, Zucker School of Medicine (Hofstra)
- Northwell Health "Teacher of the Year" 2018

Aren is a well-respected endocrinologist affiliated with North Shore University Hospital and Long Island Jewish Medical Center. He is responsible for the establishment of the Northwell Health Center for Transgender Care. In addition, Aren has returned to Kennedy many times throughout the years, as guest lecturer in the Advanced Placement Biology classes, as well as being a participant in the annual Kennedy Health Fair. Aren's commitment to the field of medicine, his ability to lead, his strong work ethic and his willingness to give of his time to the students of Kennedy are the basis of his success. Dr. Aren Skolnick has transformed his passions into action and he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

Steve Wunderlich
Class of 1971



A graduate of Farmingdale State College and C.W. Post College of LIU, Steve Wunderlich has distinguished himself as an accountant who has also dedicated a significant part of his life to non-profit, charitable and community service work. An acclaimed JFK wrestler, Steven won multiple tournament titles and has an annual Cougar Wrestling award named in his honor.

- CFO at Eastern End Electronics
- Executive Director of Prevail, Inc.
- President and Board Member, Long Island Gasoline Assoc.
- Co-President, Temple Beth Sholom of Smithtown
- Member of Cancer Advisory Board, Stony Brook University Hospital Cancer Center
- Executive Board, Bellmore JFK Alumni Association

Steve's pursuit of excellence on the wrestling mat, soccer field and in the business world, as well as his commitment to serving others, is exemplary. As a student athlete, community volunteer and cancer care advocate, Steve has transformed his passions into action, and he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.



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COUGAR NATION WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE



Lorraine Poppe's forty-four year career as an educator was both diverse and enriching. She began her teaching career in the English Department at Baldwin Senior High School in 1973. She served as a master teacher, Dean of Students and Assistant Principal. Lorraine was appointed as the fourth principal of John F. Kennedy High School in 1995, serving in this capacity until her retirement in June 2018. Her twenty-three year tenure as Principal made her the longest serving Principal in the history of Kennedy High School. Lorraine's influence has been extensive, working with students, parents, teachers and administrators. Lorraine's commitment to improving instruction and ensuring that all students are given various opportunities to succeed have been the hallmark of her success.

An ardent supporter of all student activities, Lorraine could be seen cheering on students at virtually every co-curricular event. She took tremendous pride in the success of the students and staff and was proud to be the leader of her beloved Cougar Nation. This pride never ended at graduation; Lorraine relished in following the journeys of all of the alumni and forged a wonderful partnership with the Alumni Association.

In addition to her responsibilities and commitment to Kennedy, Lorraine also served as the Unit I (Administrators and Supervisors) President and was President of the South Shore Principal's Association.

Lorraine Poppe's commitment to excellence and love for the students, faculty and staff is her legacy.

COUGAR NATION WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE



Eileen Connolly's thirty-six year career in education was both diversified and fulfilling. She began her career in private schools in the Rockaways, before joining the guidance staff in the Baldwin Public Schools (1985), serving at the senior high school, middle school and as summer school principal. Eileen came to John F. Kennedy High School in 1996 and immersed herself in the total school program. Her nineteen year tenure as Assistant Principal has earned her the recognition of being the longest serving Assistant Principal in the history of Kennedy High School. Eileen's involvement with students and parents as they navigated their high school years and through the college process was extensive; she was the students' biggest supporter and created many programs (Cougar Pride, Alumni College Night) to recognize their achievements and to provide enhanced opportunities. Her constant willingness to think "outside the box" and go the extra mile is the trademark of her success.

As an active supporter of all things "Cougar Nation", Eileen was a recognized presence at school and faculty activities and competitions. Her pride in her students and in the Bellmore-Merrick community led her to reinstate and serve as advisor to the Bellmore JFK Alumni Association, which she continues to work with while in retirement. In addition to her leadership role at Kennedy High, Eileen served as Coordinator of the Nassau County Directors of Guidance for seventeen years and is Past-President of the Nassau Counselors Association.

Eileen Connolly's influence on and commitment to the students, parents and faculty of Kennedy High School went far beyond the school day and building; she has well earned her placement on the Cougar Nation Wall of Honor.

COUGAR NATION WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE



John Schaefer began his career in Bellmore-Merrick in 1965 as a Physical Education teacher. His first coaching position was at Grand Avenue Junior High School, where he coached two undefeated teams. The 1968-1969 season was John Schaefer's first year as head coach at John F. Kennedy High School, a position he maintained until his retirement in 1995. That year, Coach Schaefer won his first Nassau County team championship and Coach of the Year honors. In his first ten years as JFK's head coach, Schaefer's teams won four Nassau County championships and had three undefeated seasons.

