

## East Stroudsburg Area School District 2025 Meritorious Hall of Fame Inductees



**Maury J. Molin**

Maury Molin is a 1972 graduate of Nativity BVM High School in Pottsville, PA, where he participated in cross country and track & field for four years. He received the Altruism Award as a senior and later received the Nativity Golden Cross Award (2016) and Distinguished Alumni Award (2024). He then went on to fully pay his way through college, graduating from East Stroudsburg University (1976) and having served as the AX/AXP Fraternity President (1975-76).

A beloved teacher, Maury began teaching at Pocono Central Catholic and coached soccer (1978-81). He then went on to ESASD for the remainder of his career, where he developed the secondary afterschool tutoring program (1994), founded and advised the ESHS Unity Coalition Diversity Club (1994- 98), and established and led the ES South "Seniors to Seniors" citizens program (2006-13). He also served as Boys' Assistant Track Coach (1984-2016), Wallyball Advisor (1988-2015), and Model UN Advisor (1984-2016) whereby his team won the prestigious overall championship twice (1990, 1992). He received the Teacher of the Year Award (1990-91).

To promote the importance of education and involvement, Maury established Boys' & Girls' Track Graduating Senior Scholarships; established & funded ESU Scholarships in Football, Track, Basketball and Class of 1976; established & funded ES South Coaches Scholarship (2012-17); and established & funded two Nativity BVM HS annual scholarships since 2020.

A tireless and generous community servant, Maury has served on the Monroe County Control Center Board since 2018; the ES Zoning Board (2013-15); ES Borough Council (2015-23); and Co-Chaired the ES 150th Anniversary Committee (2019-23). He also promoted and chaired the program for adopting and beautification of ES with 26 planters and the renovation of the ES Veteran's Park for which he has maintained its upkeep since 2016. He has also served as the TOALC President (2013- 17) and taught there from 2002 to the present. All monies earned with his council salary were reinvested back into the community. In recognition of his service, Maury was awarded the ESU Dr. George Thompson Jr. Award (2023) for exceptional achievement in areas of community, possessing multicultural & diverse values.

A prolific traveler, as of April 2025, Maury has visited 121 countries, earned a Fulbright Hays Scholarship to Ghana (2000), and attended summer sessions at Trinity College (1987), Janus Pannonius University in Hungary (1989), and Oxford (2002). He also planned student & parent trips to USSR/Finland, China, Kenya/England, Australia/New Zealand & Fiji and spearheaded sending educational & medical supplies to Fiji and Cuba.



### **Major Hans Von Milla**

Major Hans Von Milla, 1976 graduate of East Stroudsburg High School, was the outstanding American History student as a freshman and outstanding graduate of the 1975 Monroe County Conservation Camp as a senior. He participated in band, chess club, photography club, the Monroe County Jr Conservation District, the Eastburger student newspaper, junior and senior class plays, and "The Students Speak" school TV news program. He graduated magna cum laude from East Stroudsburg University (1980) with a BA degree in English and Political Science and was inducted into the Pi Sigma Alpha national political science honor fraternity. He earned an MBA from the University of Montana (1988) and was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma national business administration honor society. He earned a Master of Arts degree from the University of Iowa (1990) and has a further 42 hours graduate study at the Joint Military Intelligence Training Center in Washington, D.C., and was a Distinguished Graduate (1994).

Von Milla joined the U.S. Air Force (1982) and spent two years as an enlisted Airman before graduating from Officer Training School (1984). As a lieutenant, he was a Minuteman missile crew member and commander, and instructor missileer at Malmstrom Air Force Base, MT where, he won the 15th Air Force Crewmember Excellence Award earning six "Highly Qualified" check ride ratings, five with perfect scores.

Von Milla taught English at the U.S. Air Force Academy (1990-93) and then cross-trained into Air Force Intelligence, serving as Chief of Intelligence in the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw Air Force Base, SC (1994- 97). He was then assigned as Chief of Operations Intelligence at 6th Allied Tactical Air Force (NATO), in Turkey in 1997-98 before being assigned to U.S. European Command's Joint Analysis Center (JAC) at RAF Molesworth, England where he filled a variety of roles, including chief of the JAC's Iraq Working Group, deputy chief of the Dissemination branch, and all-source analyst studying weapons smuggling and human trafficking in the Balkans. While at JAC Molesworth, he also deployed twice to Operation Northern Watch at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, as the JAC's liaison officer to the operation and then as the Intelligence Director of Operations. He finished his active duty military career as chief of an office at Langley Air Force Base, VA which acted as the Department of Defense's executive agent for several specialized intelligence communications/computer programs. He retired from active duty as a Major. Mr. Von Milla then became a civilian employee of the Air Force, spending 13 years as a military exercise planner at HQ U.S. Air Forces in Europe (Ramstein AFB, Germany) and Air Combat Command at Hurlburt Field, FL. He was a planner and controller in military exercises with most NATO allies, Australia, and Israel. He is proudest of participation in Exercise Austere Challenge 10, which was a significant milestone in re-integrating the French Ministry of Defense into NATO's military structure, and several exercises in Israel which kept US and Israeli forces prepared for the defense of Israeli airspace during the October 2024 Iranian air raids against Israel. Mr. Von Milla retired from federal civil service in 2017, but still works part-time as an exercise planner and controller at HQ U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. He resides with his wife and fellow 1976 classmate, Linda Mutchler Rushin Von Milla, in Henryville, PA with three of their grandchildren.