

2008 Allegheny Valley School District Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

Dennis J. Charlton, D.M.D.



Dennis J. Charlton, D.M.D. (attended 1966-1970) - Dennis Charlton graduated from Springdale High School in 1970 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Charlton returned to school to earn a Doctoral Degree in Dental Medicine from the University of Pittsburgh's School of Dental Medicine in 1981. He became a member of the American Dental Association and settled into practice in Mercer County. Throughout his career, Charlton has held numerous offices and served on committees in various dental associations. He currently serves as the PA Dental Association's Speaker of the House and as a "Success Speaker" for the American Dental Association, stressing the importance of helping others and being a productive member of the community. Through his work, Charlton has put his words into action. He founded a local Christmas Toy Program that provides

gifts to low-income families and donates his dental services to deserving individuals. Charlton has volunteered through his church, local Little League teams, and the Boy Scouts of America. He takes time each year to present programs at local schools to help teach young students the importance of good dental practices and established a "clean teeth" program for children. In 2002, he founded the Charlton Dental Professional Scholarship Fund for a Lakeview High School graduate who would be entering the dental field. Charlton's goal in life is to give back not only to his patients, but to every person with whom he comes in contact.

Richard M. Kerestan



Richard M. Kerestan (attended 1950-1963) - Richard Kerestan spent much of his time at Springdale High School as a member of the famed Mellowmen. He is touted as one of the finest musicians to ever graduate from SHS, in his senior year earning the Arion Award, which recognizes - on a national level- outstanding musical ability. After graduation, Kerestan went on to study at Morehead State University. Here, he performed with some of the finest musicians in the world and received a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Education. Kerestan completed his formal education at Drake University and Cincinnati's College of Mount Saint Joseph. After college, he began a 31-year career in music education in Hamilton, Ohio as the Director of Bands and Choral Director. Kerestan enriched and expanded the school's music curriculum. Bands under his direction received national notoriety performing at local, state, and national events, including the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City and the Mardi Gras Parade in New Orleans. Kerestan left education to enter the world of business only

to return to his calling as a music educator. At the New Miami Local School District, Kerestan once again built an outstanding music program that received national recognition. Kerestan's academic successes include authoring many articles for music education journals. He was honored with an *Exemplary Service to Education Award* from the Ohio School Boards Association, the *Distinguished Alumnus Award* from Morehead State University, and numerous nominations to societies such as *Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans* and *Men of Achievement*. Over the years, Kerestan has touched the lives of many individuals with a large dose of warmth, love, and humor.

Robert Rosati



Robert Rosati (attended 1952-1956) - Robert Rosati graduated from Springdale High School in 1956. He attended St. Vincent College and the University of Pittsburgh, where he obtained a Bachelors' Degree in Business Administration. After graduation, he joined Ernst & Ernst as a staff auditor, entered the Army in 1962, and served in the U.S. Army Audit Agency. After his discharge in 1964, he rejoined Ernst & Ernst and subsequently passed the CPA exam. Rosati joined the U.S. Steel Railroads in 1965 and worked his way up the corporate ladder, never holding the same position for more than two years. In 1988, he was promoted to Vice-President of Finance for the U.S. Steel Railroads. Later that year, Rosati became the C.F.O. of Transtar, which purchased the railroads, lake shipping, and river barging companies of U.S. Steel and in 1994 was named the President and C.E.O. of Transtar and its subsidiaries. He remained in that position

until his retirement in 2000. He funds the Robert S. Rosati Student Loan Fund at the University of Pittsburgh which offers interest-free loans to students and also endowed a football scholarship at the university. Rosati was honored as a Distinguished Alumni by the University of Pittsburgh's Katz Graduate School of Business. His service to the community is vast and varied. He has served as the University of Pittsburgh's Chairman of the Chancellor's Circle and co-chaired a capital campaign for the Katz School of Business. Rosati was also active in the Boy Scouts of America. He continues to educate himself through new experiences, travel, and projects. Rosati is a determined, highly self-motivated individual who has been a role-model to many and a benefactor to the community.