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Southern Award Banquet

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Sunday, May 17, 2026

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ANTHONY'S CATERERS
2401 S Swanson St
Philadelphia, PA 19148
267-861-0391
1:00 to 5:00 pm

ATHLETIC
Dr Kurt Bomze '53
Joe Macali '84
Mark Marini '75

CULTURAL
Carlos Alvarez '66
Dr Joel Porter '59
Michael Seidman '60

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UPCOMING EVENTS/REUNIONS

June 12, 2026
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm
The Bicentennial Class of '76
50th Reunion
Lazaretto Ballroom
99 Wanamaker Ave., Essington, PA

October 17, 2026
12:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Award of Excellence Luncheon
Swan Caterers-Waterfall Room
Philadelphia, PA

Award of Excellence Recipients for 2026:
Teachers:
Rochelle Henderson and Mary Hunt
Community Service:
Dan Peou and Barbara Ricci

PLACE AN AD IN OUR 2026 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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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

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Name_____Class Year_____

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Name of guest/Any seating preferences_____

Indicate number of Pasta Primavera _____ Chicken Parmigiana _____ Salmon _____

Deadline for banquet reservations is May 6, 2026

For More Information Contact Liz Olivieri at 267-278-2837 or SAL88LIZ@MSN.COM

SPHS ALUMNI ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME 2026

DR. KURT BOMZE
CLASS OF 1953

Kurt Bomze arrived at Southern in February1950. Southern increased his interest in sports. Tennis is what best suited him. Kurt played first man singles and doubles and was captain of the tennis team for three years. It also gave him the opportunity to make Temple's varsity tennis team, playing for two years. He played tennis until age 87. It truly became a lifelong sport. Kurt also was on the table tennis team, a sport that he still plays.

Kurt became the special features writer of the Southron and in his senior year he also became the associate editor of the yearbook. This experience allowed him to become a features writer for the Temple Dental School Journal.

Kurt made the Dean's List at Temple and earned early acceptance into Temple Dental School. He was then accepted into the pediatric residency program at Eastman Dental Center, University of Rochester.

He was inducted into the Mace Honor Society for multiple years and at graduation he gave the class speech, won the chemistry award, and won a scholarship award given by the Jewish War Veterans of America.

Upon graduation from Dental School, he opened a private practice in Southern NJ and became the director of the Dept of Pediatric Dentistry at Mt Sinai Hospital. He taught both at Temple and Penn Dental. For a short time, he was the head of the Pediatric Dental Program at Jefferson Medical Center.

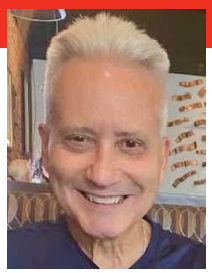
He has been married to Nadine for 67 years, has 3 children and 5 granddaughters.

JOE MACALI
CLASS OF 1984

Joe "Baba" Macali was a six-letter athlete at Southern from 1981 to 1984. He received two letters for football, two for baseball and two for bowling. He was the first recipient of the Award for Best Lineman of the Thanksgiving Day Football game. He was also a member of the All-Public 1st football team. Joe was Team Co-Captain for Football and Bowling and was named Team Captain and a starter on the Daily News All Public Team. At Southern he also participated for 3 years in the South Philadelphia High School Choir and participated in SPHS shows.

Joe received the South Philly Businessmen's Athletic Award for 21 Years of Coaching 7-12-year-olds Pee Wee Football. He coached over 1,000 young Athletes.

He is a retired retail manager (PetSmart), community leader, and activist. He has been married to Lisa for 33 years, and together they have 3 children: Joseph, Brittany, and Freddy.



MARK MARINI
CLASS OF 1975

It is with great sadness that we were informed that Mark passed away suddenly in January, and we send our condolences to the Marini family.

Mark Marini was in the South Philadelphia High School graduating class of 1975.
Mark was a two-sport athlete who played baseball and ice hockey. Because of Mark's exceptional speed he would be a familiar face on the base path. Coach Pendino knew he would be able to steal bases and score a run in tight game situations. He was also a good defensive player. In the field, he had consistent success at the plate, which allowed him the opportunity to get on base and be in scoring position for the Southern team

Mark also played ice hockey for Southern which was a sport he excelled in. He was the highest goal scorer in his Junior and Senior years at Southern. He was named Captain of the team in his senior year. The two years Mark played hockey for Southern the team only lost 1 game each of the years he played. Mark had many game deciding goals that came off his stick. Thanks to Mark's talent Southern defeated Haverford High, St James Prep and Newman High School. Southern's Ice Hockey Team dominated the Inter County League which to lots of media coverage from the South Philadelphia Review and the Philadelphia Daily News where Mark was asked for post-game comments on many occasions.

