

The Norwalk High School

Wall of Honor



Dr. Edward C. Kendall
Class of 1904 (95)

Dr. Kendall was presented the 1950 Nobel Prize for physiology, for the development of cortisone as a therapeutic agent for the relief of pain, as well as many other prestigious awards including another Nobel nomination in 1927.



Dr. Grace V. Gorham
Class of 1919 (95)

Dr. Gorham delivered some 5000 babies in Norwalk during a 45 year career that began in 1934 when she became the first obstetrician-gynecologist in Norwalk. She earned her medical degree from University of Michigan.



Frederick P. Murphy
Class of 1913 (05)

The late Fred Murphy was an innovator in the ice-making field, credited with making ice cubes available to bars, caterers, restaurants and home users. As a Chairman of the National Ice Association, he introduced

numerous changes in the field as people turned from ice boxes to refrigerators.



U.S. Sen. Brien McMahon
Class of 1920 (95)

James O'Brien McMahon served in the U.S. Senate from 1944 to 1952. His concern over the dangers of the atom resulted in creation of the Atomic Energy Commission and advocacy of the UN and NATO.



Arthur Olsen
Class of 1913 (01)

"Ollie" is believed to be the first Norwalker to make the jump to the major leagues, where he played for the Detroit Tigers under Manager Ty Cobb.



Dr. Isadore M. Tarlow
Class of 1922 (06)

A renowned neurosurgeon discovered the presence of cysts in the lower spine which have since been identified as "Tarlov cysts." During World War II he found a method of gluing injured nerves together using blood plasma.



Harold Cutbill
Class of 1915 (00)

Known as "The Flying Parson," Harold held the 1000 yard run for 13 years along with other records in the mile and mile and a half.



Stanley S. Joseloff
Class of 1924 (99)

Stanley is noted for careers in four fields. As a lawyer representing Broadway producers, the Shuberts; as an entrepreneur founding companies sold to AmEx and Comcast; as producer of radio shows such as Eddie Cantor, The Life of Riley, and Dinah Shore; and as a song lyricist for the famed Glenn Miller band.



Mayor Jennie F. Cave
Class of 1919 (96)

Jennie was the first woman elected Mayor of the City of Norwalk, holding office from 1975-77 as a member of the Independent Party. She was active in politics from her high school years on.



Horace McMahon
Class of 1924 (97)

This veteran actor starred in roles on Broadway, Hollywood and television in a career spanning 45 years. He gained fame as both Lt. Monaghan in "Detective Story" on Broadway and Det. Mike Palmer on TV's "Naked City".



Major General Philip C. Wehle Class of 1924 (04)

He won the Distinguished Service Medal with service in the Asiatic-Pacific and European theaters and, as Commander of the military district of

Washington was responsible for funeral arrangements for General of the Army MacArthur, President Hoover and President John F. Kennedy.



Elizabeth Taylor Philcox Voss Class of 1926 (96)

“Betty” trained hundreds of girls in swimming at the YMCA in Norwalk during a 42 year period, 35 as a volunteer. She served as assistant coach of the U.S.

Olympic women’s swim team at Tokyo, Japan in 1964.



Amelia E. Walden Class of 1926 (95)

This author of 45 novels for young adults also wrote off-Broadway plays for which she received high critical acclaim. Prior to her writing career she

was, for 18 years, a teacher at Benjamin Franklin Junior High School.



Leo Nevas Class of 1928 (08)

One of the east coast’s leading practitioners in corporate affairs, real estate, land use, zoning and tax-exempt organizations, provides estate planning, drafts wills and administers

estates. A former Judge of the Westport Municipal Court and a member of the Connecticut Commission of Human Rights, he has served as Vice Chairman of the United Nations Association of the U.S.

[Click here to read the article from the Hour on Leo Nevas.](#)



William Lauder Jr. Class of 1930 (99)

He achieved fame in the press and public relations office of the N.Y. Racing Association after 25 years as a beat sports writer for the now defunct New York Herald Tribune.



John R. Toland Class of 1930 (96)

Mr. Toland was awarded the coveted Pulitzer Prize in 1972 for his book, “Rising Sun: The Story of World War II.” He was also awarded three Overseas Press Club awards for nonfiction books.



Bernaldo Peretti Class of 1934 (02)

A World War II hero who fought throughout the European Theater, from North Africa to the Normandy landings to the Battle of The Bulge. He won the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with cluster, European Service Medal with eight battle stars, the Purple Heart and was awarded a battlefield commission.



