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The Kennedy Cougar

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MULTI-YEAR REUNION

All Years - Grads from 1968-2010 (21 and older) All Teachers, Advisors, Coaches & Staff Invited

Saturday, September 21, 2013 7 - 11pm Mulcahy's of Wantagh 3232 Railroad Ave, Wantagh, NY 11793

Free Buffet 7:30-9:30 PM Cash Bar Free - Alumni T-Shirt for first 500 people to purchase tickets online

Live Bands , Many Alumni Musicians,

The Kamelot Alumni Band

Ben Phillip Abruzzo '73, Dr. Gary Morganstern '73, Robert Gallo '73 Scott Russo '74, Tom Appel '77, Joe Zogbi '80, Keith Foley '77

also performing:

Friends To The Ends Alumni Band: Suzanne Levy, Rick Gigi, Larry Schwartz, Scott Sanders, Elliot Negrin,

Brian Hand, David Kane all Musicians from the class of 1980

& Dana Ritacco (class of '97) stage name Dana Rayne member of the Band LaBouche

JFK Alumni Choir

more musicians to follow from other years !

Special Section for 1973 Grads 40th Reunion

Special Area for 1983 grads 30th, 1993 grads 20th, and 2003 grads 10th reunions

Ticket Price Per Person, No Refunds, No Cancellations, No Transfers, No Exceptions

Food, Music & Friends

To purchase tickets go to this link:

http://bellmorejfkalumni.org/reunion_registration

Discount if paid by - July 15th 2013 \$ 25.00 per person

Pay from - July 16 - August 31st \$ 35.00 per person After Sept 1st and at the door \$ 40.00 per person

Because of the tremendous undertaking to do this event, we are not responding to e-mails that are requesting

to find out who else is coming. The last multi-year event had close to 350 people and we did not have a database of alumni.

We now have the full database of alumni from 1968 - 2013 and we FULLY EXPECT to have 1000 people or more at this event.

Contest

The class year that has the greatest turnout at the Multi-year reunion will have a plaque placed in the

High School and a scholarship presented on their behalf for Class of xxxx School Spirit

You are welcome to pay for and bring guests

Mulcahy's of Wantagh is 1/2 block west from Wantagh Train Station

Be sure to print out your receipt after you pay online, and bring it with you on Sept 21

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JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL PTA

Fellow Alumni,

The JFK PTA has been working diligently to raise funds to provide services to the school, students, and the community. In the past year, the PTA has participated and provided the following for John F. Kennedy High School:

PARENT EDUCATION EVENTS/PARENT UNIVERSITY
INTRODUCED "RACE TO NOWHERE" TO BMCHSD
REFLECTIONS PROGRAM
SENIOR AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS
STAFF APPRECIATION DAY
SENIOR CLASS GIFT
AFTER PROM BREAKFAST
SUPPORT ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES
JOINT STUDENT EVENTS WITH JFK STUDENT GOV.
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ATTEND MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS TO
KEEP ALL PARENTS INFORMED
MEMBER OF THE BMCHSD CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS!

SIGN UP FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP

We are asking each of you to **please join and become a member** of the Alumni Association. The yearly membership fee is \$20.00. This will give you access to areas that only paid membership will allow. (i.e.) You will be able to view all of the yearbooks from 1967 through 2012 and search for your old friends, and post job inquiries for those seeking, as well as employers looking to hire. Additionally, you will have access to the contact directory for past teachers and faculty who wish to be listed. Also, there is an option to advertise your business and services for a small advertising fee. You will also receive a newsletter that will be published twice a year. If you have something to share, please let us know!

Please support J.F. Kennedy High School and the Alumni Association. — It was these strong roots that created your paths in life and put you on your road to success; now you can help us do the same for others.

We want, and need your support! Please sign up today for your \$20.00 yearly membership. It is payable by credit card. You can do everything online. Thank you very much. **We are grateful in advance for your support !**

<http://www.bellmorejfkalumni.org/>



Dear Fellow Bellmore John F. Kennedy High School Alumni:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Committee of Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. (the "Committee"), the **official** Alumni Association of Bellmore Kennedy High School, we are pleased to send this newsletter to you. *(Please help spread the word and forward this e-mail and attached newsletter to any of the JFK alumni you have contact with.)*

Approximately 2 years ago, a group of JFK alumni got together with John F. Kennedy's Assistant Principal, Ms. Connolly, whom, along with Dr. Gary Morganstern, have officially reinstated our Alumni Association. The Alumni Association has not been active since the mid-nineties (1995).

One of the missions of the Alumni Association is to create a forum to unite our alumni from all class years! Because of this, we have officially launched our membership drive and website, which is www.bellmorejfkalumni.org. **Our mission statement is available on our website, in addition to the By-Laws for our association.** Within the website, you will notice that there is a **Join Tab**. We are asking each and every one of you to **please join and become a member** of the Alumni Association. By becoming a member, you will be able to: (1) view all of the yearbooks from 1967 through 2012 and search for your old friends; (2) post job inquiries or employment opportunities; (3) access the contact directory for past teachers and faculty; (4) advertise your business and services for a small advertising fee; and (5) receive a biannual newsletter that will reflect on past events as well as inform alumni of those scheduled in the future. **And here's the best part; the membership fee for the Alumni Association is a measly \$20.00 a year, cheaper than a date at the movies.** The membership fee is payable online, by credit card, at the aforementioned website.

The JFK Alumni Association has already helped some of the JFK alumni obtain jobs, we have helped form memorial scholarships, planned reunion events attended by over 350 alumni, published a directory with over 18,000 names, held a fundraiser for a memorial scholarship in honor of a local alumni businessman, we helped initiate a CPR program in the school district, created alumni apparel, launched a website, a twitter page, a Linked-In site and placed a new Jubo-Tron type sign on school property.

