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# Southern Dinner Banquet

HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION  
CEREMONIES

Sunday, May 21, 2023

IATSE BALLROOM by  
**ANTHONY'S  
CATERERS**

2401 S. Swanson Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19148

267. 861.0391  
1:00 to 5:00 pm

## ATHLETIC

Joseph Rampolla '78  
Andrew Vanore '75  
Faye Williams '77



## CULTURAL

Thomas J. Flynn '65  
Joel Leson '61  
David Jay Wolf '72

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## UPCOMING EVENTS/REUNIONS

- **April 30, 2023** - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Class of January and June 1963-60th  
*Adelphia Restaurant – Deptford, NJ*
- **October 21, 2023** - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Class of 1968 –55TH Class Reunion (SAVE THE DATE)  
*Swan Caterers-Waterfall Room, Philadelphia, PA*
- **November 18, 2023** - 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Award of Excellence Luncheon  
*Swan Caterers - Waterfall Room, Philadelphia, PA*
- **June 12, 2026** - 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm - The Bicentennial Class of '76 - 50th Reunion

PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

### PLACE AN AD IN OUR 2023 PROGRAM BOOK

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

One (1) full page (7.5"x4.5") of Advertisement costs \$100.00

½ page = \$65.                      ¼ page = \$35.                      1/8 page = \$25.

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Please send your copy and company logo, clearly marked **(in JPG Format)** and mail to :

**Tarez Williams, 14 Montpelier Court, New Castle, DE 19720 –**

**EMAIL: SPHSadbook@gmail.com (Due no later than 5-8-2023)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed, made to "SPHSAA" (South Philadelphia High School Alumni Association) – (Online Payment Available)

### BECOME A LIFETIME MEMBER IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In The Name of \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Send a check for \$25 payable to the SPHS Alumni Association to

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**PLEASE INDICATE IF MEMBERSHIP IS IN MEMORIAM YES NO**

### BANQUET RESERVATIONS

**I'd like to make \_\_\_\_ reservations (@\$60.00) 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

**Make checks payable to SPHSAA – (Online Payment Available)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Indicate number of Pasta Primavera \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Parmigiana \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary platters can be accommodated

**Deadline for banquet reservations is May 8, 2023**

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

# SPHS ALUMNI ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME 2023



**JOSEPH RAMPOLLA**  
**Class of 1978**

Graduating from Southern Class of 1978, Joe Rampolla had 7 Varsity Letters in his repertoire. Joe was on the Varsity Gymnastic Team all 3 years at Southern, competing in Floor Exercise, Horizontal Bar, Vaulting and Parallel Bars under the guidance of Coach Mittman. In his Senior year he was the Captain of the team, which finished the 1978 season with an impressive record of 7 wins and only 2 losses. At the Individual Championship Meet, Joe took 5th place on the Parallel Bars. Joe was also part of the Varsity Swim Team as a diver in his Junior and Senior years, participating in a Championship Meet his Senior year. Varsity Track and Field had Joe on the Pole Vault his Junior year and he was part of the Varsity Golf Team his Senior year. In addition to his athletic achievements, Joe was involved in many other school activities. Under the mentoring of Mr. Yates, Joe enjoyed Choir, played the lead character in the school's production of Damn Yankees, took part in the dance production of American Bandstand and participated in the talent shows held over his years at Southern. Joe has had a fulfilling career in Casino Gaming for 43 years starting out in Atlantic City moving to Las Vegas where he is today. He has 3 children, Joseph, Maria and Christopher, and 3 beautiful grandchildren, Vincenzo, Natalia and Joseph.



**ANDREW VANORE**  
**Class of 1975**

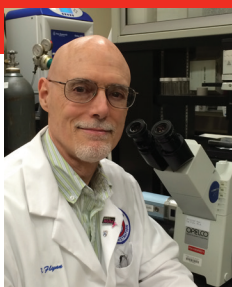
Andrew played Varsity Baseball for Southern all 3 high school years, 1973, 1974 and 1975. From Sophomore to Senior year he was the 2nd basemen with a batting average of 400 all 3 years. In his Sophomore year the Baseball team went undefeated but lost in the city championship. In Andy's following years the team won two city Championships. Andrew believes if you practice hard the results will always show up at game time. Andrew was also a member of the Varsity Football and Ice Hockey teams during his 3 years at Southern. In the 1980's Andrew moved to Florida to work at a family restaurant business. He developed a passion for the restaurant business and became a manager of the restaurant operation. Andrew still lives in Florida and is a big fan of the wonderful weather and Philadelphia sports teams. He is not shy about telling others that he is a proud South Philadelphian who has not forgotten the South Philly values he learned growing up on South 8th street. Andy has a 15-year-old son named Dominic who travels often with him to visit family and friends in the Philadelphia area. He has educated his son on Philly traditions like the best place to get a cheesesteak, the Italian Market and of course running the steps of the Art Museum just as Rocky did.



