



## **Bing Cheng**

Mr. Cheng is a graduate of East Stroudsburg Area High School, Class of 1985. In high school, Bing was a driving force in the instrumental music program from 1981 through 1985. He played the trombone with the COTA Cats Jazz Ensemble at the Delaware Water Gap Celebration of the Arts festival from 1982-1984. He was awarded the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award in 1985. Bing was a member of the National Honor Society, four-year Varsity Tennis player, Band President, and Student Council member, in addition to being involved with the Concert Band, Marching Band, Chorus, and Jazz Ensemble.

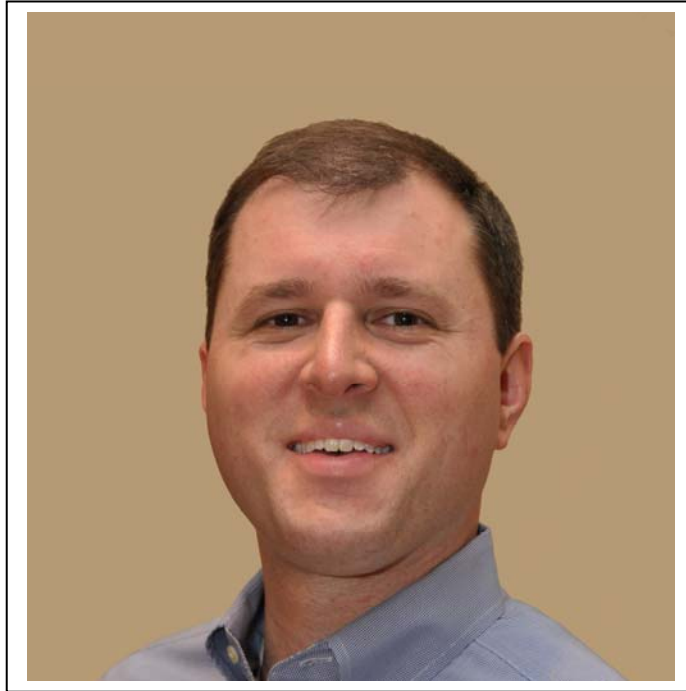
He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, 1989. Bing is also a licensed Professional Engineer and Certified Energy Manager.

Bing has spent more than twenty years in lead project and utility management positions involving power plant, refinery, and pharmaceutical projects located throughout the United States, South America, Europe, and the Middle East. He has served as a Senior Project Engineer, an Engineering Manager, and a Senior Mechanical Supervisor, leading up to his current position as Principal Utilities Manager for the Campbell Soup Company in Camden, NJ. An expert in saving millions of dollars in energy for a vast global corporation, he is responsible for utility system projects, upgrades, and improvements for facilities throughout the United States and Europe, with a strong emphasis in reducing energy consumption, carbon emissions, and overall carbon footprints for each of these facilities.



## **Erin Burke Cirelli**

ESHS Class of 1988...While in high school, was editor of the yearbook, a majorette and a member of the band. Received academic scholarships from the BPOE 319 Elks Lodge, Kiwanis Club and King's College...Graduate of King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, 1992 with a B.A. degree in English...While at King's, was the editor of the yearbook and did an internship with the Wilkes-Barre city attorney for two years. Received the "Service to Society" Award from the King's College Alumni Association in 2005. Received her Juris Doctorate degree from Seton Hall University School of Law in 1995 while earning a Miele Scholarship, and also being named a Biunno Scholar. While pursuing her law degree, volunteered at the Inmate Advocacy Clinic. Provided pro bono services at the Hyacinth AIDS Foundation. Upon graduation from Seton Hall Law she received a Pro Bono services award and The Center for Social Justice Award...Served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Michael A. Petrolle, Essex County Superior Court, Newark, NJ, 1995-1996. She was admitted to the bar of the states of New York and New Jersey, as well as the U.S. District Court of New York, 1996...Began her career as litigation attorney at the law office of Goetz & Nichols while also volunteering as a court-appointed special advocate for children. In 1998, she began the "Adopt a Child" program, in lieu of the office Christmas gift exchange, persuading employees to purchase gifts for needy foster children; over the years the program grew from the purchase of gifts for 15 children to its high of 425 children...She was presented with the "Excellence in Advocacy" Award from the Essex County CASA Chapter as well as the "Service to Society" Award from the Orange/West Orange Chapter of UNICO National...Erin organized New Jersey's first "Hemophilia Walk" in 2008, raising \$41,000 for the Hemophilia Association of NJ. ...Presently serves as a litigation attorney at the law firm of Hack, Piro, O'Day, Merklinger, Wallace and McKenna...She was recognized as one of the state of New Jersey's Outstanding Young Lawyers in 2008, 2009, and 2010 for excellence as a civil defense litigator and was published as such in the New Jersey Monthly magazine and New Jersey Super Lawyer Rising Star Magazine each successive year. Erin serves on the Board of Trustees of the Hemophilia Association of New Jersey, as well as on the Board of Directors for the East Hanover Cooperative Nursery School. She and her husband Dino are the proud parents of two sons, John and Nicholas.



