



DELONE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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DELONE CATHOLIC ANNOUNCES 2019 HALL OF HONOR INDUCTION CLASS

McSHERRYSTOWN, Pa. – Delone Catholic High School announces the selection of its Hall of Honor Class of 2019. This class, comprising five members, brings the total number of inductees to 20 in four induction classes. The Class of 2019 will be inducted in a series of events to take place on Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, in conjunction with the school's celebration of Founder's Day. Founder's Day 2019 celebrates the 155th birthday of the school's founding benefactor and namesake, Charles J. Delone, Esq.

The Hall of Honor inducted its inaugural class in conjunction with the celebration of the school's 75th Anniversary on Sept. 19, 2015. The Hall of Honor recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the school through consistent contribution of time, effort and/or financial resources or who have improved the school and its reputation through significant professional or community achievements.

Members of the Class of 2019 are:

- Daniel J. Bair '85 (1967-2016) - spent 31 years as a member of the Marching Band staff. He was responsible for the choreography of the visual components of the marching band show each year. He spent time designing and making flags, and was a valued teacher, mentor and friend to his students and colleagues, and a tireless advocate of Delone Catholic High School.
- Helen B. Brady Rebert (1906-1979) - spent 21 years working as the Head Dietitian in the Delone Catholic Cafeteria. During her tenure, the school grew to an enrollment of over 1,100 students whom she was charged with feeding each day. She made sure students were taken care of even when they forgot their lunch money and made everyone feel special to her, so much so that she is remembered for it more than 60 years after some of her students graduated. She was also the mother of three alumni and grandmother of several more.
- Deacon James G. Sneeringer, Sr. (1921-2011) - one of the four original lay members of the Delone Catholic Board of Directors, he served for 26 years, including several terms as the board chair. His six children and five of his grandchildren are Delone Catholic alumni. In addition to his dedicated service to Delone Catholic, he was involved in many areas of service to the Catholic Church in Gettysburg, the Adams Deanery and the Diocese of Harrisburg, as well as with community fraternal and service organizations. He spent the last 28 years of his life as a permanent deacon at St. Francis Xavier Church in Gettysburg.
- James A. Strazzella '57 (1939-2017) - was involved in all aspects of student life at Delone Catholic, playing basketball, participating in student government, glee club, drama, forensics and as part of the *Delonews* staff. He spent a long career in various aspects of the legal profession. He began as a clerk for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and later became an assistant U.S. Attorney in

Washington, D.C. He was on the law faculty and served as the vice dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, before joining the faculty at Temple University, where he served until his passing in 2017. At one point, he was the Acting Dean in Temple's law school. He was involved in numerous state and national commissions and committees, including serving as the chief counsel to the Presidential Commission's investigation into the Kent State shootings. He was also the chair of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court rules committee under five Chief Justices. Mr. Strazzella also worked with numerous charitable organizations and foundations. He was the chair of the board for Smith Memorial Playground, helping to raise \$10 million for the revitalization of the iconic Philadelphia playground, and he received the Founder's Award from the Fireman's Hall Museum in Philadelphia in addition to numerous teaching awards. He also spearheaded the creation of the Jesse Crabbs and Thomas F. Klunk Awards, presented to outstanding graduating senior members of the Delone Catholic speech and debate teams.

- David A. Swope, Sr. '68 - is one of nine siblings to graduate from Delone Catholic. He has spent most of his life since graduation in service to others. He was in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard for over 20 years, and served as a coach and umpire for youth baseball. Most consistently, he has been involved at the local, state and national level with outdoors and conservation organizations since the 1970s. Mr. Swope has received numerous awards and recognitions for his work, conserving natural resources and passing along a love of fishing and conservation to future generations through education programs. He has also done mission work in Central America and Europe, helping to combat drug and alcohol abuse and sexual slavery.

The Hall of Honor Class of 2019 will be inducted on Friday, Feb. 8. The event will begin with a school-wide Mass at 1:30 p.m. in the Old Gym. The class's plaques will be blessed during this Mass. An informal reception will be held for inductees and anyone interested in offering well-wishes in the Delone Catholic library following the Mass. A dinner and induction ceremony catered by Shultz's Catering and hosted in the Delone Catholic cafeteria will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Mass and reception are free of charge and open to all. Tickets for the dinner are \$35 and on sale until Friday, Feb. 1. To purchase, please call 717-637-5969, Ext. 211, email gslagle@delonecatholic.org or visit www.DeloneCatholic.org. Mr. Swope and members of his family are planning to attend the induction. Mr. Bair, Mrs. Brady Rebert, Deacon Sneeringer and Mr. Strazzella, all posthumous inductees, will be represented by members of their families.

The Hall of Honor nomination committee invites nominations for the Delone Catholic Hall of Honor Class of 2020. For eligibility requirements and nomination forms, please visit www.DeloneCatholic.org. Anyone without access to a computer who wishes to make a nomination may contact the Office of Advancement at 717-637-5969, Ext. 211. Any nominees who were not selected for the Class of 2019 will be considered by the committee for the Class of 2020. Nominations must be received by Sept. 1, 2019 in order to be considered for the Class of 2020. Any nominations received after that date will be considered for the Class of 2021.

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