

# Southern Dinner Banquet

HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION  
CEREMONIES

Sunday, May 19, 2024

IATSE BALLROOM by  
**ANTHONY'S  
CATERERS**

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

## ATHLETIC

Peter Galiano '76  
Frank Strati '84  
Tyrone Truitt '77



## CULTURAL

Charlotte Blake Alston '65  
David Berg '65  
Phillip Giambri '59

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October 11, 2024, 7:00 pm  
Classes of 1980 to 1986 Reunions  
Swan Caterers-Waterfall Room,  
Philadelphia, PA

October 26, 2024, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Award of Excellence Luncheon  
Swan Caterers-Waterfall Room,  
Philadelphia, PA

November 2, 2024, 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Classes of Jan and June 64 and Jan 65 Reunions  
Swan Caterers-Waterfall Room, Philadelphia, PA

June 12, 2026, 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
The Bicentennial Class of '76- 50th Reunion

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

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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 – Or at [www.sphsalumni.com](http://www.sphsalumni.com) online registration available by credit card or paypal**

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 6, 2024**

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

## SPHS ALUMNI ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME 2024



**PETER GALIANO**  
**CLASS OF 1976**

Pete Galiano was a two sport athlete from 1973-1976. He won 6 athletic letters - 3 in Football and 3 in Baseball. He was a 2-year varsity starter in baseball for manager John Pendino. Pete had a winning city championship in 1975, but lost in the Public League Championship at Veterans Stadium in his senior year. He was the starting quarterback in his senior year and finished the season with a record of 5-5.

Pete was also a member of the choir during all 3 years at Southern. He participated in three musical presentations: Guys and Dolls, Carnival where he played Jacquot in his junior year, and Mame. Pete graduated from Temple and Eastern College. He coached baseball and football for over 30 years. He coached football at the high school level for 11 years at Camden Catholic in New Jersey and 3 years at Everglades High School in Florida. For the last 11 years. Pete has worked as an Admissions Representative for Kaplan University.

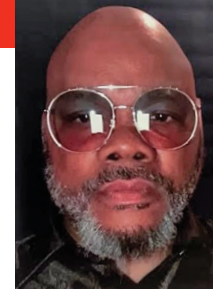


**FRANK STRATI**  
**CLASS OF 1984**

Frank Strati was a student and athlete at South Philadelphia High School. He graduated in 1984. During his time at South Philadelphia High School Frank majored in art education. He also played on the varsity baseball and football teams. He played on these teams all three years at Southern and was named Captain on both teams.

Frank was selected to the all public football team and baseball team during his three years at Southern. He also was selected to the all-state team his senior year.

Frank has made his career in the Philadelphia hospitality and restaurant business. Over the years, he has become well known by many sports and entertainment celebrities. Frank makes his home in the city of Philadelphia where he lives with his wife and children.



**TYRONE TRUITT**  
**CLASS OF 1977**

Tyrone Truitt graduated from South Philadelphia High School in 1977. He was a three-year varsity letter on the Southern Track Team from 1975 through 1977. In 1976 Tyrone tied the school record for the 100-yard dash with a time of 9.9 seconds. In that same year, he broke the school record for the 220-yard dash with a time of 21.9 seconds. Tyrone was known for his tenacity during track meets. His teammates would always say, win or lose his demeanor never changed. In addition to being on the varsity track team for all three years, Tyrone also played on the Junior Varsity football team during his sophomore and Junior years under Coach Paul Delvecchia. During his time at Southern Tyrone participated in other extra-curricular activities, including the South Philadelphia High School Choir, He was in the Dance Ensemble and cast member in the production of the play "Damn Yankees" in 1977.