When Coach Schaefer retired in 1995, he finished with an overall dual meet record of 244-86-9, won twenty league, conference, division and qualifying championships and 8 holiday championships. Coach Schaefer had 73 league and division champions, 87 county place winners and 13 state place winners (5 runners up)

A graduate of Springfield College, John lettered in football, wrestling and track while pursuing a B.S. degree in Physical Education. He continued his graduate work at Penn State University, earning a Master's degree.

Coach John Schaefer's influence on the students at JFK went far beyond the wrestling mats and school day. As a teacher, coach and role model, John Schaefer is honored for his commitment to the students and student-athletes at Kennedy and is most deserving of his placement on the Cougar Nation Wall of Honor.

Because of

Eileen Connolly

We have become the women we are today.

With much love and gratitude,

Stella Maris High School

Class of 1983

ALMA DELUCIA ~ ANGELA AMICO OLCHASKEY ~ ANGELA MASCOLO TUCCIO ~ ANN MARIE CAMPBELL PAWLOWICZ ~ ANNIE DORGLER LAVELLE ~ ANNIE MALLON HILKER ~ ANNE O'SULLIVAN-MARSHALL ~ ARLENE LUTZ NOWAK ~ BARBARA ZAMOSCIANYK BADILLO ~ BETH JOHNSTON ~ BRENDA BAXTER ~ CATHI RYAN ~ CATHY STANTON ~ CHRISTA CENTINEO DURKIN ~ CHRISTIANE WERTZ NACHAMIE ~ COLLEEN MULLINS ~ DAWN MARIE MCDONALD ~ DEBBIE COVAIS TARDO ~ DEBORAH WAGNER MCCABE ~ DENISE ARRIGO INDUDDI ~ DIANE DARBY TARSNANE ~ DIANE DIPASCALI CARDILE ~ DIANE PEREZ ODOHERTY ~ DOLORES McCarthy Mullins ~ Dorothy Robinson ~ EILEEN DONOHOE MCCLENEGHAN ~ ELIZABETH BAYNE ~ FRANCESCA LIANTONIO MINERVA ~ FRANCINE PULICE KAISER ~ GERRY FRANK CAHALAN ~ GINA STANZIALE ~ JACKIE BRITT ~ JACQUELINE PINILLA SMITH ~ JENNIFER FITZPATRICK SCALA ~ JOANNE SMITH ~ KAREN WITTMANN-BAVUSO ~ KATE WERNER ~ KATHLEEN BRENNAN O'CONNOR ~ KATHY HARKINS KIRKER ~ KATHY SILK GINARTE ~ KELLY MORRISON-SPINA ~ KERRI O'CONNELL ~ KRIS SCHIAVONE ~ LISA GIAMALVO ~ LISA LOCCISANO KAPONYAS ~ LISA STANKO MOHEN ~ MADELYN LAMANNA ~ MARGARET AHERN BURKE ~ Maria Castiglia ~ Maria DeCicco ~ Maria Marmo Lavrigata ~ Marian DOYLE ~ MARY CANNON ~ MARY O'HAGAN ~ MARYANNE TRAULLI DORCHINA ~ Maureen Barrett ~ Maureen Kane Wilson ~ Michelle Ventricelli Farkas ~ NANCY SOLTYS BRADLEY ~ PATTI DROESCH ~ PATTY SUMRALL ~ RITA LONGO LAVELLE ~ SUE MURPHY ~ SUSAN HOSLE GIGLIO ~ SUSAN YOUNG ~ TRACEY MORAN ~ TRISH DALY LOUW



Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc Congratulates

The Inductees to the

Hall of Fame, Cougar Nation Wall of Honor &

Friends of Kennedy



Please support the Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. the official Alumni Association of John F. Kennedy High School. It was these strong roots that created your paths in life and put you on your road to success.

Standard Membership Dues: \$20. Annually

Special Membership Levels: \$50., \$100., \$250., \$500., will be acknowledged on the alumni website and in our newsletter.

Benefactor Levels will be acknowledged permanently on our website, and on a plaque in the high school.

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www.bellmorejfkalumni.org

"As we express our gratitude we must never forget, that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them"

President John F. Kennedy

In Grateful Appreciation For The Life And Leadership

Lorraine Poppe

Principal, John F. Kennedy High School 1995-2018

The Alumni Association is indebted to Lorraine Poppe for...

