

2008-09 Conestoga Valley School District Distinguished Alumni

Dwight H. Brubaker, Class of 1960

Dwight Brubaker is a realtor and partner for Kingsway Realty and a founding partner in the American Music Theatre. Following graduation from CV, Brubaker worked on his family's dairy farm until he went to Penn State. He graduated from the PSU turf grass management program in 1966. Brubaker served as superintendent of the Host Farm golf course, which he developed and maintained for Host Enterprises for 15 years. While superintendent, he served as president of the Central PA Golf Course Superintendent's Association. He became a real estate agent and partner at Kingsway Realty in 1979 and has worked there ever since. He was named Realtor of the Year in 1985 and has served on many committees for the Lancaster County Association of Realtors.

In the community, Brubaker served on the board of the Big Brothers of America and was named "Big Brother of the Year." He was also a board member of the Lancaster Youth for Christ Clubs and is a corporation member of the Lancaster Bible College and graduate school. Brubaker is a member of Calvary Church, where he's served as an usher for many years and as well as on the board, site selection committee and building committee. At CV, he helped start both the CV Education Foundation and the girls athletic booster club. Brubaker lives in Lancaster.

Jill M. Carson, Class of 1974

Jill Carson is president and chief operating officer of Fulton Mortgage Company. Carson joined Fulton Bank in 1979 as a teller and has held various positions, including assistant branch manager, branch manager and division manager. In 1993, she was promoted to vice president/division manager and in 1997, she was promoted to senior vice president/division manager in the bank's Branch Administration Department. In 2002, she was promoted to senior vice president/retail group administrator and in 2004 was named executive vice president of retail banking and was named to Fulton Bank's senior management group.

Carson is president of the Board of Directors of the United Disabilities Services and is a board member of The Lancaster County Community Foundation. She was named one of Pennsylvania's Best 50 Women in Business by the Central Penn Business Journal.

Carson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in education and marketing from Shippensburg University and is a graduate of the PBA Central Atlantic School of Advanced Banking, School of Commercial Lending at Bucknell and Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

George C. Desmond, Class of 1959

George Desmond is an entrepreneur, real estate developer and a philanthropist. Early in his career, he established his own plumbing business and later moved into the fields of real estate development and construction.

Desmond has always had a genuine interest and concern for the community. Over the years, he has helped many nonprofit organizations through his gifts of time and financial support. Desmond helped Milagro House acquire and renovate several houses on Christian Street in Lancaster for the purpose of

housing women and children in transition. He donated a Lampeter Road building lot to aid the Water Street Rescue Mission, as well as a farmhouse in East Lampeter Township to help Lancaster County Career and Technology students learn restoration skills. Desmond has helped with the remodeling of Strasburg Library, the S. June Smith Center and several historic properties in Strasburg. He was a founding member of the Conestoga Valley Education Foundation and has been very active in his church, Wesley United Methodist. Desmond has also served as a financial supporter or board member of the following local organizations: Strasburg Historical Society, North Museum, Building Industry Association, the Bird-in-Hand Fire Company, Baxter House, and the Schreiber Pediatric Rehabilitation Center.

In 2006, Desmond was recognized in his field through the presentation of the Builder of the Year Service Award from the Building Association of Lancaster County. He currently lives in Strasburg.

Don Eberly, Class of 1971

Don Eberly has dedicated his professional life to promoting responsible citizenship and government in the United States and throughout world. Over the years, Eberly has held numerous government positions including Deputy Assistant to the President for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives; Senior Counselor for International Civil Society, USAID; and Director of Private Sector Coordination, Tsunami Reconstruction, based at the State Department. Additionally, Eberly spent nearly a decade in Washington in the 1980s, working in Congress and the White House. Following the fall of Saddam Hussein, Eberly served as the Senior Ministry Advisor for the Ministry of Youth and Sport in Iraq. After returning to the U.S., Eberly presided over social programs and private donations for Iraq.

Eberly is the author or editor of eight books and has founded many civic initiatives including the National Fatherhood Initiative and the Civil Society Project.

Eberly earned his bachelor's degree from Philadelphia Biblical University. He holds graduate degrees from George Washington University and Harvard University and has done doctoral work at Penn State University.

For his work, Eberly received a Distinguished Service Award from President George W. Bush for serving inside the White House during the attack of Sept. 11, 2001 and for managing the aftermath. He also received the Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award, the highest civilian award for joint military-civilian service for his service in Iraq. Eberly lives in Lancaster.

N. Randall Kolb, MD, Class of 1974

N. Randall Kolb, MD is the program director of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Shadyside Family Medicine Residency program. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Following his family medicine residency at UPMC Shadyside, he worked in a rural health clinic in South Carolina. He joined the faculty at Shadyside in 1987. His interests include family-centered maternity care, continuous quality improvement and the doctor-patient relationship, especially as it is affected by the physician's interviewing skills.

Kolb earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Ursinus College and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He also has a Certificate of Added Qualification in Geriatrics. In 2004, he won the Jefferson Award for Public Service for his treatment of the homeless

through the Health Care for the Homeless program in Pittsburgh. Kolb also takes medical students twice a year to Honduras to work at a clinic in a mountain village.

Albert Morrison, III, Class of 1964

Al Morrison is the president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Burnham Holdings, Inc. Morrison earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Bucknell University. He started his career at Atlantic Richfield as an engineer. In 1973, he became the director of engineering at Burnham Corporation, and in 1982 was named the division manager vice president. Morrison was elected to the board of directors in 1986, was named executive vice president in 1987, and named president and chief executive officer in 1988. He became president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Burnham Holdings, Inc. in 2003.

Morrison's service to the community (past and present) includes: chairman of the board of the Lancaster County Community Foundation, director and treasurer of the Lancaster Alliance, vice chairman and director of the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce, director on the board of Lancaster General Hospital and numerous positions at Hempfield United Methodist Church. Morrison lives in Lancaster.

Jay Stoltzfus, Class of 1973

Jay Stoltzfus is an optometrist and partner in Optometric Associates in New Holland, as well as an international entertainer, motivational speaker, and award-winning illusionist. Stoltzfus wanted to be a magician from an early age and sought many opportunities to further his skills in this area. His parents supported his interest in magic, but also encouraged to pursue a career in healthcare, his other interest. Stoltzfus earned his bachelor's degree from Penn State University and his optometry degree from the PA College of Optometry in Philadelphia. He completed his optometry residency in Los Angeles before returning to Harrisburg for a year to work in a doctor's office. His decision to apply for post-doctorate research position at the University of Oxford in England was largely driven by his desire to explore the world of magic in Europe. During his time abroad, Stoltzfus competed and placed in magic competitions and had the opportunity to work with renowned magicians.

When Stoltzfus returned to the U.S., he opened an optometry practice in New Holland, but also continued to do magic. Over the years, he has expanded his magic work to include motivational speaking for corporations. He has traveled all over the world giving presentations and shares many of his own adventures in his speeches. Stoltzfus has hiked through Nepal, skydived from 12,500 feet, heli-skiied in the Canadian Rockies and done shark cage diving with great white sharks in South Africa.

Outside of his job, Jay has volunteered for World Vision, Water Street Rescue Mission, Hempfield United Methodist Church and many other organizations. He has also served as a guest speaker in local Amish schools. He continues to live in Lancaster.