In addition, with the help of the Committee, the Board of Directors started a not-for-profit corporation called "**Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc.**" We have filed with the Federal Government to be recognized as a TAX EXEMPT, 501(c) (3) charitable organization, which, upon receiving such status, will benefit alumni wishing to make a **Tax Deductable Contribution** to the Alumni Association. In the meantime, donations can be made on our website.

The bottom line is: **please support John F. Kennedy High School and the Alumni Association.** It was these strong roots that created your paths in life and put you on your road to success; now you can help us do the same for others. We will be in contact with you about future events, programs, scholarships, as well as informal and formal get-togethers. **This is our 2nd newsletter. We hope you enjoy it.** Thank you very much. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events! **Join Tab:** http://www.bellmorejfkalumni.org/membership_registration

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A Letter From JFK's Ass't Principal

Dear Kennedy Alumni,
Greetings from Cougar Nation!

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Class of 2013 will join you as proud alumni of John F. Kennedy High School. In reflecting on this past year, it is amazing how much your Alumni Association has accomplished. On-line newsletters, the publication of the JFK Alumni Directory, relief fundraising for student victims of Super Storm Sandy, acquiring funds for an electronic sign in front of the school and on-going efforts to beautify our school grounds are just a few of the ways that our present students have benefitted from the generosity and support of dedicated Kennedy alumni.

Many alumni volunteered to be mentors to twelfth grade students as part of the "Senior Experience Program" and others were a constant presence during many Kennedy functions, including athletic events, musical concerts and parent programs. Simply put, the JFK Alumni Association is a visible and welcome presence in our school community!

Thanks to those of you who answered the call when funds were needed to assist present students and to those of you who have offered generous scholarship awards in memory of a deceased family member who graduated from Kennedy. What a wonderful and lasting tribute to a loved one, is to keep their memory alive by investing in the next generation of Kennedy students.

This year's Hall of Fame Recognition Program (December 1, 2012) was a huge success, as the high school administration was privileged to bestow recognition to nine alumni and five former faculty members. I hope you were able to view the photos from this event on the alumni webpage. Plans are already being made for our next Hall of Fame Induction, which is tentatively scheduled for December, 2014. A "Save the Date" notice will be sent out this fall. In preparation for this event, I am currently seeking the names and addresses of any former faculty members that our alumni are in contact with. The current list we have on goes back about 15 years, and I know that there are many more former faculty members who we have lost contact with. If you know of any, please e-mail the requested information to me at cougarap@yahoo.com. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

The Alumni Association is currently working on a mega multi-year reunion scheduled for Saturday, September 21st. It promises to be a wonderful gathering of Kennedy alumni and a great way to reconnect with friends and neighbors. I certainly look forward to meeting and greeting many of you that evening. So mark your calendar and plan on attending—you won't be disappointed! Until then...GO COUGARS!!!!!!



The JFK Alumni Association, with a grant from Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, has provided Kennedy High School with a new digital welcome sign. The sign is the centerpiece of a beautification plan made possible with the grant.

Thank you Alumni Association and Senator Fuschillo!



Pro Football Hall of Famer

Curtis Martin Helps Raise Money for Cougar Nation Hurricane Relief

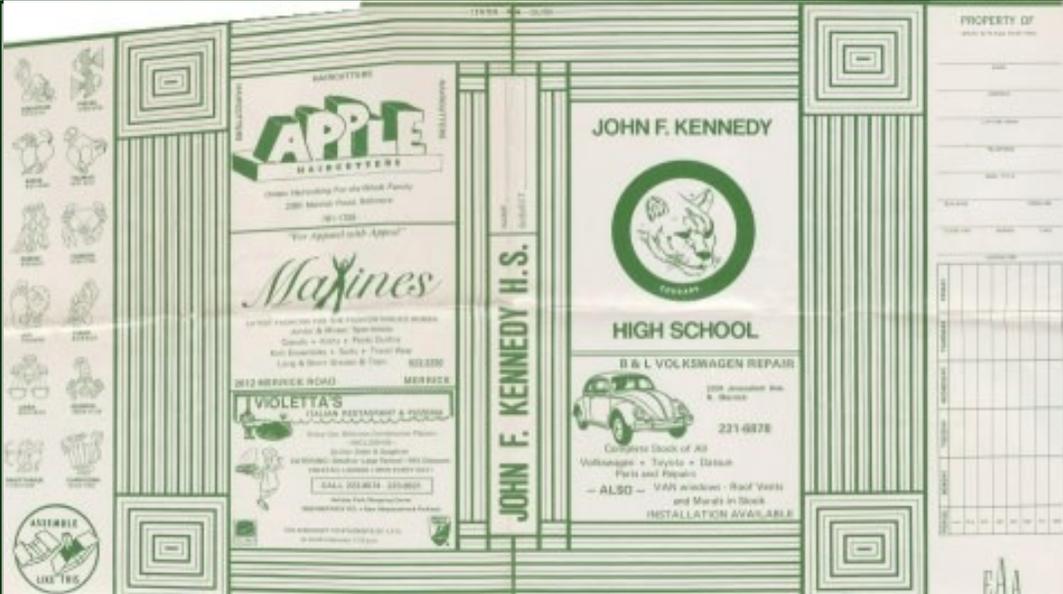
On Monday, May 20, the Kennedy Student Government welcomed Pro Football Hall of Famer Curtis Martin to Kennedy High School. The one-night autograph signing had been in the works since November when student leaders contacted **Adam Schefter, a Kennedy alum**, to help them raise money for their Cougar Nation Hurricane Relief. After a series of conversations, the students and Mr. Schefter arranged for Curtis Martin, the fourth all-time leading rusher in NFL history, to visit Kennedy High School.

