
Distinguished Weequahic Alumni

During the past 87 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 contact us.

****** *inducted into the Weequahic HS Alumni Association Hall of Fame or Hall of Distinction.*

1930s:

- * **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.
- **** **Seymour “Swede” Masin (1938)** one of Weequahic’s greatest all-around athlete.
- * **Jean-Rae Turner (1938)** a journalist and author of books on Newark.
- * **Dr. Herbert Wolkstein (1939)** an expert in space communications.

1940s:

- * **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 supermarkets 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.
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- * **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 and philanthropist.
- * **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.
- ** **David Schechner (1946)** attorney, synagogue historian, leader in Jewish community, WHS Trustee.
- * **Janet Lippman Abu-Lughod (1946)** a respected sociologist and author.
- * **Burton Ironson (1947)** a former NJ Superior Court Judge.
- * **David Steiner (1947)** a NJ real estate developer, CEO of the Steiner Equities Group and Steiner Studios, and is a Port Authority of NY & NJ commissioner, American Israel Public Affairs Committee, 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 sportswriter who covered high school sports for the Newark Star-Ledger.
- * **Maurice Schonfeld (1949)** the co-founder of CNN with Ted Turner and the Food Network.

1950s:

- ** **Philip Roth (1950)** a Pulitzer Prize winning author of thirty-one 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.
- * **Noah Chivian (1952)** The Dental Health Center at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center has been renamed The Chivian Dental Center in honor of Noah Chivian, D.D.S., and his father Jacob Chivian, D.D.S
- * **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*.
- ** **Stanley Markowitz (1955)** educator, professor, social justice and peace activist.
- * **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.
- ** **Paul Tractenberg (1956)** Rutgers University law professor, founder Education Law Center and Institute on Education, Law & Policy.
- * **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.

1960s:

- * **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.
- ** **Jacob Toporek (1963)** editor of WHS Note; Executive Director, NJ Association of Jewish Federations.
- * **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.

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- * **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.
 - ** **Carrie Jackson (1968)** a well-known local jazz singer and music producer.
 - * **Cynthia Holiday (1968)** a vocalist who sings jazz, blues and popular tunes. Her debut album was in 2008.
 - * **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.

1970s:

- ** **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.
- ** **Hisani DuBose (1971)** filmmaker, screenwriter, director and founder of the NJ Movie Maker's Network.
- * **Al "Bubba" Baker (1972)** an NFL professional football player and "Shark Tank" entrepreneur.
- * **Don "Pinky" Johnson (1972)** a National Football League coach.
- ** **Dr. Frederick L. Tyson (1972)** Scientific Program Director at the National Institute Environmental Health Services in the Division of Extramural Research and Training, Cellular, Organ and Systems Pathobiology Branch.
- * **Mansa K. Mussa (1974)** a local visual and performing artist and art educator.
- ** **Benilde Little (1976)** a journalist and best-selling novelist.

1980s:

- * **Charles Hall (1982)** a local labor union president, 1999 Man of the Year.
 - * **Leon Baptiste (1982)** owner of LB Electric Company in Newark which provides electrical systems, testing, solar, designs and installation to commercial, industrial, school, hospitals and government agencies. Also, mentors the Weequahic football team.
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- * **Brian Logan (1982)** the current championship football coach for Weequahic High School and previous championship coach for West Side High School.

- * **Marjorie Barnes (1985)** a poet and college writing instructor.

- * **Hasson Arbubakrr (1987)** a former NFL professional football player. The parents of an autistic child, he and his wife, Nadine, run a program for autistic children. His other son is Hassan Whiteside, who plays for the Miami Heat basketball team.

- * **Vincent Herbert (1988)** a music producer for industry's top stars.

1990s:

- * **Marquis "Bo" Porter (1990)** the former manager of the MBL Houston Astros baseball team.

- * **Adenah Bayoh (1996)** a local entrepreneur with restaurants in Newark, Irvington. and Maplewood.

- * **Faheem Ellis (1996)** a Weequahic student who became Principal of Weequahic High School.

- * * **Alturric Kenney (1996)** elected Essex County Surrogate, former Deputy Mayor of Newark.

2000s: