



Delco Hi-Q
Hall of Honor



2025 Robert O. Johnson

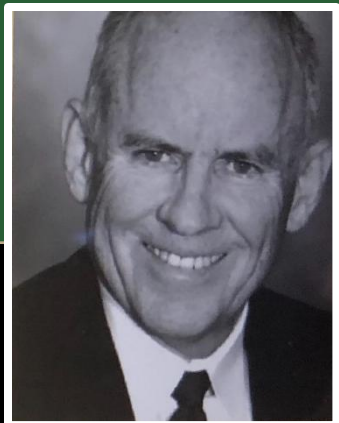


First Delco Hi-Q Quizmaster, 1948
Inducted: April 10, 2025

We are proud to induct Robert O. Johnson, Delco Hi-Q's first Quizmaster, into the Hall of Honor. Over 75 years ago, Mr. Johnson played a pivotal role in launching the program, originally a Public Relations initiative of the former Scott Paper Company. As Quizmaster, he crafted and presented questions, named the competition "Hi-Q," and brought it to life as a radio quiz show for high school students, uniting 15 schools in its inaugural 1948 season.

For two decades, Mr. Johnson led the competition with passion and innovation, inspiring students to embrace academic excellence and teamwork. His vision and dedication laid the foundation for what is now the nation's longest-running academic quiz competition, leaving a lasting legacy that continues to impact countless lives.

After his time with Hi-Q, Mr. Johnson continued his successful radio career in Roanoke, Virginia. Tonight, we honor his groundbreaking contributions and celebrate the enduring influence of his remarkable work. His legacy will forever shine in the history of Delco Hi-Q.



2024 Dr. Harry Jamison



Longtime Supporter Inducted: April 25, 2024

Harry J. Jamison, PhD, began his career in education in 1963 as a sixth-grade teacher at Ridley School District before training as a school psychologist at Temple University, Millersville University, and the University of Pennsylvania. He joined Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU) as assistant director for special education in 1975 rising to Executive Director and retired after a successful 40+ year career in education. During his tenure, he facilitated the development of education and treatment opportunities for children throughout Delaware County and the southeastern suburban counties. Dr. Jamison also played an instrumental role in the continuation of Hi-Q after the merger of original sponsor Scott Paper Co., the creation of the All Delco Hi-Q Team, and the first Partners in Education Celebration.

Dr. Jamison's leadership at DCIU led to the implementation of innovative programs to help all children reach their potential, including the county-wide fiber optic network for educators, collaborations with county government and child welfare fields, and the establishment of programs like the Delaware County Extended School Year/Summer Camp Program and the Community School.

He, along with his colleague executive directors, was instrumental in founding the 21st Century Cyber Charter School in 2001 and collaborated with various organizations to revamp technical education programming in Delaware County, resulting in greater employability for students and a better-trained workforce for local businesses.

Dr. Jamison received several awards for his contributions, including the Dr. Regina Fitti Award, the March of Dimes 1st Lifetime Achievement Award, Interboro Hall of Fame, and the Delaware County District Attorney's Award of Excellence. Since his retirement in 2005, he has continued to serve his community as a consultant and in leadership roles on multiple organizations' boards of directors and remained an active supporter of Delco Hi-Q. He resides in Wallingford with his wife, Barbara, and they have three adult children, and four grandchildren.



2023 Cyrise L. Dixon



Former Participant, Chester High School, 1973 Inducted: April 27, 2023

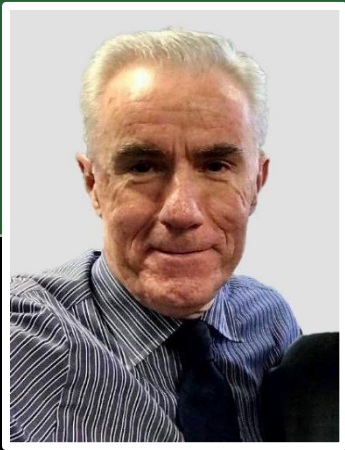
Cyrise L. Dixon is a recently retired 45-year veteran law enforcement officer and administrator, and proud alumni member of Delco Hi-Q (1973).

Ms. Dixon has and continues to serve her beloved Chester community through an array of vital employed and volunteer positions.

Ms. Dixon was a member of the Chester High School Hi-Q Team, received her degree in psychology from Muhlenberg College, and her Municipal Police Officers Education and Training certification. A 45-year veteran law enforcement officer and administrator, was the first female patrol officer in Chester and served as chief of staff for the Chester Police Department, and interim Chief Operating Officer for the City of Chester.