Hazzard Parks Class of Feb. 1937 (08)

Hazzard was the first social worker in the Marcy Center Settlement House in Chicago, later became the Director, a role that provided education and social services for thousands of people. His role as a peace maker

in the Chicago race riots produced many publicized articles including a biography called “Call him a Man: The Story of Hazzard Parks” by Amy Lee. He later was a social worker for the Chicago Board of Education.

[Click here to read the article in the Norwalk Hour about Hazzard Parks.](#)



Michael E. Errico Class of February, 1938 (07)

formed his own company after losing his job in a takeover and competed successfully with his former company in the field of shims for aerospace and precision industries. His company helped eliminate the punji stake scourge

in the Viet Nam war.



**Harry Connolly
Class of 1939 (97)**

“Mickey” was the first Norwalker to play professional football*, after stellar performances at NHS and Boston College. He went on to a successful career as a coach and athletic director at several

mid-west and eastern colleges. (*with the Brooklyn Dodgers, who were in existence 1930-44)



**Dr. Robert E. Appleby
Class of 1942 (99)**

Dedicated and determined in the practice of pediatrics and public service, Dr. Appleby was devoted to humanitarian needs both here and in other parts of the world.



**Joe Eula
Class of 1942 (04)**

Internationally renowned fashion designer was a magazine illustrator, newspaper artist, album cover and costume designer for ballet and Broadway shows with three gallery shows devoted to his paintings and

sketches.



**Robert S. Daniels
(Class of 1939) (06)**

A pioneer in the field of television, as an NBC cameraman, he filmed most of the “firsts” during the infancy of television. He later was to serve as technical director of many of the famous TV shows of the 50s and 60s.



**Marguerite Podd Fuller
Class of 1944 (96)**

Mrs. Fuller was the first black woman hired to teach in the Norwalk public school system, “Either I will find a way or I will make one” is how she managed the many challenges she faced in her 40 year teaching career.



**Attorney John D. Lane
Class of 1939 (04)**

An advisor to presidents, he was named Executive Secretary to U.S. Senator Brien McMahon in 1949 before working for the U. S. Senate, the Treasury and the White House Counsel’s Office for years.



**Lt. Col. (Ret)
Louis V. Genuario
Class of 1944 (03)**

A member of the ill-fated West Point Class of 1950, thrust immediately upon graduation into the Korean conflict, he was highly decorated and, after retirement, went on to become a noted builder

in Northern Virginia.



**Richard Madey, PhD
Class of 1939 (06)**

He achieved singular success as a nuclear scientist, encompassing research in the structure of nucleons, nuclei and excited nuclear matter. He still serves as a Research Scientist and Emeritus University Professor at

Kent State University.



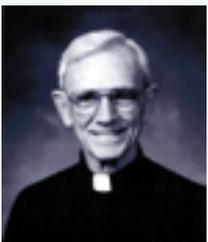
**Warren E. Preece
Class of 1939 (01)**

Retired Editor of the Encyclopedia Britannica, he was the key figure in the creation of the mammoth 15th edition in 1974.



**Stephen Guback
Class of 1944 (01)**

Award-winning sportswriter with the Washington Star who covered a variety of sports for 20 years. He served with the President’s Council on Fitness and Sports for many years.



**Father John Yates
Class of 1941 (04)**

Missionary priest who has devoted his life to missionary work with the Holy Ghost Fathers of the Roman Catholic Church in South and Central America and in California and

Arkansas.



**Pfc. John D. Magrath
Class of 1944 (95)**

John Magrath was the first Norwalker awarded The Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest military honor, for his heroic actions in battle in the Italian Apennines during World War II.



**Richard F. Tucker
Class of 1944 (96)**

Mr. Tucker served as Chairman of Mobil Corporation, President of Mobil Oil Corporation and United States Trust Company.



**Andrew Whyte
Class of 1944 (05)**

An aeronautical engineer for 41 years at Sikorsky Aircraft, Whyte is a nationally honored aeronautical artist as well who introduced the concept of providing customers with visual pictures of proposed helicopters

which he helped to design.



**Eleanora Norwood Clarke
Class of 1945 (00)**

Eleanora became the first female black to break into the ranks as legal counsel at ITT Continental, specializing in Real Estate, Patent and Equal Opportunity issues.



**Lucy Nardi DiPasqua
Class of 1945 (98)**

As Subway's first multiple franchise owner she has assembled some 45 successful restaurants in the Orlando Florida area. Her company DiPasqua Enterprises employs nearly 450 people, and is still growing.

**Hillard E. Bloom
Class of 1946 (98)**

President and co-owner of Tallmadge Brothers Inc. With his late twin brother Norman, Hillard built the nation's largest privately owned oyster harvesting company, with over 20 thousand acres under harvest.

