

**HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INC.**

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**HALL
OF
EXCELLENCE**



**Induction Ceremony
September 16, 2017**

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**HALL OF EXCELLENCE
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"To become successful, one must put themselves in the paths of giants."

- Lillian Caudwell

WELCOME
to the
**HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL
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AWARD CEREMONY & BANQUET

Hastings Southside Social & Athletic Club
113 Southside Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706
6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

Welcome
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Dinner
Presentation of Awards
Closing Remarks

Welcome to the Hall of Excellence award ceremony and dinner. We are delighted you are joining us this evening to celebrate the remarkable career accomplishments of this year's distinguished ensemble of HHS alumni. This year, as we recognize our fifth group of academic and professional standouts, we will also be honoring two HHS graduates whose contributions to the Hastings High School Alumni Association helped to establish, unify and advance the organization. We hope you enjoy the evening!

"A school without a past has no history." -Bernard "O-Bie" O'Brien '50

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HALL OF EXCELLENCE MEMBERS

HALL OF EXCELLENCE INAUGURAL INDUCTION

OCTOBER 17, 2009

Donald P. Gregg '45
Edmund "Ned" Phelps '51
Ronald H. Jesberg '53
Mitzi Mallina Wertheim '55
Robert C. Merton '62

HALL OF EXCELLENCE – 2ND INDUCTION

OCTOBER 22, 2011

William H. Bohnert '50
Donald Maricle '51
G. Michael Howard* '53
Robert H. Hirst '59
Stephen Collins '65
Staton Rabin '76
Stephen Lysak* '31
John Lysak '36

HALL OF EXCELLENCE – 3RD INDUCTION

SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

Julia Scott Maser* '51
Thomas F. Pike '56
William H. Ewen Jr. '59
F. John Adams* '62
Jonathan F. Lillard '63
William Finkeldey '68

HALL OF EXCELLENCE – 4TH INDUCTION

SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

Julius R. Chemka* '44
Bernard J. O'Brien '50
Robert L. Guyett '54
Jeffrey M. Camhi '59
Jack McCallum '63
Jeanne Wester Newman '69

* Posthumously

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

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Inductee Presentations

On behalf of the members of the Hastings High School Alumni Association, we commend each of you on your post high school career accomplishments and contributions.

Congratulations!

HALL OF EXCELLENCE

INDUCTEE

William P. Daley '43

Mary Koslap-Petraco '66

Steven M. Bass '75

Philip J. Weiser '86

PRESENTER

Charlotte Daley

Edward McKernan '66

Alan Fine '75

Gregory D. Localio '86

HALL OF EXCELLENCE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Paul F. Perreten '51

August "Augie" Andronica* '51

Bernard "O-Bie" O'Brien '50
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"Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well." -*Voltaire*

WILLIAM P. DALEY – Class of 1943
World Renown Master Ceramist

Nominated by Judith Bender '59

Judith said, "I believe Bill's personal achievements have attained a recorded level of proficiency and that everything he has done in life reflects positively on HHS and the Hastings community."



William "Bill" Daley is a major figure in American studio ceramics. A self-proclaimed "mud man" and maker of "cosmic pots", Bill has focused throughout his career on the issues of the ceramic vessel, using drawings to explore his ideas.

Bill was born at home in Hastings-on-Hudson on March 7, 1925. He attended Hastings schools and graduated in 1943. After graduation, Bill enlisted in the Army Air Corps. His career in art began after returning home from World War II, earning a B.S. degree at the Massachusetts College of Art and an M.A. degree at Columbia, University Teachers College. Originally intending to focus on painting, Bill discovered his love for ceramics while in art school.

Bill went on to teach ceramics at state colleges in Iowa and New York but spent the vast majority of his educational career - nearly forty years - in the Industrial Design Department and Crafts Department at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. He has been given numerous awards and accolades for his career as an educator and ceramic artist, and has been the subject of many publications. In 1991, Bill was presented with the College Art Association of American Distinguished Teaching of Art Award.

Bill's works can be found in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Los Angeles County Museum of Art, The Smithsonian Museum of Art, the Victoria and Albert Museum, among others too numerous to list. He has held solo exhibitions in Philadelphia, Washington, DC and New York.

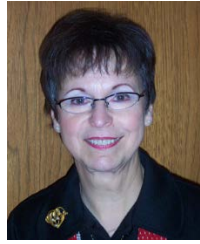
Bill met and married his fellow art student, Catherine "Cate" Stennes, while at the Massachusetts College of Art. They have three children, Barbara, Charlotte and Thomas; 6 grandchildren; and in February 2017 welcomed their 1st great granddaughter. Bill recently retired from making pots and now spends his time drawing, mentoring and enjoying his family & friends.



