HOUSATONIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S WALL OF HONOR
2019 INDUCTION CEREMONY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Commencing at 1:00 p.m.
In the Henry W. Burgess Auditorium, HVRHS,
Following Honorees’ Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.
246 Warren Turnpike Road
Falls Village, Connecticut
HVRHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Our Mission is to provide support to the core values of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) through communications to all Alumni. Our strategic plan is:

• Building and maintaining a greater sense of fellowship, cooperation and loyalty among Alumni, students, staff, HVRHS friends and the communities it serves, and
• Assisting in strengthening the HVRHS’ Mission for the benefit of its current and future students and communities.

WALL OF HONOR

The HVRHS Alumni Association supports HVRHS core values by recognizing those who exemplify them in their life’s work.

“The HVRHS community promotes personal and academic growth, as well as independence of thought and spirit for all its members, within a culture of respect, responsibility and safety. The core values that support this statement include a commitment to 21st century academic expectations which encourage all members to grow to their potential, accept and respect different learning styles, solve problems and think analytically, and communicate their ideas effectively. Members of the school community are also expected to make ethical choices, demonstrate social and civic responsibility, and show pride and care for the school and its environment.”

The Association established the Wall of Honor (WOH) in 2017 to honor HVRHS graduates with strong character traits, who have made significant contributions and modeled high standards of excellence in their personal and/or professional lives, in employee, public, and/or volunteer service or as a Friend of Regional School District #1. Posthumous nominations are accepted. Nine members were inducted in 2017 and today, an additional ten will be recognized. All WOH honored recipients, along with a short summary of their accomplishments and lives, are displayed in the WOH Inductees Display Case located in the HVRHS front lobby.

Every two years, the Association seeks nominations prior to its WOH deadline of June 30th. The fully completed WOH Nomination Forms accompanied by supporting statements for qualified candidates are verified by the HVRHS Alumni Association Committee, with a simple majority vote determining up to ten (10) or less inductees to be so honored at an Induction ceremony held every other year, alternating with the HVRHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction years.

Members of the HVRHS Alumni Committee

Officers
Patricia Allyn Mechare, Class of 1964, Chairman
Edward M. Kirby, Class of 1945, Vice-Chairman
Ann (Pat) Zimmermann Miller, Class of 1958, Secretary
Dorothy Winn Cecchinato, Class of 1947, Treasurer – retired, August 2019
Julie Marshall Lang (Treasurer) Class of 1979, effective, September 2019

Members-at-Large
Clementine “Bunny” Cecchinato McGuire, North Canaan, 1955 –
Margaret L. Fracaro, North Canaan, 1966 - Suzanne Hutchinson Ullram, North Canaan, 1966 -
website by Segalla Web Design - Ruth Shapiro Epstein, Editor: “Blue & Gold,” and
Judith Thormann Moore, retired HVRHS Faculty.
HVRHS 2019 ALUMNI WALL OF HONOR PROGRAM

I. Welcome .......................... Ian Strever, Principal

II. Introduction .......................... Steven Schibi, Asst. Principal
"The Star-Spangled Banner"
Directed by Thomas Krupa, Chair, HVRHS Music Dept.

III. Wall of Honor Introduction .......................... Patricia Allyn Mechare, Chmn.,
HVRHS Alumni Association, Class of 1964

IV. Master of Ceremony .......................... Edward M. Kirby, Vice-Chmn.,
HVRHS Alumni Association, Class of 1945

V. 2019 Honorees’ Inductions .......................... Presenters
(Stage arrangement left-to-right – Berti to Ed Tyburski)

John R. Berti, Salisbury, Class of 1956 .............. Frederick L. Baldwin, Class of 1956
Peter M. Hart*, North Canaan, Class of 1959 ....  Richard A. Gustafson, Class of 1959
Dolores Branche James-Johnson, Salisbury, ....... Rhonda Folks
Clementine (Bunny) Cecchinato McGuire, ........ Edward M. Kirby, Class of 1945
North Canaan, Class of 1955.
Patricia Allyn Mechare, North Canaan, .......... Edward D. Epstein
Class of 1964
Miles J. Novy, Goshen, Class of 1955 ............. John R. Berti, Class of 1956
Francis W. Perotti, North Canaan, Class of 1954 .. Samuel J. Herrick
Dr. Laurence C. Smith*, North Canaan, .......... Peter C. Smith, Class of 1954
Class of 1952
Robert S. Stone, North Canaan, Class of 1966 ... Margaret L. Fracaro, Class of 1966
Jeffrey B. Tyburski, Canaan, Class of 1982 ...... Edward S. Tyburski

VI. Closing Ceremonies** .......................... Patricia Allyn Mechare

The audience is asked to stand and join in singing “High Above the Housatonic.”

Please join us at a reception honoring the 2019 Inductees in the front lobby.

* Honored posthumously.
** Inductees are asked to remain on the stage following the 2019 WOH Induction Ceremony for HVRHS Alumni Association Administrative purposes.
“HIGH ABOVE THE HOUSATONIC”

HVRHS SCHOOL SONG LYRICS
By Hattie Travis*

HIGH ABOVE THE HOUSATONIC
MID THE BERKSHIRES PROUD AND TRUE
OUR HIGH SCHOOL FLOATS ITS COLORS
THE GOLD AND ROYAL BLUE.
IT’S THE MISTY BLUE OF MOUNTAINS
‘NEATH A VEIL OF ROSY HUE
THAT BRINGS TO US THE CHALLENGE OF GREATER WORK TO DO.

COME RAISE YOUR BANNERS
FLING OUT YOUR COLORS TRUE
ANSWER THE CHALLENGE
WITH ALL THAT’S BEST IN YOU.
STRIVE AND ENDEAVOR TO HELP LEAD US THROUGH
WITH GREATEST HONOR
TO OUR COLORS --- GOLD AND BLUE.

* Hattie Travis composed our HVRHS School Song while teaching kindergarten in North Canaan and at the Hotchkiss School, Lakeville. She was married to Ambler Travis, a popular HVRHS teacher of biology in the Science Department and an Athletic Department coach. They lived in North Canaan, moved to California after retirement and are both deceased. Living in California are their two children, Barry, HVRHS Class of 1959, and Marilyn, HVRHS Class of 1961.