**Norman Bloom, Sr.
Class of 1946**

Partnering with his twin brother Hillard, he was instrumental in the development of the largest privately owned oyster harvesting company in the world.

**Dr. Albert V. Burke
(Class of 1946) (06)**

One of only two NHS graduates to serve as Chief of Staff at Norwalk Hospital, where he served for six years, he was awarded the William J. Tracey MD Award and has served as a physician in many local organizations, including Police Physician.

**Anthony J. Caruso
Class of 1947 (02)**

He spent more than 30 years as a physicist with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He received seven Special Achievement Awards as well as other NASA awards and is the senior author of more than 32 scientific journals that are distributed throughout the United States, Australia, Europe, Asia and So. America.

**Robert M. Miller
Class of 1947 (98)**

"Rivets" earned three NFL Championship rings (1952,53,57) as a defensive lineman during his career with the Detroit Lions (1952-58). He had previously earned All-Southern Conference honors at the University of Virginia.

**Horace Ward Silver
Class of 1947 (96)**

Horace began his career in music and entertainment at an early age in Norwalk. His unusual talent was recognized by leading jazz giants while he was in high school here. He went on to fulfill his dream to "thrill the world with jazz."

**Dr. Alvin R. Tarlov
Class of 1947 (97)**

Dr. Tarlov is a nationally celebrated clinical researcher and professor who has served in numerous capacities in health promotion and disease prevention.

**Anne Levy Wexler
Class of 1947 (98)**

Served as Senior Assistant to The President, for public liaison, during the Carter administration and served as a senior advisor to the Clinton/Gore Transition Team. Currently CEO of The Wexler Group a successful DC lobbying firm.

**Justice Robert J. Callahan
Class of 1948 (95)**

In 1995 he received appointment as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Connecticut. He had presided with distinction since 1970 in courts at various levels. He also played college and NFL football after a stellar NHS career.

**James J. Licari, Ph.D.
Class of 1948 (00)**

Mr. Licari's development of an ablative coating was subsequently instrumental in the safe return of astronauts through the intense heat of re-entry.

Robert Cizik, Class of 1949 (97)

This Industrialist served as Chairman of the Board of Cooper Industries from 1983-96, where he increased annual revenues to more than \$6 Billion. He is retired, but participates in both civic and national activities from his home in Texas.

Francis X. Fay Jr.
Class of 1949 (08)

Senior staff writer with The Hour newspaper for almost half a century, is the first member of a Connecticut daily named a Master Reporter by the New England Society of Newspaper Editors. He is noted for his detailed accounts of local high school reunions and other activities and has long provided the weekly "The Way We Were" column detailing Norwalk history.

[Click here to read the Hour article on Francis Fay.](#)

Salvatore Nuzzo
Class of 1949 (01)

Retired Chairman of the Board of Hazeltine Corporation, he rose through the ranks over a 35-year career.

Dr. Richard A. Smith
Class of 1949 (05)

Dr. Smith is an award-winning medical pioneer who developed the MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant Program which helped start the Physician Assistant and Nurse Practitioner movement 30 years ago.

James Walter Jennings
Class of 1950 (00)

Mr. Jennings overcame the extreme handicap of legal blindness to become America's first blind Civil Engineer.

Dr. Burton M. Onofrio
Class of 1950 (98)

Dr. Onofrio is a retired researcher and professor of neurological surgery at the Mayo Medical School, an adjunct to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

Gerard M. Courville
Class of 1953 (99)

"Jerry" received early recognition as an outstanding golfer by winning the Fairfield County High School Championship in 1952. He continued his career competing in all levels of the sport. He was elected to the Connecticut Golf Assoc. Hall of Fame in 1976.

Bernard "Happy" Kliban
Class of 1953 (03)

A world renowned cartoonist known especially for his cat cartoons in Playboy and other national magazines and books, still available after his untimely death in 1990.

Willis F. Overton, Ph.D.
Class of 1953 (02)

As professor and chair of psychology in Temple University's Department of Psychology, Dr Overton's activities include work in the fields of Development and Clinical Psychology. A

prolific author, his writings focus on cognitive development, in particular the development of reasoning in adolescence.

Dr. Eugene S. Mayer, MD
Class of 1956 (02)

During his life, Dr Mayer was associate dean of the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina. He also served as the director of the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers program, forging a link between academic medicine and public health in the North Carolina area.

Dr. Phyllis G. Kaplan
Class of 1958 (99)

Dr. Kaplan is a full professor at California State University at Hayward. She has a long history as a humanitarian, helping needy children around the world, particularly in Vietnam and Cambodia.