...her unwavering support of the Alumni Association

... her partnership with us as we strive to support student programs

...her care for the children entrusted to her

...her dedication to the Bellmore-Merrick community

...her love and friendship

May she rest in peace.

Her legacy is great

... and may we carry forward her ideals of helping children, of giving back and paying it forward.

May Her Memory Be Eternal



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FRIENDS OF KENNEDY





Bellmore Elementary District Board of Education 1996-Present Bellmore-Merrick CHSD Board of Education 2000-Present Former Kennedy High School PTA Co-President Former BMCHSD Council of PTA's Co-President Former Kennedy High School Sports Booster Vice-President

Founder and Chair, Kennedy High School Senior Class Fashion Show 1996-Present A distinguished member of the Bellmore community, Janet's support and commitment to the John F. Kennedy High School total school program is most noteworthy and well recognized.

Janet Goller is thanked for her extensive and unending dedication to the students, parents, faculty and staff at Kennedy. As a Board of Education member, student advocate, mentor and role model, she is well deserving of her recognition as a Cougar Nation "Friend of Kennedy".



FRIENDS OF KENNEDY

Louise Maxworthy



JFK Principal's Secretary/ Senior Stenographer 1996-Present New York State PTA Honorary Life Membership Cougar Booster of the Year Friend of Student Government Award

Organizer/ Facilitator of the Dennis Griggs Run, Richard Daoust Scholarship Fund and National Honor Society

Louise Maxworthy is thanked for her long-time, extensive and unending dedication and support of the students, parents, faculty and staff at Kennedy. As the "face" and "voice" of the Main Office, Louise's professionalism, willingness to go above and beyond and support of all aspects of the total school program are well known and greatly appreciated. She is well deserving of her recognition as a Cougar Nation "Friend of Kennedy".



FRIENDS OF KENNEDY

Brooke Jones



Kennedy Sports Booster President Team "MOM" for JFK Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Girls' Soccer and Softball Organize/Facilitate Girls' Soccer Breast Cancer Night Game Fundraiser

Brooke Jones is thanked for her long-time, extensive and unending dedication to the athletic program and teams at Kennedy. Her support of our student-athletes, their parents and our coaching staff goes above and beyond, is well recognized and is greatly appreciated. She is well deserving of her recognition as a Cougar Nation "Friend of Kennedy.



OUR COMMUNITY THANKS BROOKE JONES

Congratulations on being inducted as a being inducted as a "Friend of Kennedy"!

You've earned it!

ONE OF THE
GREATEST GIFTS
YOU CAN GIVE IS
YOUR TIME

Year after year you have been a tireless and dynamic force in our kids' school activities. You've made volunteering look easy when we all know how truly hard it is.

From those earliest years at Lakeside to this final year at Kennedy, you have invoked a sense of community and celebratory spirit into each and every school year.



Thank you, Brooke Jones, for all you've given to our community.

With our gratitude,

The Binder, Eckstein, Feldherr, Freedman, Galitto, Greenberg (Hayley & Marc), Greenberg (Kim & Glenn), Kauffman, Kay, Lamonsoff, Leiner, Levine, Plass, Swartz, Turco, Wexler, and Zeitlin families.

Dear Jackie,

Congratulations on being inducted into the

Bellmore John F. Kennedy Hall of Fame

We are so proud of you

and all you have accomplished over the years!

With much love and pride,

Mom and Dad

Congrats to my fellow nominees,
"I am proud to be alongside all of you" Jackie Stone

Dr. Joseph Etzel '83 -Renowned Clinical Faculty Practitioner, St. John's University School of Pharmacy