Hundreds of Jets fans from near and far visited Kennedy High School on May 20 to meet the decorated football player. Autographs went for \$30 and \$40, and items of different prices were also available for purchase. Mr. Martin also raffled off two unique items that he received upon his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2012 – an autograph 5-pound Hershey's chocolate bar and a basket of autographed football gear. The autograph signing combined with a \$10,000 donation from Mr. Martin and a \$5,000 donation from Jets owner Woody Johnson raised a total of \$30,000 for the relief fund.

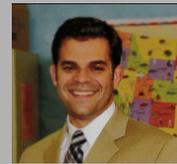
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Young Alumni & The Presidents Club



Brad Seidman

Building on the success of our alumni organization, a group of young alumni have spearheaded an effort to create a separate branch of the organization for graduates of the last ten years. The alumni responsible for this idea is Brett Cohen (Class of '09) and Jesse Ehrlich (Class of '11). Both graduates approached the Bellmore JFK Alumni Organization President, Dr. Gary Morganstern, with their goal of creating a group of recent alumni for purposes of networking. The ultimate goal is to create a social event where graduates build professional relationships with young alumni to assist them in their efforts to build a career.

The idea for this plan was developed, in part, as a result of the relationships built through Kennedy High School's Senior Experience program. As part of that program, Kennedy seniors participate in internships (and community service projects) due the last three weeks of classes. Over the last 6 years, many Kennedy alumni have participated in the program by sponsoring seniors and giving them the opportunity to intern in their offices during those three weeks. It has been an excellent partnership, and one that demonstrates the importance of the school-alumni relationship.

The first step to create this young alumni branch will take place on November 24 when the Senior Class President and Student Government President from each of the last ten graduating classes will meet with Dr. Morganstern and other young alumni. The hope is that they reach out to their classmates to gain interest and participation. Once this is complete, the hope is that a spring event takes place to allow young alumni to network with each other, as well as older alumni.

This endeavor is being undertaken with the help of the Kennedy Student Government.

If you were the Senior Class President or Student Government President, or have contact info on any of the past Presidents, Please contact us at; jfkstudentgovernment@gmail.com

Brad Seidman
Social Studies Teacher
Senior Experience Program Coordinator
John F. Kennedy High School



Kennedy Sports Boosters 2013-14

The Kennedy Sports Boosters program had a rough beginning this past year. The organization watched its membership dwindle down to about 6-8 people. The organization, under the guidance of Mr. Owenburg and Mr. Papach, re-launched in the spring of this year. They were able to elect new board members and help organize an end of year presentation at the sports awards event.

The excitement about this upcoming school year is many of the new members have previous working relationships from Little League, NBNM basketball league, PAL soccer and many other sports youth groups. These contacts will help make the different projects that the New Sports Boosters will be able to take on and be successful.

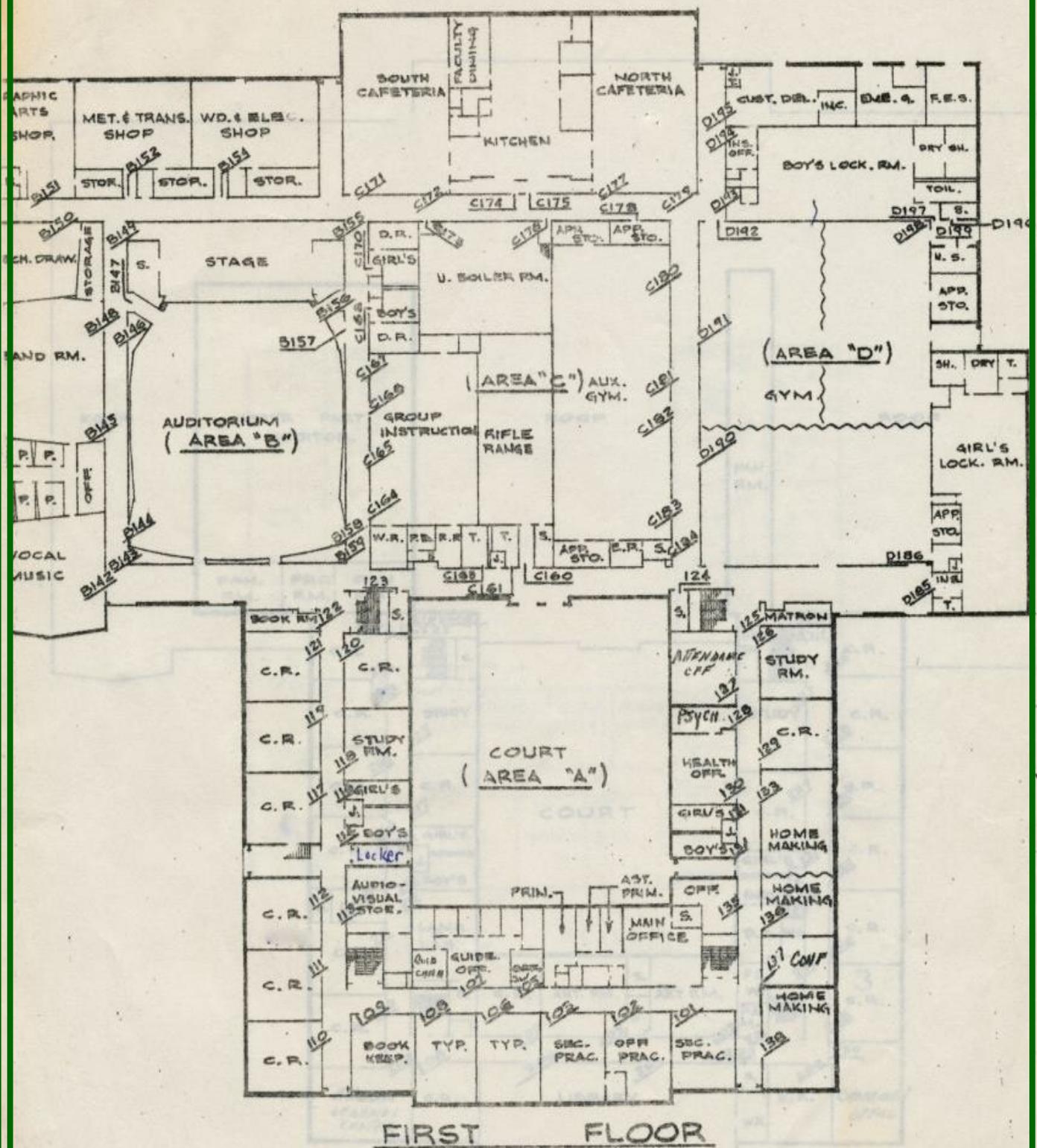
In addition the Sports Boosters will be working together with the Alumni Association, the school board and the PTA to help keep the projects we do for our students be productive and not cross over or duplicate which can often stall the initiatives that we try to accomplish.

