

2016 Allegheny Valley School District Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

Richard W. Pospistle



Richard W. Pospistle (attended 1940-1953) - Richard W. Pospistle graduated from Springdale High School in 1953. He attended Carnegie Institute of Technology, graduating with a degree in Chemistry in 1957. He secured a position with West Penn Power as a plant engineer for starting a new power plant. His career was interrupted when he was drafted into the US Army, serving as a research chemist at their Medical Research and Nutrition Laboratory. After his discharge, Pospistle returned to West Penn Power and completed advanced control systems training. During his 37 years, he achieved the position of corporate executive. In his lifetime, he published several research papers. He was recognized by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Pospistle volunteered his time in working with the Kittanning Jaycees and United Way. After retirement, his volunteer activities reached another level. He created an award-winning website for his Springdale Class of 1953. At both his retirement communities and at nursing homes, he has performed keyboard musicals for their enjoyment. He readily offers his computer knowledge. Pospistle's goal is to bring smiles to the faces of others.

Jeffrey A. Sheldon



Jeffrey A. Sheldon (attended 1967-1980) – Jeffrey A. Sheldon graduated from Springdale High School in 1980. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Vincent College and went on to the Police Academy, securing a position with the Allegheny County Sheriff's Department. Sheldon also received a Masters Degree in Criminology from Indiana University and was invited to attend the FBI National Academy. Over the course of his 30-year career, Sheldon has served as an instructor for the Allegheny County Police Academy, establishing himself as an authority in his field; on the Fugitive Task Force; with the G-20 Summit; and as a part of the security team for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Sheldon emphasizes giving back to the community through Public Safety Nights and projects for the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, the Special Olympics of Pennsylvania, and Presents for Patients program. He has received special commendation from the county sheriff and received the Allegheny County Deputy Sheriff's Association President's Award. He inspires others through his police service, giving back to his community, and his generous spirit to help others.

Craig W. Turley



Craig W. Turley (attended 1961-1973) - Craig W. Turley graduated from Springdale High School in 1973. Upon graduation, he won an appointment to the United States Naval Academy. He graduated and was commissioned in 1977. He continued his education through the Naval Postgraduate School, where he earned a Master of Science degree in Operations Research, and was selected to attend the Naval War College in Rhode Island, where he received a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Turley rose through the ranks to Captain, serving on various assignments, and was deployed to the Arabian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm. He has been the recipient of numerous awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, and had command at sea and shore. He retired from active service in 2007, but continues as the Director of the Naval Postgraduate School San Diego Learning Center. Turley served his community with the Coronado Youth Soccer League and the Islander Sports Foundation. He has excelled in his career, is respected by his peers, and is committed to his country and community.