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"The philosophy of the Butler schools is and ever has been that success can be found if each pupil leaves the school experiences with a spirit of service to society and with a knowledge of him or herself and of the instruments of self-direction, and looks back to those years in school as one of the happiest experiences of one's life."

to the fourth biennial celebration for the Butler High School Hall of Honor.

It is with pleasure and pride the Committee and the Butler Board of Education recognize tonight's 2022 Inductees, Suzanne Conklin Akbari, William A. Hanisch, Joseph Howley, Peter Cort Marzio, Damon Matteo, Mark Siciliano, Helen Hilyer Micklitz, and William Van Wilpe.

The Hall of Honor was created to honor outstanding alumni, faculty, administrators and community members who meet the selection criteria established by the Committee.

Butler High School, its students, staff and administrators, as well as the residents of Butler, Bloomingdale, and surrounding communities have every right to be proud of tonight's inductees. The one hundred plus years of the history of this high school are filled with honor, glory and pride. At one time, this edifice was the Alma Mater to high school students from Butler, Bloomingdale, Kinnelon, Ringwood, Riverdale, West Milford, Jefferson, Pequannock and Wanaque. There is no way of knowing how great the influence of Butler High School was on all the students who passed through the corridors.

Tonight, we are pleased and proud to recognize eight honorees who epitomize the success of Butler High School.

Sincerely,

The Hall of Honor Committee

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Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance & National Anthem

Megg Gallerelli - Class of 1980

Opening Remarks - Master of Ceremonies

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Presentation of Honorees:

Suzanne Akbari

Presenter Daniel Hoeflinger

William A. Hanisch

Presenter Gail Bignell

First Course - Salad

Joseph Howley

Presenters Michael Tobin & Bob Lundquist

Peter Cort Marzio

Presenter Bob Jones

Second Course - Pasta

Damon Matteo

*Presenter Mark Mickens**

Helen Hilyer Micklitz

*Presenter Steven Mulligan**

Main Course

Mark Siciliano *Presenter Jason Luciani* William Van Wilpe *Presenter Derek Hall*

Dessert & Coffee

Conoree Biographies



Suzanne Conklin Akbari | Class of 1982

Suzanne Conklin Akbari is a medievalist, recognized for her global and comparative approach to medieval literary history. She has researched and published books with a focus on philosophical and scientific background. Futhermore, Akbari published texts on the reading and writing process and was a co-editor of *The Norton Anthology of World Literature*. Akbari, a graduate of BHS's class of 1982, earned her B.A. from Johns Hopkins University in 1984. At Columbia University, she earned an M.A.

in English in 1989, a Master of Philosophy in English and Comparative Literature in 1991, and a Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature in 1995. She began teaching at the University of Toronto in 1995, where she served as a Professor in the Department of English, as well as the Director of the Centre for Medieval Studies from 2013 to 2019. Akbari's first monograph, Seeing Through the Veil (2004), ties medieval use of allegory to the medieval debate about whether visual

perception occurs through extramission or intromission. Her second monograph, *Idols in the East* (2009), presents a prehistory of orientalism in which Western Christian medieval writing associated Islam with idolatry. Later work includes research as a co-Principal Investigator for an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant, "The Book and the Silk Roads," begun in 2019 to study medieval transmission of book technologies along the silk road trade routes between China and Europe. In July 2019, Akbari left the University of Toronto to join the Institute for Advanced Study. Most recently, Akbari co-hosts literary podcast, The Spouter-Inn, with Chris Piuma. It was nominated in the Outstanding Arts Series of the 2020 Canadian Podcast Awards. After beginning in 2019, the podcast consists of unscripted conversations about "great" literature. Additionally, she co-curated the exhibition 'Hidden Stories: Books Along the Silk Roads', which was open at the Aga Khan Museum, October 9, 2021-February 27, 2022.