As President of the Sports Boosters I am so proud of our team and can't wait to get started on the New Year. We encourage all parents who want to make a difference to come to our summer meetings and get involved.

Thank you

Bob Pizzimenti
Sports Boosters President





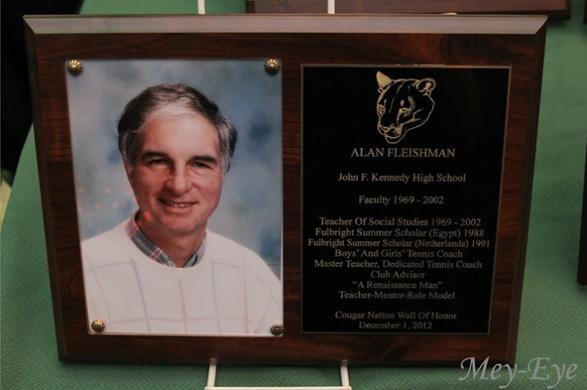
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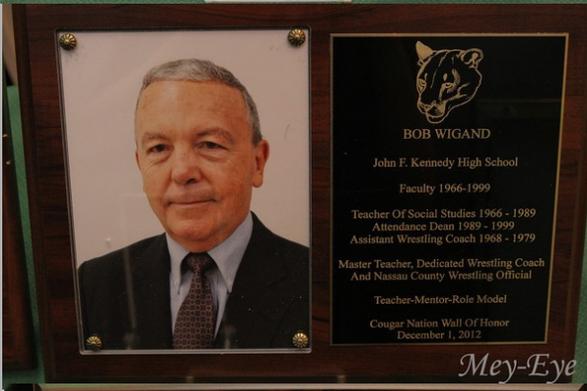
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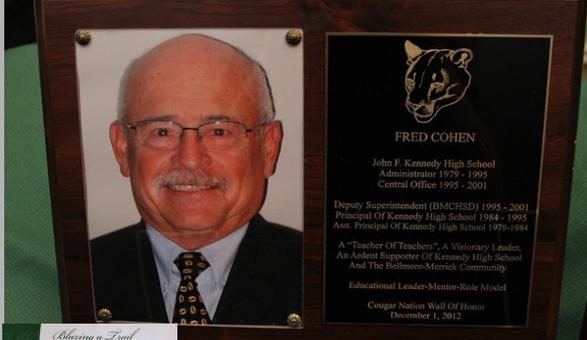
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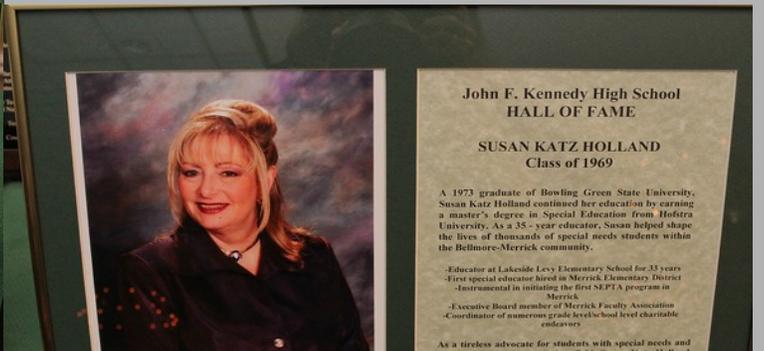
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From Right to Left; David Weiss, Steven Hunt, Alan Berkowsky, Larry Scott, Joan Littman Landry, Fred Cohen, Susan Katz Holland, Gary Morganstern, Robert Wigand, Allan Fleishman, Arthur Kempner, Ronald Steiger, Mark Meyerowitz, Matt Kuschner



From Left to Right : George Munich, Bob Wigand, John Schafer, Brian Degetano, Don Jackson, John Zucchero



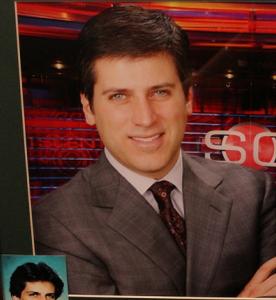
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**John F. Kennedy High School
HALL OF FAME**
Steve Levy
Class of 1983

A 1987 graduate of the State University of New York at Oswego, Steve Levy has distinguished himself as being one of the longest tenured ESPN SportsCenter anchors in the history of the network. A journalist, a broadcaster and play-by-play man, Steve's career has taken him from college football to the National Hockey League.

