

Amity Hall of Honor 2006

In the fields of **business and finance**, the inductees are Karen Rice Gardiner and Holly Isdale.

Karen Rice Gardiner, class of '74, is Director of Creative Services at the National Geographic Society where she holds overall responsibility for the generation and distribution of catalogs, membership and advertising campaigns, and all media product. She also chairs the Society's Brand Management Committee and sits on the NGS Think Tank, helping to develop new products and services inspired by technology and innovation. Gardiner earned her degree in graphic design at Southern Connecticut State University and did graduate work at the University of Strasbourg.

M. Holly Isdale, class of '82, is a Managing Director at Lehman Brothers, heading the Wealth Advisory group within the Private Investment Management. Trained as a tax attorney, Isdale has worked with clients ranging from individuals and entrepreneurs to foundations and endowments. Previous to her current position Isdale was a Managing Director with Goldman, Sachs and Chief Income Tax Strategist for JP Morgan Private Banking. Isdale graduated from Cornell and Boston University.

Education produced two inductees for this first class, Dr. John DeGioia and Dr. Edward Goldstone.

Dr. John Degioia, class of '75, is President of Georgetown University. Prior to his appointment as President, he served as a faculty member and in a variety of administrative positions, including Dean of Student Affairs at Georgetown. He is a Professorial Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy. Dr. DeGioia serves as a board member of the Association of American Colleges and Universities and as an executive committee member of the Council on Competitiveness, and is active with a number of national education organizations. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Campus Contact, an organization committed to fulfilling the citizenship and service aspects of higher education. He earned his undergraduate and PhD degrees from Georgetown.

Dr. Edward Goldstone, class of '64, has spent his life in education beginning as an English teacher and going into administration, where he held a number of positions. Currently, he serves as Principal at Amity Regional High School. Prior to Amity he served in the same position at Harding High School in Bridgeport. Dr. Goldstone is active in Connecticut Association of Schools and the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Association, where he chaired the Boys' Basketball Committee for a number of years. He was also a member of the inaugural class of the Amity Athletic Hall of Fame. Dr. Goldstone holds degrees from Yale University and the University of Connecticut.

The **fine and performing arts** inductee is **Ralph Iaccarino**. Iaccarino, an internationally recognized artist whose works include vivid celebrations of tropical

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rainforest vegetation, has works on permanent display in hotels, hospitals, corporate headquarters, and in private homes. He has had shows throughout the Midwestern United States and in competitive exhibitions from Connecticut to California. Iaccarino is also an accomplished teacher and motivational speaker. He created Life at Night, an annual non-profit festival providing safe and secure activities for young people in the Quad Cities of Iowa. His band, Noble Spirit, has released half a dozen CDs. For many years a teacher, Iaccarino has created instructional videos for elementary-aged students. Iaccarino holds degrees from St. Ambrose University and Marycrest International University.

Being honored for their **government and public service** are Amy Zelson Mundorff and Suzanne Petrie.

Amy Zelson Mundorff, class of '87, is an anthropologist with a forensics specialty. As a member of the New York City Medical Examiner's office, she led the daily mortuary operations identifying the remains from the 9/11 World Trade Center attacks. Since then she's participated in identification processes for other mass disasters, including the 2004 Tsunami. Currently Mundorff, a graduate of Syracuse and California State University at Chico, is completing her PhD studies at Simon Fraser University.

Suzanne Petrie, also class of '87, is Director for Latin America for the Department of Homeland Security. She is responsible for overall DHS coordination within North America, Central and South America, and the Caribbean, including management of the US-Mexico border. Her position includes strategy, policy creation and execution, along with Federal and international coordination of security and immigration policy and programs within the hemisphere. Petrie's previous positions have been in the Department of Defense, the White House Drug Policy Office, and the US Air Force Academy. Petrie is a graduate of Sweet Briar and American University.

Health and Medicine inductees are Dr. Rocco Orlando III and James Ronai.

Dr. Rocco Orlando III, class of '70, is currently Vice President of the Connecticut Surgical Group in Hartford. He is also a member of the Senior Attending Staff at Hartford Hospital, where he has served as President of the Medical Staff. He also is Professor of Clinical Surgery at University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Dr. Orlando has published dozens of articles on his research. Dr. Orlando holds degrees from Hamilton College and University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

James Ronai, class of '84, is Director of Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine at Rehabilitation Associates, Inc. His responsibilities include staffing, management and marketing for outpatient and acute care rehabilitation clinics as well as a number of high school athletic training outreach programs. He also is the owner of The Competitive Edge, providing strength, speed and conditioning programs to individuals and teams. In both the 2002 and 2006 Winter Olympics,

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Ronai served on the US Olympic Committee medical staff, working especially with the women's Bobsled team and the men's skeleton teams. Ronai holds two degrees from Springfield College.

Science and technology inductees are Daria Milburn and Doctor Stuart Shapiro.

Daria Klancko Milburn, class of '93, is Managing Director of Environmental Risk Innovations, a corporation providing risk management solutions in environmental, safety and occupational health issues. Milburn focuses on interpreting environmental investigations and regulations to qualify risks associated with real estate transactions, working with lenders and developers. She is co-founder of the Charlotte, NC chapter of the Society of Women Environmental Professionals. Milburn graduated from University of Connecticut.

Doctor Stuart Shapiro, class of '65, is Professor of Physics and Astronomy at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A leading astro-physicist, his theoretical work on black holes, neutron stars, gravitational radiation and other areas of stellar dynamics and relativity has earned him scientific acclaim. He is among the leaders in using supercomputers to solve Einsteinian equations. Shapiro attended Harvard and Princeton.

Following the induction ceremony and dinner at the Woodbridge Club, the distinguished members of the Amity Hall of Honor, Class of 2006, will meet current Amity High School outstanding students at the Underclass Awards Night at the high school.

Anyone who wishes to attend the induction dinner may purchase tickets by calling Beth Moffat at the Amity district offices, 397-4815. Tickets are \$30.