

Pine Valley Central School Wall of Fame Inductees

Superintendent Vincent J. Vecchiarella announced the inaugural of 12 Pine Valley Central School Wall of Fame inductees at a recent ceremony. He indicated that the Wall of Fame is designed to honor past graduates from Pine Valley Central School, living or deceased, who have distinguished themselves in a specific field of endeavor, in civic affairs, in humanitarian affairs or in activities which merit special recognition.

This group of distinguished alumni represents an extraordinary range of personal and professional achievements. They traveled from around the country to share with us their experiences in a wide variety of fields. Three of the inductees were unable to attend, so family members received the plaques on their behalf.

The following outstanding alumni were inducted into the Pine Valley Central School Wall of Fame on December 9, 2004:

Randy Allnatt, Class of 1979: Randy has a visual impairment he has turned into a positive force from which he gets his inspiration for inventions. He has an extensive background as a rehabilitation counselor and is the owner and inventor of the talking prescription bottle. His sister, Denise, accepted the award on his behalf.

Bill Bergy, Class of 1964: Bill was an NFL football standout in the 60's and 60's and received many awards and credits during his career. He is currently involved in NFL commentary with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Bruce Bergey, Class of 1965: Bruce had a career in the NFL and is currently a highly successful entrepreneur in real estate design and development. His business takes him throughout the continental United States and the state of Hawaii.

Robert Brown, Class of 1942: Coach Brown, as we know him in the Pine Valley community, was instrumental in the development and shaping of the Pine Valley sports program from the early days of six man football to the current eleven man format. He has been a mentor to many young men and women who have passed through our school.

Tim Brown, Class of 1978: Tim has an extensive background in medicine as a general surgeon and currently works at WCA Hospital in Jamestown. He is a mentor and teacher to the future doctors and surgeons of the Western New York area. He is actively involved with many local boards and committees dealing with quality of services and after-surgery care.

Cindy Burkhardt, Class of 1983: Cindy is a professor at Radford University as a member of the chemistry and physics department. Her experience has given her the opportunity to sit on review boards and consult for several large, prestigious foundations in the business world.

Chuck Howard, Class of 1982: Chuck is currently the sports director for WCNS-TV in South Carolina. He has an extensive and very successful career in broadcasting. In his earlier years he held jobs in Erie, Pennsylvania and Buffalo, New York.

Janet (Farley) Kirkton, Class of 1985: Janet has made an extensive career in the military currently serving in the rank of Major. She has been an instructor at West Point and has served in active duty in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. She continues to make contributions to the training and development of our armed forces. Accepting the award on her behalf was her brother Rich Farley.

Brenton Mosher, Class of 1969: Brenton has an extensive career in law enforcement. He was a distinguished member of the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department. Since 1984 he has worked for the FBI currently serving as a departmental director. His sister, Juanita Ruckh, accepted the award on his behalf.

Tim Nobles, Class of 1976: Tim has been employed as a social studies teacher at Pine Valley since 1981. He has been coach of the Lady Panther basketball team for much of that time with a record of 374-91 including six state championships. He has continued to develop and direct the Lady Panther basketball program and the confidence of these student athletes.

Harold "Bus" Ray, Class of 1946: Bus had an extensive 41 year profession in teaching with an impressive career at Ohio State University and the University of Western Michigan. He has a long list of publications from his many years of experience in advisory capacities to many organizations. Accepting on his behalf was his sister Mrs. Betty Wade.

Craig Skurcenski, Class of 1988: Craig is a graduate of the SUNY Syracuse Health and Science Center where he has served as chief resident. He is currently a physician in Emergency Medicine at Grant Hospital and Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

"As a school district which continually strives to instill in its students the concepts of achievement and excellent, the Wall of Fame inductees serve as exceptional role models," Superintendent Vincent J. Vecchiarella notes. "Their personal accomplishments, either to their individual fields of endeavor or to the broader community, exemplify what our students may attain through initiative and commitment. We are pleased to honor these inductees, to celebrate their successes and to have them reunited with the Pine Valley Central School District."