As an established member of law enforcement, Ms. Dixon was responsible for cultivating numerous positive relationships between the CPD and the community. The focus of her work was primarily directed to and for youth in an effort to prevent them from becoming involved in the Juvenile Justice System as offenders.

Ms. Dixon currently serves on the boards of the Chester Community Improvement Program, Delaware County Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Senior Community Services, Chester Senior Center's Advisory Council, and is the Board Chair of The Foundation for Delaware County. She is an active, proud, and long-standing member of her church, the Christian Church of Chester, where she also does outreach work like providing hot meals and clothing to community members in need during the cold weather season. She actively volunteers for the Annual Community Block Party planning and assisting local churches distribute back-to-school supplies, backpacks and community resource and wellness information.



2021 Phil Heron



Supporter, Delaware County Daily Times 2005-2020 Inducted: April 22, 2021

Phil Heron joined the Daily Times in 1982 as day city editor. He later worked on the night copy desk and also as Sunday editor. In his recent role, prior to his retirement in 2020, Phil was Editor of the Daily Times and became a Delaware County legend during his 38 years of service. Prior to joining the Daily Times, Phil worked as a reporter and wire editor at The Record in Coatesville, Pa. He also worked on the copy desk of the Denver Post and as a freelance writer for the Colorado Daily in Boulder, Colo.

Phil grew up in Oxford, Chester County, and attended Lincoln University for two years before receiving his degree in journalism from the University of Colorado in 1978. He has won numerous awards from the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, the Associated Press Managing Editors, Philadelphia Press Association and Society of Professional Journalists for column and editorial writing, as well as headline writing, his first love (aside from his wife).

Delco Hi-Q owes a lot to Phil. Hi-Q is a long running Delaware County tradition dating back to 1948. But when DCIU and Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union partnered to manage the program, it was apparent that it wasn't receiving the recognition that it deserved. Back in 2005, when the heads of both DCIU and FMFCU, Dr. Harry Jamison, and John Unangst approached Phil about creating the All Delco Hi-Q team, Phil was immediately on board.

Phil's support of Delco Hi-Q brought much needed attention to the program and help to keep it relevant.



2019 Theresa Flanagan Murtagh



Category: Former Participant, Cardinal O'Hara High School
Years: 1982-1984
Inducted: May 2, 2019

Theresa Flanagan Murtagh is a practicing attorney and lifelong resident of Delaware County. She is married and mother to three children. Theresa began her legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Delaware County after completing her education at Swarthmore College and Villanova University School of Law where she was class president in college and law school.

Theresa is active in the community, presently serving on the boards of Cardinal O'Hara High School, Main Line Health/Riddle Hospital Foundation, St. Charles Seminary, The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, The Irish American Business Chamber and as the first female President of the Catholic Philopatrian Literary Institute. She is a former board member of the Delaware County Bar Association and the Brehon Law Society. She is a past president of the Guy G. deFuria American Inn of Court of the Delaware County Bar Association.

Philanthropically, she has been involved with fundraising for City Team ministries, St. Mary Magdalen Parish Church, Catholic Social Services and Little Sisters of the Poor. She is also a founding board member of Pennies in Action, an organization which raises money for cancer vaccine research. Theresa and her husband Paul have hosted and organized many fundraisers most notably with the Three Irish Tenors to raise funds for Drexel Neumann Academy and LaSalle Academy.

Theresa is also a professional singer who serves as a cantor in her parish church and lead singer in a local Irish band. She is a member of the Union League of Philadelphia and Overbrook Golf Club.

Theresa was a member of the Hi-Q team for two years while she was a student at Cardinal O'Hara High School.



2018 John D. Unangst



Category: Supporter 2004-2018 Posthumously Inducted April 19, 2018

Under the direction of John D. Unangst, Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union became the primary sponsor of Delco Hi-Q in 2004. John recognized the value Delco Hi-Q brought to high school academics and the community at large, and wanted to see it flourish. In 2006, he committed management of Delco Hi-Q to the Credit Union and later to the auspices of the Credit Union's charitable Foundation, Partners in Education. The commitment was a natural progression of FMFCU's mission to Lead with Education.

In 2005, John came up with the idea for an academic recognition event to recognize every Delco Hi-Q team and personally secured Jeopardy! host Alex Trebek as the guest speaker. That same year, John spearheaded the creation of the Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor. The celebration of academic achievement continues today as the annual Partners in Education Celebration, which also recognizes the Financial Literacy Advocate of the Year, Delaware County Excellence in Teaching recipients, students who operate their high school financial literacy centers, Outstanding Student Leader, and John D. Unangst Scholarship recipients. Having grown steadily each year since its inception, the Celebration has attracted the support of other organizations, or Partners.