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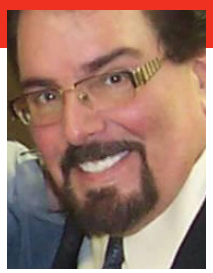


CARLOS ALVAREZ
ENTERTAINER
CLASS OF 1966

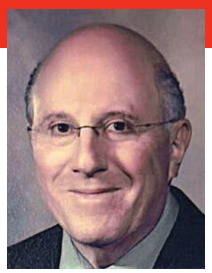
Carlos Alvarez, was born in Puerto Rico, raised in South Philadelphia, and is known all over the Philadelphia area as the "King of DooWop." Carlos fell in love with music at an early age. At 14, he held his first record hop at the local YMCA for the neighborhood kids. Carlos knew music would be his life's work and embarked on his journey to become a powerful force in the industry. Carlos and Janet met on the steps of South Phila High and are married 56 years. He also played on Southern's Football team, The Southern Rams, who were the 1965 Public League City Champs.

Carlos began a radio career on WCAM, AM radio 1310, "Tower of Power"; a mixture of music and talk in Camden, NJ. Carlos also managed several vocal groups.

Carlos interviewed many legendary artists i.e, Johnny Maestro, The Earls, Little Isidore, The Elegants, The Excellence, The Flamingos, The Delfonics, The Skyliners, Frankie Lymon and The Teenagers, and The Harptones

Early in the 70's on Channel 3, Carlos was known as the "Fan Man". He also had cameo appearances in the movie, "Birdie," with Nicholas Cage and Rocky.

His recent awards include 2023 Georgie Woods Foundation Pioneer Award; Oldies Radio Hall of Fame; National, Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame, 2024. He is featured in a book written by Abraham J Santiago called "Puerto Rican Contribution to Rhythm and Blues. Carlos and Janet own and operate Cedrone's Flowers at 8th & Lombard Streets.



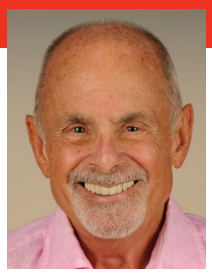
JOEL PORTER, MD
CLASS OF JANUARY 1959

Joel Porter, MD, a proud graduate of SPHS, Class of January 1959, graduated 2nd in his class of approximately 300 and received a $300 SPHS prize at graduation. He attended Temple University, College of Liberal Arts on a half-paid scholarship from the Philadelphia Board of Education, majoring in Mathematics graduating in June, 1962.

Joel was accepted to all 3 medical schools in Philadelphia and chose to attend the School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania where he was again given Scholarship Aid, 1962-1966. Thereafter, he interned in San Francisco at the Presbyterian Medical Center and did his Residency in Ophthalmology at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia from 1967-1970. After spending 1970-1971 teaching at Temple University Hospital, his wife, Roberta Spector Porter and Dr. Porter, moved to San Francisco where he was hired as an Ophthalmologist for Kaiser Hospitals.

After the birth of their second son in 1980, they returned to the Philadelphia area, establishing an Ophthalmology Practice in the growing area of Marlton, NJ.

Joel retired from practice in 2006 and has been volunteering ever since at Wills Eye Hospital teaching Pediatric Ophthalmology to 3rd year medical students at Jefferson Medical School.



MICHAEL SEIDMAN
FORMER ASSISTANT DA
CLASS OF JANUARY 1960

After graduating from Southern in January of 1960 Mike enrolled at Penn State where he graduated in December 1963. He was accepted into Temple Law School starting in September of 1964.

Mike started his legal career working for an attorney with offices at 15th and Snyder Avenue. The opportunity arose to become an Assistant District Attorney under then DA Arlen Specter. Mike spent 4 years in the DA's office becoming a member of the Major Trials Unit while also becoming Chief of the Obscenity Division. He was active in helping change the PA statute on the law as it then existed.

After leaving the DA's office, he entered the private practice of law concentrating on criminal defense. Mike practiced law for over 30 years.

In 1997 Mike wrote a novel entitled "A Different Point of View', which followed the trajectory of his life: growing up on Passyunk Avenue to his career as an attorney, a career-ending trauma following an accident, and his subsequent recovery. He self-published the novel in 2003.

At 75 he decided to take up acting. Mike appeared as a Roman Cardinal in a documentary that appeared on CNN having to do with the Papacy during the 12th century. He has appeared in a number of short film projects for film school students in the colleges in our area. He is ecstatic about his senior citizen status and life with Harriet. He lives only 14 blocks north of where he was born and raised.