

Anthony Sitek- Alumni Achiever

Anthony Sitek is a graduate of the WWP South Class of 2009 graduating class. Throughout his time at South, he was a friend to all, the class clown, someone people didn't take too seriously, a crowd pleaser, AND the kid that flooded the hotel at the Washington Seminar trip. In short-someone that many would not have believed would one day be in the Hall of Honor. Anthony describes himself as having been a "decent" student... but someone who his teachers saw as having great potential so they took him under their wing. While at South, Anthony was a Varsity Soccer Player, a Senior Option Participant, and a Culinary Scholarship Award Graduate. Anthony credits his soccer coach Brian Welsh, for helping to make soccer an important part of his journey through life. Anthony now coaches his son's select soccer team. After South, Anthony attended Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Culinary Arts and food Service Management, with a double minor in Wellness and Sustainability, and Accounting.

Anthony spent his summers working in some of New York's finest restaurants mastering his craft. After graduating from Johnson & Wales Anthony, his wife and his son moved to Chicago for a few years and then headed down to Miami, Florida for a few years. In 2018 Anthony and his wife moved with their two sons to Cincinnati, Ohio. Since 2018, they have opened four successful restaurants and will be opening their fifth restaurant this December.

Anthony and his wife Haley have three beautiful children- Aiden (11), Pierson (6), and Shiloh (2) and live in Cincinnati. Anthony credits his hunger for greatness to his time here at South.

An advertisement for Crown Cantina featuring logos for four restaurants: Losanti, Crown Republic Gastropub, Rosie's Italian, and Crown Cantina. Each logo is accompanied by its address and phone number in Cincinnati, Ohio.

LOSANTI
1401 Race St. Cincinnati, OH 45202
513-246-4213

CROWN REPUBLIC GASTROPUB
720 Sycamore St. Cincinnati, OH 45202
513-246-4272

Rosie's ITALIAN
300 E 7th St. Cincinnati, OH 45202
513-381-1242

CROWN CANTINA
326 E 8th St. Cincinnati, OH 45202
513-345-6783

Debbie Baer- Alumni Achiever

Debbie Baer began her schooling as a kindergartener at Maurice Hawk School and she is currently completing her 29 th year as a district teacher. Her parents instilled in her a sense of civic duty through their values and by example. Her father, Jack, served as mayor of West Windsor and her mom, Dotty, served on the school board that created our current K-12 system. Debbie has always been a strong supporter of Public Education. Not only has she helped care for and educate students in West Windsor – Plainsboro, she has also worked to provide a meaningful education to students throughout the state as an active member of NJEA and Save Our Schools NJ.

Debbie was honored as Teacher of the Year at Community Middle School. She continues to pride herself on designing lessons that engage students and promote their personal growth. She brought her people skills into another realm when she was elected to the position of West Windsor Plainsboro Education Association President. She served in that capacity for a total of 13 years. In addition to her role as teacher and WWPEA President, Debbie took on the role of Pride and FAST Grant Chair which allowed her to write grants to provide support for: students, colleagues and members of the community. Many activities, workshops, supplies, and food have been provided to students and families through these grants. Additionally, the grants provide baseball and softball team sponsorships and support to WW-P public libraries, food pantries, counseling groups, fire departments, police departments, and first aid squads. The total grant money that she has raised far exceeds \$500,000.00. She remains a proud pirate committed to serving the WW-P community and school district for years to come.



Gail Bruno- Inspiration Award

Gail graduated from Elmira College in Elmira, N.Y. in 1971 with a BA in French, Spanish and Secondary Education. She began teaching French and Spanish at Terrill Junior H.S. in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District where she spent 5 years. In the fall of 1976 Gail began her 29 year career in the West Windsor-Plainsboro School district where she taught French and Spanish to students in grades 7 - 12. After several years of taking classes at night and in the summer, Gail earned her Masters degree in counseling from Kean University in 1979. Several years later she earned 30 credits beyond the Master's degree taking classes at Rutgers and at The College of NJ.

When one of the school counselors at High School South took a sabbatical in 1980, Gail was offered a part-time position in guidance while she continued to teach 3 French classes. For her, this proved to be the best of both worlds, albeit very challenging! After 3 years, the part-time guidance position became full-time. Although Gail was somewhat sad to leave teaching, she rejoiced in being a counselor where she felt she could reach a more varied group of students and help them on their journey through high school. This career path proved to be extremely rewarding to Gail since she enjoyed both the personal counseling and the college/trade school counseling aspects of the position. Gail nurtured relationships with her students and cared deeply about them. She has often said that her students gave back much more to her than she gave to them! To this day Gail remains in touch with former students who are in their 40's and 50's!