- Nicknamed "Mr. Overtime" for broadcasting the three longest televised Stanley Cup playoff games in NHL history
- Member of the ESPN crew to travel in Korea with SportsCenter to "save the Troops"
- Winner of three Emmy awards for his role on SportsCenter

As one of the most recognized voices and sports personalities on ESPN, SportsCenter, Steve has demonstrated that persistence, perseverance and effort are the cornerstones of success, and he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DECEMBER 3, 2012



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**John F. Kennedy High School
HALL OF FAME**
Adam Scheffer
Class of 1985

A 1989 graduate of The University of Michigan, Adam went on to earn a master's degree at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. A journalist, a sports reporter, radio personality and television sports analyst, Adam's credits include:

- Sports Reporter for *The Denver Post* (Covered Denver Broncos for sixteen seasons and two Super Bowls)
- Sports Analyst for ESPN - "NFL INSIDER"
- Author of four books
- Sports *24/7* columnist "Power 40" as one of the NFL's most influential people

As one of the most recognized sports personalities on ESPN, Adam has demonstrated that hard work and perseverance are the trademarks of success as he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DECEMBER 3, 2012



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**John F. Kennedy High School
HALL OF FAME**
Larry Scott
Class of 1982

A 1986 graduate of Harvard College, Larry Scott has distinguished himself as an accomplished business man and as an outstanding athlete. Larry has established a solid track record of innovation and growth, across a range of different sports, at both the college and professional levels.

- New York State Tennis Champion
- All-American Honors in Tennis at Harvard College
- Professional Tennis Player (ATP Circuit)
- Commissioner of NCAA PAC-12 Conference
- Recipient of Women's Sports Foundation "Billie Jean King Contribution Award"
- Named to *Time Magazine's* list of "Best Global Sports Executives"

Larry's professional achievements and his personal commitment to assisting others by creating opportunities of student-athletes and women are remarkable indeed and embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DECEMBER 3, 2012



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**John F. Kennedy High School
HALL OF FAME**
Artie Kemper
Class of 1977

A 1981 graduate of the University of Florida, Artie Kemper earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Communications, while being a member of the national powerhouse "Cator" football squad. He has distinguished himself as an athlete, sports broadcaster, television producer and tireless advocate for autism research.

- USA Network - Director of US Open Tennis
- FOX Sports Director for the NFL and NASCAR
- FOX Sports Director of NHL
- FOX Sports Director of Super Bowl XXXIX and XLII
- High Time Sports Emmy Winner
- Founder and Past President of Autism Society of Delaware
- Former Board Member of Autism Society of America

Artie's pursuit of excellence has taken him from the hallways of Kennedy to the spotlight of national television to "behind the scenes" as a television producer. His continued support and advocacy for autism research on both a state and national level is well recognized, and he embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DECEMBER 3, 2012



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**John F. Kennedy High School
HALL OF FAME**
Ronald D. Steiger
Class of 1972

Ron attended Nassau Community College, Farmingdale State College and Long Island University, CW Post Campus. He has been the driving force behind the creation and movement of the JFK Alumni Association.

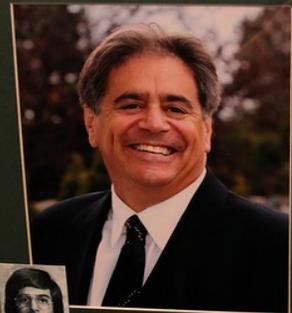
- Regional Sales Director of Woodbury Financial Services for New York and all New England States
- Creator of the Influential JFK Alumni Association website and publisher of the Alumni Newsletter
- Trustee, JFK Alumni Association
- Civic Volunteer to Numerous Charities and Organizations

Ron's dedication to volunteerism, his selfless efforts on behalf of thousands of alumni and his generosity of time, talent and spirit embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DECEMBER 1, 2012



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**John F. Kennedy High School
HALL OF FAME**
Dr. Gary Morganstern
Class of 1973

A 1977 graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Gary Morganstern continued his education at Loyola University School of Dentistry in Chicago, Illinois. As a Doctor of Dentistry in private practice in Merick, Gary has distinguished himself as a professional, as a mentor to countless students and as the inaugural President of the John F. Kennedy High School Alumni Association.

- Private Practitioner (Doctor of Dentistry)
- President of John F. Kennedy High School Alumni Association
- Member - JFK Senior Experience Program
- Volunteer for Big Brothers Foundation

Gary's dedication to volunteerism and to mentoring countless students from Kennedy High School will impact their lives forever. His selfless efforts on behalf of thousands of alumni and his generosity of time, talent and spirit embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DECEMBER 1, 2012



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**John F. Kennedy High School
HALL OF FAME**
Joan Littman Landry
Class of 1984

A 1988 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Joan Littman Landry has distinguished herself as an army officer, as an engineer and as a pioneer for women seeking to go where others can only dream of.

- First female from JFK to attend and graduate from the USMA at West Point
- First Lieutenant, Operations Officer, Intelligence Analyst
- Contract Engineer for Abbott Laboratories
- Sergeant of Numerous Army and Corporate Awards
- Completed Officers Full Marathon in Eleven States

Joan's professional achievements and her personal commitment to assisting others by her service to our country and her continued efforts in giving time to other females embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DECEMBER 3, 2012



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**John F. Kennedy High School
HALL OF FAME**
Colonel Steven D. Hunte, USA (Ret.)
Class of 1973

A 1977 graduate of the University of Iowa, Steve Hunte is the most decorated wrestler in the history of Kennedy High School. A commissioned officer of the United States Army, Steve served his country with great distinction for over 32 years, before retiring at the rank of "Colonel" in 2011.

