

## **PAULSBORO HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2023 INDUCTEES**

**Marguerite Piazza Stubbs** is a 1959 graduate of PHS who went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Glassboro State College in 1963 and a Master of Arts degree in Guidance Counseling from Temple University in 1969. She also did course work at Bryn Mawr College at the Institute for Women in Higher Education and at Rutgers University.

Marguerite's teaching career took her to classrooms in Loudenslager School, Broad Street School (Gibbstown) and then to a position as a Guidance Counselor in Baltimore. In 1970 she began her career at Glassboro State College, later Rowan University. Her positions included Director of Counseling and Career Development, Interim Associate Provost for Academic and Student Services, Associate Dean of Students and ultimately to Dean of Students, where she served until her retirement in 2003.

Her association with professional and personal groups has brought her recognition by the Alumni Board of Rowan University (Treasurer); Center for People in Transition (member of the Advisory Board); and the Volunteer Center of South Jersey (Treasurer and President). She was the Chair of the Gloucester County Commission for Women; she was a Founding Member of the Women's Studies Advisory Board and a Founding Member of the Professional Women's Network, both at Rowan University. She was a member of the American Association for Counseling and Development, the American College Personnel Association, Phi Delta Kappa, American Association of Women Deans and Counselors, the American Association of University Women and the Adult Intern Program. She served as an administrator for the Charlotte W. Newcombe Scholarship at Rowan University.

Marguerite received the Outstanding Leadership Staff Award from the Management Institution at Rowan University, the Wayne S. Hoffner Outstanding Achievement Award from the Rowan Student Government Association, the Outstanding Woman Achievement Award from Alpha Phi Alpha and the Rowan Alumni Ambassador Award. She earned a spot on the Rowan University Wall of Fame in 2005.

Marguerite has served as Vice President and Scholarship Chair of the PHS Golden Anniversary Club and has been instrumental in reunions for her class.

Along with her late husband, Bill, a long time Gloucester County educator, she founded the Piazza Stubbs Scholarship Endowment Fund at Rowan University, established to assist students with expenses in their senior year.

**Willard B. Kille, III** is a 1964 PHS graduate. He attended the University of South Dakota and was awarded a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree with a major in mathematics in 1968.

During his sophomore year he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps' Platoon Leaders Class. Upon graduation he was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and ordered to report to flight training in Pensacola, Florida. He accomplished his first solo flight in November 1968 and received the designation of "Naval Aviator" in December 1969. His 1<sup>st</sup> assignment was to a fighter squadron out of a Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, South Carolina, flying the F-4B Supersonic Fighter Jet. His rank rose to First Lieutenant and eventually to Captain as he transferred and moved to Pensacola as a Flight Instructor. In June 1973 he was released from active duty. He returned to active duty in January 1980 with the United States Air Force where he was assigned to fly a C-130 as Aircraft Commander in the Tactical Airlift Command. In 1982 he was transferred to Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma as a T-38 Student Pilot Instructor. In 1983 he was reassigned to Randolph Air Force Base in Texas, which is the Command Center for the Air Training Command, as Flight Commander for a unit within the Command as an Instructor of Instructors. In September 1985 he was released from Active Duty for the second time, having earned the rank of Major. During his time in the military, he was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Award, Air Force Commendation Medal and Senior Pilot Wings (awarded to aviators with more than 7 years of service and more than 3000 hours of flying time).

Bill's civilian career was in the finance sector. He was employed by several investment companies throughout the United States and eventually founded his own company, Entirety, Inc. in San Antonio, Texas with a focus on Family Estate Planning, Asset Protection, and Trusts. In 1992 he moved to Salt Lake City where, after 8 years, he sold the company.

Bill's next venture began in January 2001 when he founded Rezults Group, Inc., a consulting and coaching firm working with clients to develop leadership skills. He is now a full-time retiree.

Bill is an active volunteer in his community. His service includes membership in the Optimist Club, with a year as president; membership in the Lion's Club, with a year as president; fifteen years as a District Commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America; and twenty years as a member of Rotary International.

Bill is active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with participation in several missions where Bill and his wife volunteered together. He is currently a docent at the Church of Jesus Christ History Museum in Salt Lake City. He worked at the Utah State Prison with sex offenders developing leadership skills and assisting them with writing their resumes.

Bill and his wife Jeanne, who reside in Salt Lake City, have 7 children and 12 grandchildren.

**Kathleen Kelly Carfagno** is a 1965 graduate of PHS. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Glassboro State College in 1970 with a major in Mathematics and a minor in Library Science. She completed her Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration from Glassboro State College in 1981. Ultimately, Kathleen received certification from the New Jersey Department of Education as Teacher of Mathematics, Teacher-Librarian, Principal, School Business Administrator, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Chief School Administrator.