One extremely gratifying experience for Gail during her years at South was serving as the advisor for the AFS (American Field Service) Club. Her life was enriched by the relationships she had with the many exchange students from all over the world that the WWP community hosted. The members of the club hosted activities for the school's exchange students and learned life lessons about other cultures and about accepting as well as celebrating differences in others.

In the spring of 2002 Gail was recognized as Counselor of the Year by the Mercer County Counseling Association. She felt honored since she regarded school counselors as an integral part of all school communities!

Up until 1989 Gail regarded her students as "her kids", but of course they moved on to college and later to careers. She decided that she wanted her "own kid"! In July of 1989 Gail adopted a 2 week old baby girl and named her Kara Beth. This precious baby proved to be Gail's "dream come true"! She was no longer only a "teacher" and a "counselor" but finally "a Mom"! The entire school community celebrated this special event, and she will never forget people's kindness and generosity.

The students, parents, and colleagues at WWPHS allowed Gail to have the most rewarding career she could ever imagine! She made lasting friendships which she cherishes to this day.



Brady Deardon- Alumni Achiever

Brady is a proud 2003 graduate of WWPHS-South and deeply grateful to be inducted into the Hall of Honor. While wearing the green and gold, he has fond memories of teammates and coaches while playing football, wrestling, and lacrosse. Brady also remembers caring student leaders and advisors when he served as Class President and later as Student Body President. He will always be thankful for the excellent teachers and dedicated administrators who provided him such a rich and meaningful education.

After high school, Brady attended the United States Military Academy at West Point. During a two-year break from the Academy, he served a mission in Germany and Austria for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Brady then graduated first in the West Point class of 2009 and commissioned as an Aviation officer in the United States Army. After graduation, he earned a MPhil in International Relations from the University of Cambridge in 2010 and then attended Army flight school and completed training as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot. Brady continued his Army service across multiple locations in the United States, deployed for nine-months to Afghanistan, and led 130 soldiers as a Company Commander in the Republic of Korea. In 2019 Brady earned his MBA from London Business School and was named one of Poets and Quants' "Best & Brightest MBAs." He then worked with Lockheed Martin as a cyber analyst before returning to teach psychology and leadership at West Point. He now serves as a warfighting coach at the Joint Readiness Training Center.

Brady is a graduate of the Army's Airborne and Ranger schools and is a recipient of the Bronze Star and the Army-level General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

Outside of work, Brady loves to hike. He has hiked in England, Europe, Africa, and Asia to include summiting Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Elbrus, and a trek to Everest Base Camp.

Brady is forever grateful for his family to include his parents, Karey and Lori Dearden, who reside in Princeton Junction, NJ, his sister Brittain, who lives in Houston, TX, and his brother Brooke, a fellow Army veteran who lives in Los Angeles, CA.



James (Jim) Britton- Alumni Achiever

Jim Britton realized early on in life that he did not aspire to work for somebody else; but instead wished to pave his own way as a hands-on, self-employed business owner. Growing up around his father, who owned and managed Cranbury Golf Course, Jim was given first-hand experience into the hard work and dedication it takes to succeed at the helm of a business. After starting his venture over 30 years ago as a local landscaper, Jim now owns and operates five facilities throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Florida, that specialize in recycling wood waste, vegetative debris and other organic material that needs to be disposed of into high quality mulch and soil. Britton Industries prides itself in being a zero waste operation, as 100% of the waste materials that are brought into the facility are processed into finished material and sold to the public. Britton also utilizes an array of green technology, such as solar energy and environmentally friendly equipment, including electric stationary grinding systems, which drastically reduce the company's fuel usage and overall carbon footprint that many other recycling companies do not use.



John Patton- Alumni Achiever

When my family moved to New Jersey in 1982 from St. Louis, John's parents gave him the unusual gift of selecting the high school that he wanted to attend. From his first visit to WWPHS, he was sold.

The school was a veritable buffet of opportunities, and he spent the next four years, gorging himself. First, he joined the marching band and concert band. Then came four years of varsity tennis, along with becoming Junior Class Vice President and Senior Class President. He filled the lead-role in two fall theater productions, capping his senior year as Homecoming King. He was selected to attend the American Legion Boys State program and then was chosen as one of two students across New Jersey to attend Boys Nation in Washington, DC where he ran for president. He attended church in downtown Princeton, where he became president of its youth group and served on summer service projects except for his summer as an exchange student in Munich, Germany. In his senior year, he became an Eagle Scout and received the Ronald G. Watson Scholarship Award from WWP.

He headed to the University of Delaware, where he would again take the theatrical stage, study abroad in London, become president of his dorm and lead the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He graduated cum laude with honors as a member of the Mortar Board society. His professional career began at CBS Television followed by a postgraduate fellowship in Washington, D.C. at the National Journalism Center. Despite his love for media, his entrepreneurial spirit caught fire and he founded a gift company in 1992 that grew from ten greeting cards to over 300 seasonal gift lines, serving 3,000 retailers in the US and exporting to Europe and Asia.

