The Forest Hills Alumni Association has announced the names of the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Class. Award recipients are graduates of Forest Hills High School or its precursor school districts. Each of the appointees is an individual who has made a significant contribution to mankind in the areas of medicine, research, education, politics, law, athletics, architecture, or in any area of the individual’s profession.

The 2009 Class of Distinguished Alumni includes the following:

**Dr. David Johnson**
- Graduate of Adams Summerhill Class of 1960
- BS – Ceramic Science, Penn State University 1964
- PhD – Ceramic Science, Penn State University 1968
- Member of Technical Staff, Bell Telephone Laboratories
- Head, Metallurgy and Ceramics Research Department, AT&T Bell Laboratories
- Head, Metallurgy and Ceramics Research Department, Bell Laboratories, Lucent Technologies
- Director, Materials Research Department, Agere Systems
- Editor, Journal of American Ceramic Society
- Ross Coffin Purdy Award, best paper in ceramic literature, 1979
- Fulrath Award from American Ceramic Society, 1984
- Taylor Lecture Award, Penn State University, 1987
- Penn State Distinguished Alumni Award
- John Jeppson Award, American Ceramic Society, 1988
- Academy of Ceramics, Industrial Ceramics 2000 Prize
- Ovton Memorial Lecture, American Ceramic Society, 2004
- Over 130 publications on ceramic processing and related research
- 47 patents
- Master gardener

Dr. David Johnson is a giant in the field of ceramic materials, a highly respected leader in the science and engineering community, and among the most distinguished researchers in his field.

Dr. Johnson’s achievements as a scholar and a researcher are remarkable. He has authored more than 130 publications and holds 47 patents. He served as the Head of the Metallurgy and Ceramics Research Department at Bell Labs – one of the preeminent research facilities in the country – for more than a decade, and currently serves as editor of the Journal of the American Ceramic Society, the principle scholarly publication in the field of ceramics. Dr. Johnson is a past president and Distinguished Life Member of The American Ceramic Society (the highest honor), a fellow of both ACERS and ASM International, and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Engineering.

Dr. Johnson has nurtured the growth and success of many generations of scientists and engineers. He has collaborated with Stevens Institute of Technology by giving doctoral students access to the enormous talent pool and the world-class research facilities at Bell Labs. Dr. Johnson supported and guided numerous doctoral students, contributing
significantly to their success in their doctoral studies and later in their careers. He exerted enormous influence in countless individuals and his impact will be felt forever.

Scott Stern, Executive Director of the American Ceramic Society, states, “While his scientific achievements are extraordinary, he is equally distinguished for his warmth and generosity of spirit. He is an open, friendly, and deeply caring man, one who has made an indelible impression on our members and staff. He is one of those rare people who inspire both deep respect and the warmest affection.”

Dr. Johnson and his wife Bonnie live in Bedminster, New Jersey. They are the parents of two grown children, Analee Rubio who is a food scientist, and Brad, who is a coastal engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers.

**Dr. Paul Bialas**
- Graduate of Triangle Area Class of 1966
- BS (Magna Cum Laude) – Eberly School of Science, Penn State University 1970
- M.D. – Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University – 1973
- Residency – UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh PA Chief Medical Resident and Instructor of Medicine 1976-1977
- University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
  - Chief Medical Resident 1976-1977
  - Instructor in Medicine 1976-1977
  - Clinical Instructor 1977-1981
  - Clinical Assistant Professor 1981-1998
- Penn State College of Medicine
  - Clinical Assistant Professor 1997-2000
  - Clinical Associate Professor 2000-2009
  - Clinical Professor 2009-present
- Clinical Director, Northwest PA Area Health Education Center 1998-2008
- Warren General Hospital
  - Active and Consulting Staff 1977-2009
  - Board of Directors 1996-1999
  - Vice-President Medical Staff 1995-1997
  - Chief Division of Internal Medicine 1982-1979
  - Chairman Department of Medicine 1989-1990
  - Board of Trustees 1996-1998
- Certifications
  - American Board of Internal Medicine
  - Advanced Achievement in Internal Medicine (Module: Oncology and Pulmonary)
- Jefferson Medical College Gold Medal Award for research paper “Unstable Hemoglobinopathies” 1973
- Appointed Master Preceptor by AHEC and the Penn State Community Medicine Department 1998
- Herbert S. Waxman Voluntary Faculty Teaching Award – presented by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians (one award statewide) 2007
Outstanding Mentor Award presented by the Class of 2008 Penn State College of Medicine
Outstanding Volunteer Clinical Teacher Award presented by the American College of Physicians during the annual convention in Philadelphia (one award nationally) 2009
Penn State College of Medicine 3rd and 4th year medical student preceptorships in general internal medicine 1996-2009
Director of Warren – Penn State premedical “Shodan Program” 1996
Past preceptor, medical and physician assistant studies, University of Pittsburgh and Gannon University, Erie, PA
Numerous lectures and conference presentations
Eberly College of Science Alumni Board of Directors, Penn State University 1999-2005
Warren County School District Board of Directors 1989-1993
Initiated the medical oncology/chemotherapy service at Warren General Hospital and directed it for 12 years. It has evolved into the Warren Cancer Center, a regional referral center.
Publications:
- “Post Transfusion Hepatitis”, Medical Challenge, pp. 36-45, October 1977, Paul A. Bialas, M.D., et al.
- “Embryonal Cell Carcinoma”, Medical Challenge, pp 33-40, August 1977, Charles J. Srodes, M.D. and Paul A. Bialas, M.D.

