

Distinguished Weequahic Alumni

During the past 84 years, Weequahic alumni have distinguished themselves locally and nationally in the areas of education, law, medicine, sports, entertainment, literature, business, politics, etc. This is not a complete listing, so if you know of others, please let us know.

- * **Dr. Albert Willner (1936)** a respected physician and philanthropist
- * **Jason Seley (1936)** a sculptor and dean of the Cornell University College of Architecture.
- * **Marvin Frankel (1937)** a jurist and human rights advocate.
- * **Sid Dorfman (1937)** an honored Newark Star-Ledger sports journalist.
- * **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.
- * **Dr. Herbert Wolkstein (1939)** an expert in space communications.
- * **Dr. Robert Gorlin (1940)** a world renowned oral pathologist.
- * **Dr. Nathan Weiss (1940)** the former longtime President of Kean University.
- * **Mort (Lippman) Lindsey (1940)** a band leader and accompanist to singing stars.
- * **Dr. Marvin Moser (1941)** a national expert on hypertension.
- * **Dr. Victor Parsonnet (1941)** a pioneer in cardiology at Newark Beth Israel Hospital.
- * **Ruth Klein Fien (1942)** a co-founder of the Jewish Historical Society of NJ.
- * **Robert Rickel (1942)** the co-founder of Rickel's home improvement stores in NJ.
- * **Milton Perlmutter (1945)** a founder of super markets in NJ, including Shop-Rite and Pathmark.
- * **Arthur Greenbaum (1943)** a recognized leader in NJ real estate law.
- * **Jerry Krupnick (1943)** TV critic for the Newark Star-Ledger for many years.
- * **Arthur Brody (1944)** a local and national leader in the Jewish community.
- * **Irwin Brody (1944)** invented teletypewriter (TTY) that allows the deaf and hearing-impaired to communicate via the telephone.
- * **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. Documentary made about his life.

- * **Simona Chivian Chazen (1945)** with husband Jerome, major art collectors, Chazen Museum of Art, philanthropists.
- * **Clive Cummis (1945)** a prominent New Jersey attorney.
- * **Paul Goodman (1945)** a Grammy-winning sound engineer.
- * **Evelyn Jacobs Ortner (1945)** the founder of an organization for battered women in Essex County
- * **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 and author.
- * **Burton Ironson (1947)** a former NJ Superior Court Judge.
- * **David Steiner (1947)** a real estate developer and philanthropist.
- * **Dr. Sheldon Wolf (1948)** a pioneer in the research of infectious diseases.
- * **Lester Z. Lieberman (1948)** the founder of the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey.
- * **Lloyd Glicken (1949)** a sports writer who covered high school sports for the Newark Star-Ledger.
- * **Philip Roth (1950)** a Pulitzer Prize winning author of 31 books. Inducted into the NJ Hall of Fame.
- * **Allen Klein (1950)** a music producer with Sam Cooke, the Beatles and Rolling Stones as clients.
- * **Joseph Murphy (1951)** a former Chancellor of the City University of New York.
- * **Ed Goldstein (1951)** founded with his wife Sue, The Valerie Fund, for children with cancer. Inducted into the NJ Hall of Fame.
- * **Hal Braff (1952)** the co-founder of the Weequahic High School Alumni Association and respected attorney.
- * **Donald Weckstein (1952)** a law school dean at University of San Diego; authority on legal ethics.
- * **Jack Keil Wolf (1952)** a nationally recognized computer theorist and engineer.
- * **Sandy Grossman (1953)** an award-winning producer of CBS and Fox NFL football games.
- * **Donald Wilks (1953)** an owner of radio stations, metal sculptor.
- * **Betty Frankel Kirschner (1954)** a professor, sociologist, an advocate for women.
- * **Jack Korbman (1954)** a cantor for 55 years and a Newark educator for 34 years.
- * **Alvin Attles (1955)** an NBA professional basketball player, championship coach, and executive.
- * **Warren Grover (1955)** the co-founder of the Newark History Society; author of *Nazis in Newark*.
- * **Sheldon Bross (1955)** the co-founder of the Weequahic High School Alumni Association.
- * **Howard Smith (1955)** an Oscar-winning film director, journalist, screenwriter, actor and broadcaster.
- * **Eli Hoffman (1956)** the President of the philanthropic Jaqua Foundation in NJ.

