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Distinguished Alumni 2009-10

Jack Brubaker, Class of 1962

Brubaker, known to countless readers of his weekly column as "The Scribbler," has excelled in a 30-plus year career as a columnist, editor and reporter for the Lancaster New Era and Intelligencer-Journal. Winner of numerous awards for column writing, investigative reporting and public service reporting, Brubaker is also author of several books on local history including The Steinmans of Lancaster and Down the Susquehanna River to the Chesapeake. A graduate of Dickinson College, he has served on the board of directors for the North Museum, Friends of Ganser Library and the Lancaster County Historical Society.

Mary L. Clinton, Class of 1960

A lifelong resident of the CV School District and a dedicated public servant, Clinton has been a local real estate broker and appraiser for nearly 40 years, earning the prestigious Lancaster County Association of Realtors Distinguished Service Award. She has been in leadership positions with The Concorde Club, the Lancaster Women's Alliance, the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership, Soroptimist International of Lancaster, the Upper Leacock Township Board of Supervisors, Ressler's Mill Foundation and the Leola United Methodist Church. She also served as a Study Commissioner on the Government Study Commission to review Lancaster County's form of government. Clinton has received the Leaders Award by the Lancaster YWCA, and the Leadership Award by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

James N. Cooper, Class of 1960

An outstanding athlete at CV, Cooper led the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank as it grew from a small organization of three employees serving four hospitals into a major resource for central Pennsylvania. By the time he became president and CEO, the organization had grown to 95 employees, multiplied its blood supply nearly 10 times and now serves 12 hospitals across five counties. Throughout his nearly 40-year career, Cooper led numerous local efforts to coordinate services between hospitals and founded Health Care Providers, a provider of non-skilled staff in patients' homes. An elder at Derry Presbyterian Church, Cooper has also served as chairman of the board of the Bethesda Mission and chairman of the Central PA chapter of the March of Dimes.

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Anne Shannon, Class of 1989

Shannon, who anchors "News 8 at 6" and "News 8 at 11" on weekends and is WGAL-TV's "Learning Matters" reporter during the week, has won several Associated Press awards for her reporting and has been nominated for an Emmy Award on numerous occasions. She is also part of the News 8 team to win the coveted Walter Cronkite award for her work covering local politics, and she was recognized nationally for her reports following the Amish school shooting in 2006. A graduate of Bloomsburg University, Shannon currently serves on the Board of Directors of Tabor Community Services and previously served on the board of directors of Beth Shalom-House of Peace, a home for single mothers in downtown Lancaster. She has done work with the Children's Miracle Network, American Heart Association and Schreiber Pediatric Center. For the past two years she has served as the honorary chair of the March of Dimes walk.

E. Philip Wenger, Class of 1975

Having spent his entire 30-year career at Fulton Bank, Wenger is now president and COO of Fulton Financial Corporation, the largest commercial bank in the Third Federal Reserve District and recently named by Forbes Magazine as one of America's "Most Trustworthy Companies." With degrees from Penn State University and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, Wenger began his career in the corporate lending area and assumed the role of executive vice president of corporate banking in 1996. Four subsequent promotions have taken him to his current leadership position. Wenger is also treasurer for the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry and serves on the boards of the Fulton Opera House and the Lancaster County YMCA Foundation.