A proud graduate of Penn State University, Interboro High School, and Prospect Park Elementary School, John was committed to giving back to the community. Throughout his career, John served on numerous boards within and beyond the credit union industry, and until the time of his passing, was an active member of the Riddle HealthCare Foundation Board of Directors, President of FMFCU Partners in Education Foundation, and served on the Penn State Brandywine Advisory Board. He also served three years in the United States Army, and as captain in Vietnam, John was awarded the Silver Star, the bronze Star, the Air Medal for Valor, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.



2018 Thomas E. Spock



Category: Former Participant, Nether Providence High School
Years: 1973 & 1974
Inducted April 19, 2018

Tom Spock is an alumnus of Nether Providence High School, now known as Strath Haven, where he was a captain of both the Hi-Q and varsity soccer teams. He went on to Swarthmore College, where he majored in Economics with minors in History and Art History. He also played in the NCAA Division III National Championship soccer final, and received the Ivy Award, which was given at Commencement to the outstanding man in the graduating class. Tom is currently the Chair of Swarthmore College's Board of Managers. He received his MBA from Stanford University in California, and lives in New York with his wife Linda, a transportation industry consultant. The couple has one grown son, Randy.

A long-time media and sports industry executive, Tom is a founding partner of Scalar Media Partners LLC, a boutique consultancy providing advisory services to the media, entertainment, sports, and related technology industries. He is also a director and partner in jogmo world corp., a sports technology start-up company.

Before founding Scalar, Tom worked for ten years at the NFL, where he ran NFL Enterprises, which comprises the League's media and international businesses. In this role, Tom was responsible for all broadcast and digital rights strategy, as well as overseeing NFL Europe, the six-team American football league. Earlier Tom had been the NFL's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to the NFL, he spent nine years at NBC as Vice President, Financial Forecasting and Analysis.

Tom has spoken at the International Olympic Committee's World Congress in Lausanne, Switzerland, the Sportel conference in Monte Carlo, and the Sports Business Journal's World Congress in New York. He is a regular guest lecturer in Sports Economics at NYU's Stern Business School and has been a guest columnist for the Sports Business Journal. He is also a director of two publicly-traded closed-end bond funds.



2017
Michael R. Galantino

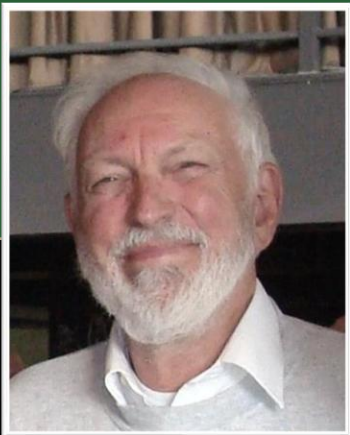


Category: Former Participant, Cardinal O'Hara High School
Years: 1976-1978
Inducted April 27, 2017

Michael R. Galantino is a Deputy District Attorney and Chief of the Special Victims/Domestic Violence Division for the Delaware County District Attorney's Office. A lifetime resident of Delaware County, he was raised in Clifton Heights and attended Holy Cross Grade School and Cardinal O'Hara High School. Michael participated in Delco Hi-Q from 1976 through 1978 as part of the Cardinal O'Hara team.

Michael received a B.A. in Social Work from West Chester University in 1983, and his J.D. from Villanova University School of Law in 1990. In 1993, he was appointed to the Clifton Heights Borough Council, where he served for thirteen years, including twelve as President. He began his legal career in the District Attorney's Office in 1989 and was promoted to the criminal trial division in 1991, where he prosecuted a variety of cases over the following seven years. In 1998, Michael was appointed Chief of the newly created Special Victims' Unit to specialize in cases involving Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Internet Crimes Against Children. He has prosecuted thousands of cases during his career, including more than 140 jury trials to verdict.

Michael has taught at the national, state, and local levels on issues including child abuse and exploitation, ethics, evidence, criminal law, search and seizure, computer crimes, and courtroom procedures. He and his wife, Diana, reside in Springfield with their two daughters, Alexis and Melanie.



2016 Ken Mobley



Category: Faculty Advisor, Interboro High School
Years: 1968-2004
Inducted April 28, 2016

Ken “Mobes” Mobley was Faculty Advisor for the Interboro Delco Hi-Q Team for 36 years, a record at the time of retirement and one that he now shares with only one other retired advisor. In his first year as advisor and teacher, Ken led his team to the 1968 Championship contest where Interboro placed third against Chichester and Haverford High Schools. His teams participated in several more semi-final contests over his long career, one that spanned all of his teaching years.

