



West Babylon Alumni Foundation



Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony
November 1, 2025
Gemelli's at Bergen Point

Program

Presentation of Colors

Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634 of the American Legion

Pledge of Allegiance

Noreen Lico Wood '79

Welcome

Ralph Rienzo '64, President
West Babylon Alumni Foundation

Acknowledgment of Dignitaries

Message from Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly

Superintendent of West Babylon School

Buffet Lunch

2025 Hall of Fame Inductees

Lucy Campasano – Community Leader

Presenter- Kathy Jennings

Rich Hoffman – Class of 1990

Presenter- Retired Superintendent Mel Noble

James Regan, Jr. – Class of 1995

Presenter – Christen Lambert

Robert Brennan – Class of 1972

Presenter – Pete Colletti

Closing Remarks

Ralph Rienzo

Coffee and Cake

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The West Babylon Alumni Foundation was established in 1997 and then re-organized in 2008. The Foundation is comprised of graduates from over 60 years of students.

The purpose of the Foundation is to perpetuate the “*tradition of excellence*” in the West Babylon School District.

The Foundation has set goals of awarding scholarships, creating a “Hall of Fame” and establishing a website, as well as a grant program for student clubs and organizations.

THE MISSION

The West Babylon Alumni Foundation, Inc. is a broadly based, non-profit organization whose purpose is educational and charitable to secure and distribute contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations for the benefit of the students in the West Babylon Public Schools and by doing so, perpetuate the unique experience and traditions.

Officers and Board of Directors

Ralph Rienzo (Class of 1964) – President
Robert Weaver (Class of 1983) -Executive Vice President
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Barbara Burrows (Class of 1973); Robert Congiusta (Class of 1967);
Rosemary Rizzo Menendez (Class of 1973); Louise Pastore Scelza (Class of 1979);
Ralph VanBomel (Class of 1970);
and Anthony Cacciola (Class of 1979), Emeritus Trustee

Foundation email: wbalumni@wbschools.org
Foundation Website: www.westbabylonalumni.org

West Babylon Alumni Foundation Hall of Fame Board of Directors' Award

2010

Dr. Robert J. Manley

2017

Jon Link

2018

Christopher Haug
James Egbert

2011

Martin P. Kennedy
Dr. Anthony Capone
Mathew Wilensky

2019

Douglas G. Hassell Jr.
Patricia Martin Farrell

2012

Frank Taplin

2021

Charles Volpe

2013

Margaret (Peggy) Ehrensperger

2023

West Babylon Fire Department

2014

Phillip Ames

2024

Linda Kronenbitter
West Babylon Lion's Club

2015

Wally Alesse
Barry Titone

2016

Melvin Noble
Margaret Jon Haugen
Emanuel Campisi

West Babylon Alumni Foundation

Hall of Fame Inductees

2009

Erica Crespi '88
Jonathan Reese '86
Mozelle Thompson '72
Judy Skillen
Senator Owen H. Johnson
Helmer Petersen (posthumously)

2010

Thomas C. Teufel '88
Dr. Charles Thompson '72
Thomas McAteer '71
Justice Ralph Costello '59
H. Austin Sheldon, Jr. (posthumously)

2011

Dr. William G. Hawkins '87
Lawrence Doyle '76
Dr. Christopher Proto '72
Dr. Daniel McCally '64
Major Melvyn Kloor '59

2012

Dr. Debra Viti '77 (posthumously)
Eric Kraft '61
Silvio Impagliazzo

2013

Patrick M. Farrell '73
Michael J. Rizzo '67
Dominick Varrone '67
Dr. John Bernardo '64

2014

Shannon Smith '08
Harold Dieterie '95
Patrick Halpin '71
Vincent DiMartino '66
Russell D. Van Brunt (posthumously)

2015

Dr. Mark Thompson '79
Anthony Cacciola '79
Constance Campanella '73
Eileen Naughton Roberto '70
John Zaruka '69

2016

Suffolk County Legislator Thomas Cilmi '82
Benedict Reyes '64 (posthumously)
Mary Myers Bruckenstein '63
Leroy Douglas '60 (posthumously)

2017

Shannon Romanchuk Saturno '01
(posthumously)
Christine Mowbray Manzi '96
Jeffrey Mintz '75 (posthumously)
Glenn Drewes '67

2018

Robert Weaver '83
Panela Vaughn Valdez '75
Richard Scheinberg '71
Joseph Germano '64

