



Willowbrook Distinguished Alumni Awards

2013



JOSEPH BRUNO
CLASS OF 1973
INDUCTED – 2013

Joseph Bruno

Class: 1973

Accomplishments:

- Received his BA cum laude in chemistry from Augustana College
- Received his PhD in chemistry from Northwestern
- Professor of chemistry at Wesleyan from 1996-2012; assistant and associate professor from 1984-1996
- Recipient of the Connecticut Valley Section Award for outstanding contribution to chemistry
- Has received numerous grants supporting chemical research
- Continues work at Argonne National Laboratory; thesis research appointment for studies on uranium and thorium chemistry



ARTHUR EARL
CLASS OF 1980
INDUCTED – 2013

Arthur Earl

Class: 1980

Accomplishments:

- Graduated with a BS degree from U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- Received his MS from Air Force Institute of Technology
- Received his MBA cum laude in technology management from U of I
- He has held multiple leadership positions as Battalion leader, Platoon leader and Company Commander
- Recipient of the Bronze star from Desert Storm





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DREW HODGES
CLASS OF 1997
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Drew Hodges

Class: 1997

Accomplishments:

- Emmy-award winner in 2011 for work in prime time television
- Working on a personal creation, “Tumble Leaf,” for Amazon, which is an animated children’s show
- While at Willowbrook, he was recognized as Senior of the Year in the art department
- His clay animation “Cricket town” won first place in the experimental category at the annual Chicagoland competition hosted by CTEC in 1997



DYANNE KRUGER
CLASS OF 1963
INDUCTED – 2013

Dyanne Kruger

Class: 1963

Accomplishments:

- English Teacher in Vietnam





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MARIE TRZUPEK LYNCH
CLASS OF 1990
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Marie Trzupek Lynch
Class: 1990

Accomplishments:

- Received her master's degree in public policy from the University of Chicago and bachelor's degree from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Recognized for being an innovative nonprofit executive and expert in public private partnerships both locally and nationally with more than 20 years of experience working for organizations such as Deloitte, City of Chicago and the YMCA
- Launched and serving as founding CEO of Skills for Chicagoland's Future, a public private partnership designed to create demand-driven solutions for employers to get the under and unemployed back to work
- Previously served as founding CEO of Chicago Career Tech, a career retraining initiative for unemployed Chicagoans
- Appointed to US Department of Commerce National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship as co-Chair in 2014
- Other key volunteer engagements include Assistant Coach of Haven School Cross-Country Team and Mentor for University of Chicago Public Policy School
- As a high school student, Marie was a leader in Student Council, was active in Model UN and was a multi-year All-Conference cross-country and track athlete



MICHAEL SPEHN
CLASS OF 1980
INDUCTED – 2013

Michael Spehn
Class: 1980

Accomplishments:

- Played basketball, golf and was class president while at Willowbrook
- He is a New York Times bestselling author for the book "The Color of Rain," hosts a radio talk show, is the Director of the New Day Foundation for Families, is a screenwriter, is a national speaker and is a father of five children
- He has appeared on the Today Show, Huckabee on Fox News, ABC World News with Diane Sawyer and was named as a Difference Maker for Michigan in 2013

