

2002 Allegheny Valley School District Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

Rachel Carson

(Attended 1913-1922) - The youngest of three children, Rachel Carson was born in 1907 in Springdale. After completing her education, with a Bachelor's Degree from the Women's College of Pennsylvania (now Chatham College) and a Master's of Arts Degree in Zoology from Johns Hopkins University, Carson joined the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries as the writer of a radio show in which she was able to explore life under the seas. In 1936, after being the first woman to take and pass the civil service test, the Bureau of Fisheries hired her as a full-time junior biologist. Over the next 15 years, she rose in the ranks until she was the chief editor of all publications for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. During the 1940s, Carson began to write books on her observations of life and nature. She resigned from her government position in 1952 in order to devote all her time to writing. She began writing her most famous book, *Silent Spring*, in 1957. Her recognition of the dire effects of DDT on the environment was the "wake-up call" to preserve wild and human life. The book was published in 1962, and influenced President Kennedy to call for testing of the chemicals mentioned in the book. During her lifetime, she wrote and published six other books about the environment. Her ability as an author provided the platform to broadcast her message. She was the most persevering scientist of the 20th Century, continuing her message through attacks of hostility and negative publicity. She never waived, nor gave up the fight. Because of this, Carson has been called the founder of the modern environmental movement and received the Medal of Freedom in 1963. She was named among the 100 most influential persons, by Time magazine, and among the top 20 scientists of the Twentieth Century.



James P. Conley

(attended 1949-1961) - James Conley was born in New Kensington. A four-year letterman in football and three-year letterman in basketball and soccer, Conley made his mark in athletics at Springdale High School. In football he was all W.P.I.A.L. and third team All State. In basketball, the teams were 48-3 his Junior and Senior years. He attended the University of Michigan and went on to Captain the football team to a Big Ten Championship and a win in the Rose Bowl. He was named UPI All Big Ten and second team All America. With AP he was second team Big Ten and honorable mention All America. He won the prestigious Yost Award as the leading scholar-athlete at the University. Conley is a highly successful entrepreneur, building several successful businesses and recently securing a highly innovative patent to quickly process leather. This process has enabled his current firm to become a major supplier to the auto industry for much of its leather needs. Conley has served as President of the Michigan Alumni Club of Detroit. He helps underwrite scholarships for Springdale High School and sponsors the Conley-Drennan Summer Basketball League in the District. He has been recognized and honored multiple times by the University of Michigan for his extensive volunteer work and generous financial support. Much of his time and financial support is given anonymously to both organizations and individuals in need.



J. Stanley Marshall

(attended 1936-1940) - J. Stanley Marshall was raised in Springdale as one of six children, graduating from Springdale High School in 1940. Marshall served in the United States Army in the European Theater between 1943-1946. He went on to attend Slippery Rock State College and Syracuse University, earning his doctorate in 1956. He has held careers in education and public affairs and provided bold and creative leadership in both. Marshall began his career as a high school science teacher and went on to win awards as a college professor to become the Department Head, Dean, and President of Florida State University from 1969-1976. He has volunteered his services on the Board of Trustees of Bethune-Cookman College; as Founder and Executive Director of the Turkish National High School of Science in Ankara, Turkey; as Founder and President of Sonitrol of Tallahassee, a privately owned security and fire protection company; and as the President Emeritus of The Southern Scholarship Foundation. He is the author or co-author of 10 professional books and more than 50 articles in professional journals. He remains a consultant to eight foreign governments in the Middle East, Far East and South America and the Publisher of the Journal of the James Madison Institute.



