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# SPHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – 110 YEARS OLD

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

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Dear SPHS Fellow Alumni,

This year in June will mark 50 years since I and my classmates from the great class of 1970 graduated from Southern. At the time most of us “teenagers” were not thinking much past the summer and starting our college years or job opportunities. It is hard to believe that 50 years could go by so quickly. I am fortunate that at the time I was able to attend the Community College of Philadelphia to start my college education. Over 40 years later I am still employed by the College as an Assistant Professor.

These last few years I have had the honor of attending many South Philadelphia High School reunions and have met many alumni who still cherish their memories from their school years. Many like myself have long lasting friendships. The excitement and enthusiasm shown by the committees who managed these events along with the graduates who attend their reunions, is a testament to the pride and friendships they made while at Southern.

As Alumni, we help support the athletic department by providing money to purchase needed equipment or clothing. Larry Sechuk, Class of 1977, Alumni Board Member and Athletic Hall Fame awardee has started a GoFundMe page to help the school’s struggling athletic program. Go to our website for more information and to check for current events and upcoming reunions. The Alumni Association continues to aid deserving graduates by providing scholarships which has amounted to over \$2 million dollars since its inception in 1951. We thank all the alumni members who have made generous donations to our scholarship fund.

The inductees to the SPHS 2020 Cultural and Athletic Hall of Fame this year are again an excellent group of individuals who have shown through their endeavors that they are well deserving of the Award. We hope you will join us in congratulating the new inductees at our annual awards banquet on May 17th.

Sincerely,  
Joyce Garozzo, President SPHS Alumni Executive Committee  
Class of 1970

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To make nominations to the SPHS Alumni Association Athletic or Cultural Hall of Fame: Please visit our website [sphsalumni.com](http://sphsalumni.com) and click on forms.” The Hall of Fame Nomination Form may be completed and submitted online. The form may also be printed from the website, completed manually, and sent to the address on the form.



## **SPHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – 108 YEARS OLD 2019 - REPORTS FROM OUR COMMITTEE CHAIR PEOPLE - 2020**

The Membership Committee needs your help making other graduates aware of our Alumni Association and the work we do in recognizing graduates (Hall of Fame Banquet and Award of Excellence Luncheon), encouraging reunions and other get-togethers of alumni, and supporting current students of Southern (with scholarships and other financial support).

When attending reunions or other get-togethers with fellow alumni, ask them if they are Lifetime Members of the SPHS Alumni Association. If they are not, please encourage them to join and direct them to our website ([www.sphsalumni.com](http://www.sphsalumni.com)). The one-time membership cost remains the same, just \$25.

Perhaps your mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle, or other relative graduated from Southern. Surprise them on their birthday, anniversary, Mother's Day, Father's Day or Christmas with a gift of a lifetime - a Lifetime Membership. Memberships may be purchased online at [www.sphsalumni.com](http://www.sphsalumni.com) for the one-time cost of just \$25 (please specify in the Notes/Comments section if the membership is for a person other than the purchaser.)

Only Lifetime Members are eligible to receive a copy of his/her yearbook for the price of just \$15 (shipping included), as long as excess books are available. We hold back one original copy of each graduating class' yearbook as a Reference-Only copy. The original copies are going fast. Arrangements can be made to have a hard copy of the Reference-Only book made if no more originals for a particular book are available.

Please remember to update your mailing address with the Alumni Association by sending an email to [info@sphsalumni.com](mailto:info@sphsalumni.com) to make sure you continue to receive this Newsletter and any other mailings which may be sent.

### **Membership Committee**

**Willie Pollins, Esq. - Class of '84**

**Tarez L. Williams - Class of '84**

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### **2020 TREASURER AND SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

**Joe Manzo - Class of 1961 SPHS Alumni Treasurer**

**This past year the alumni association awarded over \$26,000 to our deserving 2019 graduates. Our scholarship has now awarded over two million dollars in scholarship and book grants to our graduating students through the past years. Students are attending many area colleges and universities including Temple, Moore College of Art, East Stroudsburg, Penn State, Harrisburg, Mansfield, University of the District of Columbia, and the Community College of Philadelphia. Our alumni association has also made generous grants to our music, physical education, and special education student plus supporting the national honor society in our school.**

# SPHS ALUMNI ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME 2020



**SCOTT NASH**  
Class of 1977

Scott Nash is a proud member of SPHS's class of 1977. He was a starter on Southern's varsity baseball team for three years and was selected as an All-Public 1st baseman. As a sophomore during the 1975 city playoffs, he achieved a batting average of .667 and helped lead the team to victory in the title game, where he went 3 for 3 at the plate. Scott was selected as Captain of the baseball team his senior year and played on the Football, Soccer and Bowling teams. He had many academic successes at Southern as well. He was a member of the National Honor Society and made the honor roll every semester. Recognized as a Scholar-Athlete, he attributes many of the successes he has had in life to lessons learned both on and off the field at Southern. After High School, Scott began a long and accomplished career in the financial services industry. He is currently an Executive Vice President and Assistant Branch Manager with Janney Montgomery Scott. He has been recognized in the past as a Premier Advisor by the National Association of Board-Certified Advisor Practices (NABCAP) and was selected as Janney's Financial Advisor of the Year in 2010. Scott is a runner and has completed several 10-mile races and a 1/2 marathon. He resides in Marlton, NJ with his wife, Debbie. They have two children, Jillian and Scott, and two grandchildren, Salvatore and Rosalie.