William A. Hanisch | Class of 1974

William A. Hanisch grew up in Bloomingdale and graduated from BHS in 1974. While in high school, he competed in football and wrestling. As a senior, he landed the lead male role in the school's production of *My Sister Eileen*. Bill graduated from Ramapo College of New Jersey in 1979 with a B.S. in Biology. He went on to earn an M.A. in Supervision/Administration from Jersey City State College (1987), and an M.A. in Biotechnology from William Paterson University (1992). After teaching science for only one year at New Milford High School, he took advantage of the opportunity to continue his educational career at Butler High (1981). He also became an assistant coach for both soccer and wrestling. Bill received many honors

and awards throughout his tenure of teaching. When the BHS Principal position opened in 1997, Bill applied and was appointed. As principal, Bill continuously updated the curriculum to accommodate the wide spectrum of students' interests and abilities. Bill also fought to maintain a diverse Foreign Language Program. Bill was an integral collaborator in milestones for BHS, such as the 100th Graduation Celebration, the refurbishment of Memorial Field and the construction of the new fieldhouse.

Although retired, Bill was enlisted to teach HS science three separate times when a qualified long-term substitute was needed. His technology skills and familiarity with BHS's computer data program and NJSmart reports landed him a job in the Butler School District as Data Manager until 2018. In the community, Bill has served as Head Commissioner of the Butler Recreation Commission since 2015. Bill is also the Co-Chair of St. Anthony's Community Center. He and his wife, Maryanne, have been married 39 years and reside in Butler. Their son, Will, who is a graduate of BHS from the class of 2016, graduated Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 2020 and is a pilot.



Joseph Howley Class of 1977

Joseph Howley was born and raised in Bloomingdale by two loving parents, Joe and Theresa. He grew up alongside his older sister Patti and younger brother Jim. Howley graduated from St. Anthony's School in 1973 and entered Butler High in September. He really thought of himself as a baseball player though, primarily a pitcher. He played in the Tri-Boro Little League from ages 8-16. Joe lettered 3 years at BHS. During his junior year, he set the school record for strikeouts. He played a few summers in Brooklyn, and

helped his team win the city championship. Joe graduated from Butler in 1977. He attended the University of Pennsylvania upon his father's insistence. He was accepted into the coveted Wharton School of Business. Howley lettered all four years at Penn and graduated in 1981 with a B.S. in economics. Joe entered the workforce in 1981, starting as a floor clerk at the New

York Commodities Exchange, located at the World Trade Center in NYC for a company called Aron. J Aron. He loved the business from day one, and quickly was promoted to the trading floor on Water Street. The next year, Goldman Sachs purchased the company and it was there he spent the rest of the 80's and 90's. He traded precious metals in the 80's and then crude oil through the mid 90's and then switched to natural gas. He traded natural gas the rest of his career and retired in 2018.

Howley was conviced to go flying one day, and this became his new hobby. He flew his first volunteer flight in 1999. In 2010, Joe co-founded Pals/Sky Hope, a non-profit group of volunteer pilots, based on Long Island. Since then, he has flown some 30,000 flights all over the country to anyone who needs medical help. Joe has done over 1,000 himself.

Joe married his wife, Christine, in 1986 and together they have raised three children. He now lives on Singer Island, Florida with his wife and plane.





Peter Cort Marzio | Class of 1961

This award is being presented posthumously to Peter C. Marzio. Peter was born on May 8, 1943 on Governors Island, off Manhattan. He became the first member of his working-class, Italian family to complete high school when he graduated BHS in 1961. During his time at BHS, Pete earned a football scholarship to Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, where he earned a bachelor's degree in

1965. While studying at Juniata, he discovered a natural love and talent for fine art. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and established himself in various positions in the art world accross the United States.

Peter went on to teach at the University of Maryland and was a research assistant to the historian Daniel J. Boorstin on his book The Americans: The Democratic Experience which won the Pulitzer

book *The Americans; The Democratic Experience* which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1973. Peter then authored "*Rube Goldberg: His Life and Works*" (1973) and two standard works on the history of drawing and lithography in the United States: "*The Art Crusade: An Analysis of American Drawing Manuals, 1820-1860*" (1976), and "*The Democratic Art*" (1979).

