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### Upper Dublin High School to Induct Inaugural Class into Hall of Fame March 24, 2017

Twenty-one alumni have been selected for the inaugural class of inductees into the School District of Upper Dublin Alumni Hall of Fame. They will be recognized at various events at Upper Dublin High School on March 24, 2017, culminating with an evening reception and awards program.

The creation of the Alumni Hall of Fame was announced in March 2016. The community was invited to nominate alumni whose distinguished achievements or outstanding accomplishments have significantly contributed to their profession, community or the world. The Alumni Hall of Fame is co-sponsored by the School District and the Upper Dublin Education Foundation.

Following a rigorous nomination and committee review process, Upper Dublin High School Principal Robert Schultz and UDEF member and program chairperson Heidi Yutzler Overton proudly announced the names of the alumni who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in late March. The Alumni Hall of Fame will be located in the Cardinal Room Lobby on the second floor of the high school.

#### Inductees in the six categories are:

##### **Arts, Entertainment & Communications**

- **Suzy Kolber (1982)** – Professional Sportscaster, Co-Producer & Anchor
- **Josh Tower (1988)** – Broadway Leading Man & Television Actor
- **Josh Singer (1990)** – Academy Award-winning Screenwriter; Television Writer & Producer
- **John Tartaglia (1996)** – Tony & Emmy-nominated Broadway & Television Star; Producer, Performer & Puppeteer

##### **Business & Law**

- **Michael R. Stiles (1963)** – Philadelphia Phillies Executive VP & COO; U.S. Attorney, Trial Judge & Philadelphia Prosecutor
- **Scott (1972), Guy (1974) & Jonathan (1978) Orens** – Regional Real Estate Developers & Property Managers
- **Alex Furmansky (2003)** – Entrepreneurial Business Leader & CEO

##### **Education**

- **Robert C. Field (1958)** – Upper Dublin Teacher, Coach, Principal & Leader; Tireless Advocate for Excellence in UD Schools.
- **Rudi K. Klobach (1962; posthumous)** – Dedicated Educator & Celebrated Soccer Coach

- **Richard Mitchell Brown, III (1964)** – Commander, U.S. Navy (Retired); Professor of National Security & Naval Strategist; Naval Aviator & Combat Seawolf Pilot

### **Government & Military**

- **George R. Sterner (1958)** – Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired); Submarine Commander, Materiel Professional & Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command
- **Steven D. Hogg (1973)** – Colonel, U.S.M.C. (Retired); Commanding Officer, Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC
- **Brian A. Solo (1982)** – Commander, U.S. Navy (Retired); Commanding Officer, USS COLE (DDG 67) & Pentagon Staff
- **Major Robert K. Beale (1998)** – U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Officer
- **Major J. William Hackenbracht (1998)** – U.S. Army Special Operations Civil Affairs Officer

### **Medicine, Science & Technology**

- **Christopher M. Clark, M.D. (1964; posthumous)** – Neurologist & Groundbreaking Researcher for Alzheimer's Disease Detection & Therapies
- **Paul F. Mansfield, M.D., F.A.C.S. (1975)** – Professor of Surgery & Vice President, MD Anderson Cancer Center; Internationally Recognized Pioneering Surgical Oncologist
- **Debra Somers Copit, M.D., F.A.C.R. (1981)** – Diagnostic Radiologist, Breast Imaging Specialist & Associate Professor of Radiology

### **Philanthropy and Community Service**

- **H. William Gift (1963)** – Upper Dublin Elected & Appointed Official, Emergency Services First Responder & Community Volunteer
- **Lawrence S. & Christine Jenkins Smith (both 1965; Lawrence, posthumous)** – Supporters of Causes for Children & Families, Disaster Relief & Natural Resources Preservation
- **Richard A. DeMaria (1971)** – Physical Therapist & Cancer Recovery Advocate; Nationally & Internationally-Renowned Presenter

### **A Day to Recognize Inductees**

On Friday morning, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2017, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be introduced to honorees as part of a panel presentation. In the afternoon, small group discussions will take place during enhancement periods opened to all grades. This is an opportunity for students to meet and mingle with inductees.

An Honoree Reception is scheduled for Friday evening, March 24. The event opens at 6 p.m. with light fare and jazz music and attendees can congratulate the inductees. At 7:30 p.m. the induction ceremony will begin.

**Tickets**

Tickets are \$20 per person and should be reserved by March 16, 2017, at [udefoundation.org](http://udefoundation.org). The event will be held at Upper Dublin High School, 800 Loch Alsh Ave., Fort Washington, PA.