**TERRELL CARLA FORD ROBINSON**  
Class of 1985

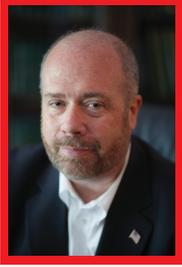
Terrell was an all-around participant in SPHS's Track and Field team from 1982 – 1985. She was a sprinter, hurdler, long-jumper and shot-putter. She ran cross country in the fall and indoor track in the winter. She was a member of the JV Basketball team. In 1985 she was awarded All Public Honors in the long jump and was Southern's Track and Field MVP. She remains one of the foremost hurdlers in the school's history. Terrell was a member of, and MVP of, Southern's dance team. In 1985, Terrell's athletic abilities were called upon at the last minute to fill in for an injured player and joined the softball team, where she participated in the public league championship game. She continued her athletic career at Penn State University where she played basketball for one year and track and field for a year until she was sidelined by injuries. She graduated with a BS and then went on to receive an MS degree in Health Education. After Penn State she continued to share her time and athletic talents with the community as a volunteer track coach, youth basketball coach and sports camp coach for both girls and boys. Terrell joined and trained in the Penn State Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and the 341st Medical Reserve Unit. She was an active member of the Army Veterans Medical Service Corps serving the US Military. She sits on the Exec Comm of the SPHS Alumni Assoc as the scholarship chairperson. Terrell believes that people should always pay it forward to help others reach their dreams and allow them to succeed.



**MICHAEL SCANZANO**  
Class of 1968

Mike was a transfer student to Southern. He believes it was the best decision he made as a student athlete. Mike is recognized by his friends and family as a man of tremendous character. Mike attributes this recognition to the support and guidance of his teachers and coaches at South Philadelphia High School. Playing sports was a large part of his character development. He was considered a true leader by his teammates. Until this day he remains a great friend with many of his high school teammates. Mike was an all-public football player in 1968, playing every minute of every game. He was selected co-captain along with his life-long friend and Southern Hall of Famer, Ron Funaro. Mike was also named to the All-Public Baseball team as a third baseman in 1968. Mike's team played for the City Championship in his senior year at Connie Mack Stadium, only to lose a heartbreaker in the 11th inning in a bases loaded walk. Many people, to this day, say that game was the best city championship ever played. Mike works for the Federal Government at the Philadelphia Naval Yard and has been there for over 30 years. He has four great children and six beautiful grandchildren.

# SPHS ALUMNI CULTURAL HALL-OF-FAME 2020



**GEORGE BADEY**  
**LAWYER**  
**Class of 1975**

George Badey was Valedictorian of SPHS Class of 1975. He received the Mayor's and Board of Education Scholarships to Univ of Penn where he double majored, and in 1979 received a bachelor's degree in music and political science. He went on to Villanova Law School and passed the Bar Exam in 1982. George has devoted his career to representing working people and taken on some of the largest and most powerful institutions, including Big Tobacco, pharmaceutical giants and the insurance industry. George founded his four-attorney litigation-boutique firm in Center City and for 15 consecutive years has been selected as a "Super-Lawyer," an honor reserved for less than 5% of lawyers. George serves as Chairman of the Radnor Democratic Committee which comprises the "Main Line" areas of Bryn Mawr, Villanova, Rosemont, St. Davids, and Wayne. In 2012 George won the Democratic nomination for U.S. Congress in the then 7th District (covering parts of five counties) He serves on Cabrini University's Board of Trustees but has not forgotten his South Philadelphia roots. Since the age of 13, George has been a Mummer, and is still a tenor saxophone player in the Fralinger String Band. In 2008, when the very existence of the Mummets Parade was threatened by City budget cuts, George founded "Save the Mummets," an organization dedicated to preserve the tradition. Shortly before the 2009 Mummets Parade, George and his organization raised over \$200,000 to save the Parade.



