

2016 Inductees into the East Stroudsburg Area School District Meritorious Hall of Fame

Robert Cooke



Mr. Cooke is a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School, Class of 1966. At ESHS, he was a member of the National Honor Society, Choraliers, Senior Marching Band, Senior Concert Band, Dance Band, District and Regional Bands, and All-State Band (1966). He received the Barbara Fatzinger Memorial Award as the outstanding band member in 1966. Bob graduated from East Stroudsburg State College in 1970, later taking graduate work at ESU, Moravian College and Lehigh University. He spent 32 years within the East Stroudsburg Area School District as a classroom teacher, additionally serving 3 years as a math coach and 4 years as a math department chair, after having even served as a student teacher within the ESASD at Middle Smithfield Elementary School in 1970. In 1974, Mr. Cooke worked with a team of 6 teachers to plan, implement, and operate North Courtland Elementary School (formerly "OASIS", Open Access School In Service), a highly successful open-concept 6th grade school which operated until 1992. This school was also the origination for the teaming concept, now used extensively in ESASD intermediate schools, J.T. Lambert and Lehman. In 1992, Bob moved to the J.T. Lambert Intermediate School to teach 6th grade mathematics. In 1994, he advocated for the inclusion of a Student Assistance Program, a program to identify and to refer at-risk students. He served on the 6th grade SAP program until 2002, serving as its first chairperson. Mr. Cooke left the classroom in 2002 to become the first Intermediate School Math Coach, a program whose purpose was to assist teachers and students in the teaching and learning of mathematics at the John T. Lambert and the Lehman Intermediate schools. He retired in 2005, but returned to the ESASD to chair the Lehman Intermediate School Mathematics Department from 2004 to 2008. Bob is a Life Member of the East Stroudsburg Education Association, Pennsylvania State Education Association, and National Education Association, having served three terms as ESEA president, on four contract negotiation teams, and has been the President of the Pocono Chapter of PSEA-Retired since 2006. He was elected to serve on the East Stroudsburg Area School District Board of Education in 2010 (re-elected in 2014), serving as Board Vice President since 2012, in addition to serving as President of the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee (2012-2013).

Gene Dickison

Mr. Dickison is a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School, academically ranking #3 in the Class of 1972. At ESHS, he was a member of the National Honor Society, serving as Class President during three years, while earning a U.S. Air Force ROTC scholarship. Gene participated for four years on Cavalier baseball and wrestling teams, serving both as team captain during his senior year. He studied at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Lehigh University. Gene served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. He founded a real estate investment firm, a real estate education and brokerage company, and a financial advisory firm, while also creating the "More Than Money" brand in television, radio, print and media, hosting more than 2,000 live television and radio shows, serving the financial needs of thousands.



Gene has served on the Board of Directors of the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce for 20 years, and was the founding Director and Board President of "Leadership Pocono," and also served as Board President of Junior Achievement. He also is devoted to serving local church, music, community improvement, children, youth, military and business leader development programs.

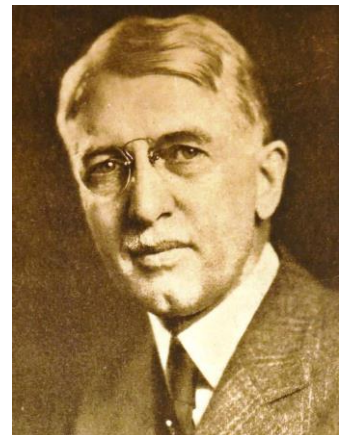
Judy Fox



Judy is a graduate of East Stroudsburg Area High School, Class of 1985. At ESHS, she participated in National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Girls Basketball (1981-1985), Girls Softball (1981-1985), Marching Show Band and Concert Band. The 1982 Girls' Basketball Team was the first girls' athletic team in East Stroudsburg athletic program history to win a league championship, thus becoming the first girls' team to be inducted into the East Stroudsburg Athletic Hall of Fame (in January 2016). As a Cavalier softball player, Judy earned the team's Most Improved Player (1984) and Most Valuable Player (1985) Awards, while being named First Team All-Centennial League and being selected to participate in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters All-Star Game in 1985. As a member of the Cavalier Band, she was a Section Leader and First Chair French Horn (in both 1983-84 and 1984-85), while earning All-District Band and All-District Orchestra recognition. Judy graduated from Houghton College (NY) in 1989, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education, with a concentration in Athletic Training. As an undergraduate, she was a four-year letter winner in women's volleyball and a two-year letter winner in women's basketball, earning 1st Team All-District and 1st Team All-American distinction in volleyball (in 1988), and serving as Co-Captain of the basketball team (in 1988-89). Judy earned a Master of Sport Science degree in Sport Coaching from the United States Sports Academy (AL) in 1992. She served as Assistant Volleyball and Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Houghton College (from 1989-1994), as the Head Volleyball Coach at Indiana Wesleyan University (from 1994-1996) and as the Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach at the University of North Texas (from 1996-1999). Judy is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of Conquerors Volleyball Club (Dallas, TX), 1999-2002, later becoming the Founder and Director of Ignite Volleyball Club (Dallas, TX), 2002-2011. In 2003, she founded Ignite International, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to "leverage the universal language of sport to enrich, encourage and empower lives, both at home and abroad." In 2005 and 2006, she received the Recognition of Service Award, Federación de Voleibol Nicaragüense, having taken the first volleyball and collegiate teams from the USA to Nicaragua (in 2004 and 2005). In April 2007, Judy received an Appreciation Award and outbound military flight named "Operation Ignite" by the United States Army Human Resources Command and the Dallas-Fort Worth Military Personnel Assistance Point in appreciation for Ignite International's support of the United States Armed Forces upon their return to the USA from Iraq and Afghanistan. It became the first USA-based organization to provide significant support to women athletes who later accomplished significant world-wide recognition, in traveling to Nicaragua, Central America, Cuba, Palestine (Bethlehem) and Liberia.