As Delco Hi-Q evolved, Ken provided valuable input into key decisions, such as: the expansion to 10 contestants; addition of new categories; and an intermission period, which allows more students to participate in the contests.

His greatest contribution to the program was the lasting impact he had on his students. Ken made the Hi-Q experience as exciting as any athletic event. His enthusiasm and passion for the program is legendary. Former students describe Ken as a passionate educator who spent hours of his spare time inspiring students to study, learn, and memorize content. At the time, they thought Hi-Q was only about answering questions, but they later realized that the teamwork, public speaking, and study skills they learned would be the most valuable part of the experience. Many of his former students still speak of how Ken’s love of education, passion, and caring has impacted their lives.

Ken continues to share his experience and advice with the Delco Hi-Q program. He is an active educator, who continues to work as a substitute teacher and is a mentor and an avid supporter of a number of athletic and academic programs. Ken is a graduate of Upper Darby High School and St. Joseph’s University, and is a 2006 inductee into the Interboro Hall of Fame.



2015 William R. Taylor



Category: Former Participant, Sharon Hill High School
Years: 1954-1955
Inducted April 30, 2015

Upon graduating Sharon Hill High School, where he was a Delco Hi-Q team member during the 1954-1955 season, William Taylor earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from The University of Delaware, and went on to hold a number of distinguished positions in the business and non-profit sectors.

During his 32 year career with Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO), Bill rose to the position of Manager of Corporate and Public Affairs. He managed a team of 100 employees while focusing on public information, governmental affairs, community relations, communication services, and an energy education and information program for K-12 students. Bill also served on a number of state and national committees during this time.

Bill has demonstrated a deep commitment to Delaware County, having served as mayor of Sharon Hill for eight years and president of the Chester Pike Rotary. He also held numerous board positions, including the Animal Protection Board, Community Transit, Historical Society, Mayors Association, Red Cross, and the Maris Grove finance committee. Bill spent 17 years on the Taylor Hospital Board of Directors and as a Taylor Foundation board member. Bill was a Founding Member of Rocky Run YMCA.

In 2007 Bill began working for his mentor Wilbur C. Henderson, as Senior Vice President and COO of The Henderson Group and Principal of Taylor Associates Consulting. He currently serves as Executive Director of the Wilbur C. and Betty Lea Henderson Foundation.

Long after his involvement as a high school student, Bill continued to be an active supporter of Delco Hi-Q. He could be seen attending contests and acting as a community advocate for the program. He recently joined Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation as a member of the board of directors.



2014 Commander Anthony Howard Miller



Category: Former Participant, Penncrest High School
Years: 1989 & 1990
Inducted May 1, 2014

Decorated Navy Commander Anthony Howard Miller is a Penncrest High School alumnus. Under the supervision of faculty advisor Michael Ludwig, Commander Miller was a Co-Captain of the 1990 Delco Hi-Q Championship team. The 1990 Penncrest grad went on to graduate the Naval Academy with distinction in 1994. Earning his Naval Aviator Wings in 1997, he flew F/A-18s in VFA-87 and VX-9 from 1998 to 2005. Commander Miller deployed onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt and USS Enterprise and flew combat missions in Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan, as well as operationally testing new weapons systems for future use in Naval Aviation.

In 2005, Commander Miller transitioned from active duty and continued his Naval Service as a Selected Reservist with Fleet Logistics Support Squadron, VS 57 at Naval Air Station, NAS North Island, CA. After having served as as Pilot Training, Administrative and Operations Officer, he assumed command in February 2012. During his tenure as Commanding Officer, VR-57 was awarded the Battle "E," Safety "S," and Golden Wrench awards. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, two Air Medals, four Strike Flight Medals, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and numerous unit awards.

Commander Miller's current assignment is as a Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer, coordinating Defense Support to Civil Authorities in case of disaster and other domestic activities. His civilian occupation is with FedEx, as a First Officer on the MD-11; he also does volunteer work with the Air Line Pilots Association on behalf of fellow FedEx pilots. Commander Miller resides in Carlsbad, CA with his wife Allison and their two children, Cecilia and Christian.



2013 Brian Lockman



Category: Former Participant, Interboro High School
Years: 1968 – 1970
Inducted April 18, 2013

Brian Lockman was a very able and competitive player on Interboro High School's Hi-Q team. Since graduating from Temple University, he has made very significant achievements in the field of public television. Brian was named President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN) in February 1999. He joined PCN as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in November 1994 after more than fifteen years with C-SPAN. One of C-SPAN's original four employees, he served more than ten years as the network's Vice President of Operations.