**FAYE WILLIAMS**  
**Class of 1977**

Faye graduated South Philadelphia High School in 1977. Faye was an outfielder for the Southern Girls Softball Team. In 1976, the team won 62% of its games with an appearance in Playoffs. In 1977, the team had a similar performance with improving the winning percentage to 71% and again elevating to playoffs. Faye was known for her tenacity at the plate and being recognized as a long ball hitter. Her hitting ability was one of the reasons for the team's outstanding winning percentage in 1976 and 1977. In addition to playing softball Faye also played Volleyball for South Philadelphia High under the coaching of Ms Way. Faye was active in volleyball and softball all through her years at Southern. Additionally Faye spent 18 years with the Philadelphia School Board as a teacher involved in summer programs for students. Faye also worked 30 years at WAWA Food Markets as an assistant manager and the later reaching the level of store manager. Faye is retired now but is still very active with youth baseball where she has coached her team to three city championships. Faye continues to give back to the city she grew up in by staying involved in community activities for young people that helps them develop to be positive and productive members of their neighborhood.

# SPHS ALUMNI CULTURAL HALL-OF-FAME 2023



**Thomas J. Flynn**  
*BIOCHEMIST*  
**Class of 1965**

Tom Flynn received a BS from UPenn and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Temple School of Medicine. After years as a Research Fellow at Temple, Tom accepted a position as a Research Chemist at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 1980 and remained there until his retirement in 2018. Tom's work focused on the development of novel, non-animal safety testing methods for chemicals found in food. His work was recognized and he was presented with the FDA Commendable Service Award in 1990. He was presented with many more achievement awards in 1999 and 2011 and a grant in 2008 by the FDA Office of Women's Health. In 2009, Tom was awarded a co-Principal Investigator grant for \$250,000 for his work using human liver cells and foods with potential to cause liver toxicity. Over the course of his career, Tom authored or co-authored 57 research articles, 4 book chapters, and 85 technical abstracts. Tom was an elected member of and participated actively in several professional organizations. Tom was also involved in many community outreach oriented professional activities. He mentored the "Kids and Chemistry" program, and a mentor and judge at various high school programs. In 2017, the Legacy Award "For a legacy of mentoring in areas of research and review." Tom was married for 41 years to the late Pat McGuire, he has a son David and a daughter Ellen, and he currently resides in Laurel, Maryland.



**Joel Leson**  
*COLONEL U.S.ARMY (Retired)*  
**Class of 1961**

Joel is a SPHS graduate class of Jan 1961. He received a BS in Political Science and Business Admin from Temple and a MS in Forensic Science from George Washington Univ. He is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, the Federal Executive Institute, and the US Secret Service Protective Operations Course. His military schooling included a myriad of courses and training. During his 26 years of active-duty service, from 1965 to 1991, he made major contributions to the evolution of the Army Military Police Corps. His command assignments were marked by extraordinary leadership and innovation. As one of the original members of the US Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID), he went on to command CID units in the United States and Germany. Joel has received many honors and awards, including Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medals, the Army Achievement Medal and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Joel was an airborne paratrooper and a member of a helicopter crew in combat. He has been inducted into the US Army Criminal Investigation Command and US Army Military Police Corps Halls of Fame. In 2005, after 40 years of military and civilian service, Joel retired from the federal government. He became the Dir of the Center for Police Leadership at the International Assoc of Chief's of Police until he fully retired 2007.



**David Jay Wolf**  
*FORENSIC SCIENTIST*  
**Class of 1972**

David graduated SPHS in 1972 and attended Drexel University. He graduated in 1978 with a BS degree in Chemistry. In 1978 he was hired as an Analytical Chemist for the United States Environmental Protection Agency doing trace metal analyses of environmental water samples. From 1979 to 1981 he was employed as an Analytical Chemist for the Univ of Penn doing drug screening for the Methadone Program. From 1982 to 2014 David worked for the City of Philadelphia at the Phila Police Forensic Crime Laboratory. Starting as an Analytical Chemist, which included forensic chemistry work at the entry level, performing analysis of controlled and non-controlled substances. David became a Forensic Scientist II at the Phila Police Forensic Crime Laboratory doing instrumental analyses, going out to, and securing Clandestine drug Labs and testifying in court as an expert witness in the field of drug analyses. David continued his education in forensic science. He attended certification-training, along with seminars in Law enforcement, Forums on Designer Drugs and Clandestine Drug Laboratories. Dave has testified as a Qualified Expert Witness in the field of drug analyses for many types of drug cases for the Pennsylvania Courts of Municipal and Common Pleas, United States District Court, and Mt. Holly New Jersey Court. David also enjoys playing piano, working on automobiles, and riding in vintage WW2 Aircraft at Air Shows. He is a member of American Chemical Society, Police Department Advisory Committee and Drexel University Alumni Association. David lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Grace.