

GABRIELLE L. CORRADINO, 2007, is a current PhD candidate at North Carolina State University working on her degree in biological oceanography. Gabrielle has been awarded several grants and fellowships during her graduate schooling, including The Department of the Interior's Southeast Climate Science Fellowship. In addition to laboratory work, Gabrielle spends time in the field on oceanic research vessels, works as a National Geographic Explorer and participates in science outreach through her professional Instagram account MarchofthePlankton. She is set to defend her thesis in the winter of 2019 and will move to Washington, DC as a Knauss Fellow to contribute to governmental science policy and to work as a Early Career Leadership Fellow with National Geographic.

SUSANNE M. DUFFY taught at the Amity Regional School District from 1969 through 2007 and earned her degrees from Southern Connecticut State University, The University of Connecticut and Fairfield University. From 1982 through 1992, she worked as the history department chairperson. She served as an adjunct professor at Southern Connecticut State University and Quinnipiac University from 1992 to 2017.

Susan authored, co-authored, or supervised additions or changes to the curriculum that included Environmental Science, Russian, Asian, and Latin American History, American Ethnic History, Critical Issues, Psychology, Sociology, U.S. History I and II, and adaptations for Advanced Placement and special education needs. Duffy participated in numerous activities including Debate Club, Model UN, Youth and Government, Project Vote, Islamic-American Club, PTSA executive committee, district-wide committees and many sporting events and dances.

As a result of all the opportunities presented to her by the Amity community, especially her students and peers, Susan was honored with two yearbook dedications, the Amity Teacher of the Year Award, the PTSA Teacher of the Year Award, the General Electric Star Award, the Dartmouth College Award, and the American Legion Government Teacher Award. She was named a finalist for the Quinnipiac University Celebration of Excellence Award.

Any success that Duffy achieved was the result of the efforts of many people: Frank, Rita and Mike Duffy – the family that supported everything she did; Dr. Thomas Farnham – the professor who encouraged all her academic efforts; Kathy Coords- the teacher who taught her how to be an Amity teacher; Joe Proffitt and Leo Scillia – the history chairmen who taught her so much about leadership; the wonderful history department faculty who were always models of professionalism and great friendship; and her Amity students who truly deserve this award for all the motivation, encouragement, and humor they provided everyday.

MICHAEL T. EFFLEY, 1988, graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1992 and was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Coast Guard. His first tour of duty was aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter TAHOMA (WMEC-908). Mike served as the ship's Weapons Officer and Maritime Law Enforcement Officer, responsible for the training and operation of the ship's weapons systems as well as the training and execution surrounding all law enforcement activities (ship boardings). Mike made several deployments to the Caribbean Sea on counter narcotic missions.

In 1994, Mike was assigned to a Naval command in Washington, D.C. While in D.C., Mike earned his M.B.A. from the George Washington University (graduating in December 1996). He was also chosen in 1994 to serve at the White House as a Military Social Aide. In this capacity, Mike was detailed to the White House frequently to assist President Clinton and his staff with State Dinners, dignitary visits, and public events.

In February 2002, Mike reported to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. After receiving his FBI badge and credentials in May 2002, he was assigned to the Miami Field Office where he spent most of his time on the Colombian Drug squad. While working as a case agent, Mike worked on cases that resulted in the arrest and extradition of numerous leaders and members of drug cartels and terrorist organizations. While assigned to Miami, Mike spent five years on the FBI SWAT Team. During this time, he was deployed on dozens of high-risk arrests and missions across the U.S. and overseas. In 2012, Mike was selected to lead the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force and Gang Squad in Washington, D.C. As squad supervisor, he led a team of 17 FBI agents, Deputy U.S. Marshals, Homicide Detectives, and Drug Detectives in targeting the most violent offenders and neighborhoods in our nation's capital.

From 2015 through 2016, Mike supervised New Agent and New Analyst Trainee classes at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia. Here, he oversaw and evaluated the students' performance and aptitude in a variety of developed and provided a variety of training to students and visiting dignitaries. In January 2017, Mike was selected to lead the FBI's Corporate Fraud and Intellectual Property Rights squad in Washington, D.C.