**DAVID DUBINSKY**  
**MUSICIAN**  
**Class of 1964**

Dave Dubinsky was a featured soloist with the US Marine Corps' "Commandant's Own," Washington, D.C., having performed for Presidents Johnson and Nixon, and many foreign heads of State. A graduate of Berklee College of Music, Dave was the Lead trumpet player with the renowned Berklee Concert Jazz Orchestra. In 2002, Dave was voted "Runner-Up," in the Best Trumpeter category, for the National Swing Awards. Over his career, he has performed multiple engagements with Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, Rita Moreno, Julie Budd, Frankie Fontaine, and The Ink Spots. In 2015, Dave appeared and performed in the Walt Disney film, "The Finest Hours," starring Chris Pine and Casey Affleck, Jr. Dave's career included directing large concert, marching and jazz bands, as well as several prominent nationally known, competitive bands and drum and bugle corps. Dave has written over 150 musical arrangements and has served as Director and Adjudicator, for thirty-three years, with "World Strides Onstage" and the "Bowl Games of America" companies and was a member of the National Judges Association and Drum Corps Associates adjudication panels. Dave takes great pride that some of his former students have gone on to become prominent jazz and orchestral musicians, and even Grammy Award winners.



**JOHN TENAGLIA**  
**BARITONE**  
**Class of 1981**

John Tenaglia earned a Master of Music degree in voice and opera from the Philadelphia College of the Performing Arts in 1986. For most of his career, John, specialized in Italian Verismo Operas. He recently performed with legendary Soprano Aprile Mollo and Tenor John Horton Murray in a concert of verismo opera at the Kimmel Center. He has performed Opera Delaware, Chautauqua Opera, Opera Company of Phila. Florentine Opera, Opera Florham, New York City Opera. Chicago Symphony. Performing roles in Le Nozze di Figaro, Merry Widow, Mikado, Magic Flute, Pagliacci, Madame Butterfly, Rigoletto and Tosca, and in the world premiere of a Wrinkle in Time. In his younger years, he was a member of the "Tenaglia Trio" with his wife Joan and brother Frank and they headlined with Comedian Pat Cooper and entertainer Arturo Coppola at major Italian Festivals. In 2013 he retired as the Music Director and conductor of St. Peter Catholic Church, Adult Choir and Orchestra, in Merchantville, NJ. He was a member of the voice faculty with Stanton Hall Studios, Phila. Archdiocese, Glassboro State College (Rowan University), and the Phila. College of Performing Arts Conservatory. John was honored with the prestigious awards and scholarships from Mario Lanza Institute, Luciano Pavarotti Competition, Sergio Franchi scholarship, and the Metropolitan Opera Eastern Regionals competition. Since 1977 he has been part of the South Phila. Wine Cellar. John and his wife, Joan, reside in Philadelphia.

# AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS -2019



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November 6, 2019 Award of Excellence Luncheon composite picture: L to R: Harry Gilbert, Frances Guiles, Yvette Palmer, and Mark Rago

**Harry Gilbert** taught math at Southern from 1973 until 1990. Harry became an Honorary member of our alumni association while teaching at Southern even though he was an alumnus of Edison High School. He was the sponsor of a math team from Southern that won the PSFS quiz contest for 2 years. This had never happened before or after his leadership. After he left Southern, he taught at Northeast High School. While there he was nominated for Who's Who Among American High School Teachers and won the award 3 times. In 2013, partly because he was inspired by our organization and members such as Bill Esher and Gene Alessandrini, he started an alumni organization at his alma mater Edison High School and has been president of the association since then.

### **Frances Guiles (Class of 1970)**

Fran graduated from Southern in 1970. She obtained a bachelor's degree from Gwynedd Mercy College in Health Information Management and is currently the Manager of Oncology Data Services at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Fran has served on the SPHS Executive Committee for over 10 years and is currently the Assistant Treasurer and Editor of the Newsletter. Ms. Guiles has been involved in her professional organizations serving as President and then Treasurer of both the Pennsylvania Health Information Management Association and the Pennsylvania Association of Cancer Registrars.

**Yvette Palmer** is a former SPHS teacher who taught math from 1986 until 2008. Yvette was active in various programs in the school and served as the Team Leader for the 9th grade Academy. A program was created, CASA, of which Ms. Palmer helped abused children and even spoke on their behalf in court cases. She continues to run a Soup Kitchen which she started over 25 years ago. Ms. Palmer is very active in her church and serves as a Eucharistic Minister.

**Mark Rago** owns and operates Monti Rago Funeral Home with Sam Monti. Mark is a Board Member of the 1492 Society, which conducts and organizes the Christopher Columbus Day Parade. He is the past-president of Filitalia International for South Philadelphia. He is currently serving as the president of the Funeral Directors Association. This past Christmas he hosted a toy drive that enabled Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to receive 6 truckloads of toys for their patients. Monti Rago hosted a fund raiser at Pizzeria Pesto for the new Mario Lanza Museum. He is constantly giving of his time and energy to cultural and charitable activities in our South Philadelphia Community.

