

2009 Sturzebecker Hall of Fame Inductees

Vonnie Gros

- Led U.S. Olympic Field Hockey team to bronze medal 1984
- Member of the U.S. National Field Hockey team for 13 years
- WCU field hockey team coach for 12 years
- Inducted into the U.S. Field Hockey Hall of Fame, Pennsylvania Lacrosse Hall of Fame, and WCU Athletic Hall of Fame
- First woman to be named an All-American in both field hockey and lacrosse in the same year
- Played lacrosse at alma mater Ursinus College
- Coached Ursinus College lacrosse from 1992-1996, guiding team to NCAA final four in 1992
- Named to All-20th Century Team by Lacrosse Magazine in 2000
- Co-coach of 1st All Collegiate lacrosse team to defeat the British National Team
- Ten-year member of U.S. Women's National Lacrosse Team, played on several touring teams including the initial World Cup in Australia
- Led WCU field hockey team to AIAW Championship in 1975 and 1976 and named coach of the year in 1976
- Coached field hockey at Princeton University in 1975 and 1976

John L. Eberhart Sr

- Interim Dean, College of Health Sciences, West Chester University, 1994-1997
- Faculty member and Advisor Department of Communicative Disorders, 1969-1997; Clinic Coordinator, 1976-1979; Chairperson, 1983-1994
- Audiologist with U.S. Veterans Administration, 1963-1964
- Speech clinician, public schools of Montgomery County, PA, 1960-1962
- B.S. degree, Bloomsburg University, 1960
- Master's degree, Bloomsburg University, 1960
- Who's Who Among students in American Colleges and Universities, 1959-1960 Edition
- Member WCU/Bryn Mawr Hospital Respiratory Care Advisory Board, 1994-1997
- Former member Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association Audiology Committee (Three terms)
- Member, West Chester University College of Health Sciences Advisory Committee

- Treasurer and Board Member, Central Pennsylvania Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 1968-1969
- Chaperone and equipment manager for spring band trips, Randolph-Macon Academy, Front Royal, VA, 1990 to present
- Volunteer mini-bus driver: Garden Spot Retirement Community; 2007 to present

Edward J. Coyle, Jr. B.S. '73

- West Chester Distinguished Alumni Award, 1976
- Pennsylvania State Athletic Hall of Fame, 2001
- Olympic Wheelchair Sports USA National Hall of Fame
- Para-Olympic participant for weightlifting, winning four Pan American gold medals, three world championships; two Para-Olympic gold medals; one Para-Olympic silver medal; ten national championships; and set 23 world records in Para-Olympics
- Football and crew team at Monsignor Bonner High School; inducted in Monsignor Bonner Hall of Fame, 1976
- Earned master's degree in education from Temple University in 1980 and doctorate in physical education in 1987 from University of New Mexico
- Traveled worldwide from 1977-2009 lecturing and sharing knowledge and experience in the world of sports and physical education, with particular focus on adapted physical education curriculum, physical education programs in schools, and the history of the Olympic Games and other sports events
- Designed mainstreaming programs for 45,000 children K-12 at 300 Philadelphia School District schools; highlighted on Evening Magazine national network
- Retired teacher of health and physical education in Pennsylvania for 30 years
- "Father Washington Medal" for Outstanding Citizenship, National Catholic War Veterans
- Joseph A. Cappelletti National Leukemia Society Memorial Award for Courage
- Started National Medical Education Program at Thomas Jefferson Medical School for fifth grade children

James S. Ford, B.A. '71, M.A. '77

- Graduate in nonprofit management
- Elder, Central Presbyterian Church, Downingtown
- Elder and deacon, Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, West Chester
- Created, developed and implemented adventure education program at East Goshen Elementary School

- Good Works, Inc., director, Coatesville, PA
- Physical education teacher in the West Chester Area School District 1971-1998
- Open Door Ministry, board member, West Chester, PA
- Nominated Teacher of the Year, 1981