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## SPHS ALUMNI CULTURAL HALL-OF-FAME 2024



**CHARLOTTE BLAKE ALSTON**  
*MASTER STORYTELLER*  
**CLASS OF 1965**

Charlotte Blake Alston is an internationally acclaimed storyteller, narrator and librettist who performs in venues throughout North America and abroad. An artist who breathes life into traditional and contemporary stories from African and African American oral traditions. She has made appearances at the Smithsonian Institution, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and numerous festivals around the country including the National Storytelling Festival and the National Festival of Black Storytelling. She has performed at both Presidential and Gubernatorial Inaugural festivities. In 1991, Charlotte made her first appearance with the Philadelphia Orchestra. For 17 years, she was the featured host, storyteller, and narrator on the Carnegie Hall Family and School Concert series and performed as an artist for the Lincoln Center Institute. Her narrative voice can be heard on documentaries aired on PBS. She is the narrative voice of Health Training Videos for Global Health Media. Ms. Alston has received numerous honors and awards including the prestigious Pew Fellowship in the Arts, the Commonwealth of PA Artist of the Year Award, the National Storytelling Network's Circle of Excellence Award, the Zora Neale Hurston Award, two Best of Philly® awards and two honorary Ph.d's.. In 2021, she was named the Philadelphia Orchestra's Official Storyteller, Narrator and Host.



**DAVID BERG**  
*PROFESSOR/PSYCHOLOGIST*  
**CLASS OF 1976**

David graduated from SPHS in 1965. While at Southern he served on many organizations as well as the tennis team though he never got to play but kept the bench warm. David Berg is Emeritus Professor of the Psychology Department at Community College Of Phila where he was the recipient of the Lindback Foundation Award for excellence in college teaching. He received his Ph.D. from Temple University in Experimental Psychology and completed postdoctoral training in Family Systems Theory from Drexel University and Hahnemann Medical College. David maintained a private practice in Clinical Psychology for 30 years that served the population of South Phila.. Additionally, David has pioneered workshops focusing upon "wellness in the workplace" and has presented these to government, business, and educational institutions. Further, he currently serves on the Am Psych Assoc Div for the Society of the Teaching of Psych. On a side note, while in 10th grade in Dr. Arnold Giusini's biology class, he won an award for growing the best mold and was featured in the Southern newspaper and South Phila Review as "Mr. Mold"; he remains proud of that title. David was a winner at the Delaware Valley Science Fair. The award sent David and Dr. Giusini to Chicago for the 1963 National Youth Conf on the Atom. June 1965 graduation ceremony-David was the recipient of the South Phila Alumni Assoc Scholarship for which he has been forever grateful.



**PHILLIP GIAMBRI**  
*AUTHOR/STORYTELLER/POET*  
**CLASS OF 1959**

Phillip Giambri aka The Ancient Mariner left home at eighteen and never looked back. He's seen and done what others dream of or fear. That's how he lives and that's what he writes. His 2022 memoir Good Boy, Bad Boy, A Better Man covers his life's journey from South Phila in the 40s to New York City's East Village in the 70s. Phillip's 2020 novelette The Amorous Adventures of Blondie and Boho is a story of love, survival, and gentrification in NYC's East Village, and the chapbook Poems from an Unending Pandemic offers his perspective on New York City life during the COVID-19 pandemic. His 2017 chapbook Love Borne in Retrograde is a collection of love poems and erotica and the 2016 memoir Confessions of a Repeat Offender is a compilation of his performance stories and poems. Phillip was the 2022 Nassau County Poet Laureate Society poetry contest winner and a 2020 Acker Award recipient for Storytelling and Community Service. He was featured in the New York Times and was a poet headliner at the historic Club A in Bucharest, Romania. His work has appeared in From Somewhere to Nowhere: The End of the American Dream, Eternal Snow: A Worldwide Anthology of 100 Poets, Home Planet News, Sensitive Skin Magazine, and the prestigious Revista de traduceri literare (Review of Literary Translations -Bucharest, Romania) among others. Phillip is a veteran of the US Navy Submarine Force (1959-1963), a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, International Submariners Association, and United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. Also a member of the Actor's Equity Assoc.