

# 2019 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME HONOREES

## WALTER E. BADENHAUSEN, JR.

Class of 1948

As an outstanding class leader and scholar while at “Staten Island Day School,” Walter also excelled on the fields by lettering in soccer, basketball and tennis. He performed on the stage in the school’s dramatic productions. He went on to Hamilton College and then received his medical degree from Hahnemann Medical College (Drexel University). He began his residency at University of Louisville Hospital and ultimately settled into life in Kentucky. Now retired, Dr. Badenhause was a partner in the practice of Ellis & Badenhause Orthopaedics, PSC. “Dr. B,” as he was affectionately known in training rooms across the region, served as the team doctor for more than a dozen college and professional sports teams. He was recognized as the "Sports Medicine Person of the Year" in 2003 by the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society, is a 2005 inductee in the Mason-Dixon Athletic Club Hall of Fame and in 2011, was inducted as a Bellarmine University Knights Legend. He also helped organize and chair the Greater Louisville Medical Society, formerly known as the Jefferson County Medical Society.

## RICHARD E. DIAMOND

Class of 1949

Noted as one of the outstanding members of the Class of 1948, Richard held the post of President of the Student Council and served as Business Manager of the Quill. After graduating from “Staten Island Day School,” he attended Cornell University and then joined the Staten Island Advance full-time in 1956. He was associate publisher of the paper for 23 years, training under his uncle, Samuel I. Newhouse, and became publisher in 1979. Mr. Diamond oversaw construction of the Advance building in Grasmere; launched the Sunday Advance, and guided the paper through sweeping changes in production through the 70s, 80s and 90s, including an expansion of the building and installing a state-of-the-art, electronic printing press. Mr. Diamond also was a key leader in the Newhouse Newspapers group. He began the Advance Women of Achievement program in 1962, and celebrated the Advance’s 100th year of publication in 1986. Through Mr. Diamond’s efforts, the Newhouse gallery was established at Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden. He chaired the Staten Island Academy board and served as a Staten Island University Hospital trustee. Over the years, he received numerous awards, including the Albert B. Maniscalco Award from the Island’s borough president; a doctor of humane letters degree from Wagner College, and Project Hospitality’s Eleanor Proske Award for service to the poor.

## LUIS G. MORENO

Class of 1973

After graduation from the Academy, Luis earned a BA in History at Fordham University and an MA in Education at Kean College. He joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1983 and began a long career dedicated to serving our nation’s interests around the world. First assigned to posts in Colombia and Nicaragua, Moreno then served as deputy director of the Narcotics Affairs Section at the embassy in Peru, where he managed a coca eradication project. As Narcotics Affairs Director at the U.S. Mission in Colombia from 1997-2001, he was instrumental in planning and implementing the anti-drug trafficking effort “Plan Colombia.” While serving as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, he accompanied ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to the airport after a military coup. He went on to serve tours in Mexico, Israel, Iraq and Spain before being confirmed as the U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica in 2014. Ambassador Moreno has received several performance and honor awards during his career, including the Department of State’s James Clement Dunn Award for Excellence in Diplomacy, the Department of State’s Heroism Award and a Presidential Meritorious Service Award. In 2017, he retired as Ambassador to Jamaica and currently serves on the Foreign Service Grievance Board.

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## BETHANY CLAPS

Class of 2012

A tremendous 3-sport athlete for the Tigers, Bethany became accustomed to making history with her athletic exploits. Bethany was the first Academy female basketball player to be twice selected as an SI Advance All-Star; she was the first Tiger to be a three-time all-state selection in basketball; and she led the girls' varsity basketball team to its first ever NYSAIS tournament title. She was the first and only female student-athlete from SIA to win the Varsity Club Award. Bethany was the quintessential student-athlete. Bethany made her greatest mark on the basketball court, where she was the leading girls' scorer on S.I.as both a junior and a senior. The Daily News made Bethany a First-Team basketball selection. She ended her Tiger career with 1,863 points, good for 4th on the island's all-time scoring list. Bethany, a standout performer on the volleyball court twice earned PSAA all-conference honors. She also shined on the lacrosse field and was named an All-Star by the coaches in the S.I. League. Bethany pursued an Engineering Science degree at Smith College. While at Smith, she played basketball as a freshman for a Smith squad that finished 25-3. She shifted her focus to lacrosse as a sophomore, and as co-captain during her senior year, Bethany was named to the New England Women's and Men's Athletic and Academic All-Conference team. She won the Sarah Winter Pokora Prize, awarded for excellence in athletics and academics, and the Adeline Devor Penberthy Prize, given for academic excellence in engineering. Bethany is currently living in Tulsa and working in a leadership development program with Halma plc, a company whose core focus is on safety, health and the environment.

## JAMES MORISANO

Class of 2014

A dominant performer on both the basketball court and baseball diamond, James was as tough a competitor as the Academy has ever seen. A 1,000 point scorer in only three varsity basketball seasons, James led the Tigers to 50 wins and three straight NYSAIS tournaments. As captain for the Tigers, Morisano earned ACIS all-league and team MVP honors after a senior season that saw him score an astonishing 504 points to bring his career total to 1,192. James, an undersized center for the Tigers, was a fierce rebounder who outsmarted and outworked opponents, and his will to win and relentless style of play inspired teammates. A four-year varsity starter for baseball and two-year captain, James developed into one of the finest catchers in Staten Island history. A true leader who carried his team to a conference championship in 2011 and earned Alliance League MVP and All-Conference accolades in 2012 and 2013, James was named an Advance All-Star. Compiling 6 home runs, 21 RBIs, and 19 stolen bases during the season, James posted a .641 batting average and an incredible .722 on-base percentage. His tremendous skills on the diamond earned James a scholarship to St. Louis University, where he was twice named to the watch list for the Johnny Bench Award. His standout collegiate career was highlighted by a junior season that saw James lead the Billikens with a .316 batting average, .578 slugging percentage, and 12 home runs. He was second on the team with 27 RBIs. Currently, James is living in St. Louis, playing professional baseball for the River City Rascals of the Frontier League.

# JEANINE NUNEZ

Class of 2014

A highly skilled midfielder, Jeanine was a key cog for the Academy's girls' varsity soccer team from 2011-2013. Jeanine was an electrifying player with the ball at her feet. After leading her team to a berth in the NYSAIS tournament in 2012, Jeanine turned in a memorable performance in a quarterfinal game against Fieldston, scoring a hat trick and solidifying her status as one of the Island's and the state's top players. A two-time captain for the Tigers, she earned team MVP and PSAA Championship MVP honors, and she helped lead the Tigers to titles in the ACIS and PSAA leagues. A relentless competitor, Jeanine also excelled in basketball, lacrosse, and softball during her Academy career. Named an Advance All-Star in soccer, Jeanine unfortunately saw her senior season derailed by an injury, yet her prodigious skills earned her a scholarship to Adelphi University, where she went on to have great success. As a freshman at Adelphi, she led the team with 5 assists and shared the team-high of points with 15, while starting in 20 appearances. After notching Northeast-10 All-Conference Second Team honors and being named to the NE-10 All-Rookie squad as a freshman, Jeanine continued to shine at the collegiate level, earning All-Conference First Team and D2 CCA All-Region First Team honors. She capped off her career playing forward for Adelphi, tallying a team high 12 goals and 29 points as a senior and being named a United Soccer Coaches Third Team All-American and member of the All-Region First Team. Currently living in Long Island, Jeanine is a full-time nursing student and an assistant coach for the women's soccer team at Adelphi.