2019

Dr. Jennifer D'Amico '98
Justin Davies '94
Thomas H. Weidemeyer '65

2021

Dr. Mitchell Bellucci '73
Commander Brian Kudrle '01
William A. Miller '02
Laurie O'Gara '71
Jerry Owenburg '69
Dr. Vito Rizzo '74
Mark Scheinberg '74

2023

Regina M. Dooley '80
Kimberly Skillen '90
Dr. Scott L. Weiss '96

2024

Lieutenant Colonel Steven Harrington '65
Lieutenant Colonel Keith Ross '82
Thomas Wesley '73

2025

Robert Brennan '72
Lucy Campasano
Rich Hoffman – '90
James Regan, Jr. '95



Robert “Bunny” Brennan
Class of 1972
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Robert “Bunny” Brennan was born August 24, 1954, in Elmhurst, NY. He moved with his Mom (Betty) and Dad (Bunny, Sr.) to West Babylon in 1959. He is the oldest of four siblings Mike, Karen and Dan, all WB grads. Bunny graduated from West Babylon High School in 1972. He played varsity football, basketball and baseball. He attended Southern Connecticut State College where he played baseball for 4 years and was Captain in his senior year. Bunny, along with his childhood friend Peter Colletti recently retired from baseball after 64 years, starting in Little League and ending in the MSBL (Men’s Senior Baseball League).

Bunny married the love of his life, Ellen, a retired West Babylon teacher who taught Special Ed math in high school for 34 years. They have been married for 32 years and have raised their twin boys, Robert and Thomas, in Northport. Bob worked over 30 years as Director of Customer Service and Distribution for a manufacturer of products in the pet care industry. He was a volunteer coach for CYO basketball at St. Philip Neri and coach for Northport Little League and for their travel baseball program

Thirty-one years ago, he started the Bunny Classic Golf Outing to honor his father, Bernard, the original Bunny who had passed. Over the years, through the Bunny Classic, we have raised over \$100,000 for the Hospice Care Network Children’s Bereavement Fund and has handed out over \$10,000 to the West Babylon Alumni Scholarships to seniors in his dad’s name.

The Bunny Classic has become a huge West Babylon reunion attended by over 150 alumni, former teachers and administrators every year. For the past decade the West Babylon reunions have been scheduled around the Bunny Classic, knowing that so many Eagles will be in town. At the post dinner he honors an individual with the “Eagle Award” for those who continue to support the West Babylon community.

One of his proudest achievements has been raising funds and awareness for the St Baldricks Foundation for Kids Cancer Research. When his sons Robert and Thomas were 7 years old, they asked their dad to shave his head with them to show solidarity with children undergoing and recovering from cancer treatments. He never hesitated to say yes, and Team Bunny was created. Along with Robert and Thomas “Team Bunny” has included former and current West Babylon teachers and students. Together they have raised nearly half a million dollars for St Baldricks Kids Cancer Research. Bunny has become Knight of Round Table, a Crusader for a Cure and Baron of the Brave. He still shaves his head every March for the Foundation and is the MC for their annual event held in early March at Napper Tandy’s in Northport.

Bunny is humbled and honored to be inducted into the West Babylon HOF. He remains thankful for all West Babylon has given him and his family.

“Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle”



Lucy Campasano
Community Leader
West Babylon Alumni
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Lucy Campasano's contributions to the community have been robust and far-reaching for over 45 years. Lucy began her volunteer work in the 1970's with the West Babylon Little League and the West Babylon Football Conference League, helping with team photos, working and stocking the concession stands and providing snacks for the athletes.

In 1986, Lucy joined the West Babylon Music Parents' Association. She chaperoned band and color guard trips, sewed countless uniforms and flags and helped run the Bingo fundraisers. Lucy was a Religion teacher at Our Lady of Grace for many years and designed the brochures and bulletins for the parish. She selflessly volunteered at Christa House, a hospice center for patients with AIDS, during a time when fear kept others from being there. Lucy is a member of the West Babylon Chamber of Commerce and has been a member of every PTA in the district. For over 40 years, Lucy was a member of the West Babylon Parents of Sports, most of her years serving as the Treasurer. She shopped for events, worked the concession stand in the heat, the rain and the snow and helped raise over \$175,000 in scholarships throughout the years. Lucy and her husband raised 4 children; two who are now working in education, a financial advisor and a doctor.

