

### EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Halls of Fame

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## East Stroudsburg Area School District Meritorious Hall of Fame

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#### PRESS RELEASE

The East Stroudsburg Area School District Meritorious Hall of Fame held its seventh annual induction ceremony at J.T. Lambert Intermediate School on Monday, May 27, 2008. A reception and induction ceremony was held at 5:00 PM in the J.T. Lambert Intermediate School Library. Inductees were also recognized at the East Stroudsburg Area High School-South Honors Ceremony at 7:00 PM in the JTL Auditorium.

Below and attached is information regarding the induction of the three new members into the East Stroudsburg Area School District Meritorious Hall of Fame.

The new inductees are:

Douglas C. Arnold, Ph.D., Brodheadsville, PA Roland E. Featherman, East Stroudsburg, PA Donald C. Kelly, Hampton, VA

Any publicity that you could provide for this wonderful initiative would be greatly appreciated.

If further information or assistance is needed, please feel free to contact (570) 424-8500, extension 1131.

# East Stroudsburg Area School District Meritorious Hall of Fame holds seventh annual induction ceremony

The East Stroudsburg Area School District Meritorious Hall of Fame has selected three people, who have brought honor and prestige to the school district, for induction into the Meritorious Hall of Fame at the seventh annual induction ceremony, which was held at the J.T. Lambert Intermediate School on Monday, May 27, 2008. A reception and induction ceremony was held at 5:00 PM in the J.T. Lambert Library. Inductees were also recognized at the East Stroudsburg Area High School-South Honors Ceremony at 7:00 PM in the JTL Auditorium. The three honored with induction were Douglas C. Arnold, Ph.D. of Brodheadsville, Roland E. Featherman of East Stroudsburg, and Donald C. Kelly of Hampton, VA.



Douglas C. Arnold, Ph.D.

Dr. Arnold is the founder of the East Stroudsburg Area School District Halls and Walls of Fame Programs. He served ESASD for 29 years as a teacher, department chairperson, coach, building and district-wide administrator, and assistant superintendent. An innovator, he founded ESASD's strength training program, serving as strength and conditioning coach from 1979-93. He was a Cavalier football coach for 20 years, served as offensive coordinator, and was part of 10 championship teams. He researched and developed the record books for Cavalier and Timberwolf football and Cavalier wrestling. He organized the reunion of the 1944 Cavaliers, ESASD's first football team, and constructed the ESASD School District Leaders display. An educational leader, Dr. Arnold is President of the PA Association of Pupil Services Administrators, received the McGowan Medal for Excellence in Doctoral Studies from Marywood University, has been published 12 times, and is a summa cum laude graduate of Kutztown State College. A tireless community servant, Dr. Arnold has served as Secretary of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and as a member of boards or committees for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, West End Park and Open Space Commission, Monroe County Cooperative Extension, United Way Community Initiatives, Monroe County Child Care Planning, Pocono Healthy Communities Alliance, Monroe County Child Death Review Team, Pocono Family YMCA, and Z.U.L.C. Christian Education. Commencing in 1999, the ESASD Halls and Walls of Fame Programs were born, bred and nourished by Dr. Arnold, who enjoyed immeasurable help and support from his family. Through Dr. Arnold's vision, energy and dedication, the Hall of Fame concept is presently an established program which thrives without school district funding. Though Dr. Arnold left ESASD in 2007 to assume the superintendency of the Pleasant Valley School District, his firm foundation for the program has ensured the continuance of the Halls of Fame in music, athletics, and merit, and the Walls of Fame in academics and athletics at both the ESASD North and South campuses.



Roland E. Featherman

Mr. Featherman was an East Stroudsburg Area School District School Board Member for 30 years, serving as President for 2 years. During his Presidency, he was instrumental in promoting first additions to Middle Smithfield Elementary School, the first Senior High Honors Program, and Elementary Spring-into-Reading. He served on County Children and Youth Advisory Board for 10 years and on the Colonial Intermediate Unit Advisory Board for 28 years. He was also Regional Director of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Presently, Mr. Featherman serves on the Area Office of Aging Board of Directors, the Advisory Board of Burnley Employment Center, the Board of Directors for Department of Public Welfare, the Board of Directors for Pocono Association for Transitional Housing, as a Board Member of Monroe County Association of the Blind, and most recently, was appointed to the Governor's Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities.



**Donald C. Kelly** 

Mr. Kelly is a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School, Class of 1977, having participated in wrestling and track and field. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in October of 1977, retiring in 2001 with the rank of Chief Master Sergeant after serving his country for 24 years. While in the military, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Information Systems Management from the University of Maryland in 1998. His military assignments included Mississippi, Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia, and New York stateside, and Japan and Korea where he served three tours of duty which totaled eight years. His many military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Armed Force Expeditionary Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. After retirement from active duty, Mr. Kelly continues to serve his country as a program manager on the U.S. Air Force Air Combat Command Headquarters staff.