MARY KOSLAP-PETRACO – Class of 1966
Nurse Practitioner/Coordinator for Children's Health

Nominated by Laurie Bean Ross & the Class of 1966

Laurie wrote, "the long stride of academic letters after Mary Beth's name point to her extraordinary achievements, but the letters only begin to tell the story."



Dr. Mary Koslap-Petraco is a leader in federal and state childhood immunization programs. She is a pediatric nurse practitioner and a Nurse Advisor for the vaccine education and advocacy organization, the Immunization Action Coalition. Mary Beth was the first nurse immunization expert educated by the CDC and is a Shot @ Live Champion with the United Nations Foundation and executive board member of Every Child By Two. She recently opened a private practice where she makes house calls and does school physicals.

After graduation from HHS in 1966, Mary Beth immediately set out to achieve her lifetime ambition of becoming a nurse – a desire she had since the age of five. She holds nursing degrees from NYU's Bellevue School of Nursing, Excelsior College and Stony Brook University, including Stony Brook's Doctorate of Nursing Practice.

Mary Beth has taught at Stony Brook and Long Island universities, as well as continuing education programs with the CDC, the American Nurses Association and the Med Learning Group. She has held multiple leadership roles with the Nurse Practitioner Association and is the past chair of NAPNAP's Special Interest Group on Immunizations. Her personal passion and enthusiasm for quality healthcare for children and families has been praised through numerous recognition awards including distinguished alumna awards from each of her three alma maters. She is a nationally recognized expert and speaker, university and continuing medical education faculty member, and author of numerous peer-reviewed journal articles. In 2016, she was inducted as a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Mary Beth is very active with her Catholic parish, where she serves on the Parish Council, is a Eucharistic Minister, and Consolation Minister. She and her husband, Nick, love to travel and have visited many states in the US and many of the national parks. Mary Beth said, "I am so honored to be chosen for induction into the HHSAA Hall of Excellence!"



STEVEN M. BASS – Class of 1975
Public Media Executive

Nominated by Alan Fine '75

Alan said, "I am recommending my friend Steven because of the quiet way he strives for excellence in all he does. Other than our esteemed Noble Laureates, you couldn't elect a more worthy candidate."



After graduating from Hastings High in 1975, Steve received a Bachelor of Arts from Bucknell University in economics and music in 1979. He continued his education at the Graduate School of Business at the University of Wisconsin, receiving a master's degree in 1981.

Steve's public media career began at the University of Wisconsin's public television station, WHA. He spent 10 years with the Public Broadcasting Service in Washington, DC and then moved to executive roles with WGBH in Massachusetts. While at WGBH, he developed the nightly news program, *Greater Boston*, which is still on the air 20 years later.

In 2006, Steve and his family moved to Portland, where he serves as president and CEO of Oregon Public Broadcasting, one of the nation's most respected public media organizations. With 17 radio stations and television stations, OPB covers a diverse region from the Pacific Ocean to the high desert, with the Portland metropolitan area in between. Under his leadership, OPB has been recognized with two of the most prestigious national awards for journalism – the DuPont-Columbia (2009) and the Peabody (2010). He is the recipient of two Northwest Emmy awards for overall excellence (2015) and community service (2016).

Steve currently serves on the board of Public Radio International. In 2015, he joined a delegation sponsored by the US government to assist Ukraine establish an independent public media system following the 2014 revolution and the Russian takeover of Crimea.

After a hiatus of nearly 30 years, Steve rekindled his musical career in 2008 and is a clarinetist with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. He has performed with the Oregon East Symphony, the Colorado Mahlerfest orchestra, the Newport Symphony and others.



Steve and his wife, Sara, a leadership volunteer for a children's literacy organization, have two grown daughters. They enjoy traveling, theater, and hiking.

PHILIP J. WEISER – Class of 1986
Professor of Law & Telecommunications, *University of Colorado*

Nominated by Gregory Localio '86

Greg said, "Phil's work ethic and indomitable will to make the world a better place in the fields of Law, Government, Academics and Entrepreneurship invoke lasting changes in his areas of endeavor and expertise."



Phil is the Hatfield Professor of Law and Telecommunications, and Executive Director and Founder of the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology and Entrepreneurship at the University of Colorado.

Phil graduated with high honors from Swarthmore College, earning his B.A. in political science and minors in economics and history in 1990. He graduated with high honors from the New York University School of Law and received the Sommer Award for excellence in scholarship, service, and character in 1994. After Law School, Phil clerked for both Justice Byron White and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as Judge David Ebel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit.