Peter then served as the longest-serving director of The Museum of Fine Arts, located in Houston, Texas. He joined the MFAH in 1981 and was intent on diversifying and expanding the museum's commitment to artists outside the European and North American mainstream. He created new departments of

Asian and Latin American Art and established a new research institution, The International Center for the Arts of the Americans.

Peter passed away in 2010 at the age of 67. He is survived by his wife and two children.



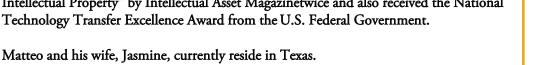


Damon C. Matteo | Class of 1981

Damon Matteo graduated from Butler High School in 1981. He played football and was also a member of the BHS Marching Band; he had the distinction of being involved in both concurrently. Matteo also ran track during his tenure as a Bulldog, where he specialized in field events. He attended Stanford University and began his fast-track to success. Matteo began his career working for start-ups, national laboratories, and multinational corporations, such as Xerox Parc. He is known for his experience in strategic development

and tactical execution to realize maximum commercial advantages from innovation and intellectual property assets. Matteo was hand picked by two Presidents to chair the Patent Advisory Board because of his extensive knowledge and success. His career spans 25 years across all facets of the strategic creation, funding, management, and commercialization of high-value innovations and IP assets, all in an international context. Matteo considers his work and relationships in China over the last twenty years, one of his greatest accomplishments. Currently, Damon Matteo is the CEO of Fulcrum Strategy and serves as an Advisory Board Member of the Hoover Institution for his alma mater - Stanford University.

Fulcrum Strategy is a company that guides customers by placing an emphasis on the creation of new technology, how it is used, and areas that are commonly overlooked. The Hoover Institution is an organization that seeks to improve the human condition by advancing ideas that promote economic opportunity. Matteo has received many honors throughout his career. He was named one of the "Fifty Most Influential People in Intellectual Property" by Intellectual Asset Magazinetwice and also received the National Technology Transfer Excellence Award from the U.S. Federal Government.







Helen Hilyer Micklitz Class of 1946

This award is being presented posthumously to Helen Hilyer Micklitz. Helen Louise (Hilyer) Richardson Micklitz was born June 14, 1928 (Flag Day). She grew up in Ringwood and graduated from Butler High School with the Class of 1946. During the Korean War, she voluntarily joined the Marines; a difficult decision for a young woman at that time. Helen trained at Parris Island, where she was assigned as a secretary in the Commandant's office.

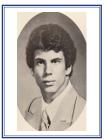
Helen married Joseph Richardson, a Navy veteran, and they had seven children, affectionately known as "The Richardson Magnificent Seven: Kathy, John, Duane, Ed, Marie, Colleen, and Carol.

After her husband passed away, Helen joined the American Legion Post 154 and later married a fellow Legionnaire, William Micklitz. She helped erect the Vietnam and Korean Monuments. Helen was the Commander of the American Legion Post 154 for a number of years. Her leadership and respect earned her being selected as Grand Marshal for the Tri-Boro Memorial Day.

One of Helen's hobbies over the years was collecting postcards. She was featured in a newspaper article back in the early 1960's, which stated that her collection was the largest in the U.S. for a private collector at that time. She also collected records of the men and women from the regional Butler High who had served in the military.



It was Helen's sharing of her archives, which led to a Phase II of the BHS Mission Honor Veterans Project and the tripling of the amount of BHS veterans enshrined in the monument. Helen is also mentioned on the KIA monument at the BHS Memorial Football Field. Her records uncovered over sixty additional BHS KIA veterans who are now acknowledged at the field, along with Helen. Helen passed away in 2018 at the age of 89.



Mark Siciliano Class of 1979

Mark Siciliano is a graduate from the BHS Class of 1979. He pursued a degree in Criminology and graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. from Saint Leo University. He obtained a Master of Science from Old Dominion University as well. Other schooling that Siciliano completed was specific to his career in the U.S. Navy. Commander Siciliano enlisted in the U.S. Navy on December 22, 1978 under the Delayed

Entry Program and attended basic training upon graduation from BHS. Mark is a career officer with a thiry-four year record of sustained superior performance in a position of great trust and responsibility.

