

2006 Allegheny Valley School District Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

Lynn George, Ph.D.



Dr. Lynn George (attended 1964-1971) - Lynn George graduated from Springdale High School in 1971 and went on to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She continued her schooling by earning a Master of Science Degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1990 and a Doctoral Degree from Duquesne University in 2001. She has served as a staff nurse and instructor in several hospitals across the country. George then focused her career on education, becoming a tenured professor for the Community College of Allegheny County, Boyce Campus. She currently serves as the Associate Dean and Head of the School of Nursing at Robert Morris University. She has over 15 years experience in teaching and administration in women's health and community-based nursing. George has had numerous articles accepted for publication. In addition, she has been selected as a presenter for several international conferences. Her expertise in the medical arena is well documented. George has become a mentor to many of her students and encouraged them to continue to advance in their chosen field and to provide service in their local communities and underprivileged areas of the world. George has also spent many hours volunteering her time. She has provided her expertise at the Roberto Clemente Clinic La Reforma in Nicaragua and led a group of graduate students to work at an orphanage in San Luis, Mexico. As an educator, her process of learning is never-ending.



Raymond J. Hutzler, Jr.

Raymond J. Hutzler, Jr. (attended 1941-1951) - Raymond J. Hutzler was raised in Springdale and graduated from Springdale High School in 1951. He was an active member of Springdale High School's band program, bringing home numerous awards. After high school, he served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict and later attended the Pennsylvania State University. Hutzler returned to Springdale and found a career as a laboratory technician then Supervisor of Quality Services at the Pittsburgh Paint and Glass (PPG) plant. While working for PPG, Hutzler led tours for high school students and encouraged the company's partnership with the District in the Community Based Learning Program. He received the Outstanding Community Citizen Award twice for his efforts. In keeping with his dedication to education, Hutzler served for 24 years on Allegheny Valley's Board of School Directors, including a term as President and was awarded commendations for his commitment from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Service to the community became a second life for Hutzler. He continues to serve with the Springdale Volunteer Fire Department; the American Legion Post 764; the St. Alphonsus Church Choir; the Lenten Ecumenical Men's Choir; and the Director of the Community Marching Band. Hutzler continues to inspire many musicians, community volunteers, and those who support education. Through his tireless work ethic, his abiding support of education, his ability to be a role model, and his list of service, Hutzler has touched many lives in a positive way.

Kenneth F. Jerich, Ed.D.



Dr. Kenneth F. Jerich (attended 1952-1965) - Kenneth F. Jerich lived for music while attending Springdale Jr-Sr High School. As a member of the school's famed Mellowmen, the group produced concerts, records, and was selected as one of the Outstanding High School Stage Bands in the United States. They appeared at Duquesne University's Mid-East Instrumental Conference and in the American Pavilion at the World's Fair in New York. Jerich went on to Morehead State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. He completed his formal education with a Master's Degree in Music Education from Western Carolina University and a Doctoral Degree in Teacher Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Jerich spent 14 years teaching in the public school system and, for the past 19 years, has served as Professor of Curriculum and Instruction in Illinois State University's College of Education. He has received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the university's National

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Pan-Hellenic Association and is nationally known as an educational researcher, with numerous articles published in educational periodicals. He has authored and edited a number of educational resource books. His leadership in educational research has earned him the National Research Award of Excellence from the Institute for Educational Research. Jerich serves on many committees within the University system, throughout the state, and across the nation. He challenges his students to think and re-evaluate outside the norm and apply that knowledge to real life. He continues to serve as a mentor and role model for his students, his community, and his alma mater.

Lynne Calvert Perkins



Lynne Calvert Perkins (attended 1967-1974) - Lynne Calvert Perkins grew up and attended schools in the Allegheny Valley School District, graduating in 1974 as the salutatorian of her class. While at Springdale High School, she was honored as a National Merit Scholarship winner. She went on to study at the Pennsylvania State University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts. In 1981, upon completion of her graduate work, she received a Masters of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Upon graduation, Perkins began moving her ideas into stories with illustrations about people she knew well, those she had met briefly, and some who she only imagined. She found her "voice." Perkins has, to date, authored four picture books and two novels. She has also served as an illustrator for a number of publications. For her work, Perkins has been honored with the *Smithsonian Magazine* Notable Book For Children, the

NAPPA Award for picture books, BCCB Blue Ribbon award, and the American Library Association Booklist Editor's Choice selection, among others. Her 2005 published book *Criss Cross* received the highest honor for children's books, the 2006 Newbery Medal Book. Beyond her career, Perkins is active in her community and with the local school district. She serves as a mentor through her work with local youth, her presentations about her profession, and the messages woven through her books. She has touched the lives of numerous people through her writing and illustrations. Perkins teaches through the age-old manner of telling a story.