Rick Farber '78 – Senior Advisor for Financial Markets, United States Treasury

Neil Grover '73- World Renowned Percussionist

Steph Hammerman '08 - Adaptive Cross Fit Athlete

Trainer/ Entrepreneur/ Motivational Speaker

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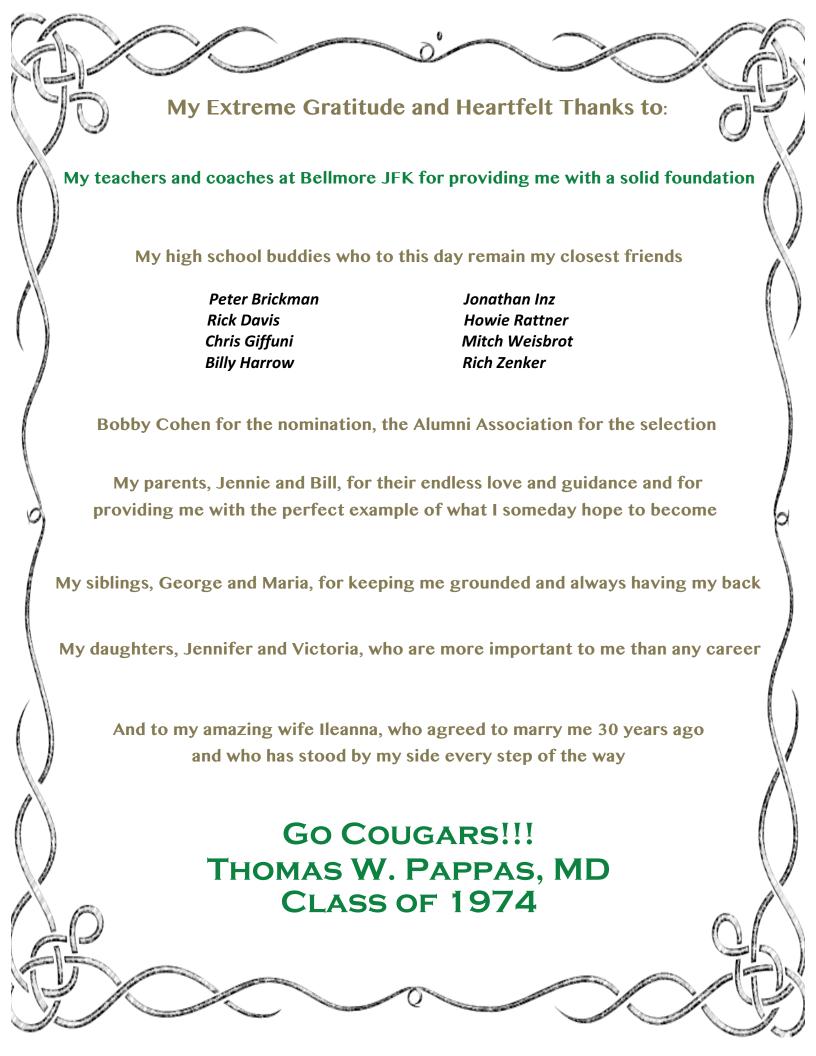
Seth Pitlake '77 - Realtor, President of Merrick Kiwanis

Jackie Stone '86 – Chief Marketing Officer of MiMedia

Dr. Aren Skolnick '01- Endocrinologist, Northwell Health/

Asst. Professor, Zucker School of Medicine (Hofstra)

Steven Wunderlich '71- Founding Executive Board Member, JFK Alumni/ Executive Director Prevail/ JFK Wrestler



Congratulations to all the 2019 John F. Kennedy Hall of Fame Cougar Nation Wall of Honor and Friends of Kennedy Inductees and especially to our good friends Eileen Connolly and Lorraine Poppe Rona and David Weiss

Congratulations to Rick Farber,

Class of 1978 on his induction to the Bellmore Kennedy Hall of Fame!



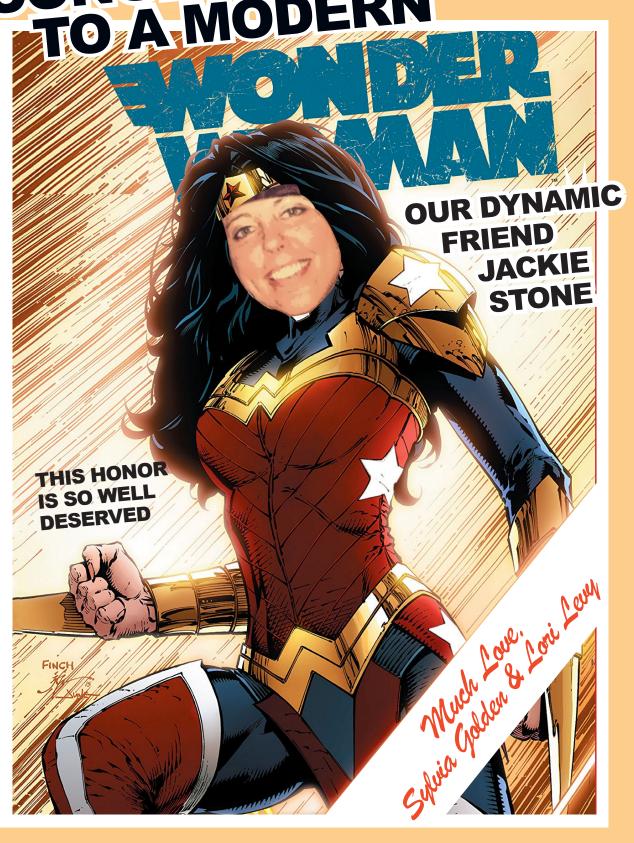
Farbs,

Your fellow Wanderers are proud of your accomplishments-on and off the court!

