

2013 Allegheny Valley School District Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

Frank S. DePoli



(attended 1956-1968) - Frank S. DePoli graduated from Springdale High School in 1968. He went on to study at Boyce Community College before joining the Coast Guard to serve his country. He returned to Pittsburgh to work and raise a family, maintaining his connection with the military through the American Legion Post 764 and the Springdale Veterans' Association. He became an important source of support for military families. Over the years, DePoli made several successful career changes, demonstrating his capacity for life-long learning. Along with a fellow alumnus, DePoli began the Springdale High School All-Class Reunions, and, from this event, the Springdale High School Alumni Association. He has served multiple terms as President, leading the growth, development, and good works of this remarkable organization. In addition, his service to the community extended to local youth athletics and his church. He continues to give back to his community as a friend to veterans, a role model for young people, and an important facet in our Dynamo heritage.

Mary Catherine Desmone, Ed.D.



(attended 1960-1964) – Mary Catherine Desmone grew up in Springdale, attending schools in the Allegheny Valley School District to graduate in 1964. She went on to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and the University of Pittsburgh where she received a Masters of Arts Degree in Speech and Language Pathology and a Doctor of Education Degree. Desmone taught in the elementary classroom, worked in speech and hearing therapy, and served as a liaison between the Pennsylvania Department of Education and local school districts. She served as the Director of Special Education and an Assistant Professor in Edinboro's Educational Leadership Program. For her efforts, she has received the Robert Flynn Memorial Award for Distinguished Service and the Distinguished Research and Publication Award. Desmone has held volunteer positions in her church and community and has used her professional life in service to others. She has touched the lives of her students in the classroom, her peers as an educational leader, and her community as a role model.

Carin Hutzler Liberati



(attended 1970-1983) – Carin Hutzler Liberati graduated from Springdale High School in 1983. She went on to secure a degree from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a Masters of Education Degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She currently serves as a Reading Specialist with the Pine-Richland School District, where she passes along her love of reading in her classes. Liberati has been selected to make presentations to the school district, the intermediate unit, and state education associations; participated in the University of Pittsburgh's LEADERS program; and developed special programs to help promote reading. For her efforts, Liberati has been honored as a *Thanks to Teachers* nominee and a finalist for the *Teacher Excellence Foundation* and, in 2011, the *Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year* award. She has volunteered as a PTA member, an AVSD Key Communicator, a Sunday School teacher, and various other roles in youth sports activities. Perhaps her greatest contribution, Liberati established *Jeremiah's Closet* to provide clothing for underprivileged local families. She has shown that every moment can become a lesson.