He spent 15 years - including three 5-year tours at SEAL Team Six where his skill and performance placed him at the top 2% of all SEAL operations. He worked his way through the enlisted ranks to Chief Petty Officer and again as a Naval officer to the rank of Commander. He has earned a reputation as a strong leader, highly competent SEAL operator and resource manager of personnel and complex weapon systems.

Siciliano has been awarded many honors and recognitions for his bravery and leadership. He received the Bronze Star Medal, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. These were all indicative of his dedication to serving the United States. Additionally, Mark was the recipient of a Global War on Terrorism Service/Expeditionary Medal, an Iraqi Campaign Medal, an Afghan Campaign Medal, and a Humanitarian Service Medal. Although there are many other medals that were presented to Siciliano throughout his career, these are a few examples of his contribution to the Navy.

Mark is now retired and lives in Pocatello, Idaho with his wife, Barbara.





William Van Wilpe | Class of 1944

This award is being presented posthumously to William Van Wilpe, a 1944 graduate of Butler High School. William left Butler High School early to serve in the United States Navy. He served on the USS Bassett as a Gunner's Mate Third Class during and beyond World War II. After the war, William returned to New Jersey and resided in Wanaque, New Jersey. He ended up becoming the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds at Lakeland High School until 1987. He devoted much of his life as a caretaker for the Midvale Cemetery.

He belonged to the Wanaque VFW Post 6765. He received many medals and commendations for his acts of bravery and heroism. William was honored by Wanaque Councilman Thomas Balunis by naming the street that leads to Lakeland High

School as Bill Van Wilpe Way. During the WWII conflict, William volunteered to join the rescue party after the USS Indianapolis was attacked. He ended up diving in the shark infested waters to gather the survivors who were hanging on to the floater net. William remained in the water until all survivors were rescued. Through his endurance and courage, the rescue boats were able to recover 317 men (158 recovered by the USS Bassett). In another incident, three of his shipmates fell off the rescue boat into the water and William jumpted into the water to save all three men. Petty Office Van Wilpe undoubtedly saved countless lives and is a true American hero!

In 2002, Governor Christine Todd Whitman presented high school diplomas to Bill and several other servicemen who left high school early to serve their country in a ceremony in Trenton, New Jersey. Sixty years later after the rescue, Bill was awarded the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Medal for Heroism in 2004.



William passed away in 2013 at the age of 87. His bravery and heroism to our country is still celebrated each year on April 2nd in Wanaque at "Wilpe Day!"

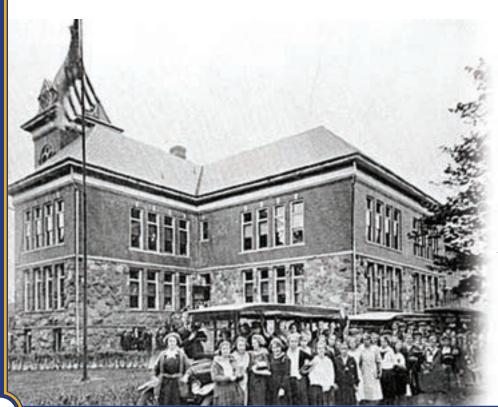
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- Breakfast for our Honorees
- Tour of BHS
- Presentations of Honorees
- Meet with the students
- Home Football Game



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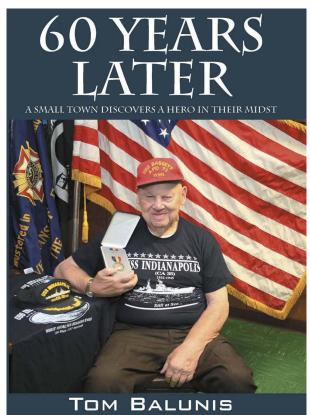
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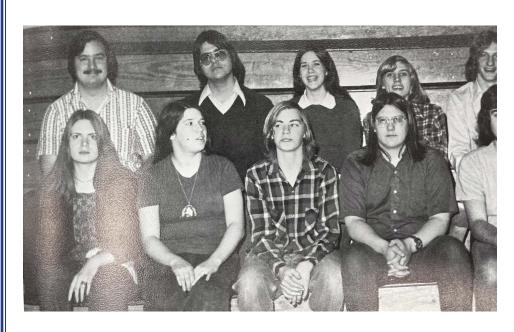