Dr. Bialas has been practicing medicine for the past 32 years in Warren, PA. There, along with his wife, Debbie, a nurse practitioner, have worked together to form the “Bialas Team.” Dr. Bialas is known statewide and nationally as a “Teacher of Doctors.” This has been a passion of his since he began his career in medicine. He has been honored locally, statewide, and nationally. Dr. Bialas’ most recent award is a reflection of his medical teaching career. On April 23, 2009, Dr. Bialas was honored with the Outstanding Volunteer Clinical Teacher Award, presented by the American College of Physicians, which is a recognition based upon services to teaching medical students and residents. Only one award is presented nationwide per year. Competition for this award is extremely stiff. It should be noted that there are only nine other living recipients of this award in the country.

Dennis Gingrich, M.D., Professor at Penn State’s Department of Family and Community Medicine gave this description of Dr. Bialas. Reliability, responsibility, true concern for the welfare of others, and holding himself to the very highest expectations are his hallmark personal characteristics that his colleagues and students learn from and admire.
Dr. Bialas and his wife, the former Debbie Cann of Ehrenfeld, currently live in Warren PA and are the parents of five children – one is a psychiatrist, and is boarded in internal medicine. Another is boarded in emergency medicine; a third is a school teacher. The fourth is practicing law in Boston, and the fifth is in a pre-medicine program at Penn State University.

J. Jude Basile

- Forest Hills High School Class of 1971
- San Diego Deputy City Attorney 1983-84
- Deputy District Attorney Santa Barbara County
- BA in Social Science – Edinboro University of PA 1976
- Football record-setting quarterback at Edinboro University
- Edinboro University Athletic Hall of Fame
- MS in Business – Indiana University of PA 1978
- Juris Doctor Degree – Thomas Jefferson School of Law 1981
- Attended Notre Dame University 1971-72
- Named one of the “Top 100” Trial Lawyers in the State of California
- Received Proclamation from California Legislature recognizing exemplary trial work
- 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum Invited Member with over $40 million in verdicts
- Achieved highest rating A-V from Martindale Hubbell (A – very high to preeminent legal ability; V – very high ethical standards)
- “2009 Trial Lawyer of the Year” by Consumer Attorneys of San Diego
- President of Trial Lawyers College headquartered in Dubois, Wyoming
- Member of Black War Bonnet Society – an invitation only legal society dedicated to finding the truth in oneself and in their cases
- Member of Board of Directors and teaching staff at the Trial Lawyers College, founded and run by noted Wyoming trial lawyer Gerry Spence
- Invited Presenter for:
  - American Association of Justice
  - Association of Trial Lawyers of America
  - Consumer Attorneys of California
  - State Trial Lawyers Associations – California, North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Wyoming, and Oregon
  - City Trial Lawyers Association – San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Central California, Santa Clara, and Capital City
  - Thomas Jefferson Law School
  - Trial Lawyers College
- Court Admissions:
  - United States Supreme Court
  - All California State Courts
  - U.S. District Court – Southern District of California
  - U.S. District Court – Central District of California
  - Georgia State Courts
- Founder and principal of the Basile Law Firm 1998-present
Jude was an outstanding athlete at Forest Hills and was recruited to play quarterback at Notre Dame University. He transferred to Edinboro University where he rewrote the record book for passing and total offense. Jude is in the Edinboro Athletic Hall of Fame for his outstanding football career.

Jude has accumulated many time-honored awards from various legal organizations including achieving the highest (A-V) from Martindale Hubbell. He has been named “Trial Lawyer of the Year” by Consumer Attorneys of San Diego (CASD.) During this past summer, he was chosen President of the Trial Lawyers College headquartered in Dubois, Wyoming.

Jude Basile is the founder and principal of The Basile Law Firm in San Louis Obispo, San Diego, and Pleasanton, California, which specializes in the preparation and trial of serious injury, wrongful death and financial loss cases. The firm accepts only a few cases each year in order to completely dedicate its resources to each case. A broad range of cases have been handled including brain injuries, burn injuries, spinal cord injuries, nerve damage, past and future damages for the effect the injuries have on the enjoyment of life.

Jude Basile has tried many cases to verdicts totaling more than $40 million. He has been recognized as one of the top trial lawyers in the state of California. As a result of his success in the courtroom, Jude has become one of the most sought after trial lawyers in the country to help prepare and try wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases. He is to California what Edgar Snyder and Marcus & Mack are to Pennsylvania.

Jude is married to Deidre O’Connor and has three children, Max, Meigan, and Mollie. The Basile’s live in Cambria, California on the doorstep to Big Sur, one of the most dramatic and beautiful coastlines in the world.

The Forest Hills School District will honor this 2009 class of Distinguished Alumni at an Alumni Awards Weekend of Recognition, meeting with community citizens and officials, including a school assembly as well as numerous visitations and interactions with students. The honorees will attend and be honored at halftime of the Forest Hills vs. Central Cambria football game on October 9, 2009. The activities will be capped off with a Saturday night banquet for guests, family members and friends.

The banquet will be held at the Forest Hills Elementary School. The cost for the stuffed chicken breast dinner is $20, and tickets can be obtained at all of the three schools’ main offices and at the District Office.

Please come together to honor the 2009 class of Distinguished Alumni.

If you have any questions, you may call Superintendent Donald Bailey or Director of Education Edwin Bowser at 814-487-7613, ext 3200 or 3208 respectively.

Let’s band together and welcome home three of the District’s finest graduates.