- * **Allen (Goorvitz) Garfield (1957)** an actor who has appeared in over 100 films and television shows.
- * **Sherry Ortner (1958)** an anthropologist who wrote a book on her 1958 WHS class.
- * **Dave Klein (1959)** a sports reporter for the Newark Star-Ledger for 35 years.
- * **Eleanor Lutzke Lewis (1959)** a social and consumer justice advocate; worked with Ralph Nader.
- * **Michael Lerner (1960)** a rabbi and Tikun magazine publisher and author.
- * **Ellen Kimmelman Brown (1960)** a 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 and Professor Emeritus at GWU.
- * **Dr. Jehuda Reinharz (1963)** the former President of Brandeis University.
- * **Barbara Krueger (1963)** a well-known conceptual artist.
- * **Dr. Stanley Herr (1963)** the former President of the American Association of Mental Retardation.
- * **Susan Klein Bordo (1964)** a Professor of Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Kentucky.
- * **Edwin Marshall (1964)** Indiana University vice-president of diversity, equity and multicultural affairs.
- * **David Shapiro (1964)** an acclaimed poet, literary critic, and art historian.
- * **Sandra West (1964)** the co-author of *Encyclopedia of the Harlem Renaissance*.
- * **Loraine White (1964)** a teacher, coach, counselor, & administrator for 41 years at WHS.
- * **Claude Scott Bey (1965)** a former Principal of Weequahic HS, NPS Asst. Superintendent.
- * **Steven Dinetz (1965)** a leader in communications and philanthropist.
- * **Sandra King (1965)** an award-winning host and reporter of "Due Process" on NJ News.
- * **Margery Tabankin (1965)** a director of VISTA and the Spielberg and Streisand foundations.
- * **Wilfredo Nieves (1966)** the President of Capital Community College in Hartford, Connecticut.
- * **Ken Dychtwald (1967)** a gerontologist, author, self-help advocate, with PBS documentary.
- * **Komozi Woodard (1967)** an author and professor at Sarah Lawrence College.
- * **Dennis Layton (1967)** a former NBA professional basketball player.
- * **Moss Klein (1968)** a sports reporter for the Newark Star-Ledger for 34 years.
- * **Reggie Jones (1969)** a boxer in the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany.
- * **Antoinette Baskerville-Richardson (1970)** the Chief Education Officer, Mayor's Office, City of Newark.
- * **Sheila Oliver (1970)** the current NJ Lieutenant Governor; former Speaker of the NJ State Assembly.
- * **Wendy Ida (1970)** an award-winning body builder and figure champion, author.

- * **Al "Bubba" Baker (1972)** an NFL professional football player and "Shark Tank" entrepreneur.
- * **Don "Pinky" Johnson (1972)** a National Football League coach.
- * **Mansa K. Mussa (1974)** a local visual and performing artist and art educator.
- * **Carrie Jackson (1975)** a well-known local jazz singer and music producer.
- * **Benilde Little (1976)** a journalist and best-selling novelist.
- * **Charles Hall (1982)** a local labor union president, 1999 Man of the Year.
- * **Brian Logan (1984)** the current championship football coach for Weequahic High School.
- * **Marjorie Barnes (1985)** a poet and college writing instructor.
- * **Hasson Arbubakrr (1987)** a NFL professional football player.
- * **Vincent Herbert (1988)** a music producer for industry's top stars.
- * **Marquis "Bo" Porter (1990)** the former manager of the MBL Houston Astros baseball team.
- * **Faheem Ellis (1996)** a Weequahic student who became Principal of Weequahic High School.
- * **Adenah Bayoh (1996)** a local entrepreneur with restaurants in Newark, Irvington. and Maplewood.