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James J. Biemer

Class of 1950

David Brooks

Class of 1984

Gerald Crean

Class of 1939

John Fredericks

Class of 1953

Marge Giles

Class of 1957

Robert B. Nicholson

Class of 1945

Scott Spellmon

Class of 1982

Carol Weaver-McCracken

Class of 1964

Hall of Honor Members

2016 Induction

David DeFeo

Class of 1975

Bea Card Kettlewood

Class of 1947

Wendy Larry

Class of 1973

Les Prichard

Class of 1953

Robert Sinibaldi

Class of 1975

James Smith

Class of 1961



Hall of Honor Members

2018 Induction

Christopher Finelli

Class of 1991

Michael Fitzpatrick

Class of 1978

Ann Genader

Class of 1950

Christopher Kreski

Class of 1980

Mark Mickens

Class of 1981

Stephen Mulligan

Class of 1975







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The BBEA was founded in 2016 with the sole purpose to fund innovative and creative learning experiences and opportunities for the students and faculty of the Butler Public Schools.

The BBEA has partnered with our Superintendents Dr. Johnson and Dr. Nicosia, Principals, and teachers to support their vision of creative learning in the areas of academics, the arts and STEM initiatives.

The Butler Bulldogs Education Association (BBEA) is an Educational Foundation whose goal is to enhance the educational experience of Butler and Bloomingdale:

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VISION

An Educational Foundation that enhances and enriches innovative and creative learning experiences and opportunities for the students of Butler and Bloomingdale schools.

MISSION

The BBEA will partner with the Superintendent, Principals and Teachers in understanding their vision and will raise funds in order to financially support innovative and creative learning in the areas of academics, the arts and STEM initiatives. The BBEA will also provide funds for school facilities when this will improve the learning experience for students.

Funds will be raised by partnering with alumni, parents, and local businesses.
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Congratulations to the 2022 Inductees to the Butler High School Hall of Honor!

 Bloomingdale Board of Education





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Congratulations to the 2022 Class of Inductees into the Butler High School Hall of Honor!







Bill Hanisch - Class of 1974

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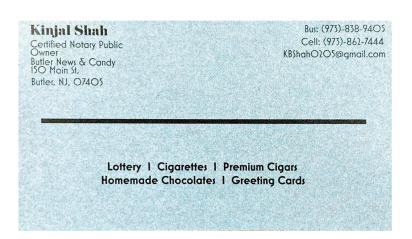


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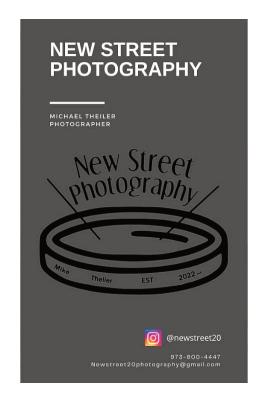
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BHS Mission Honor Monument

~ Honoring Our Veterans ~



Based on the archives compiled by Helen Hilyer Micklitz, BHS Class of 1947, the BHS Mission Honor Project was able to install an additional 1,400 BHS Veterans into the monument, which completed Phase Two of the Project in November of 2018. Information from Helen's files uncovered during Phase 2, help identified an additional 57 BHS KIA not previously known. In March of 2020, a monument with the names of all 106 BHS KIA were installed at Memorial Field.

Thank You!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our alumni who are so generous in their support for our programs. We are especially grateful to our alumni and local businesses who stepped up to help support our continued efforts for the 2022 Butler High School Hall of Honor events. A special thank you goes to Robert B. Nicholson, BHS class of 1945 and Bob's beloved late wife Shirley Kitchell Nicholson, Class of 1949, who so graciously donated the bulldog awards for tonight's event and the larger-than- life statue of our mascot in the Butler High School courtyard. The bulldog has become the symbol for the Hall of Honor and the pride of all BHS alumni.

Sincerely, Butler High School Administration & Hall of Honor Committee