Kathy began her professional career as a Teacher of Mathematics and Librarian before becoming the School Business Official for the Greenwich Township Public Schools. In 1980, she joined the staff of the Gloucester County Office of the New Jersey Department of Education as the Administrative Assistant to the Gloucester County Superintendent of Schools and was later appointed to the position of Planning Associate for the Office of the Coordinating County Superintendent of Schools for the seven counties in the southern region. Early in her career with the New Jersey Department of Education she functioned as the County School Business Administrator. Twice during her career she served as the Acting Gloucester County Superintendent of Schools. At the same time she was a member of the Board of Trustees for Gloucester County College, and a Member of the Boards of Education of the Gloucester County Institute of Technology and the Gloucester County Special Services School District. She was honored for her leadership in creating the Gloucester County Alternative School. Kathy was also the Gloucester County Office of Education representative to the Local Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Human Services Commission.

Ms. Carfagno's civic involvement included being a member of the Board of Directors of the Gloucester County Unit of the American Cancer Society, President of the Advisory Board of the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, Volunteer Coordinator for Inspira Medical Center – Stitches of Love Project and the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the East Greenwich Township Library. She was recognized for her leadership in creating Schools United for Respect and Equality (SURE) which is now part of the program in the thirteen high schools in Gloucester County. In fact, it is one of the signature student groups at PHS. Kathy led the production of the film "Arab American Conversations" which was a joint project of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and the Human Relations Commission. As an outgrowth of her work with SURE, she now participates in the Equity Club in her retirement community and serves as secretary for the Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee. She appeared in a television production to introduce the 1,700 residents of her community to "The People's Place," a resource center that houses a library and is a gathering center for those wanting to discuss diversity. Kathy is a columnist for her community newspaper as well as a member of the Green Team whose purpose is to encourage residents to think globally and act locally about sustainability. As an avid quilter, she volunteers for the local Linus Project and is a member of the Quilting Club.

Kathy continues to serve PHS as a member of the Centennial Committee, the Pegasus Education Foundation and the Hall of Distinguished Alumni Committee.

Kathy is married to Frank Carfagno (PHS '63) and resides in Glen Mills, PA.

**Dr. Claire E. Shaw** is a 1968 graduate of PHS. She graduated from Gloucester County College in 1972 with an Associate Degree in Education. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology from Thomas Jefferson University in 1981. She graduated fourth in her class from Temple University's School of Dental Medicine in 1987 and was presented the Dr. George Coslett Award for Excellence in Periodontology. In addition, the faculty elected her to the honorary Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Society, an honor bestowed to only the top ten percent of the graduating class. She also completed graduate work at Temple University in Periodontic Studies in 1989.

Claire opened a solo practice in 1991, limited to Periodontics and Dental Implants. Her practice includes services to indigent patients, at no cost to them, who would otherwise be unable to receive the care they need. Her surgical skills have improved the lives of those patients, mostly children, who now have the confidence to smile at the world.

Dr. Shaw's professional contributions include Director of the Montgomery-Bucks Dental Society serving as Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and President; Director of the Second District Dental Association as Treasurer; a delegate from Bucks County to the Pennsylvania Dental Association's House of Delegates, chairing several reference committees; and serving as a Member of the Pennsylvania Dental Association's Forensic Team.

Claire served on the New Hope (PA) Borough Council for twelve years, including terms as vice president and president. She was on the Shade Tree Commission and has been Director of the New Hope Historical Society for the last 17 years. In New Hope she was Incident Commander for FEMA in 2006.

Additionally, Claire has been a member of the New Hope Eagle Fire Company since 2007 in the positions of Fire Police Officer, Treasurer, Captain of the Fire Police and was a member of the Swiftwater Rescue Team. In 2022, Claire became the first woman elected President of New Hope Eagle Fire Company.

Claire has received the Cecil K. Leberknight Award from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, the Benjamin Parry Recognition Award for Community Service from the New Hope Historical Society and the Community Appreciation Award from the Borough of New Hope. She has been named to the Top 10 Dentists in America list. In 2019, she received the Bucks County Chamber of Commerce Emergency Services Award. She received a Citation for Community Service from the Pennsylvania legislature.

**John J. Burzichelli** is a 1972 graduate of PHS. His service to the community of Paulsboro and the State of New Jersey includes the positions of Mayor of Paulsboro from 1996 to 2011 and Member of the New Jersey General Assembly for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District from 2002 to 2022. During his years in the Assembly, he was the Deputy Speaker, Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, Vice Chairperson of the Budget Committee, Chairperson of the Regulatory Oversight and Gaming Committee, Chairperson of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee, Vice Chairperson of the Homeland Security and Preparedness Committee and a Permanent Member of the Red Tape Review Commission.

