2012 Hall of Fame Inductees

On Tuesday, May 22, 2012 the following Eastridge High School Alumni will be inducted into the Eastridge High School Hall of Fame in the Eastridge Auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

Established during East Irondequoit’s 30th anniversary celebration in 1986-87, the Alumni Hall of Fame honors outstanding graduates of past graduating classes from 15 years ago or more. Alumni who graduated in 1997 or earlier were eligible for nomination this year.

Inductees are chosen based on contributions both as high school students and as professionals and community members in the years since graduation.

Criteria considered for induction include job-related achievements, community or civic involvement, publications, professional affiliations, professional honors and awards, educational achievements, contributions to Eastridge as a student, and continuing contributions to the school after graduation.

Bonnie (Bartel) Arnold  Class of 1968

Booster Club, G.A.A., Yearbook staff, swim team, National Honor Society. A.A.S. Apparel Design/Buying Merchandizing-F.I.T.; Diploma Certificate Management Studies, R.I.T. Office Administrator, Norbut Renovations. WXXI Yeoman Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service, 2010; E.I.C.S.D. Community Volunteer of the Year, 2009. Tireless volunteer, champion, and advocate for the youth and citizens of the Town of Irondequoit and beyond including: Fund-raising for scholarships and special projects for the Eastridge Alumni Association, as long time President, and the East Irondequoit Educational Enrichment Foundation Board; Eastridge Parents for Music; Irondequoit Arts Council Board; Friends of the Irondequoit Library, secretary; Sea Breeze Bloomers; Planting Irondequoit Pride; and numerous others. Hobbies include gardening, reading and sewing.

Edward August Gartz  Class of 1970

Co-op-Penlon Hardware & Bridgon Press, Ski Club. B.A., Business Management/Economics, S.U.N.Y. Empire State College; R.I.T. Volunteer/Project Director/Chairman/Founder SNAP Foundation, Inc., award winning and highly praised 501c3 raising over $500,000 to mentor schools and communities, creating prevention, environmental, and peace projects encouraging positive life choices for over 600,000 students in 20+ countries and 25+ states including Eastridge High School, Durand-Eastman Intermediate School, and EHS 1969’s Jim Nowak’s Kenya Project. Eastman Kodak, retired. Presented at Capitol Hill; participated in Academy Award winning documentary “Born Into Brothels”; etc... Community Advocate, Eastman Kodak retiree's preservation of benefits; Organized Santa Day- Downtown Rochester- w/photos, gifts of 20,000 gloves, hats, etc. to the poor; and numerous other causes. Hobbies include cycling, golfing, hiking, photography, fishing; time with family.
Victor Salerno  
Class of 1962

Varsity wrestling, gymnastics club. B.B.A., Accounting, St. John Fisher College; C.P.A., New York State. O’Connell Electric Co., Inc., Executive/C.E.O, helped lead to 49th largest electrical contractor in the U.S.A. with 500 employees in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Victor. Rochester Chapter of National Electrical Contractors Assn., President. Honors: Dean Medal-Outstanding Service to Bittner School of Business, 2008; Outstanding Alumni of the Year, 2005-St. John Fisher College; etc. Philanthropist-with wife Eileen, E.H.S. Class of 1963, donated $2 million to build “Victor E. Salerno Center for American Enterprise” St. John Fisher Business School to promote success for generations of students and increase economic vitality for the region. Volunteer efforts include St. John Fisher Board of Directors and Student Mentor; Rochester Museum & Science Center, Board Member and Former Chairperson; etc. Hobbies: fishing, golfing, family events.

Drew Tappon  
Class of 1989
