

# 2014 Allegheny Valley School District Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

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## *Charles F. Desmone*



**(attended 1928)** - Charles F. Desmone was a member of the first graduating class of Springdale High School in 1928. He was elected President of both the Senior Class and Student Council. He lettered in four sports and was the captain of the basketball and football teams. He performed in school plays, and sang in the Glee Club. He worked for over 25 years in positions that directly impacted the lives of young people, including 20 years as the Director of the Catholic Youth Association in Tarentum. In 1951, Desmone was elected to the Allegheny Valley Board of School Directors and served for 34 years, 24 years as the Board President. He also served on the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Board. He authored articles for the Pennsylvania School Boards' Bulletin and made presentations at local, state, and national levels. Desmone also became the first Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, David Emery Council. In addition, he served as a basketball, baseball, and football official.

Throughout his life, Desmone was a passionate supporter of education who made significant contributions to the lives of young people. .

## *David L. Speer, Ph.D.*



**(attended 1951-1955)** - David L. Speer graduated from Springdale High School in 1955. He attended Slippery Rock University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Education; Indiana University of Pennsylvania receiving a Master's Degree in Education; and the University of Pittsburgh securing a Doctoral Degree in Science Education. He was hired as a chemistry and physics teacher, while working in industry during the summers. In 1962, Speer was hired by the Shaler Area School District where he would spend the majority of his education career. Over these years, he would continue to develop new programs to educate students and teachers. He also made numerous presentations and completed original research dedicated to the advancement of science. For his efforts, Speer has been recognized by many organizations as an Outstanding Teacher, including the Pittsburgh Spectroscopy Society and the Pennsylvania State Science Teachers. He also served his community by coaching

Little League baseball and working on committees at his church. Speer strives for excellence in all he does and assists others to achieve that quality in their own lives.