

Some Distinguished Weequahic Alumni

During the past 80 years, Weequahic alumni have distinguished themselves in the areas of education, law, medicine, sports, entertainment, literature, business, etc. We certainly do not have a complete listing, so if you know of others, please let us know. Some of them are as follows:

- * **Dr. Albert Willner** (1936), a physician and philanthropist
- * **Jason Seley** (1936), a sculptor
- * **Marvin Frankel** (1937), jurist, human rights advocate
- * **Sid Dorfman** (1937), a *Newark Star-Ledger* sports writer
- * **Lorraine Gordon** (1937), the owner of the NY Jazz Club, the *Village Vanguard*
- * **Jean-Rae Turner** (1938), a journalist and author of books on Newark
- * **Nathan Weiss** (1940), the former President of *Kean University*
- * **Mort Lindsey** (1940), a band leader and accompanist to singing stars
- * **Victor Parsonnet** (1941), a pioneer in cardiology at Newark Beth Israel Hospital
- * **Robert Rickel** (Jan. 1942), founder of Rickel's home improvement stores in NJ.
- * **Muriel Fox** (1944), a co-founder of the *National Organization for Women (NOW)*
- * **Arthur Ortenberg** (1944), a co-founder with his wife Liz of *Liz Claiborne, Inc.*
- * **Seymour Bernstein** (1945), a concert pianist and teacher
- * **Paul Goodman** (1945), a Grammy-winning sound engineer
- * **Jerome Waldor** (1945), a major general in the Air Force, volunteer fund-raiser
- * **Martin Edelson** (1946), the founder of *Boardroom.com* and *Bottom Line* magazine
- * **Janet Lippman Abu-Lughod** (1946), a respected sociologist, author
- * **Burton Ironson** (1947), a former NJ Superior Court Judge
- * **Dr. Sheldon Wolf** (1948), a pioneer in the research of infectious diseases
- * **Philip Roth** (1950), a *Pulitzer Prize* winning author
- * **Joseph Murphy** (1951), a former Chancellor of the *City University of New York*
- * **Ed Goldstein** (1951), co-founder with his wife of the *Valerie Fund* for children with cancer
- * **Hal Braff** (1952), a co-founder of the *Weequahic High School Alumni Association*
- * **Donald Weckstein** (1952), a law school dean, authority on legal ethics

- * **Sandy Grossman** (1953), an award-winning producer of CBS and Fox NFL football games
- * **Betty Frankel Kirschner** (1954), a professor, sociologist, an advocate for women
- * **Alvin Attles** (1955), an NBA basketball player, championship coach, and executive
- * **Sheldon Bross** (1955), a co-founder of the *Weequahic High School Alumni Association*
- * **Eli Hoffman** (1956), the President of the *Jaqua Foundation*
- * **Allen Garfield** (1957), an actor in films and TV
- * **Sherry Ortner** (1958), an anthropologist, wrote a book on her 1958 WHS class
- * **Eleanor Lutzke Lewis** (1959), advocate for social justice
- * **Rabbi Michael Lerner** (1960), *Tikun* magazine publisher and author
- * **Ellen Kimmelman Brown** (1960), former director of the *Jay Leno Show*
- * **Miriam Nusbaum Span** (1960), a NJ Superior Court Judge
- * **James Oliver Horton** (1961), an *African-American* history scholar
- * **Dr. Jehuda Reinharz** (1963), the former President of *Brandeis University*
- * **Barbara Krueger** (1963), a well-known conceptual artist
- * **Dr. Stanley Herr** (1963), President of the American Association of Mental Retardation
- * **Loraine White** (1964), a teacher, coach, counselor, & administrator at WHS
- * **David Shapiro** (1964), an acclaimed poet
- * **Sandra West** (1964), co-author of *Encyclopedia of the Harlem Renaissance*
- * **Claude Scott Bey** (1965), former Principal of Weequahic HS, NPS Asst. Superintendent
- * **Steven Dinetz** (1965), a leader in communications
- * **Sandra King** (1965), an award-winning host and reporter of “*Due Process*” on NJ News
- * **Ken Dychtwald** (1967), a gerontologist, author, self-help advocate
- * **Komozi Woodard** (1967), an author and professor at Sarah Lawrence College
- * **Dennis Layton** (1968), a former professional basketball player
- * **Sheila Oliver** (1970), a former Speaker of the NJ State Assembly, Essex County Freeholder,
- * **Wendy Ida** (1970), an award-winning body builder and figure champion, author
- * **Al "Bubba" Baker** (1972), a professional football player and entrepreneur
- * **Don "Pinky" Johnson** (1972), a National Football League coach
- * **Carrie Jackson** (1975), a well-known local jazz singer
- * **Benilde Little** (1976), a best-selling novelist

- * **Charles Hall** (1982), a labor union president, 1999 Man of the Year
- * **Brian Logan** (1984), the head football coach for Weequahic High School
- * **Marjorie Barnes** (1985), a poet, college writing instructor
- * **Hasson Arbubakrr** (1987), a professional football player
- * **Vincent Herbert** (1988), a music producer for industry's top stars,
- * **Marquis "Bo" Porter** (1990), the manager of the Houston Astros baseball team
- * **Faheem Ellis** (1996), the current Principal of Weequahic High School