

Gates Chili Central School District



Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

October 2, 2015



Louis J. Barbato
Class of 1981

Louis J. Barbato is a 1981 graduate of Gates Chili High School. Louis lettered three years at Gates Chili playing SS for the Spartans from 1978-1981, acting as team captain in 1981, and helping to lead the 1980 team to 16-5 record and Division 2 title. He also lettered three years playing quarterback for the Spartans from 1978-1981, where he helped lead the 1980 team to an 8-0 season record. Mr. Barbato also lettered three years at Gates Chili playing guard for Spartan basketball from 1978-1981 and was team captain for 1980-1981. He then graduated from Ithaca College with a BS Degree from the School of Business in 1985. While at Ithaca, he lettered all four years in baseball and captained the 1985 World Series Team which finished third in the nation. From 1985-1998, Mr. Barbato worked for Genesee Brewery serving as District Manager and then as Regional Manager pioneering the expansion of Genesee Beer to Southeastern US. From 1998-2006, he was Director of Sales and Marketing for FirstLine Creative Resources in Atlanta, Georgia, which specialized in full service marketing and corporate communications.

He was also Performance Solutions Manager for the ITAGroup in Atlanta, where he helped the world's largest companies motivate, engage and recognize employees through incentive solutions. He is currently the Key Account Manager in National Retail Sales for Anheuser-Busch, Inc. He is responsible for selling portfolio brands to on premise retail chains, airports, and other venues in the Southeast. Louis volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, United Way, Hands on Atlanta where he delivers meals to the elderly, Atlanta Community Food Bank, his church, and is part of the Alumni Association at Ithaca College. Mr. Barbato married his childhood sweetheart, Maria, and has four children and two grandchildren. He believes his years at GC were some of the most memorable and enjoyable years of his life that helped shape who he is today. His advice is to "...work hard and be accountable. He challenges young people of today to set aspirational goals, strive for excellence and be a positive influence and inspiration to others."



Aimee Muscato Bateman
Class of 1996

Aimee Muscato Bateman is a 1996 graduate of Gates Chili High School. She then graduated from US Army Airborne School in 1999 and US Military Academy at West Point in 2000. She has a Masters in Science in Foundation of Education from Troy University (2002) and her Juris Doctorate from Texas Tech Law School, 2008, where she graduated summa cum laude. In 2009, she was an Honor Graduate after completing the Judge Advocate Basic Course. Aimee is presently a professor of Criminal Law at the University of Virginia. She also was a Trial Counsel/ Prosecutor from 2008-2011 where she gave legal advice and was a criminal prosecutor for commanders in the 10th Mountain Division and served as a Special Assistant US Attorney for the Norther District of NY. From 2004-2005, she was a Rear Detachment Commander where she commanded 140 soldiers and managed 100 vehicles/ equipment. She was responsible for the deployment and replacement of soldiers to Iraq during this time. From

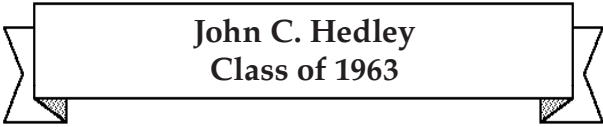
2003-2004, she was Battalion Adjutant or Human Resources Manager for a 415 soldier divisional mechanized combat engineer battalion. Aimee was also second in command of a 170 soldier Headquarters Company responsible for being the executive director of this company. Mrs. Bateman has received the Outstanding Young Military Lawyer Award in 2013, the Judge Paul W. Bronson Award for Outstanding Achievement in Criminal Law in 2012, honors for the highest academic standing in Criminal Law, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal. She has published "Defending Those Who Defend America" in 2009 and *A Military Practitioner's Guide to the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act in Contingency Operations* in 2012. Aimee also is an author for *Textbooks of Military Medicine* and contributing author of the *Criminal Law Dept. Blog for the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School*.



Derek Hardy
Class of 1994

Derek Hardy is a 1994 graduate of Gates Chili High School. He is presently a dispatcher/laborer for Gates Fire District located on Chili Ave since 1995. Derek has held positions of Safety Officer, Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief and his current role as Deputy Chief. Mr. Hardy has received numerous distinctions and accomplishments. In 2007, while employed by the City of Rochester, he was credited, along with a fellow environmental services co-worker, with rescuing eight adults and a child from a burning apartment building, and was awarded with the prestigious “Keys to the City.” In 2011 and 2012, he received a lifesaving award for performing CPR resulting in the resuscitation of an unconscious victim. In 2012, he received a unit commendation award and a lifesaving award for providing

water rescue to a person in the Erie Canal. Derek received a crew commendation award in 2012 for people trapped in a motor vehicle accident. He also has assisted with providing fire protection to the West Webster Fire Dept. during the tragic Christmas Eve event in 2012 and has received other crew commendation awards and lifesaving awards for providing proper medical care to victims in car and water accidents. In August 2014, he was awarded for serving 20 years for Gates Fire District. Mr. Hardy also provided volunteer services during Superstorm Sandy. Mr. Hardy is married with three children who attend Gates Chili Schools. His humble attitude is what makes him a great role model to current and future students of GC.