See you on the next Halycon!

Ter, B, Lar, Bah, Tusk, Pash, Berk, Wayne, Tope and Rich

CONGRATULATIONS TO A MODERN



Welcome To The Club Jackie Love

Doug & Kenny



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On Your Induction To The John F. Kennedy High School "Hall of Fame"

You're an intelligent, charitable, tenacious person who will do anything and everything necessary to better our community.

You truly are a role model and we couldn't be more delighted to express our pride and to congratulate you on all of your achievements.

"GO COUGARS"

With All Our Love,

Mom & Dad, Bonnie, Edward,

Cory, Kathy, Morgan, Parker,

Brian & Holden





Eileen Connolly

Many thanks are extended for her dedication, although she is in retirement to Kennedy High School and the Bellmore-Merrick School Community.

Congratulations Jackie Stone

Congratulations

to Our Wonderful Friend

Jackie Stone

With Much Fondness

Ronald MI Walerstein Gail Walerstein



Congratulations to Jackie Stone '86

on her induction into the

Kennedy Hall of Fame,

a well deserved honor! With Love, Wayne and Kara Fingerman,

Hard Six Cellars



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JACKIE STONE, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR INDUCTION

Thank you for helping us with our event.



Ming Tsai is an American restaurateur, television personality, celebrity chef and the James Beard Awardwinning chef/owner of Blue Ginger and Blue Dragon in Massachusetts. An Emmy Award-winner, Ming hosts PBS-TV's Simply Ming, now in its sixteenth season. Ming is the author of five cookbooks.



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Table

Eileen Connolly

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Congratulations from the TMLA Girls
Through Years and Miles,
your Kindness has no End Through Tears and Smiles,
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Carol, Denise, Ellen, Katherine and Roie

"Whoever changes one life, changes the whole world"

Michele Amitrani

Congratulations

Janet Goller, Lorraine Poppe,

Eileen Connelly & Louise Maxworthy on this most distinguished honor

You have made a difference in the lives of many students!

Susan Ellinghaus

and the staff at Meadowbrook Alternative Program

Congratulations To Steph Hammerman on being inducted into the Hall of Fame

You are a true inspiration who reminds us daily that
"Failure is Not an Option"

We are so proud of you!

Hunt Caryn, Uncle Daniel,

Harris, Adeena, Douglas and Ilana

To our sweet Stephie:

We're so proud of you and all that you've done,
When we get together we always have fun.

You're strong and accomplished and keep us all working out,
You motivate and inspire so many people without a doubt.

With Tyler and Hexi by your side you'll go far,

And to us you've always been a bright star!

We love you so much,
Aunt Karen, Uncle Ira, Sam, Adam and Jason



Congratulations
Eileen Connolly
Assistant Principal
1996- 2015
Love,
The Connolly, McGrath
and Garvey Families





Congratulations to Jackie Stone for being inducted into the Hall Of Fame

From The Siskind Group

Congratulations Jackie Stone!

You will forever be

Hall of Fame for this family!

With Love,

Sue Jales & Tom Epstein,

Rodney and Ricky

Congratulations Joe Etzel! We knew it was only a matter of time! An honor well deserved!

Emily, Alberto, Athena and Gianna



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Congratulations Dr. Joseph Etzel on your Hall of Fame Induction!

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CONGRATULATIONS JACKIE STONE AND TO ALL THE OTHER INDUCTEES INTO THE JFK HALL OF FAME!

PAUL AND MELISSA SCHWARTZ

Congrats Jackie Stone Jon Zeidman

Congratulations Jackie!

We're so proud of you.

Wendy & Ira Parr

Congratulations

Seth Pitlake, Lorraine Poppe, Brooke Jones and all Inductees and Honorees

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Congratulations Fackie on your induction!

We are so proud of all of your accomplishments
With Love

Amy & Larry Andelsman



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