After 13 years, he sold his company and has spent the last decade in health communications working alongside the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. That work, led him to write the book, *Brainless Health*, to convey simple health habits that anyone can follow. In 2013, he became the Executive Director of the ProVention Health Foundation which fights disease and disability in the US and abroad. While he has lived an abundant life of opportunity and adventure, it would be hollow without his extraordinary wife, five children and a brand new grandson.

Today, John believes that he is facing his most important challenge. Last year, he and his wife founded a national nonprofit called *Street Charity* to radically change the way the homeless are fed in America. He encourages you to learn more at StreetCharity.org and sign up to join them in 2023 when they launch nationally.

It is John's absolute conviction that without the impact of WWPHS' students and faculty, he would not have known such a bountiful life. He says "As students — we often referred to WWPHS as a "bubble" however, as an adult I see it more like a crucible that has produced for me, pure gold.



Linda (Linnie) Evans Stuart- Service Award

Linnie Evans was born on February 2, 1952 in Great Falls, Montana. She grew up an “Air Force Brat” as her father was in the US Air Force. Her father played sax and clarinet in the Strategic Air Command (SAC) band and her mom was also an accomplished musician.

MOVing around a lot for her father’s Air Force career, Linnie has lived in
Boise, Idaho,

Hawaii (1959 Statehood)

Bellevue, Nebraska (where she graduated from High School in 1970)

Albany and Savannah, GA

Mobile, AL

Nashville, TN

Jacksonville, FL

Hamilton, NJ

Pittsburgh and Coatesville, PA

Throughout her life Linnie has had many jobs. In high school she worked as a Carhop at *Dog N’ Suds* where she learned how to count change and serve food to customers. She also worked as a secretary and developed a love for typing. She also worked as a cocktail waitress and Bartender, both jobs where she learned about customer service, how to earn tips, and how to tell jokes. She also worked as a Computer Data Entry Operator. Once she had her children she was a stay at home mom, school volunteer, PTA President for 3 years, Soccer Mom, Realtor, Preschool and Daycare Teacher (loved working with kids), and finally Lunch Lady. This was the job that brought Linnie to South. Her role as lunch lady was the culmination of all her job skills. She worked for a great boss, worked with fun coworkers, incredible teachers and support staff, in a wonderful work environment. But most of all she loved interacting with the students and seeing them grow from Freshmen to Seniors.

Linnie has been married for 40 years to Matthew (Structural Engineer), which was the second marriage for both of us. They have four sons: Seth - born 1976, Nash - born 1977, Ross - born 1985, and Glen - born 1988. They have 11 Grandkids ages 2 to 24 years old: Callie, Cole, Gage, Kate, Luke, Lily, Jude, Amelia, Knox, Lucy, Evan.



Eileen Filler-Corn- Alumni Achiever

Eileen Filler-Corn graduated from WWPHS in 1982. Eileen received her B.A. from Ithaca College, and is a graduate of the American University Washington College of Law. Upon graduating law school, Eileen served in the U.S. Attorney General's Office through the Department of Justice Honors Program. Dedicated to giving back to her community, Eileen was an original organizer of the Million Mom March, the largest gun violence prevention rally in D.C., acting as the Vice President and Chairman of the Northern Virginia chapter in 2001. Prior to her election to the House, she served in the administrations of Governors Mark Warner and Tim Kaine as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Eileen Filler-Corn served as the 56th Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates from 2020-2022. She was the first woman and the first person of Jewish faith in the 400-year history of Virginia's legislature to serve as Speaker. Today, she continues to serve her community and Commonwealth in the House of Delegates fighting on behalf of her constituents and all Virginians. Representing the 41st House District, which includes portions of Fairfax County, Eileen's passion for service shines through her tireless work to make the Commonwealth of Virginia a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Her commitment to improving the lives of her neighbors is what drove her to run for the House of Delegates.

In the House of Delegates, Mrs. Filler-Corn serves on the House Education Committee; the House Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources Committee; and the House Rules Committee, in addition to her prior service on the Commerce and Labor Committee, Finance Committee, and a number of other committees. She also currently serves on the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability, the Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation, the Public Private Partnership Advisory Commission, the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, and chairs the Online Virginia Network Authority.

Outside of the Virginia General Assembly, Eileen serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for Jobs for Virginia Graduates. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the following organizations: American Jewish Committee, the Center for Public Policy Innovation, and the Fairfax County Arts Council. She is a former Board of Directors member for the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, the Virginia Israel Advisory Board, and Congregation Adat Reyim in Springfield, VA.

Eileen and her husband, Bob, live in Springfield, VA and remain active members of the same community in which they raised their two children, Jeremy and Alana.