No matter how many volunteer hours she put in, her family always came first—homework and hot meals, bedtime stories and a solid example for her children. Lucy's final West Babylon grandchild graduated in 2024, and she was still on the fields, at the awards ceremonies and helping at fundraisers. She did this all while serving twenty-nine years on the West Babylon Board of Education, acting as president for many years and positively changing the district and community for countless people. Lucy Campasano is a pillar of the community and an example of volunteerism at its best.



Rich Hoffman
Class of 1990
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Rich Hoffman is the meteorologist for News 12 Long Island's Morning and Afternoon newscasts, producing more than 40 weather casts per shift. Rich joined the News 12 weather team in September 2002. Rich also provides weather for radio stations: MyCountry 96.1, Big 98.1 and Party 105.3. Since 2005, Rich has been a Professor at Farmingdale State College teaching:

[PHY 116 Introduction to Meteorology.](#)

While growing up on Long Island in the Town of Babylon, Rich loved to go to the beach with his family. The weather always played a role in whether his family would hit beach favorites like Cedar and Gilgo Beach. So, by the time he was nine, Rich was tracking weather systems and developed a love for forecasting. After graduating from West Babylon High School Class of 1990, Rich headed north to fulfill his dream of being a Meteorologist.

Rich earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Atmospheric Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Albany (SUNY), in New York. Rich also has a Master of Science in Geoscience from Mississippi State. Rich began his television career in 1996 at WNYT in Albany. Rich throughout his almost 30-year career has worked at many television stations around the Northeast.

Rich is very active with many different charities and organizations. He was a part of [Team and Training](#), which helps raise money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He has raised more than \$30,000 participating in a Marathon, Triathlon and 100 mile Bike ride. Since 2012, when Rich had open heart surgery to replace his Aortic Valve, he has worked with the [American Heart Association](#) to promote heart health.

Rich resides in the Town of Babylon with his wife Brittney and 3 boys; Noah, Cole and James. As for sports, Rich roots for the NY Mets, NY Islanders, and the Buffalo Bills. Rich has run 10 marathons, more than 20 triathlons plus Finished the 2008 Lake Placid IRONMAN (Swim 2.4 Miles, Bike 112 Miles, Run 26.2 Miles).



James Regan, Jr.

Class of 1995

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James Regan Jr. graduated from West Babylon High School in 1995. Raised on Lucerne Drive, he comes from a large extended family, many of whom are deeply connected to the West Babylon community.

He earned a Liberal Arts degree from Seton Hall University and a Master's in Social Work from Stony Brook University. Now a Licensed Master Social Worker, James has spent the past 24 years serving youth and underserved populations in juvenile justice, residential programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, mental health clinics, and homeless services.

In 2016, James founded **Lodestar Children's Services** to address a critical shortage of providers for local families with children and teens facing mental health challenges. The vision had been years in the making, and his commitment to improving resources became too powerful to ignore.

Under his leadership, Lodestar has become a vital community resource. To date, the organization has served nearly 1,000 families and provided more than 40,000 home- and community-based visits through the Office of Mental Health and Department of Health. Lodestar employs over 200 staff members who deliver therapy, skill development, and critical support.

Lodestar's success is anchored in its founding principle: **empowerment**. The agency thrives through the efforts of volunteers, donors, elected officials, and—most importantly—its dedicated staff. Among its earliest supporters, West Babylon classmates Jay Able and Christen Lambert continue to serve faithfully as volunteer board members.

Looking ahead, James remains focused on expanding Lodestar's geographic reach and deepening its impact, ensuring even more families gain access to life-changing support.

A proud father of two, James treasures his children. In his free moments, his favorite pursuits are exploring new places near and far, civil discourse, and spending time with family and friends.

Sponsors

In Honor of Phil Ames – Louise Kennedy, Doris Puglisi, & Manny Campisi

In honor of Rich Hoffman – Joan Haugen; Tom & Linda Kudrle

All Inductees

Dr. Robert & Kay Manley; Jon Link; Ruth & Mel Noble;

Rob & Donna Weaver; and West Babylon Fire Chiefs

Donors

In honor of Robert Brennan – Janine & Ed Augustine; Vincent

Stephan; Gerald Toner

In Honor of Robert Brennan & James Regan – Marge Intreglia

In honor of Lucy Campasano – Fran O'Hehir; Pat & Dominick Squicciarini

All Inductees

Pat Farrell; Dr. Patricia Neville; and Superstar Beverages

A very special Thank You to the West Babylon School District

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