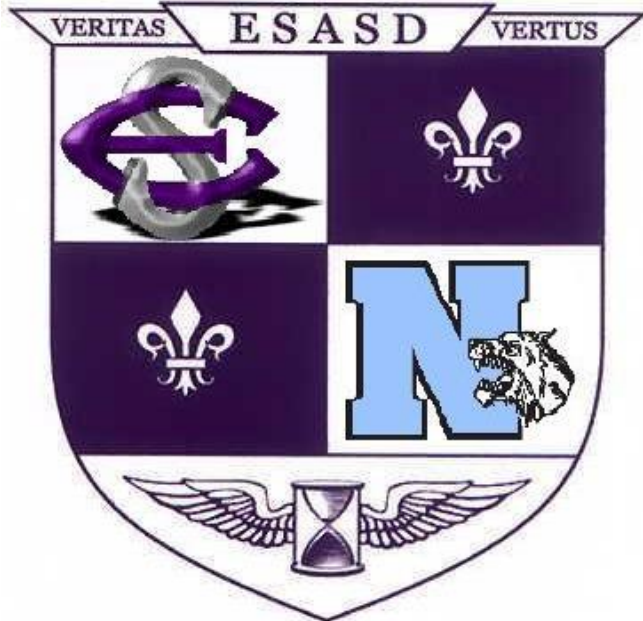
Senator Harvey Huffman

Mr. Huffman was born on May 19, 1869 in Marshall's Creek. His parents established and operated the Marshall's Creek General Store and Hotel, and his father built the Marshall's Creek Fire House in 1877. Mr. Huffman attended, and later taught public school in Craig's Meadow after graduation from Kutztown Normal School (Kutztown University) in 1891. He began studying law under the Honorable John B. Storm in 1892, and was admitted to the Monroe County bar in 1895. He earned a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1896 and formed a partnership with W.B. Eilenberger, establishing the law firm of Eilenberger and Huffman in January 1897. Mr. Huffman served as the Monroe County Solicitor and as the Chairman of the Monroe County Democratic Committee, representing the party at numerous political conventions. He was



elected to represent Monroe, Carbon, Pike and Wayne Counties as a Pennsylvania State Senator in the 1910, 1922, 1926 and 1934 elections (the first Democrat elected to this position since 1820, a total of 90 years), serving as the Senate Minority Leader during the administrations of Governors Pinchot and Earle, and was later elected Senate President Pro Tempore in 1936. He was also said to be very civically instrumental in the development of both Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg, being credited with a number of resorts and industries locating in the Boroughs; and was especially said to be responsible for the development of "South" Stroudsburg. Senator Huffman passed away of a heart attack in his Marshalls Creek home at the age of 70, ironically on the last day of his final term in the senate—November 30, 1938.

Past inductees into the East Stroudsburg Area School District Meritorious Hall of Fame include:



Marvin E. Abel, Lester G. Abeloff, Dr. Jody Ackerman, Peter Ahnert Sr., Dr. Douglas C. Arnold, Florence Dyer Baldwin, Alex L. (Buzz) Bensinger, Dr. Edward Bollard, Rep. Rosemary (Maula) Brown, John E. Burrus, Michael A. Carmella, Bing Cheng, Erin Burke Cirelli, Horace Cole, Jane A. Cramer, William B. Cramer, Dawn R. Eilenberger, Roland E. Featherman, Edward Flory, Dr. Jerrold E. Fritz, Nancy J. Fritz, Benjamin D. Gelber, Linda P. (LaBadie) George, Dr. Barrett Giffel, Thomas J. Grayuski, Patricia McMahon Hawkins, MaryAnne B. Heeter, Emily Bell Brundle Goodrich W. Henrich, Robert C. Hillman, Daniel E. Hogan, Robert C. Huffman, R. Dale Hughes, Dr. Brett D. Jones, USAF Major Gregg Jones, Todd Jones, Donald C. Kelly, Dr. Kristy L. Kiick,

Dr. Kenneth G. Koberlein, Curt Kolcun, Gabriel J. Kolcun, Joseph M. Kulick, John T. Lambert, Frank Lanterman, Dr. Jesse F. Leaman, Kelly Lewis, Charles Lilli, Thomas Loverro, Donna L. Ludwig, Troy M. Marvin, Victoria Meyers, Raymond Morris, Terry Mutchler, Dr. Robert V. Nauman, Heather Perfetti, William M. Pinkowski, Lt. Col. Kathleen J. Porter, Dr. Evan C. Reese, Dr. Evan C. Reese Jr., Barbara Gail Leitner Samet, Laurie B. Samet, Melissa Anne Samet, J.D., Carl T. Secor, Nancy (Michael) Shukaitis, Martin K. Smith, Irving (Itch) Sommer, Walter (Bud) Stann, Charles Teeter, Ralph G. Turn Jr., W. Jack Wallie, Thomas L. Waring, James Weidman III, James C. Werkheiser, Marian F. Wolbers, Lawrence A. Zaccaro Jr. and Anthony Zugel.