- Three time Nassau County Section Wrestling Champion
- Two time New York State Intercollegiate & University Wrestling Champion
- Member of three NCAA Championship Wrestling Teams
- Assistant Wrestling Coach at USMA at West Point
- All-Army Wrestling Team
- Chief of Physical Therapy at Numerous Command Posts
- Recipient of Army Commendation & Army Achievement Medals

Steve's personal commitment to helping others and his dedication to providing to the welfare of military veterans embodies the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DECEMBER 3, 2012



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We are the official alumni organization of Bellmore JFK High School



Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc Website Advertising Information

The Alumni Business Directory

Our website has received over 18,700 hits over the last 90 days. You may advertise a listing, a business card or a display ad. Ads will be listed by category & services offered.

We reserve the right to accept, decline or remove any ad for inappropriate content at our discretion.

Ads will remain on our website until the last day of December 2013 .

You may send in your artwork or electronic file via mail. You may also e-mail your electronic files but payment must be received before we start to work on your files for the ad. We will accept a jpeg, gif, word or pdf file. Resolution of your ad will be only as good as the resolution of your file.

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Bellmore JFK Alumni Inc.

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About Us - Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc.

Who we are:

We are the official alumni group for Bellmore JFK High School.

We are a group of graduates from JFK who have been actively moving toward establishment of a formal alumni organization.

This is something we have not had since the mid-1970's.

With the **cooperation of the school district and JFK High School and its officials**, we have set up an **Official not-for-profit Corporation, "Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc."**

This is the **Official Website for John F Kennedy High School's Alumni**. IT IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. We expect our website to be fully functional by the end of February, 2012. Our website will hopefully have all the yearbooks online by June 2012 for viewing and keep you up to date with our latest activities, news & events.

The main purpose of the association will be to support and give back to the JFK community, to maintain a continuing relationship with the community, and to channel the potential for alumni service - not to mention renewing old friendships and having a great time along the way. Over the years it has been difficult for alumni to reach out to one another and to organize class reunions and support the JFK community. It seems that we would always have to go through a professional reunion company

We had our first major event on October 21st, a multi-year reunion with over 300 alumni. At the moment, our biggest task is assembling a current and reliable

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Music & Entertainment Committee

Music has always been part of my life. My sister, who is thirteen years older than me, was in a doo-wop singing group as a teenager, and they would rehearse at our home in Bellmore. I can't tell you how exciting it was for me as a very young boy to watch and listen to their rehearsals. I knew I had to sing in a group when I got older. I was ten years old when I formed my first band. We actually played for a few gigs at friends' homes. Neil Grover, a JFK alumnus, who went on to become the percussionist with the Boston Symphony, Boston Pops, and the Boston Ballet was my drummer. Scott Lehrer, another JFK alumnus, who went on to become a Grammy award-winning Broadway sound engineer, was my keyboard player. The list goes on. Aside from the music, the friendships that I've formed via music have been life-changing. Music has always been a vehicle for me to meet people and to share ideas about life and the world.

Having been around music my entire life, different songs remind me of different people and events. Depending on what was going on at the time, the song would either make me happy or sad. Although I love a great melody, the lyrics to a song are what dictate my mood. Ultimately, the music and lyrics become one in my mind for a lasting impression.

My goal as a member of the JFK Alumni Group is to reunite alumni through music. For this reason, I am reaching out to all JFK alumni musicians to join me in future fundraising musical events. Please feel free to reach out to me via my band e-mail address: essencemusicinc@yahoo.com

I hope to hear back from you all soon.
Ben Abruzzo Class of 1973
Music & Entertainment Chairmen
Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. Board Member

The Board of Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc would like to thank all that made our Alumni Battle of the Bands Night a GREAT EVENT. Thank you to all the alumni and friends that came out to support us, thank you too Kevin of KJ Farrell's, Matt Brandon Alumni Musician, Joe Zogbi Alumni Musician, THE CORE BAND with Alumni Musicians Larry Schwartz, Rick Gigi, Jack Falco, David Kane, THE AFTER DARK BAND with Alumni Musicians Ben Abruzzo, Robert Gallo and The Alumni Board Members that helped with the logos and t-shirts Rickey Morrison Island Screen Print, Howard Kaden Intergraphics Litho, and those that helped at the event and worked to put the event together, Gary Morganstern, David Feldman, Mark Meyerowitz, Craig Maltz, Paulette Briner Gazes, Beth Littman Josephson, Jesse Ehrlich, Brett Cohen, Ronald Steiger, and the local news agencies that gave us publicity, Bellmore & Merrick Life, Bellmore Herald, and Bellmore & Merrick Patch.





Bellmore John F. Kennedy High School is known as a beacon of academic and sports excellence per the success stories we've all heard.
What about music? Yes, music as well.

Jeff Krasner, 1968 graduate

Jeff is not a musician, but has always loved music, and has spent his life around musicians. Jeff's contribution to music was being a friend, and right hand man to Michael "Eppy" Epstein who was the owner and founder of the legendary and cutting edge music venue known as "My Father's Place" in Roslyn, where the most talented and famous musicians in the world would perform music. Eppy told Jeff when they attended college in Boston that he would one day open a music venue second to none. Eppy did just that, and Jeff for a time helped to promote and organize these historic musical events. Jeff booked his first band when he was 19 years old, which was the band, "Orpheus".

Ray Shattenkirk, 1972 graduate

Draws his inspiration from the natural world and humankind's problematic place within it. The grandest statement of this theme is found in *American Icons*, an hour-long work for five vocal soloists, treble and mixed choruses, and orchestra. The work was premiered in May 2001 by the Grand Rapids Symphony, featuring the Theatre of Voices and four choruses, conducted by David Lockington.