Clyde M. McGeary

(attended 1937-1948) - Clyde M. McGeary attended elementary school in Cheswick and continued through high school in Springdale. There, he was active in many organizations and elected President of his Senior Class. McGeary completed his Bachelor of Science

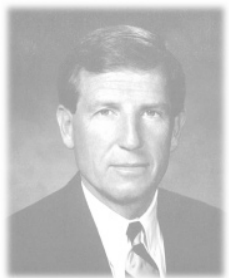


Degree at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and his MFA degree at Carnegie-Mellon University. McGeary's professional career as an educator/scholar ranged from teaching art at all levels, including colleges and universities, to serving as an advisor and board member on four major foundations. He served as the Department of Education's representative to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Board of Directors. He retired from executive service in the Pennsylvania Department of Education in 1991. Among his significant work is the creation of the Pennsylvania Schools of Excellence, beginning with the Governor's School for the Arts. He has been named as a Distinguished Educator by Phi Delta Kappa, the National Art Education Association, and the Pennsylvania Art Education Association. His community service and business experience includes leadership on many civic and cultural associations and financial boards. In 1989, he served as a founder of the Susquehanna Art Museum in Harrisburg. McGeary has been honored with Special Commendations by

the Secretary of Education, The Pennsylvania House of Representatives, The Pennsylvania Senate, Governors Shapp, Thornburg, and Casey. The Clyde M. McGeary Scholarship Fund of The Greater Harrisburg Foundation was founded in 1991 in his honor.

Kenneth F. Scholtz, Ph. D.

(attended 1952-1956) - As a student at Springdale High School, Kenneth Scholtz was a member of the football, basketball, and baseball teams. He went on to continue his education at Slippery Rock University, the University of Connecticut, and to earn his doctoral



degree at the University of Pittsburgh. Scholtz became a teacher at Fox Chapel High School and began the baseball program, serving as its first coach. He was named high school principal at Hampton High School and was chosen as Pennsylvania's Principal of the Year in 1984. Scholtz has been selected to represent America's secondary schools by giving testimony before the United States Senate Subcommittee on Education. He became the Superintendent of the Hampton Township School District in 1987 and retired after a 13-year tenure. Scholtz sits on the Board of Directors of the Institute for Learning Abilities and Summit Academy. He has served on the Executive Board, and as Vice President and President of the Pennsylvania Association of Secondary School Principals along with various committees of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Scholtz participates in cultural exchanges between the U.S. and countries in Europe, Central America, and Asia. His appetite to explore, to travel, and to have students travel reflects his desire to make the world his

classroom forever.

Terrence E. Steyer, M.D.

(Attended 1973-1986) - Terrence E. Steyer grew up in Cheswick and attended Allegheny Valley schools throughout his K-12 educational career. Steyer was an active student at Springdale High and went on to attend Allegheny College, and Case Western Reserve



University where he received his Doctorate of Medicine. His medical training was completed at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine and the University of Michigan. Steyer is currently an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. Along the way, Steyer served as President of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), becoming a voice for medical students across the country. He also serves on several national health policy committees, including the Advisory Committee for Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry, and as a former contributing editor of the *New Physician Magazine*. Steyer has received the Mead Johnson Award for Graduate Education in Family Practice, the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Resident Teacher Award, and has been nominated for the Golden Apple Teaching Award at the Medical University of South Carolina. He serves as a member of the Allegheny College Alumni Council, and has completed service to numerous medical societies and committees across the

country. Steyer continues to publish abstracts, articles, and book chapters on medical topics.

James E. Yanni

(attended 1948-1960) James E. Yanni graduated from Springdale High School as the Valedictorian of the Class of 1960. In his senior year, he was the captain of the undefeated 1959 football team (10 – 0). He received his Bachelor's degree in Math/Economics from Colgate University in 1964, graduating with honors. He earned his Master's of Science in Industrial Administration in 1966 from Carnegie Mellon University. He is the founding Principal of the nationally known firms of Yanni Partners Investment Consulting and Yanni & Company Investment Advisors. These Pittsburgh-based firms currently employ over 40 people with 200 clients in 27 states, advising on over \$30 billion in retirement and foundation/endowment assets. He is co-founder of the Pittsburgh Strikers Youth Soccer Organization and has served on numerous boards and committees for nonprofit organizations.

