

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI  
HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT  
INDUCTION**



**WATERTOWN  
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*“School and Community Working Together”*

**AUTUMN 2021**

# INSPIRING FUTURE GENERATIONS

**I**n 2001, I was fortunate to chair the committee that established the **Watertown City School District Distinguished Alumni Hall of Achievement** endeavor. Much has changed since then, however, the shared vision for the program continues to be as meaningful and relevant as ever. Now in its sixth induction, nine graduates join 51 others as we recognize the way they provide positive role models for the students of the district.

I know I share a common bond with all of the inductees, past, present and future. Our experiences, relationships and overall education helped shape us and positioned us to be the best at whatever path we chose for our lives. Collectively, these graduates and those not yet formally recognized represent a diverse collection of individuals



who have found pathways to excellence in their careers and their service to organizations, their communities and the world.

I believe my experiences are similar to theirs, and we are most grateful for the combined influences that crossed our paths during our time in the Watertown City School District. To that end, we celebrate all that this symbolizes and represents. We recall the teachers, coaches and other staff who took an interest in our potential as students and as humans. I am incredibly grateful to be entrusted with these legacies, and hold close to my heart the ties that bind us and will serve to inspire future generations to carry forward our school family's history, heritage, and commitment to school and community.

*With gratitude,  
Rande S. Richardson, WHS '88*

# RICHARD A. DILLIN

*Class of 1946*



Mr. Dillin was an American comics artist best known as an illustrator of the DC Comics superhero-team series Justice League of America. He drew 115 issues from 1968 until his death in 1980. As one of the nation's most prolific comic book artists, his work included Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern and Blackhawk.

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# EUGENE M. RENZI

*Class of 1948*

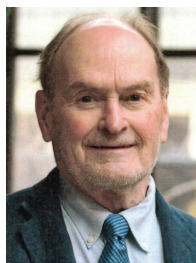


A retired local obstetrician/gynecologist, Dr. Renzi served as an Army physician prior to practicing for more than 40 years, delivering thousands of area children. A graduate of Cornell University and Cornell Medical School, he has been active in various organizations, several of which he has served in leadership roles. While in high school, he was captain of the football team and class officer.

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# ALAN K. PERCY

*Class of 1956*



For more than 50 years as a child neurologist devoted to basic and clinical research, Dr. Percy has investigated complex lipid metabolism and developed the first clinical tests for inherited neurodegenerative disorders. He is a highly recognized authority on the clinical care and research in Rett Syndrome, a rare neurodevelopmental disorder.

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# MARY-MARGARET HUMES

*Class of 1972*



Ms. Humes is an actress, having made appearances in more than 50 national network television programs, including six seasons on Warner Bros.' *Dawson's Creek*. She has guest starred in several shows, including *Matlock*, *Murphy Brown*, *Eerie, Indiana*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *CSI* and *Criminal Minds*, as well as a number of television movies.

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# MARY GAY SCANLON

*Class of 1976*



First elected to Congress in 2018, Ms. Scanlon represents Philadelphia, Pa., and surrounding suburbs and was once the only woman serving in the 20-member Pennsylvania Congressional delegation. A public interest lawyer and former school board president, she is a longtime advocate for civil rights, education, and children and youth.

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# JAMES BERKMAN

*Class of 1978*



In his three decades as head coach of the Salisbury University men's lacrosse program, Mr. Berkman has become the winningest coach in NCAA lacrosse history in any division. He has presided over 560 career wins, including 12 national championships and is a member of the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

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# WILLIAM A. CLIBY

*Class of 1979*



Dr. Cliby is a gynecologic oncologist and surgeon at the Mayo Clinic. With his passion for patient care and education, he has made advances in cancer surgery, research and surgical education. He has held institutional and national leadership positions and was a training director for 13 years.

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# ROBERT L. BARRY

*Class of 1981*



Over the span of his career, Mr. Barry has invented and brought to market medical devices in the fields of interventional cardiology, radiology, pulmonology, and oncology, attaining over 30 patents. He is the founder of four medical device companies, leading three of them as CEO. He has extensive board service and has been active in coaching youth sports.

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# MAGGIE RIZER MEHRAN

*Class of 1996*



Ms. Rizer Mehran has had an extensive and highly successful modeling career, having appeared on the covers of major fashion magazines and walked the runways at countless shows for internationally renowned companies. She has remained active in supporting and increasing awareness of various charitable causes.

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## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT PAST INDUCTEES

*Floyd L. Bajjaly  
Jerry J. Belden  
Martha E. Bellinger  
Gary C. Beasley  
Justin Burns  
Karl R. Burns  
David N. Camaione  
W. Henry Case  
Richard D. Chapin  
Catherine Common Johnson  
Alice Ottersland Cooper  
Delos M. Cosgrove  
Jeffrey L. Cougler  
George Emerson Cox Jr.  
Marc D. Donohue  
Frederick E. Exley  
Roger A. Gallup  
Joan Marsh Jones  
Ted Keegan  
Robert S. Lansing  
David S. Lustick  
Ian S. Lustick  
Rita Frattali Mackey  
Anthony C. Malara  
John M. McHugh  
Linda Terrell Mitchell*

*Karen L. Morris  
Viggo Mortensen  
Carol A. Pflugheber  
Robert A. Piche  
Robert W. Purcell  
Peter H. Remington  
Lorraine Adams Revelle  
Joseph L. Rich  
Brent J. Richardson  
Rande S. Richardson  
Bruce E. Rippeteau  
Georgia A. Root  
Richard F. Schwerzmann  
Jack Scordo  
Arthur J. Seaman  
Craig P. Sirianni  
Allen L. Smith  
Samuel J. Stabins  
Frances E. Sweet  
D. Peter VanEenenaam  
Steven A. Van Slyke  
Arthur E. Williams  
John L. Woodward Jr.  
William M. Wolf  
Kenneth Zeigler*

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*To recognize and celebrate the achievements of Watertown High School graduates by honoring those who have attained a high level of distinction in their lives and provide positive role models for students of the district.*

## WITH THANKS & APPRECIATION

**T**he Hall of Achievement Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to all those who helped make this year's induction meaningful and special. We are especially grateful for all of the accommodations made during such challenging times. We are thankful for the active participation of the nominators, the nominees, and those who helped produce the virtual induction ceremony. We plan to have our next induction ceremony within three years, and it would be our desire to formally recognize this year's inductees when the 2024 inductees are honored.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

**S**pecial thanks to the **WHS Select Choir** for performing the National Anthem and **Stage Notes**, directed by **Ticia Aumell**, for performing a song from "The Theory of Relativity" during the induction ceremony. Thank you to **Michael Schanely**, WCSD audio visual technician for producing this year's Induction Ceremony video, and **Ken Eysaman** for volunteering his time and talent to produce this commemorative program. We are grateful to **Michelle Gravelle**, District Clerk and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for coordinating with inductees to compile biographies and photos, and to Superintendent of Schools **Patricia LaBarr** for her support of this endeavor. We also thank the **Northern New York Community Foundation** for generously underwriting the production of this program.



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