The five movements of *American Icons* elegize species that have become extinct and celebrate the resurgence of others that have until recently been endangered. In telling his story, Shattenkirk employs a broad range of musical techniques, from plainchant to postmodernism, and a variety of languages: English, Latin, and various Native American dialects. In the final movement, the 23-minute *Wings of Hope*, Shattenkirk marshals all of his forces in a moving tribute to the nobility of the American bald eagle. The Grand Rapids Press wrote that *American Icons* is "touching and beautiful . . . In his more contemplative moments, his music calls to mind such so-called holy minimalists as Arvo Pärt. In his more exuberant passages, his orchestrations have the spacious, broad-shouldered appeal of Aaron Copland's ballets. Shattenkirk has been working on this piece for years. It's been well worth the wait."

The father of 4 children, Shattenkirk took a 'family leave' from formal composition after the premiere of his violin concerto *Velicirapsody* in 2002. The May 15, 2010 premiere of *One Light*, for chorus and orchestra brilliantly proclaimed his return. Commissioned by Brady Allred for the Salt Lake Choral Artists, the 5-movement work sets spiritual texts in a moving celebration mankind's shared religious vision. The composer writes:

"There is a striking similarity in the common focus on the spiritual nature of light as a manifestation of God, of mankind's unity with his Creator and his prophets, and as the embodiment of eternal goodness and heavenly splendor, in the poetry of medieval saints, mystics and prophets – whether they be Christian, Islamic, Sufi, Buddhist, Jewish or Hindu. When one contemplates the fundamental unity of mankind's spiritual aspirations, the infinite variety of paths to that unity transform from latent curse to blessing. I hope that, in some small way, *One Light* contributes to such a transformation."

Born in 1954, Shattenkirk studied at Harvard University (Ph.D., 1987), Yale University, the University of Florida, the Manhattan School of Music, M.I.T., and the University of California Berkeley, with such teachers as Leon Kirchner, Earl Kim, Donald Martino, John Harbison, Krzysztof Penderecki, Jacob Druckman and John Corigliano. He has had considerable experience as an orchestral doublebass player. Among the awards and prizes he has won for his compositions are a National Endowment for the Arts Composer Fellowship (1995-96); the Lakond Prize of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, "for an established composer" (1994); a fellowship from the California Council for the Arts (1991); and Meet the Composer Awards in 1981, 1993, and 1995. In 1982 he studied with Luciano Berio at the Tanglewood Festival on a Fromm Music Foundation Fellowship and was a MacDowell Colony Fellow in 1979.

Shattenkirk has been commissioned by the New Mexico Symphony, the Long Island Philharmonic, Chamber Music America, and Collage, among others. *Tatonka* was broadcast on over 200 radio stations in Chorus America's "The First Art" series in the fall of 1995. Other performers of his music include the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the San Francisco Contemporary Music Players, the New York New Music Ensemble, the Aspen Music Festival, and Paul Hillier's Theater of Voices. Shattenkirk has taught at the Yale School of Music, Harvard University, and the University of South Florida School of Music.



Robert "Bob" Gallo, 1973 graduate

For close to 10 years, Jazz Guitarist/Composer Bob Gallo's playing could be heard world-wide in the incidental and theme song music in episodes of the popular and now syndicated number one television show of the late 80's and early 90's *The Cosby Show* and *It's A Different World*. For 5 years, Bob Gallo was the featured acoustic guitarist who accompanied popular recording legend Aretha Franklin on the theme song of *It's A Different World* weeknights on NBC. Following his work for NBC, he could be heard weekly on the popular Fox 5 Network series *Living Single*. Currently, he can be heard world-wide on syndicated episodes of all three shows for which he composed, performed and acted as Assistant to the Musical Director. In 1999 Bob Gallo began working on the popular animated *Cosby* series for Nickelodeon and CBS entitled *Little Bill*, also released on Paramount Home Video and DVD, for which he currently composes, arranges and performs. The soundtrack features Bob playing jazz guitar in a quartet setting behind voice-overs of such well-know actors as Phylicia Rashad, the late Madeline Kahn and Gregory Hines, Rosie Perez and Bill Cosby. An active studio musician, Gallo has recorded with singer Denise Williams on her Grammy Award-winning CD *This Is My Song*. Bob Gallo is considered by many to be one of today's foremost accomplished, guitarist/composers. He is known to have played along side of such talents as Michael and Randy Brecker, George Whittey, Gerald Albright, Grover Washington, Jr., John Lewis, Clark Terry, Dave Valentin, Jon Faddis, and Bill Cosby. In May 2005, Bob Gallo released an original jazz cd in New York City entitled "Wake-Up Call" which features world-class musicians Bassist Boris Kozlov and Trumpeter Alex Sipiagin, Pianist Misha Tsiganov, and Drummer Gene Jackson.

Neil Grover, 1973 graduate

Neil Grover is a world-renowned percussionist, innovative instrument designer and successful entrepreneur. Neil started his professional career as Principal Percussionist for seven years with the Opera Company of Boston. Since that time he has played with the Royal Ballet of England, Boston Musica Viva, Boston Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Bolshoi Ballet, Boston Symphony Chamber Players, Boston Symphony and for over 30 years as a percussionist with the Boston Pops. Most recently, Neil toured North America with "Star Wars In Concert", a musical extravaganza featuring the music of John Williams. Neil has been seen in the hit movie *Blown Away* and on an MTV video with rock group Aerosmith. He has recorded with the Boston Symphony, Boston Pops, Philip Glass Ensemble, Aerosmith, Empire Brass, Old South Brass and Music from Marlboro. Neil can be heard on John Williams' soundtrack for the movie *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* and Philip Glass' "Mishima." In addition to world-wide tours with the Boston Pops, Neil has toured the U.S. with the Music from Marlboro chamber series, Boston Symphony Chamber Players, and as mallet soloist with the Broadway production of *Pirates of Penzance*. Grover is also a prolific clinician having appeared at PASIC seven times, as well as in Europe, Asia and at top universities across the U.S. He is the author of *Four Mallet Primer* and co-author (with Garwood Whaley) of *Triangle, Tambourine and Cymbal Technique*, both published by Meredith Music. Neil has had articles published in leading music journals including *Percussive Notes*, *SBO* and *Drum Tracks*. Neil is the Founder and President of Grover Pro Percussion, one of the world's most recognized percussion manufacturers. Having served on the Percussive Arts Society board of directors for 16 years, Neil has also served on the Symphonic Committee and was Chair of the Sustaining Members Council. Neil is married to Tony nominated actress Maureen Brennan and has one son, Max, a commercial pilot.

