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# Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2015

The Alumni Hall of Fame was established to recognize and honor individuals who were educated and inspired by the Port Jervis School District.



## Daniel P. Schultz, MD '26

"Daniel Schultz had two carefree days in his life – yesterday and tomorrow". This quote simply summarizes the life of Dr. Schultz. Schultz was a Port Jervis "Landmark", an old family doctor who never gave up on his dream. His life would center around medicine, yet Schultz found time to be schooled in other concentrations. He would acquire his law degree from LaSalle and also served as assistant pastor at the Fernwood Methodist Church as an undergrad. He dedicated his career in medicine to helping others. He was the

guiding force behind Doctors Sunnyside Hospital, the first full-care medical institution here in Port Jervis. His vision for this facility would hold great promise for the future, Doc delivered over 2000 babies, many of which he termed, "rural free deliveries". Schultz was a firm believer in the house call, saying it was easier to evaluate patients in their own homes. Doc was not just a man, he was an institution.



## Ross Decker, '55

Ross Decker's life was one dedicated to his family, his neighbors, and his community. After high school, Decker served his nation honorably in the U.S. Navy. After the Navy, he returned to his hometown to become administrator at Doctors Sunnyside Hospital. Decker's service to country and community would be a benchmark of his life. He continued his military career with the New York Air National Guard, 105th Air Wing. He would remain with this unit until retirement. His efforts locally were well known. Decker was active in his church, serving in many roles. He was

President and Treasurer of Howard Wheat Engine Company 4, Port Jervis Fire Department. Decker's local affiliations included The Tri-State Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Minisink Valley Historical Society, and many more organizations. Ross Decker was the 24th Mayor of the City of Port Jervis from 2002-2003. He married his Port Jervis High School sweetheart and has 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.



## Lawrence (Buddy) A. Taylor, '56

Larry Taylor was raised by hard-working parents who owned the New Bauer Inn across from the Erie Station. Growing up in this rugged lifestyle exposed him to a life few get to experience. For Taylor, it was his friends and teachers at Port Jervis High School that gave him an adjusted outlook on life. He's currently Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences and Director of Planetary Geosciences Institute of the University of Tennessee. Taylor's academic career started at Orange County Community College. He went on to achieve his Ph.D. at Lehigh University.

This education led him to the study of rocks, from earth and beyond. Taylor's research includes exploration for diamonds in northern Siberia, as well as rocks from the Moon, Mars, and asteroidal meteorites. Larry and his wife Dawn have traveled the world in pursuit of these scientific endeavors. Taylor was part of the "back room" team at the Johnson Space Center, advising Apollo 16 and 17 astronauts on which rocks to document and collect on these final two missions to the Moon. This collaboration led to a strong friendship with Jack Schmitt, the last man to walk on the moon. Taylor's work has earned him world-wide praise and recognition. He has authored over 500 scientific publications and several books. He has received numerous awards from universities, corporations, NASA, scientific societies (e.g., AAAS). He's been awarded a medal from the French Government. At a young 77 years of age, Taylor's academic research continues, and credits his success to hard work and those who have always encouraged him.

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## Ted Schultz, '78

Ted Schultz graduated Port Jervis High School in 1978 with the "energy" to be a great success. His post-secondary schooling includes a BS from SUNY Albany and his MBA from Syracuse University. Schultz's career in the energy sector has seen him rise from information supervisor to Senior Vice President of ECOVA, a multi-million dollar energy and sustainability management company. He began his career at NYSEG, Binghamton, NY working his way to the title of Director of Applications and Advanced Technologies. From there Schultz went onto DUKE Energy, working for 13 years in the marketing and efficiency side of the business. He successfully launched an energy service business, earned top rankings,

and pioneered an innovative business model that turned energy efficiency into a profitable investment. At EVOCA, Schultz has led a team as Vice President of Utility Solutions. He recently formed his own energy consulting company to help accelerate the adoption of new utility business models and technologies. Schultz lives in Charlotte, NC.



## John Stewart, '80

John Stewart's first "Port" will always be Port Jervis. Upon graduating PJHS in 1980, Stewart attended the United States Naval Academy, earning his Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering ('84). His career in the U.S. Navy would involve the submarine service. Stewart completed initial nuclear power and submarine training prior to reporting to his first submarine. One of the highlights of his junior officer training was a transit from New London, Connecticut to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii via the North Pole. This transit included a surfacing at the pole. Stewart would serve as Engineer Officer aboard the USS Greenling, and then Executive Officer on the USS Augusta. He went on to serve in the Office of Secretary of the Navy. From 2002 - 2004, Stewart commanded the nuclear submarine USS Tennessee (SSBN-734). Later, Stewart made Deputy Squadron Commander, Submarine Squadrons 16 and 20, Kings Bay, GA. He was responsible for the oversight and certification of the 14 submarine crews homeported there. Stewart's 26 years of service in the Navy prepared him for great success in the private sector. In 2009, Stewart was named Chief of Nuclear Safety Operations, at the National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He currently is President and General Manager of Babcock & Wilcox Shaw Remediation, LLC. He and his wife Lisa have five children and live in St. Augustine, FL.



## James Cain, '83

Heal. Teach. Discover. Serve. Dr. James Cain's mission to improve healthcare has taken him worldwide. Lessons from Port Jervis about community, hard work and sacrifice shaped this pursuit. At the University of Scranton, Cain was selected for the University Honors Program, lettered in wrestling and earned his Bachelor's. He earned his MD at the University of Pittsburgh, completed his Internship at Yale and Anesthesiology Residency and Fellowships in Critical Care and Adult and Pediatric Cardiac Anesthesiology at Harvard's Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital. Cain then served at Harvard and MGH as Instructor, Intensivist and Director of Pediatric Cardiac Anesthesia. He was recruited to West

Virginia University as Assistant Professor, Anesthesiologist, Intensivist and Director of Cardiac Anesthesiology Education. Cain currently serves the University of Pittsburgh and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh as Associate Professor and Director of Perioperative Medical Services, Trauma Anesthesiology and Transplant Anesthesiology. Cain was two terms President of the West Virginia Society of Anesthesiologists, is Delegate to the American Society of Anesthesiologists and on the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiologists and Wake Up Safe. He has traveled worldwide as two term President of the International Trauma Anesthesia and Critical Care Society. Cain is a frequent invited speaker, including more than a hundred international lectures and symposia. He was Editor-in-Chief of TraumaCare, sits on a dozen editorial boards, has authored numerous abstracts, publications, and invited articles as well as eighteen book chapters. Cain earned his MBA at the University of Pittsburgh and continues toward his PhD with current research focusing upon patient safety. Cain resides in Pittsburgh with wife Roberta and children James, Francesca, and Noelle.



## Marc Greene, '84

After graduating from Port Jervis High School in 1984, Marc Greene received his AS Degree from Orange County Community College, his BS from Northeastern University, and his MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business. Greene has worked on Wall Street for over 25 years and is currently the Managing Director of Ipreo LLC, the largest Investor Relations consulting business in the world. Over his career, he has been involved in some of the largest initial public offerings, mergers & acquisitions, and bankruptcies in history. Greene has been actively involved in the community volunteering with the Special Olympics, PJ Soap Box Derby, and the Port Jervis Recreation Department. Over the past

25 years he has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for both The Marian Cooper Community Foundation and the Port Jervis Education Foundation where he serves on both Boards of Directors as President. Throughout this time, Greene has continued to make Port Jervis his home with his wife Cheryl and his two daughters Taylor and Isabella.