John C. Hedley
Class of 1963

John C. Hedley is a 1963 graduate of Gates Chili High School. He began his military career at Fort Dix, NJ, for basic training. He passed a test which enabled him to attend the US Army West Point Preparatory School at Ft. Belvoir, VA, in 1964 and graduated from West Point in 1968. He had staff assignments in the US, Vietnam, and Japan. Mr. Hedley went to Vietnam where he served with the First Battalion, 14th Infantry in the 4th Infantry Division as “Fox Force” platoon leader and company commander in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam. He later served in Washington, DC, with the First Battalion, Third Infantry, as commander for two years. He was an Infantry Officer with a secondary specialty as a Japan Specialist, a skill obtained after 2.5 years of language and cultural study at Defense Language Institute in California, and a Masters from Georgia State University in Asian studies. From 1968-1989, Mr. Hedley was Lieutenant Colonel of the US Army. After retirement, he worked for Raytheon in Nagoya, Japan, which was a hi-tech company established to support joint ventures for testing and fielding of Japan Patriot Missile Systems. He also served as International Human Resource Manager for Raytheon in Boston, Massachusetts from 1991-1993 and Personnel Operations Manager for Raytheon from 1993-1997. Then in

1997 to 2005, he served as the Vice President of Raytheon in Tokyo, Japan and later Senior Manager in 2006. Presently, he is President of Penko Resources LLC as an Asian business specialist who establishes and facilitates operations in Asia for US based companies and represents Japanese companies in America. He is married to Marjorie and lives in Denver, NC, and has three grown children. He and his family lived in Japan for a total of 13 years. John's military decorations include the Silver, Star, Bronze Star with Valor Device, The Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal, the Vietnamese Cross Gallantry with Gold Star, the Good Conduct Medal, and served as the Old Guard of Arlington Cemetery. He is President of the Welcome Home Veterans Living Military Museum of N.C. and joined the Board of Directors for Richard's Coffee House which helps veterans in need, especially those with PTSD. He is also writing a book about his Vietnam War experiences with the Veteran's History Project created by Congress. He is extremely surprised and honored to be considered for recognition into Gates Chili Hall of Fame. Mr. Hedley believes his years at GC formed the basis of when his life became. He states, "Your days at GC can give you a firm foundation for your future."



David Ickes
Class of 1995

David Ickes is a 1995 graduate of Gates Chili High School. Upon graduation from Gates Chili, David joined the Navy at the age of 17. He worked steadily through the ranks and became one of the few Chief Warrant Officers in the Navy. From 1996-1999, David was First Line Supervisor and Analyst on the USS Theodore Roosevelt in Norfolk, VA, where he managed a 24 hour watch floor providing warnings to US Navy ships in Europe and the Middle East. Then from 1999-2002, he was an analyst for the US Special Operations Command in Florida, where he managed intelligence products and helped in worldwide deployments. He became commander of SIXTH Fleet in Italy from 2002-2004 where he was Dept. Supervisor and supervised the operations and daily activities of 40 junior personnel and deployments to Europe and Africa. From 2004-2008, he was in the US Defense Attaché Office at the US Embassy in Vilnius, Lithuania, where he was Operations Coordinator and managed the daily operations and administration of the sole US Military liaison office in the US Embassy. Here he was involved in counter intelligence for the US. From 2008-2014, he was in the Navy Expeditionary Intelligence Command in Virginia where he was Officer in Charge

and received honorable discharge. He directly managed over 200 personnel, three global programs, developed new security related programs, and multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Presently, David is Operations Manager at Excel Logistics in Pennsylvania. He manages four operations supervisors and 90 general warehouse associates on shipping millions of dollars of products to Home Depot in NY, NJ, and PA. He completed various training and educational programs such as Human Intelligence Operations/Interrogation Courses and High Risk Operations and Weapons course, and earned 18 medals over 18 years of service in the military including Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Award, Expeditionary Warfare Specialist. He has a wife, Claire, and volunteers coaching and with animal welfare. He believes "Gates Chili taught him dedication, humility, potential, and that you can be anything you want to be so be yourself and be proud of it. He thanks many teachers, family, and friends for their influence in his life and the lessons he learned from GC helped make him what he is today."