During his tenure at C-SPAN, Brian produced and directed the first live television coverage of the Iowa presidential precinct caucuses, directed C-SPAN's first live coverage of the Democratic and Republican National conventions in 1984, and produced C-SPAN's coverage of the aftermath of the military coup in the Soviet Union in 1991. In addition, Brian served three years as Chairman of the U.S. Capitol Media Fiber Project, a consortium of all networks and news bureaus in Washington, and served one year as Chairman of the Radio-Television Correspondents' Association, the organization composed of the Capitol Hill radio and television press corps.

Mr. Lockman is a founding board member of the Pennsylvania Press Club and also NAPAN, the National Association of Public Affairs Networks. Since 1996 he has been the host of the weekly interview series "PA Books", which features authors of books on Pennsylvania topics, and is a frequent host of the PCN call-in program. He is the author of three books, "PCN Tours," "WWII: In Their Own Words" and "Pioneers of Cable Television."



2012 Lisa Kereszi



Category: Former Participant, Penncrest High School
Years: 1988 - 1991
Inducted April 19, 2012

After graduating Penncrest High School, Lisa Kereszi earned Bachelor degrees in Photography and Literature from Bard College. She also earned her Master's in Fine Arts from Yale University School of Art.

Lisa's art resides with private collectors and adorns the halls of the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Altoids Curiously Strong Collection of the New Museum of Contemporary Art, the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, the Berkeley Art Museum, and the Yale University Art Gallery. Her work has been displayed in group shows at the Whitney Museum, the Aldrich Museum, the Bronx Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the Queens Museum of Art, the Berkeley Art Museum, the Urban Center Gallery at the Municipal Art Society in New York, Hunter College, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Her editorial work has been published in the likes of The New York Times Magazine, The New Yorker, Nest, New York, Harper's, W, The London Telegraph Sunday Magazine, Details, GQ, Black Book, Jane, Newsweek, and House & Garden. She was included in the 2003 list of the 30 top emerging photographers by Photo District News, and was granted a commission to photograph Governor's Island by the Public Art Fund in 2003, which culminated in shows at the Urban Center Gallery, the Mayor's Office at City Hall, and an exhibition catalog.

As a faculty member of Yale School of Art, Lisa is a lecturer and Acting Director of Undergraduate Studies in Photography. She has taught at the International Center of Photography and School of Visual Arts, and has been a visiting artist/critic at the Yale School of Architecture, NYU, Massachusetts College of Art, Parsons, School of Visual Arts, Vassar, UNC Chapel Hill, Eastern Tennessee State, and George Madison University.



2012 Virginia “Ginger” Beaumont



Category: Coordinator, Director, and Consultant
Years: 1986-1993, 2005-2010
Inducted April 19, 2012

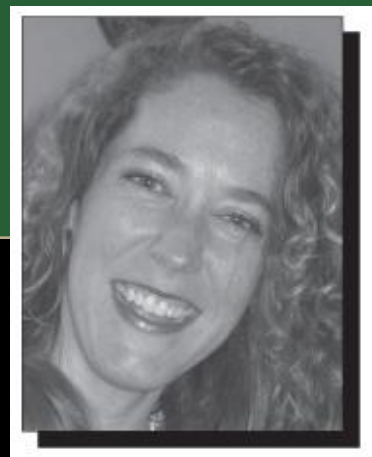
During Ginger’s 26-year career at Scott Paper Company, she held positions in employee benefits, labor relations, public relations, and communications.

Her responsibilities included planning and coordinating special company events and employee recognition programs, editor for the Chester Operations newsletter, and Delaware County Coordinator of the Hi-Q competition from 1986 until 1993.

In 2005, at the request of Donna Zerby, she returned as the Director of Delco Hi-Q. Her return to the program was significant. Mrs. Zerby had been diagnosed with a terminally ill disease. This left the program without a director and leadership. Ginger came out of retirement and ran the program in Delaware County while helping to support Hi-Q locations in other parts of the country.

Ginger’s contributions to Delco Hi-Q are tremendous. During her tenure, support for the program began to evolve as new sponsorship and the addition of new recognition opportunities helped to strengthen Delco Hi-Q. Ginger’s experience and knowledge of the Hi-Q tradition helped to bring consistency and stability to the program during this transitional time. Her efforts allowed the program to seamlessly operate and thrive.

She continued to serve for several more seasons as Co-Director, Hi-Q Advisory Board member, and eventually Hi-Q consultant. She attended elementary and secondary schools in Delaware County and Millersville University.