In 1999, Phil joined the Colorado University-Boulder Law School faculty as a professor of law and telecommunications where he founded the Journal on Telecommunications & High Technology Law and Silicon Flatirons Center. From July 2009–April 2010, Phil served as the Deputy Assistant Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division. From April 2010–June 2011, he served as the Senior Advisor for Technology and Innovation to the National Economic Council Director at the White House, where he oversaw the President's Spectrum Initiative, among other matters. In 2011, Phil rejoined the CU faculty as its Dean, raising Colorado Law's profile as a national innovator and landing on the National Jurist's list of Most Influential Figures in Legal Education. He was a visionary leader of the school during a time of great change in legal education, working tirelessly to focus on student success and building community – while at the same time serving as a national leader on technology policy and as a leading figure in Colorado's entrepreneurial community.

Phil has co-authored three books, written numerous articles and remains engaged in public service. He and his wife, Heidi Wald live in Denver, Colorado, where they are raising their two children.





HOE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD – 2017 PAUL FREDERIC PERRETEN – Class of 1951

Nominated by Bernard “O-Bie” O’Brien ’50

O-Bie said, “Paul’s expertise and legal supervision during the start-up phase for the HHSAA helped shape and structure it into the revitalized organization it is today. He was a central member of the ‘team’ for more than 10 years.”



After graduating from HHS in 1951, Paul entered Princeton University where he earned his A.B. in 1955. He spent four years on active duty with the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1959, before attending New York University Law School where he received his LLB in 1961. The following year, Paul opened his law practice in Hastings, emphasizing estate planning, elder law, wills and trusts, probate and real estate. He was a prominent fixture in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson for more than 43 years – before retiring in 2005.

In the late '90s, Paul was among a small group of former HHS grads who joined together with Bernie O'Brien '50 to restore a defunct Hastings High School Alumni Association. It was Paul's expertise and thorough attention to the legal aspects of the law that transformed the outdated association into a tax exempt charitable organization, incorporated under New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation law. As legal counsel for the new HHSAA, Paul then used his experience to set up the by-laws and profile the basic standards and guidelines. He was a member of the Board of Directors from 2000-2009 and Treasurer of the HHSAA for the same 10 year period. Paul's knowledge and guidance during the early years helped modernize the new alumni association and become a viable, member-supported organization.

Paul has been a member of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, Hastings Republican Club and Hastings Historical Society. He was president of the Rotary Club and Vestryman and Legal Counsel for Grace Episcopal Church in Hastings and St. John's Episcopal Church in South Salem. Currently Paul is Chairman for the Dawn Patrol Scholarship Committee and a driver for FISH – an organization providing rides for non-drivers to their medical providers. He is married to Sally Day (HHS '54) and they have a merged family with many grandchildren. They all enjoy music, tennis and sailing. Paul said, “As to my selection I am deeply humbled and honored.”

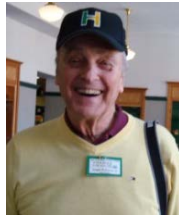




HOE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD – 2017 AUGUST "AUGIE" ANDRONICA* – Class of 1951

Nominated by Bernard "O-Bie" O'Brien '50

O-Bie said, "Augie was a founding member of the HHSAA and was always at the ready to pitch in. His tireless efforts, spirit and dedication contributed to the success of the HHSAA for more than 17 years!"



1929 – 2017

August, known as "Augie" by all who knew him, graduated HHS in 1951. He was a graduate of Westchester Community College and prior to his retirement in 1999, he worked as a Graphics Designer at PepsiCo, Inc.

In the late '90s, Augie was part of a small group of former HHS grads actively involved in the mission to revive and reform a defunct HHS Alumni Association. The project took several years of planning, diligence and tireless devotion before coming to fruition in October 2000.

Augie was one of the original members on the association's Board of Directors – a position he held for 17 years, until his passing in March 2017. He was the artistic designer and editor of the annual alumni newsletter, The Buzzz, which he created to keep alumni without access to computers, up-to-date on all alumni events. In 2012, Augie was elected Vice President of the HHSAA and he rarely missed a meeting. He applied a unique combination of energy and enthusiasm to each alumni event he attended and sincere excitement when meeting and greeting former grads at the association's annual all-classes-alumni-get-together every homecoming weekend. Augie stepped in whenever needed, and always with his camera in hand - capturing the event in pictures for the alumni association website.

Aside from his volunteer work with the HHSAA, Augie's passions included golf, tennis, oil painting, playing the piano, making life-sized papier mache figures and model bird houses.

Augie passed away in early March 2017 - he will be remembered as a great guy whose contributions to the HHSAA helped shape it into the organization it is today and who did it all - with a smile on his face!



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