Scott Ickes
Class of 2000

Dr. Scott Ickes is a graduate of Gates Chili High School Class of 2000. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology and Biology from The College of William and Mary in 2004 and then earned his PhD in Nutrition and Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2010. He continued on at Cornell University and the University of Witwaterstrand as a Postdoctoral Fellow. He is presently Assistant Professor of Public Health Nutrition, Co-Director with Interdisciplinary Minor in Public Health for the Dept. of Kinesiology and Health Sciences at the College of William and Mary. His research focuses on understanding the causes of poor nutrition and in identifying and testing innovative methods for promoting maternal and child health. He co-directs the public health minor and directs the Public Health Nutrition Lab at William and Mary. Dr. Ickes' focus has been on children's nutrition and its effect on their health. He has been involved in numerous nutrition research projects and has worked with children suffering from severe malnutrition in Africa and Southeastern US. His work in Africa included formulating a nutritional drink made from local plants to help in providing vitamins and minerals for those children. He is the Founding Academic Director for Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders,

and Global Health Team Member for AidData Research Consortium. Dr. Ickes received the President's Award for Service to the Community at William and Mary in 2012, Reves Center for International Studies Faculty Research Fellow in 2012, numerous other fellowships in 2008-2009 from UNC, Doctoral Research Prize in Global Nutrition from the American Society of Nutrition in 2009, and Phi Beta Kappa in 2004. He has had numerous publications regarding maternal and child nutrition and hygiene interventions and many publications under review, works in progress, and abstracts and scientific presentations/invited talks. Scott was a proud member of track, cross country and wrestling while at GC. He loved his committed teachers. He believes the love of learning and work ethic instilled in him at GC has been formative to him throughout his career. He is truly honored and humbled to have received the nomination for GC Hall of Fame stating "GC has truly formed the person he is today." From his coaches, teachers, and administrators, he learned a great deal about hard work and perseverance. He feels blessed to have been part of such a nurturing, high quality education system.



Joe Pecora
Class of 1984

Joe Pecora is a 1984 graduate of Gates Chili High School. He received his BA/BS from SUNY Buffalo in 1988. From 1989-2000, Joe was National Sales Manager, Director of Marketing, Regional Business Director, and Sales Representative for Johnson and Johnson. He became one of the youngest District Managers and Regional Managers at Johnson and Johnson ever. When he was 25, he was promoted to manager and at 28, became regional manager. From 2004-2011, Mr. Pecora was owner and President of Innocutis Holdings, LLC, and founder, president and CEO of JSJ Pharmaceuticals (recently named Innocutis Holdings) in Charleston, SC. These companies sell surgical devices and specialty pharmaceuticals to treat skin conditions. From 2000 to present, he became the President, CEO, and founder of CALL INC, in Doylestown, PA. It has been named INC 500 Top Private Companies for four years in a row from 2003-2006 with sales of over 25 million, launching other companies worldwide, and building a diverse healthcare services company. It also was named

one of 5000 fastest growing companies by INC magazine in MedForce and PharmForce. He also owns and runs a generic pharmaceutical company run out of Rochester, NY, called Rochester Pharmaceutical. Overall, Joe has had over 500 new jobs created by his companies. He has also won numerous awards like the Top District Award in 1992 and 1993 for J&J, J&J Achievement Award in 1998, J&J Leadership Development Award in 1999. Mr. Pecora volunteers coaching basketball and soccer for many years. He is married to Lisa Leighty, also a Gates Chili grad, and has two daughters. He is excited to be nominated for the GC Hall of Fame and "...believes the foundations of his success started and developed at GC. His teachers and peers were instrumental in his growth and drive to be successful in life and his personal development. He believes he is a reflection of GC and that GC taught him about hard work, high work ethic, competitiveness, intelligence, persistence and life in general."

History

The Gates Chili Board of Education approved the establishment of a district Hall of Fame in October, 1992. The Hall of Fame is designed to honor graduates of Gates Chili who have achieved distinction, outstanding accomplishment or significant contribution within their school, family, career, community or personal life. In addition to honoring selected graduates, a major goal of the Hall of Fame is to provide role models and incentives for current and future students.

Selection Process

Graduates of Gates Chili High School are eligible for consideration for the Hall of Fame, providing their graduation occurred at least fifteen years prior to the year in which they are nominated. The Hall of Fame Selection Committee, comprised of alumni, current or former faculty members and administrators, annually solicits nominations from the community at large.

The new inductees will be presented during a pre-game ceremony on Friday, October 2, 2015, at the Gates Chili football field. A reception will be held in their honor at the High School Library Mezzanine on Thursday, October 1, 2015, between 4-7 p.m. Tickets will be available to those interested in attending. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the Administration Building, 3 Spartan Way or by calling John Brondon at 247-5050, ext. 12103.