2011
Elizabeth "Liz" Clyma



Category: Former Participant, Penncrest High School
Years: 1985-1986
Inducted May 5, 2011

Elizabeth "Liz" Clyma is a 1986 graduate of Penncrest High School, where she was a member of the field hockey and lacrosse teams, as well as Hi-Q. Passionate about the study of foreign languages and cultures, Liz studied Spanish and French throughout high school, attended the Pennsylvania Governor's School for International Studies, and lived in northern Norway as an exchange student. She is a member of the RoseTree Media Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

Liz holds a BA in Social Studies from Harvard University, an MBA in Finance from Wharton Business School, and an MA in Russian Area Studies and International Economics from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

After graduating from Harvard, Liz moved to the Soviet Union in 1990 to develop investment and trading opportunities for Western businesses in an unprecedented era of economic liberalization under Mikhail Gorbachev. Experiencing the fall of communism and the USSR and Russia's early, painful years of transition to free market economy, Liz became keenly interested in issues of international economic development, which became the focus of her graduate studies.

As a Deputy Director in Global Health at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, she directs strategy and operations for the HIV and Tuberculosis programs. The mission of the Global Health Program is to ensure that lifesaving advances in health are created and shared with those in developing countries, who need them most. Liz resides in Seattle, WA with her husband and two darling daughters.



2011 Dr. Giridhar Mallya



Category: Former Participant, Garnet Valley High School
Years: 1993-1995
Inducted May 5, 2011

Giridhar Mallya, MD, MSHP, is a 1995 graduate of Garnet Valley High School and a three year member of the Delco Hi-Q team. “Gidi,” as he was called by teammates, was first in his class and a leader of the Hi-Q team.

As the Director of Policy and Planning for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Dr. Mallya helps define public health priorities, coordinates the Department’s research and data analysis activities, and works with key leadership—including the Board of Health and the Air Pollution Control Board—to set policies and develop regulations. He is also the Primary Investigator for Philadelphia’s CDC-funded Communities Putting Prevention to Work Tobacco Policy & Control and Nutrition & Physical Activity initiatives.

Dr. Mallya graduated from Brown University Medical School, completed a residency in Family and Community Medicine at Philadelphia’s Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and then earned his Master’s Degree in Health Policy Research from the University of Pennsylvania where he was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar.

Dr. Mallya’s research and policy work focused on access to primary care, particularly for vulnerable populations. He has investigated the impact of high-deductible health plans on primary care delivery and has presented nationally on this issue. He has also worked with community health centers and non-profit agencies in Philadelphia to measure primary care access through GIS-based methods to enable informed public health planning. This work has encouraged the exploration of regional partnerships within the city to organize safety net services more rationally.



2010
Christine Fizzano Cannon



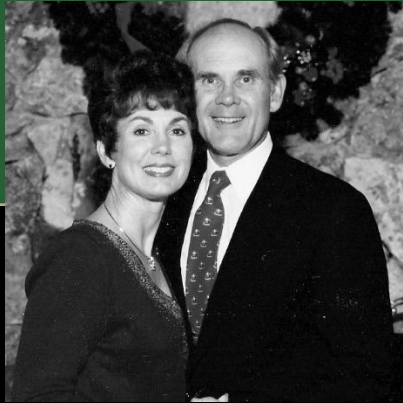
Category: Former Participant, Ridley High School
Years: 1985-1987
Inducted April 29, 2010

Christine Fizzano Cannon is a 1987 graduate of Ridley Township High School and current resident of Middletown Township. In 2007, Christine was elected to Delaware County Council and became Vice Chairman in 2010.

As a County Council member, Christine founded the County's Energy and Environmental Advisory Board that establishes long and short-term goals and policies for increasing energy efficiency, conserving natural resources, and saving tax dollars. Christine's efforts helped secure for the county nearly \$3.7 million in federal energy efficiency grant funds in 2009. In addition, she spearheaded the creation of the County's new "Green Pages," an Internet resource for energy and environmental related developments, information and programs.

Christine worked with the county's technology professionals to improve accessibility of the county government's web site and to spearhead the county's online Green Pages resource guide.

Christine practices law in Media and has served as a member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Disciplinary Board and the Governor's Judicial Advisory Committee.



2009 Dr. Ronald Scott



Category: Former Participant, Interboro High School
Years: 1958, 1959
Inducted April 23, 2009

Distinguished scientist and physician Ronald Scott, M.D., Ph.D. competed on Interboro High School's Hi-Q team in 1958 and 1959. Upon graduation, Ron earned degrees from Swarthmore College and the University of Illinois. After accepting a faculty position at the University of Virginia, he was quickly lured to RCA's Sarnoff Research Lab in Princeton.