While serving as Mayor, John was a Board Member of the Conference of Mayors and an Executive Board Member of the New Jersey League of Municipalities. As Mayor he facilitated a USDA grant that led to the preservation of the Paul House as well as a major expansion of the Gill Memorial Library. His work as head of the Economic Development Committee led to the redevelopment of Exit 18B as well as the designation of redevelopment zones throughout the Borough of Paulsboro.

While serving as President of the Greater Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce, he expanded the organization to include more businesses as well as community organizations and the school district. He also increased the scope of Chamber projects to include the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, Paulsboro Day and Community Service Awards. John was a Founding Member of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Paulsboro.

John was a member of the Gloucester County Improvement Authority from 2015 to 2022, where he served as Director of Project Management/Construction Management Services. In this role he facilitated the construction of the Paulsboro Marine Terminal, fostered the creation of Discovery Hall and Fossil Park Museum for Rowan University as well as assisted with the development of the DREAM Park Equestrian Therapeutic Riding Facility. These and other projects not only improved the lives of citizens but also brought more than \$568,000,000 into the economy of Gloucester County.

From 1989 to 1991 he served as a Consultant/Project Manager to the Gloucester County Office of Economic Development. It was during this period that he implemented the Community Development Block Grant Façade Program.

John is the recipient of a variety of awards and honors, including New Jersey Regional Elected Official of the Year (2005), Walter Rand Award for Outstanding Public Service (2011), the Robert B. Meyner Award from the New Jersey Bar Association (2013), New Jersey Society for Economic, Environmental Development Arthur T. Young Outstanding Legislator (2013) Award and the Sons of Italy New Jersey Foundation Golden Lion Award (2012).

John is the Founding Partner/Managing Partner of the Broad Street Development Group, Inc. that operates the Hill Studio out of a previously abandoned art deco movie theater. This not only drew business into Paulsboro but also preserved a historically significant building.

John attributes his ability to get along with all kinds of people to having grown up in Paulsboro and attending PHS with its wide diversity of people.

**Dr. James W. Blasetto** is a 1973 PHS graduate. He attended St. Joseph's College for his undergraduate studies, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1977. He earned a Doctorate in Medicine from Jefferson Medical College in 1981, and a Master of Public Health degree from George Washington University in 1999. He completed a Residency in Internal Medicine at Wilmington Medical Center in 1984, serving as Chief Medical Resident from 1983-1984; a Fellowship in Cardiology at Lankenau Hospital in 1987 and a Fellowship in Preventive Medicine and Occupational Medicine at George Washington University in 1996.

Dr. Blasetto was in private practice as a cardiologist from 1987-1994. He was appointed Director of Clinical Preventive Services at the Eugene du Pont Preventive Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute in 1995. He entered the pharmaceutical industry in 1998, joining Novartis Pharmaceuticals as Associate Director and later Director, Medical Affairs. In 2000, Dr. Blasetto began working at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, retiring in 2020. During this time, he held multiple positions including, in the later years, Vice President (VP) of Strategic Development, VP US Medical Affairs, Evidence Generation and VP BioPharmaceuticals. In 2009, Dr. Blasetto was appointed Chair of the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation (a charitable entity separate from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals). As Chair, in collaboration with the Board and Foundation staff, the *Connections for Cardiovascular Health<sup>SM</sup> (CCH)* program was developed and launched in 2010. Through the *CCH* program and subsequent *CCH Next Generation* program, the Foundation has provided grants totaling over \$26 million and support to 58 US-based nonprofits working in innovative ways to help improve heart health at the community level. He currently remains as Chair.

Dr. Blasetto was an active volunteer with the American Heart Association (AHA) Delaware Affiliate. He served on the Board of Directors from 1988-1998 and held various roles and committee appointments, most notably serving as President from 1992-1994. Additionally, he was a member of the Heart Education Center Task Force that helped to develop the AHA Delaware Affiliate Heart Education Center, which opened in 1993. In 1996, he was recognized at the Delaware Affiliate for his contribution in solving a cardiac problem using cardiac MRI to help clarify heart artery anatomy.

Dr. Blasetto is a Fellow in the American College of Cardiology and is also a member in the Delta Omega (Omega chapter) Honorary Public Health Society. He is a co-inventor on six US patents and is a co-author on multiple cardiology and health related publications. During his career, he has delivered numerous presentations to both professional and lay audiences on various cardiovascular topics.

Dr. Blasetto resides in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania with his wife, Jill. He enjoys spending time with their three daughters, Laura, Kathryn and Morgan, and granddaughters, Samantha and Emmalyn.