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Harrisburg Academy Honors 2018 Alumni Achievement Awards Recipients and Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy is proud to announce the recipients of the 2018 Alumni Achievement Awards and Athletics Hall of Fame inductees – Dr. Freda Foltz Martine '83, Dr. Eileen Abt '87, Ilsa Snyder '09, Andrew Kantor '10, and John Persun '68. These five graduates joined the circle of distinguished Academy alumni at a ceremony on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018 in McCormick Auditorium.



Alumni Achievement Award Recipients

Dr. Freda Foltz Martine '83

Professional Achievement – This award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by a graduate in his or her career or professional life.

Dr. Freda Foltz Martine is the vice president, Education and Student Life, at the Milton Hershey School. After graduating from the Academy, she went on to gain a bachelor of arts degree in English at Bryn Mawr College. In addition to her undergraduate degree, she also obtained a master's degree in English Language in Literature, and a Ph.D. in English Language and Literature, both from Cornell University. During her career at the Milton Hershey School, Martine has served as a senior high school language arts teacher, language arts coordinator, adjunct instructor for the Penn Literacy Graduate Education, language arts curriculum supervisor, and the senior director for curriculum and instruction before moving into her current role.

Dr. Eileen Abt '87

Service to Humanity – This award recognizes a graduate who in his or her personal or professional life has demonstrated a commitment to bettering the lives of others in his or her community, nation, or in the world.

Dr. Eileen Abt has had an extensive impact on the world since graduating from the Academy. After graduation, she received a bachelor's degree in biology from Brandeis University. She also received a master's degree in environmental health management, and a Sc.D. in environmental health, both from Harvard School of Public Health. She currently serves as a chemist for the plant products branch of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), Division of Plant Products and Beverages. Prior to this role, she served as a staff fellow in the same division. In her current role, Abt evaluates the occurrence and exposures from chemical contaminants in foods and develops guidance documents, position papers, and research publications to address public health concerns. Additionally, she is the co-chair of the CFSAN Cancer Assessment Committee, and serves as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the Codex Committee on Chemical Contaminants in Foods.

Ilsa Snyder '09

Rising Star – This award recognizes a young graduate who has demonstrated promise and achievement in his or her professional life.

After graduating from the Academy, Ilsa Snyder received a bachelor of arts degree in international political economy from the Schreyer Honors College at The Pennsylvania State University. She earned a master's degree in business administration from the Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School. Snyder spent time during her MBA program in Peru with Innovation for Humanity, where she advised Techo Peru on an improved selection and implementation process for community development projects to increase program impact and efficiency with limited resources.

Snyder is currently a senior strategy and operations consultant at Deloitte Consulting LLP, and has professional experience in the private and public sectors solving critical business problems. She is passionate about and committed to improving operational efficiency, creating growth opportunities, and nurturing strong personal connections.

Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees – These individuals demonstrated an outstanding record of accomplishment in several seasons.

Andrew Kantor '10

Andrew Kantor is currently a graduate student at Furman University.

During his time at the Academy, Andrew played Varsity Boys' Soccer from 2006-09 and Varsity Boys' Tennis from 2007-10. Kantor's achievements in soccer included: Captain 2009, co-MVP 2006, SIAC All-Conference 2006 and 2008, SIAC Honorable Mention 2007 and 2009, and Coaches' Award 2009. His recognitions in tennis included Captain 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, Rookie of the Year 2007, Mid-Penn Doubles 2007, PIAA District 3-AA Doubles Qualifier, 2008 MVP, 2009 Coaches' Award, 2010 Coaches' Award for Leadership (named Award -- the Andrew Kantor Leadership Award), PIAA District 3-AA Singles Quarterfinals 2008, PIAA District III Doubles, 4th place 2008, PIAA District 3 AA Team Tennis Runner-Up/State Quarterfinals 2009 and 2010, Mid Penn Doubles Champion 2009 and 2010, PIAA District Singles 2009 and 2010, PIAA District Doubles 3rd place, and State Runner-Up 2009; 2010 PIAA District Doubles Semi-Finals and State Tournament; and Athletic Achievement Award 2006-07 and 2008-09. Kantor was also recognized as part of the 2010 Patriot-News Boys' Tennis All-Star team.

John Persun '68

John Persun is a certified public accountant employed by Boyer & Ritter. He is a consultant, and retired from partnership in 2008. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Hamilton College, and a master's in business administration with a concentration in accounting from Rutgers University Graduate School of Business. He was admitted as partner in 1991, and served as the firm's director of accounting and auditing, and the partner-in-charge of the firm's Chambersburg office.

During his time at the Academy, Persun lettered all four years in athletics and is a member of the Varsity H Club, was awarded the Sports Club Trophy in three out of four years' eligibility and the Harrisburg Academy Cup, and captained the soccer, basketball and lacrosse teams.

About Harrisburg Academy:

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17th oldest non-public school in the nation and Harrisburg's only independent school. Our coed, diverse school community inspires students from age three through 12th grade by providing an academically challenging and globally minded liberal arts education focused on dynamic classroom experiences, strong student outcomes, and a commitment to character development. The Academy proudly stands as the first school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and merit scholarship.

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