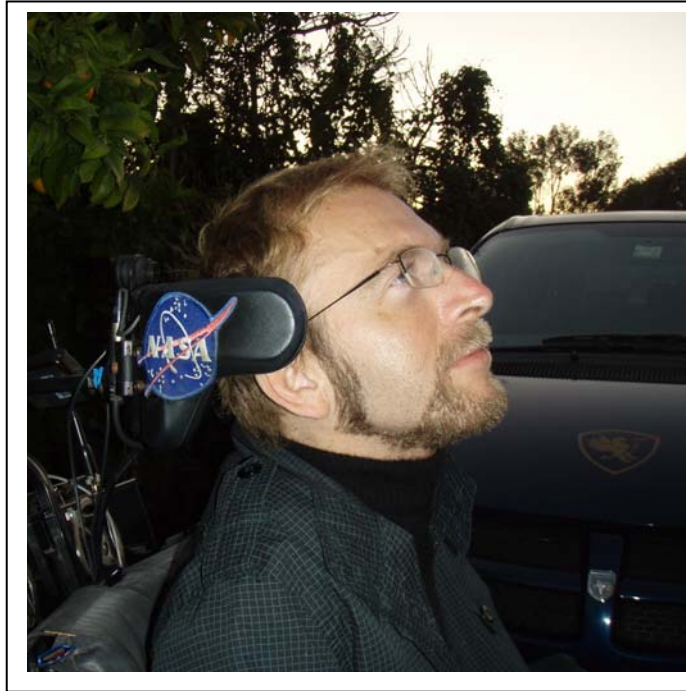
## **Barrett Giffel, M.D.**

ESHS Class of 1992...His outstanding academic accomplishments at ESHS culminated in his recognition as Salutatorian during the graduation ceremonies for the Class of '92...High school academic honors and awards included: the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Awards for "Newton's Method of Solving Polynomial Equations Using a Computer Model" (first award, 1990-91) and "The Effects of Potassium Chloride on the Growth of the Pea Plant" (second award, 1989-90); induction into the National Honor Society (during junior year); recognized in Who's Who Among High School Students; and was presented the National Science Scholarship...Also heavily involved in music during high school years as a trombonist with the COTA Cats during the Delaware Water Gap Celebration of the Arts (from 1988-91)...As a high school student, took coursework at ESU in the music department, while participating in the University Jazz Ensemble, University/Community Concert Band, and University Brass Ensemble (1990-92)...Earned Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University (1996) and M.D. degree from MCP Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, PA (2001)...Member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society ...Received postgraduate training, serving his internship in Transitional Medicine at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, PA (2001-2002), and his residency in Anesthesiology at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD (2002-2005)...Served as a staff anesthesiologist at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center (2005-2008) and became a Diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology in 2006...Currently serves as an anesthesiologist at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, where duties include teaching student registered nurse anesthetists from the University of Maryland and anesthesiology residents from Johns Hopkins Hospital.