### *REUNION CORNER*

*Wondering if your class is having a reunion?  
Check our "Events & Reunions" section of our  
website*

### **To make nominations to the**

**SPHS Awards of Excellence:** Please visit our website [sphsalumni.com](http://sphsalumni.com) and click on "form." **Award of Excellence Forms** may be completed and submitted online. The form may also be printed from the website, completed manually, and sent to the address on the form. The date of the Award of Excellence will be Saturday, November 7, 2020, cost is \$35.00.

## ARCHIVE MATERIAL DONATIONS WANTED

Calling on all alumni who have valued their southern keepsakes (**yearbooks, commencement programs, report cards, class notes, scrapbooks, etc.**) over the years. Please be aware that your SPHS Archive Chair would value your donation of said mementos when you are prepared to acknowledge that they have served their purpose in your lifetime. I am prepared to organize, categorize and preserve your documents for the pleasure of scholars and students for generations to come as a testimony to the value we place in our experience as students of one of the most successful public high schools in Philadelphia history.

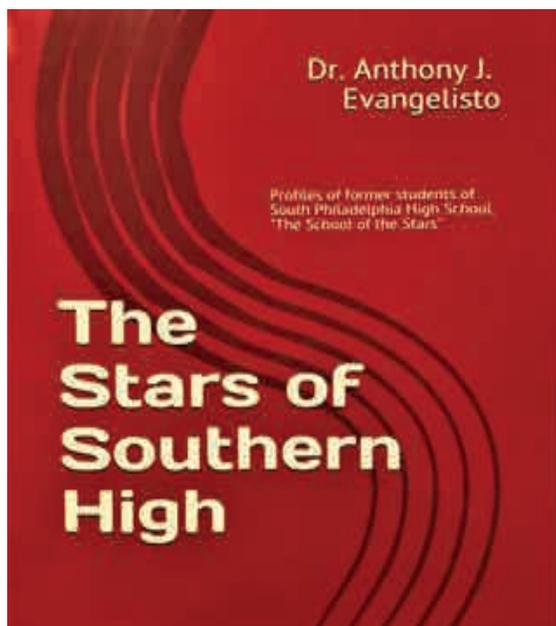
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## REUNIONS UPCOMING IN 2020 AND BEYOND

*Please go to our website for more information*

DATE/TIME	EVENT
October 3, 2020 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	<u>Class of 1970 50th year reunion SAVE THE DATE!</u> <u>IASTE Ballroom, Philadelphia, PA</u>
October 17, 2020 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<u>All-Classes "South-Philly Get-Together"</u> <u>Swan Caterers, Philadelphia, PA</u>
October 24, 2020 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	<u>Class of 1968 70th Birthday Bash</u> <u>Waterfall Room, Philadelphia, PA</u>
October 24, 2020 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<u>Class of 1965 - 55th Reunion</u> <u>Penn's' Landing Caterer's, Philadelphia, PA</u>
October, 2021 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	<u>Class of 1976 - 45th Reunion (Date in 2021 TBD)</u>



The SPHS Alumni Association is proud to announce the publication of Southern's illustrious history by Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing [July, 2019]. It is available for purchase on-line; go to Amazon.com, then type in the book title for ordering information. The sale price on-line is \$66.87, but copies may be purchased directly for \$50 at the Awards of Excellence or Hall of Fame banquets. This book is the collaborative effort of Tony Evangelisto, Marc Adelman, Gene Alessandrini, Tom DiRenzo, and Carol Evangelisto. The book is 561 pages, 8-1/2 by 11, with numerous color photographs. It makes a wonderful keepsake for all.

## PLACE AN AD IN OUR 2020 PROGRAM BOOK

On the afternoon of our Hall-of-Fame Ceremonies copies of the program are distributed to everyone in attendance, plus all advertisers.

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## BECOME A LIFETIME MEMBER IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Or at [www.sphsalumni.com](http://www.sphsalumni.com) you can order a membership by credit card or paypal.

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## DINNER RESERVATIONS

**I'd like to make \_\_\_ reservations (@\$50.00) for Southern's Annual Dinner and Award Banquet**

**Children under 12 \_\_\_ @ \$20.00 (chicken tenders with fries)**

Send a check to **Liz Olivieri, 1709 Packer Ave. Phila., PA 19145**

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Name of guest/Any seating preferences \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate number of    Veal \_\_\_\_\_    Chicken Parmigiana \_\_\_\_\_    Mahi-Mahi \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary platters can be accommodated

**Deadline for banquet reservations is May 2, 2020**

**For More Information Contact Liz Oliveri at 267-278-2837 or [SAL88LIZ@MSN.COM](mailto:SAL88LIZ@MSN.COM)**