Ron published about 40 scientific papers and invented technology for satellite monitoring that is still used by NASA before transitioning into the field of medicine. He earned his M.D. from the University of Buffalo, where he specialized in radiological oncology. After spending a decade on the faculty of the University of Washington, he began his clinical practice in Los Angeles and was subsequently offered his own radiology practice in San Diego.

Ron's reputation as a skilled and caring physician quickly spread to California's Imperial Valley, where the practice of medicine was in a decidedly less advanced state. El Centro Hospital requested that Ron come to their facility once a week to serve the local population. For two years, Ron flew his twin turboprop plane to and from the hospital. In 1997, Ron and his wife Margaret decided that the needs of an underserved community took precedence over the comfort of their lives, so they launched plans for Imperial Valley Cancer Center (IVCC), an independent facility in El Centro. The stunning cultural and financial success of the IVCC attracted physicians from around the state, forming a medical cluster with IVCC at its core.

Ron and Margaret died on March 11, 2004 when their plane inexplicably dived into the Napa River as they approached their vacation home in Napa California. The outpouring of the community upon hearing of this tragedy was inspiring. Hundreds attended the services, offering a litany of testimonials of how Ron restored their lives. Physicians spoke of the robust medical community in El Centro, which grew from Ron and Margaret's compassion, skill, and vision. The IVCC was formally dedicated to Ron and Margaret in perpetuity.



2008 Richard Brubaker



Category: Former Participant, Media High School Inducted April 3, 2008

Richard Brubaker was a member of the Media High School team that competed in 1950-1951, the third season of what was then known as Scott's Hi-Q.

After graduating from Gettysburg College with a bachelor's degree in political science, Dr. Brubaker entered the U.S. Air Force through the ROTC program. He completed pilot training and went on to fly transport aircraft for most of his career in the military. He also served in Vietnam as operations officer and airfield manager and then as ROTC commander at Trinity College in Vermont.

Following his 20-year Air Force career, Dr. Brubaker embarked on a second career in the Civil Service at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. He retired from that position in 1997. During his military and civil service careers, he earned a masters degree in political science from the University of Washington in Seattle, an MBA in business from the University of Dayton in Ohio and a doctorate in public administration from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. From 1968 to the present, he's taught at seven colleges and is now a consultant with the Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools.



2008 Edward J. Donnelly



Category: Former Participant, St. James High School Inducted April 3, 2008

Edward J. Donnelly competed in Hi-Q in the 1962-1963 season as a member of the St. James High School team. After graduating from St. James and then Villanova University, he returned to St. James to teach chemistry. Later, he taught at Nether Providence High School (now part of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District).

In June 1969, he began his 37-year career with Dupont. During this time, he had twenty different assignments and moved eight times, including an assignment in Geneva, Switzerland. He led Dupont's European polymers business in Switzerland, as well as its automotive business in Detroit. When he retired after a distinguished career in industry, Mr. Donnelly had been responsible for Dupont's coatings and color technologies business, with sales of six billion dollars, more than 14,000 employees and 65 plants and labs worldwide. In addition, he's had leadership roles in several joint ventures and was the lead negotiator for a two billion dollar acquisition. His last position with DuPont was Senior Vice President for corporate affairs.

He is now president of the International Paint and Printing Ink Council, as well as an advisor to the U.S. Council on Competitiveness in Washington.



2007 Alicia C. Sheerin



Category: Former Participant, Archbishop Prendergast Inducted March 28, 2007

Alicia Sheerin was a Hi-Q team member at Archbishop Prendergast in 1987 and 1988. Always a maverick, Sheerin established her own agency, Identity Quest Promotions, from her home in 1990 at age 20. She began building a client base for I.Q. by working with savvy entrepreneurs to inform the world about their unique visions. Since then, Sheerin has established identities for numerous local clients like The Book and The Cook Fair Paradigm and Republic First Bank and national names like Cadillac, Michaels Arts & Crafts Stores, The Plaza and Court at King of Prussia, and Reebok International.

Giving back to her community has always been a priority for Sheerin. Her first experience was handling the Delco Chamber's "Tour de Blue" the 20,000-person celebration of the opening of the Blue Route in 1991. She has served on numerous boards and chaired a number of events for non-profits like Living Beyond Breast Cancer, Junior Achievement, and Taste of the Nation. Alicia was the youngest person to be inducted as a member of Les Dames d'Escoffier in 1996, an honorary culinary society dedicated to fine art of the table. Her proudest achievement to date is serving as the President of the National Association of Women Business Owners Delaware Chapter. That organization is a network of entrepreneurs that provides a strong voice and vision for women business owners.