NIC NOVICKI, 2001, is an actor, comedian and producer who has performed on six continents. His television credits include: *Boardwalk Empire*, *The Sopranos*, *Alone Together*, *Loudermilk*, *Jack and Triumph*, *The Neighbors*, *Austin and Ally*, *Private Practice* and *Drop Dead Diva*. He has appeared in several movies, including *Life Happens*, *November Rule*, *The Last 5 Years*, *Boston Girls* and *Breaking Wind* and will soon be seen in the upcoming *Dead Ant*.

Nic has produced several feature films, television pilots and web series for companies including Sony, CBS, Air China, Maxim and Universal and is an active member on the Producers Guild of America's Diversity Committee. Nic wrote for the CBS Diversity Showcase and has also written and directed several short films including *A Little Broke*, which was acquired by the TV station Shorts HD (now the DISH Network).

As a stand-up comedian, Nic has performed on *AXS Gotham Comedy Live* and traveled the world, including several tours through Armed Forces Entertainment, performing for troops in Kosovo, England, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, France, Egypt, Turkey, Jordan, Portugal and Spain.

Nic is a board member of Easterseals Southern California (ESSC) and the founder and director of the Easterseals Disability Film Challenge.

While 57 million Americans have disabilities, they are the most under-represented population in entertainment and media. As someone with a disability himself, Nic launched the Film Challenge in 2013 in response to the under-representation of talent with disabilities both in front of and behind the camera to give aspiring filmmakers the opportunity to showcase their work and provide them with meaningful exposure. In 2017, Novicki joined forces with Easterseals—the nation's leading nonprofit supporting people and families with disabilities—to expand the event, now known as the Easterseals Disability Film Challenge.

During the Challenge, registered filmmakers—with and without disabilities—are given a span of 55 hours over the designated weekend to write and produce short films (three-to-five minutes) that *Help Change the Way We View Disability*, which are then judged in four award categories—Best Film, Best Filmmaker, Best Actor and Best Awareness Campaign—by a noted and diverse group of entertainment industry talent.

Nic attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, the school of Film and Television, UCB Theatre, and Temple University's Fox School of Business. He resides in Hollywood, California.

JACK SANTUCCI, 2001, is one of many members of an old and growing movement for more inclusive elections.

After graduating from Amity Regional Senior High School in 2001, he studied social science at McGill University, and then moved to the District of Columbia with a suit bag, pocketknife, and unpaid internship.

While in DC, he worked in election and campaign finance reform, international democracy assistance, private philanthropy, and mixology. Along the way, he earned a M.A. and Ph.D. in Government at Georgetown University.

At Amity, Santucci was active in student council (under Len Marazzi), *The Trident* (under Marilyn Bonomi), and *The Oracle* (under Nancy Goss). He was a founding officer of the Italian-American Club, which raised money for the National World War II Memorial (under Bob Catalde). At junior high in Bethany, he played Senator Jack S. Phogbound in Carol Partelow's 1997 production of *Lil' Abner*. With lifelong friend Dave Stevens, he volunteered at the Bethany Community Garden, run by Dennis Hunt.

Santucci lives in Philadelphia, where he teaches Political Science at Drexel University. A 1998 trip to British Parliament (with Roger Goss) fed his budding interest in comparative democratic institutions. Early exposure to AppleSoft BASIC (via his uncle, Mike Lavorgna) prepared him to learn statistical programming.

He grew up in Woodbridge, where his Eagle project for Troop 63 was to sand and color-code each of the town's 93 fire hydrants (with help from Milad Fatenejad). His parents, John and Sandra (née Lavorgna) split time between Woodbridge and South Florida. His brother, Nick, lives in Texas with his spouse, Hilary Espinosa, and their daughter, Dot Cynthia.

ESTHER PAN SLOANE graduated from Amity in **1993** after playing four years of varsity volleyball, editing the school paper, and serving as YMCA Youth Governor of Connecticut. She attended Stanford University and graduated with honors in both International Relations and English. After starting her career at the *Anchorage Daily News* in Anchorage, Alaska, she worked as journalist in print, radio, and magazines, including at *Newsweek* in New York and South Africa (where she earned a Master's Degree in Theater and Performance on a Fulbright Fellowship) and Radio Free Europe in Prague, Czech Republic. Esther joined the U.S. State Department as a diplomat in 2006 and served in China, the United Kingdom, Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York. She joined the United Nations Capital Development Fund, a UN aid agency focused on making finance work for the world's poorest countries in 2016. She lives in New York City with her husband and two sons.