## **Brett D. Jones, Ph.D.**

ESHS Class of 1987...While in high school, was a highly successful student, athlete, and an extremely accomplished member of the instrumental music program...Bachelor's degree in Architectural Engineering from Pennsylvania State University, 1992...Honored with induction into the National Architectural Engineering Honor Society during his senior year at Penn State...Became a structural engineer at Simpson, Gumpertz, & Heger, Inc., Arlington, MA...Earned M.A. (1997) and Ph.D. (1999) degrees in Educational Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill...Has been a nationally recognized leader in the education of teachers and future teachers in the design of effective classroom instruction based on current motivation, learning, and memory research...Has risen through the ranks of Instructor, Assistant Professor, and Associate Professor, with research, teaching, and service responsibilities at Duke University (1999-2001), the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (2001-2006), and Virginia Tech (2006-present)...Has received numerous prestigious awards, including: the 2000 AERA Distinguished Paper Award, presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in New Orleans; the 2008 Virginia Tech School of Education Promising Scholar Award; and the distinguished university-wide Undergraduate Teaching Award at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (2003-2004)...Has taught over 20 different types of university courses, led many workshops, presented research at over fifty scholarly conferences, received over one-million dollars in grant money to complete his research, and been invited to make many presentations related to education and the training of teachers...Is a highly respected, widely-published author, having published one book, several book chapters, and over forty articles in professional journals...Has been heavily involved in service to his university, his profession, and his community in assisting, teaching, and mentoring students, educators, and colleagues in the skills and strategies related to motivation and learning.



## **Jesse F. Leaman Ph.D.**

ESHS Class of 1996...As a member of the ESHS boys' soccer team, was instrumental in leading the Cavaliers to the 1995 Mountain Valley Conference Championship...After a catastrophic injury to Jesse's cervical spinal cord in the winter of 1996 which left Jesse a quadriplegic, his sheer focus, fight and determination has set a shining example for other people confronted with similar daunting, sometimes seemingly insurmountable challenges to follow...Received a Bachelor of Science degree in Astronomy from the University of Maryland (2002), a Master of Arts degree in Astronomy from the University of California, Berkeley (2004) and a Ph.D. in Astrophysics from the University of California, Berkeley (2008)...Has served as an intern and a graduate student researcher in astronomy and astrophysics projects at: the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Alabama; the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland; and within the Astronomy Department at the University of California, Berkeley.... Academic awards and recognition has included: the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties (APSCUF) Scholarship (1999); the Rashaan Jackson Award for best presentation (NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, 1999); the Chancellor's Fellowship at UC Berkeley (2002-2004); and a mentored fellowship at UC Berkeley (2006). From 2008 to 2010 he served as a Post-Doctoral Program Fellow in the Space Science Division of the NASA Ames Research Center, Mountainview, CA. ... Presently he is engaged in cutting edge research into the evolution of galaxies and the cosmology of the universe. In addition to his doctoral dissertation concerning the "supernova rate in the local universe," he has contributed to several publications dealing with supernova explosions. ... In his honor a non-profit foundation has been established, dedicated to promoting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities [article 9], and to developing adaptive technology for global access.



## **James C. Werkheiser**

Employed by the East Stroudsburg Area School District from 1955 through 1993, serving the District as a guidance counselor (35 years); director of guidance services (1985-92); chairman of the Pennsylvania District 10 School Counselors Association; East Stroudsburg Education Association president (1963-64); Band Parents Association president (1982-83); athletic coach of various sports teams (36 years), including baseball, basketball, football and golf; statistician (30 years) for the football, basketball and wrestling teams; charter member of the ESASD Halls/Walls of Fame Steering (and Athletic Selection) Committee, currently serving as Committee Historian...Researched and authored the statistical pamphlet, "ESHS Boys' Basketball from the Beginning, 1913-1994"...Researched and authored the historical pamphlet, "End of an Era," which traces the history of the J.S. Bunnell School...A tireless community service volunteer, has served the Pocono Lively Arts Community Theater (1984-93); Chairman of the Pocono District Boy Scouts of America Leadership Training (1960-65); Monroe County Church Softball League president (1968-70); member of the former Grace Lutheran Church, serving as member of the choir and two terms as council president; current member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and choir; former member of the Sonshine Singers (21 years); current board member of the Monroe County Historical Association (Chairman of the History Committee); current member of the Pocono/Jackson Township Historical Society, and a presenter of local historical programs; organizer of the installation of a historical plaque on the Civil War cannon in the Monroe County Courthouse Square (May, 2009)...Received the Al Keglovits "Spirit of Basketball" Award, 2006...Proud father of four sons, three daughters-in-law and one granddaughter.