2007
Dr. David R. Kalodner



**Category: Former Participant, Interboro High School
Inducted March 28, 2007**

David Kalodner was a member of the Interboro Hi-Q team from 1972 to 1974. While in high school he excelled in sports and academics. Kalodner also participated in several clubs, National Honor Society, Student Council, and Class Congress. He was an active member of the Christ Church youth group and served as an acolyte. In 1973, Kalodner represented Pennsylvania as the DeMolay of the year.

After high school Dr. Kalodner earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Albright College, where he graduated at the top of his class. Continuing his education at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, he received his Doctor of Osteopathy degree. Dr. Kalodner has been in practice in Ridley Park since earning his degree and has served as the Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine at Taylor Hospital since 1989 and has served on the Executive Committee of Medical Staff since 1986. His achievements earned him a place in the Interboro High School Hall of Fame in 2003. In addition to being a scholar and an athlete, Dr. David Kalodner is a genuinely warm and caring person who is actively involved in the community.



2006 Thomas J. McCarthy



Inducted May 10, 2006

Thomas J. McCarthy has been Hi-Q Quizmaster since 1979. He is a native Philadelphian, who has performed in many productions including Arden Theatre Company's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Working*, and *All My Sons*, the Union League of Philadelphia's *While Lincoln Lay Dying*, Act II's *Old Wicked Songs*, the Walnut Street Theatre's *Orphans* and *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, People's Light & Theatre Company's *Glengarry Glen Ross*, Wilma Theater's *Escape from Happiness*, and Philadelphia Theatre Company's *Minutes from the Blue Route*.

In 1997 Tom received the Barrymore Award for Best Actor for his portrayal of Willy Loman in *Death of a Salesman* at the Arden Theatre Company.

Tom's television credits include the role of Majority Whip in *The West Wing* and roles in *Law & Order*, *Homicide: Life on the Streets*, *New York Undercover*, TV's *Bloopers* and *Practical Jokes*, and *Hack*.

In film, Tom shared credits with Harrison Ford in *Random Hearts*, Denzel Washington in *Fallen*, Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer in *Up Close and Personal*, and John Travolta in *Blow Out*.

Tom is President of Screen Actors Guild in Philadelphia.

Tom received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Theatre Alliance of Philadelphia in 2003.



2006 Murray S. Eckell



Hi-Q Participant 1951-1952, Chester High School Inducted May 10, 2006

Murray participated in Hi-Q as a Chester High School student in 1951 and 1952. Following graduation from Chester High School Dickinson College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School Murray S. Eckell has successfully practiced law in Delaware County for 47 years. He has received every award the Delaware County Bar Association offers for service to the legal profession to fellow lawyers and to the community. He has served as the Association's President as a delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates as a delegate to the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates and was appointed to the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Bar Association representing Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties.

The high point of his professional career was his gubernatorial appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Delaware County in 1977 to fill an unexpired term. He chose not to run for election and returned to private practice.

Murray has not neglected service to his community. He served a leadership role for the Delaware County March of Dimes and served the Red Cross as its first water safety instructor to teach blind children to swim. He also served on the following boards in Delaware County: Brookhaven Zoning Board The County Drug and Alcohol Commission Suburban Music School and the Advisory Board of Directors for Founders' Bank. In addition he has served as an independent arbitrator.



2005 Mrs. Donna Zerby



In recognition of over 40 years of service to Delco Hi-Q, Mrs. Zerby is the first Delco Hi-Q inductee and was honored at the Partners in Education Celebration in May 2005.

Donna Zerby was closely involved with Hi-Q for 43 years. During her career at Scott Paper Company from 1961 to 1992, she held positions in public relations, communications, and community relations. As Hi-Q National Director from 1976 to 1992, she initiated the expansion of the competition into other areas of the country. Donna directed the Delaware County competition from 1965 to 1985, and from 1993 until her death in 2005. She was instrumental in keeping Delco Hi-Q alive after the merger of Scott Paper Co. and Kimberly-Clark Corp.

In 1999, she was the first non-educator to receive the “Snag In The River” Award from the Delaware Valley Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; the award honors inspiring and innovative educators.

She was also a charter member of the Delaware County Press Club, having served on its Board of Directors and as membership-chairperson for many years. During her 43 year Hi-Q career, Donna worked with more than 60,000 high school students and over 1,000 Hi-Q teacher/coaches in seven states.