John J. Fitteron
Class of 1959 (99)

As the Senior vice president, treasurer and chief financial officer of the Getty Petroleum Companies, he negotiated the separation of the company into two public corporations.

Robert J. DeMott, Ph.D.
Class of 1961 (00)

A renowned scholar and author he is considered the nation's top authority on author John Steinbeck.

John C. Huminski
Class of 1961 (99)

In spite of being confined to a wheelchair as a result of Cerebral Palsy, John has excelled in international sports competition, winning events throughout the world. He has also received numerous awards for his efforts on behalf of disabled persons.

Paul V. Tebo, Ph.D.
Class of 1961 (03)

A corporate vice president for safety and environment at the E. I. DuPont Company, he has been credited with leading a social and environmental revolution within one of America's largest corporations.

John C. Brittain,
Class of 1962 (97)

This renowned attorney and professor spearheaded the Sheff vs. O'Neill case in which the Connecticut Supreme Court overruled a lower court decision stating Connecticut's school system failed to address severe ethnic and racial isolation.

Colonel Stephen M. Golden, MD
Class of 1963 (03)

An honored military physician who has become a children's health specialist, he is still active with the US Air Force as a clinical director of research at Travis Air Base in California.

Calvin Murphy
Class of 1966 (95)

He has been called “the greatest athlete ever developed in Norwalk”, He starred in basketball at NHS, Niagara University, 3 times as all-American and with the NBA Houston Rockets and was inducted into the NBA Hall of Fame in 1993.

John T. Pinto, Ph.D.
Class of 1966 (07)

A research scientist who focused his research on age-related brain diseases to enhance recovery from stroke, spinal cord injury and other neurological disorders.

Andrea Seger
Class of 1967 (01)

One of only 17 women athletic directors among 305 Division I-A colleges and universities in the nation as AD at Ball State University.

Pfc. Daniel J. Shea
Class of 1967 (95)

The second Norwalker awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest military honor, received his for heroic actions rescuing comrades from a rice paddy in Quang Tin Province in Vietnam.

Kathleen S. Roos, Ph.D.
Class of 1967 (07)

Technical Director for Environmental Training for the U. S. Navy for 17 years, she has addressed national and international environmental requirements.

Paul Gerken
Class of 1968 (04)

Professional tennis player, he has participated in the U.S. Open, Wimbledon and the French Open grand slam tennis events and was named to the Davis Cup team.

Rt. Rev. Thomas Clark Ely
Class of 1969 (02)

Rev. Ely was elected as the 10th Bishop of Vermont, culminating a career which began on June 14, 1980 when he was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church. He administers to parishioners in 51 churches throughout Vermont, presiding over the diocesan council.

Pam Cross
Class of 1971 (08)

Anchorwoman for 6 and 11 PM week-end newscasts at WCVB-TV in Boston since 1994, she has served as a general reporter for daily newscasts as well. [Click here to read an article about Pam Cross.](#)

Rev. Debra W. Haffner
Class of 1972 (05)

Rev. Haffner is the Director of the Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice and Healing, an ecumenical interfaith organization dedicated to sexual health, education and justice in faith communities.

Craig Barton
Class of 1973 (08)

An associate professor and director of the urban studies program at the University of Virginia, investigates issues of cultural and historical preservation and their interpretation through architectural and urban design. Much of his practice focuses on assisting African-American communities to preserve and interpret their significant cultural resources to stimulate community development.

[Click here to read the Hour article on Craig Barton.](#)

Sue Halpern
Class of 1973 (03)

A prolific writer after a meteoric high school and college career that culminated in a Phi Beta Kappa key and a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford, she has earned plaudits for non-fiction work which earned her a Guggenheim Fellowship.

Jacqui Vines
Class of 1973 (06)

Regional Vice President and General Manager of Cox Communications, Baton Rouge, LA, she is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the “2003 Business Person of the year in Baton Rouge.

Edward S. Dzubak
Class of 1975 (05)

Dzubak is a three-time Emmy Award winning film and television composer whose credits include “As the World Turns,” “Guiding Light,” NFL Football, the Olympics as well as international credits.

Diane Singerman
Class of 1975 (08)

An associate professor in the Department of Government, School of Public Affairs at American University, is a prolific author who has penned numerous books, articles, book chapters, working papers and commentary. A highly sought after speaker at conferences of international studies, her areas of interest include: anthropology, political history, urban history as well as women and gender democratization.

[Click here to read the article from the Norwalk Hour about Diane Singerman.](#)