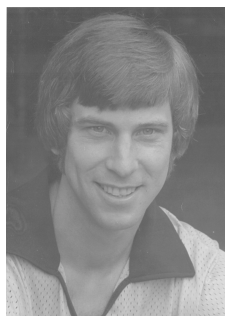


2004 Allegheny Valley School District Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

Richard DeVenzio

(attended 1954-1966) - Richard "Dick" DeVenzio attended school in the Allegheny Valley School District from Kindergarten through grade 11. He was an active member of Springdale High School's basketball program and was named to Parade Magazine's First Team All American. DeVenzio received a full scholarship to Duke University and participated as a member of the basketball team. While in college, he was twice named to the Academic All-American team and selected for the ACC All-Tournament team. After graduation, DeVenzio became a basketball coach, motivational speaker, author, and founder of a basketball camp. He served as a coaching assistant at Washington State University, a player and coach in Belgium, a coach in Aruba, and a sports consultant to the island of Aruba. He conducted sports clinics in several countries, often in the local language. Over the course of his life, he published eight books and numerous articles on various subjects concerning student athletes. His appearance on national news television and radio shows focused attention on the uncontrolled business of college sports. He worked to promote sportsmanship, fairness, and understanding all the while helping students to understand their full potential. DeVenzio was inducted into three sports Halls of Fame before his death in May of 2001.



Dennis Ferguson, Ph.D.

(attended 1948-1961) - Dennis Ferguson was an active student at Springdale High School, participating in the basketball program and earning valedictorian honors. He earned many awards for his athletic talents while in high school and went on to play basketball at Duke University. His basketball career flourished as he competed in three NCAA tournaments, going to the Final Four twice. He captained his college team in the 1964-65 season and, for his efforts, was awarded the Swett Memorial Trophy as the Most Valuable Player. Unlike many, athletics did not become his only priority. Ferguson was frequently named to Duke's Dean's list. After college, Ferguson began a career at Cornell University. He went on to earn two additional degrees - Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Philosophy - in the field of Hotel Administration, and became part of one of the best hotel management programs in the world. Over the course of his tenure, Ferguson received several "Teacher of the Year" awards, authored one book and numerous articles on the Hospitality field, and taught in six different countries. Arguably, though, his real contribution was his undying dedication to his students toward whom he was unfailingly kind, accessible, and understanding. He reached the pinnacle in the three areas that dominated his life - athletics, scholastics, and his profession - before his death in 2001.



Kenneth H. Lloyd

(attended 1949-1962) - Kenneth H. Lloyd was raised in Springdale, graduating from Springdale High School in 1962. He attended Edinboro University and Eastern Arizona Junior College before joining the U.S. Marine Corps. Lloyd served in the Vietnam War and earned the Meritorious Mast Award. He returned to Springdale to begin working for the Duquesne Light Company, serving in many capacities over the past 37 years. While there, he joined the IBEW Local 148 and went on to serve as President, along with several other offices, an Executive Board Member of the Allegheny County Labor Council, and on the Allegheny County Community Service Committee. Lloyd also started volunteering his time in the local communities, helping to establish the Conley Youth Basketball League, coaching youth athletic teams, and working for the Democratic Party. Arguably, however, Lloyd's greatest service has come through the Cheswick-Springdale Lions Club. A member since 1988, he has held many local offices and taken his contributions a step further to serve as Zone Chairman, Vice President, and District Governor for the area. Through this service, he has spearheaded projects to raise funds for students with disabilities and their families. Much of his free time is spent attending seminars and visiting programs that may be of help to people in the community. Lloyd has been honored with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for Humanitarian Service for his efforts..



Louis A. Mazzoli, Ed.D.

(attended 1954-1959) - After graduating from Springdale High School, Louis A. Mazzoli earned degrees from California State University, Duquesne University, and the University of Pittsburgh. He began his career as a special education teacher in Allegheny County. Over the years, Mazzoli went on to direct programs and schools for children with special needs. He served on various advisory boards, community organizations, and committees, including the International Educational Council, which provided consulting services to the Center of Citizenship Education (C.C.E.) in Warsaw, Poland. Through their effort, he became part of a team of six American educators who helped Polish government officials learn how to govern their schools according to democratic principles. Mazzoli also served as a consultant to federal, state, and local educational and service agencies, including the U.S. District Court, Ohio Eastern Division and the National Coalition for the Handicapped American Information Network, Washington, D.C. One of his greatest accomplishments has been working with the Special Olympics in the Columbus Public Schools, growing the program from 24 students to over 750 children taking part in 12 different events. Presently, he serves as the Superintendent for the Ohio School for the Blind. Through his years of work, Mazzoli has become a leader, educator, and advocate for special needs children and their families.



Donald G. McGhee

(attended 1931-1944) - Donald G. McGhee spent his life in the Allegheny Valley School District. Raised in the community, McGhee graduated from Springdale High School in 1944. After attending college and serving in the Navy during World War II, he returned to his birthplace to begin his profession. A teacher then administrator, McGhee joined his love of education, service to his community, and gift of leadership into a remarkable career. McGhee spent many hours as an athletic coach and official, giving much of his time to summer recreation programs working with young people. Within the district, McGhee was involved in the planning of the Acmetonia Primary School, renovation projects at Colfax Upper Elementary School and Springdale High School, and the introduction of technology education. He believed in building a quality staff and enabled a number of well-known administrators across Allegheny County to begin their careers at Allegheny Valley. McGhee remains very active in the Springdale Veterans Association, serving as a past commander and on numerous committees over the years. He is a founding member of the district's Key Communicator Network and remains active as the President of the Allegheny County Retired School Administrators group. He is an educator who has given back, in full measure, to his community.



Joseph A. Scaffoni

(attended 1956 - 1970) - Upon his graduation from Springdale High School, Joseph A. Scaffoni continued a family tradition of coal mining, starting his career with Republic Steel at the Russellton Mine. In 1973, Scaffoni graduated from The Pennsylvania State University's Fayette Campus with a degree in Mining Technology. He was named superintendent at the Crescent Hills Coal Company Ocean #5 Mine in 1977 and, in 1984, was appointed to the position of Mine Inspector by the Commonwealth. Scaffoni became the Bituminous Mine Safety Division Chief in 1988. Through his efforts, tremendous improvements have been made in miner health and safety. Scaffoni successfully coordinated fire fighting and recovery operations throughout his career with the Department and played a critical role in the rescue of nine miners at the Quecreek Mine in July 2002. He presently serves as the Director of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Deep Mine Safety (DEP). For his efforts, he has received numerous awards and honors including: Governor's Excellence in Service Award, American Society of Safety Engineer's Excellence for Extraordinary Leadership Award, Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, Pennsylvania State University's Sciences and Engineering in Service to Society Award, and the Fayette Campus Outstanding Alumnus Award. His accomplishments are recognized at the local, state, and national levels, and he has gained the respect and admiration of his peers.

