

2013 Inductees into the East Stroudsburg Area School District Meritorious Hall of Fame



Dr. A. Jody (Eden) Ackerman

Graduate of East Stroudsburg Area High School, Class of 1972...As an ESHS student, participated in 4 years of band (playing the French horn), spent 6 years as a majorette, 6 years in the school chorus and 5 years on the staff of the school newspaper...Upon graduation from ESHS, attended East Stroudsburg State College (from 1972-1975), majoring in Biology...Became a partner in the ownership and operation of eleven childcare facilities in the Lehigh Valley and Slate Belt areas...Later decided to continue post-secondary education, first studying Business Administration and Accounting at Northampton Community College, then earning an AAUW scholarship and returning to ESU to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology (1991-93), graduating with cum laude honors...Advanced to medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine on a full (National Health Service Corps) scholarship, obtaining her D.O. degree in 1997...Served her medical internship at St. Luke's Hospital (Allentown) from 1997-98, earning the "Academic Excellence Intern of the Year" Award...Served her medical residency at St. Luke's Hospital (Bethlehem) from 1998-2000, earning the "Wilfred E. Vogler, M.D. Excellence in the Art of Family Practice" Award and serving on the St. Luke's Hospital Ethics Committee...Worked as a family practice physician through 2006, also working as a physician, devoting her energies to children in need at the KidsPeace Hospital for kids in crisis...Since January, 2006, has worked as an emergency room physician at Broaddus Hospital in Philippi, West Virginia, and serves as a member of the auxiliary teaching staff at both West Virginia University and Alderson-Broaddus College, training medical students, residents and physicians assistants...Her certifications include Advanced Trauma Life Support, Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support, Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support as well as Advanced Pediatric Life Support...Has also served as the Broaddus Hospital Vice President of Medical Staff and President of Physician Credentialing (2009-2012), as well as President of Quality Assurance (2009 to date).



Nancy J. Fritz

Graduate of East Stroudsburg Area High School, Class of 1964...As an ESHS student, was a member of the band and chorus, served as National Honor Society secretary and Yearbook staff literary editor, while also being selected as the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship and the Exchange Club Student of the Month Awards...Earned a Bachelor's degree from East Stroudsburg State College in 1968, with additional graduate work from Kutztown State College, Universite Laval (Quebec, Canada) and the Universite de la Sorbonne (Paris, France)...Served as a teacher of French at Nazareth Junior High (1968-69) and at East Stroudsburg High School (from 1969 through 1999), and after her "retirement," continued to serve as a substitute teacher at ESHS (South) for an additional 13 years—finally completing her 43 years as an educator at the conclusion of the 2011-12 school year...During her years as an ESHS teacher, also served as the school's first head girls' softball coach (1974-1978); as the advisor to the Foreign Language Club; as the Director of both the Junior and Senior Class Plays; and on numerous occasions (including after her "retirement"), organized and chaperoned summer student trips to France...Was honored with selection as the ESASD Secondary School Outstanding Educator Award recipient in 1997...In 1982, served as the Official Interpreter for the French and Swiss equestrian team members at the International Horse Show in Washington, D.C....Has faithfully served her church and her community in various capacities for many years, while also living her life as a strong advocate for animal rights.



Laurie B. Samet, PT, DPT

Graduate of East Stroudsburg Area High School, Class of 1975...As an ESHS student was selected to the National Honor Society, and was a member of Student Council in grades 7 through 12, serving as president during both 9th and 12th grades...Was a member of the ESHS track team in grades 10, 11 and 12...Served as captain of the first two field hockey teams in Cavalier sports history (1973 and 1974) and was named team MVP in 1973 and co-MVP in 1974...Earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Lafayette College in 1979, a Master of Science degree in Physical Therapy from Duke University in 1982, and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Regis University in 2009...While a student at Lafayette, played 2 years of intercollegiate field hockey and served as a student athletic trainer all 4 years...Served on the Lafayette College Maroon Club Executive Committee from 1996 through 2011, serving as president from 2000 through 2006...Was named the Lafayette College George T. Woodring '19 Volunteer of the Year in 2001...Currently serving as the president of the Lafayette College Class of 1979 and as the Class of 1979 Fund Manager...Has been credentialed as a certified athletic trainer since 1981, a licensed physical therapist since 1982, a board certified sports physical therapist since 1994, and a board certified orthopaedic physical therapist since 1997...Worked as a physical therapist/athletic trainer at Purdue University from 1982 to 1984 and at Columbia University from 1984 to 1989...Founded Laurie Samet Physical Therapy in 1995...Served on the National Athletic Trainers Association Women in Athletic Training Committee from 1997 through 2000.