Scott Lehrer, 1973 graduate

Scott Lehrer's work as a sound designer and engineer/producer can be heard in a variety of media, from Broadway musicals to CDs, film soundtracks and museum installations.

Theatrical design work on Broadway includes the 2008 revival of *South Pacific* at Lincoln Center Theater (for which he received the first Tony Award for sound as well as the Drama Desk) currently on tour in the UK and US, the current revival of *Chicago* (also U.S. tours and London), *Women on the Verge...* and *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*, both directed by Bartlett Sher, *That Championship Season* with Brian Cox and Kiefer Sutherland, *A View from the Bridge* with Liev Schrieber and Scarlett Johansson, *Finian's Rainbow*, *Chita Rivera-The Dancer's Life*, *The Frogs*, *The Caretaker* with Patrick Stewart, the 2002 revival of *Frankie and Johnnie in the Claire de Lune* with Stanley Tucci and Edie Falco, *The Invention of Love*, *Tallulah* starring Kathleen Turner (national tour), *James Joyce's The Dead* with Christopher Walken, *An American Daughter*, *Angels in America*, *The Heidi Chronicles*, *Once on This Island*, *My Favorite Year*, *The Most Happy Fella*, *A Streetcar Named Desire* with Alec Baldwin and Jessica Lange, *Prelude to a Kiss*, *I Hate Hamlet*, and *Ah, Wilderness*.



Daniel Berman, 1973 graduate

Pianist Daniel Berman received his musical education at the Juilliard School and the Manhattan School of Music, where he studied with the eminent virtuoso Robert Goldsand and earned his Bachelor and Master degrees in Music with honors. Awarded a study grant from the German government through the Fulbright program, Mr. Berman continued his studies with Bernhard Ebert at the Hannover Music Conservatory in Germany, where he received the professional concert diploma in performance.

Mr. Berman's recitals cover a very wide range of repertoire from Bach to Bolcom including not only the standard classics but also many rarely played works and virtuoso transcriptions, including his own. He is one of the very few artists who has performed many of Earl Wild's transcriptions and also premiered Wild's Etudes on Gershwin Songs in Carnegie Hall. His solo piano arrangement of the Brahms Haydn Variations was recently published by Danber Music Publications.

Mr. Berman has concertized extensively as recitalist and orchestral soloist in the U.S. and Europe to great critical acclaim. Critics praise him as a clear, technically solid, agile musician. "...Extraordinarily brilliant, a masterful performance, not just virtuosity for its own sake, but interpretations totally conceived from an aesthetic ideal distinguishes this artist — continually impressive."

Mr. Berman has recorded for many radio stations in Germany and now records exclusively for Danacord Records in Denmark. Recordings of his frequent appearances at the Husum Rarities of the Piano festival in Germany have appeared on six CDs issued on the Danacord label. In 1997, an entire CD was released devoted to "Virtuoso Piano Rarities", a live recording from the Husum festival featuring selections from two recitals containing works of Gershwin-Wild, Bach, Chopin, Infante, Medtner, and Liszt-Horowitz.

Daniel was quoted, **"Music is for me like an extension of my soul, a means to communicate the innermost heartfelt message of a composer's creation to an audience. Technical mastery and beauty of sound at the piano play an essential, but only subservient role to that end."**

Jonathin Menchin, 1973 graduate

A pianist and comedian and a masseuse living in Los Angeles. Jonathan was raised in the stew of New York music and theater culture, finding liberation as a teenager with a rock band in the Borscht Belt, then was double baked by his time as a music director at Chicago's Second City and as founder, director and head writer for the sketch comedy group The Klein Family. After returning to New York and performing his one man show "Now That You Menchin It" he is now plated and ready to serve in Los Angeles, where he continues to perform "Now That You Menchin It" live.

Jonathan started making his Mother laugh when he was 7 by falling backwards off diving boards clutching his heart and screaming "I can't swim!" And it's all been for Mom ever since. He refined his performance skills playing keyboards in a rock band in the Borscht Belt when he was 15, then with Columbia recording artist JP Jones and soon after became a music director at Chicago's Second City. Jonathan formed his own sketch comedy group "The Klein Family", one of the first successful improv groups outside The Second City and he then taught "The Comedy Class: Using Improv As An Actor's Tool", in Boston. He studied acting at The Strasberg Institute and Meisner technique with Suzanne Shepherd in New York. He developed his one man show "Now That You Menchin It" in performance spaces in New York and then in Chicago, co-founding The Chicago Storytellers. He has acted in commercials for Hanes and California Pizza Kitchen and modeled for the Altoids print campaign. He composed music for theater in Chicago, including Prop Theater's productions of "The Hip Messiah", and "Black Gold." He worked for many years as a solo pianist in steakhouses and clubs in Chicago.

Gerald Seligman, 1973 graduate

Gerald Seligman is an international music industry professional with nearly 30 years of experience in both major and independent music and music events companies. He is Executive Director of the National Recording Preservation Foundation, through the US Library of Congress. He is also President of Caravan Arts Consultancy, his own company, from which he collaborates and/or consults with events, companies, governmental and non-governmental organizations throughout the world. Current and recent clients include The Borneo World Music Expo (which he is creating and directing), The Indian Ocean Music Market (which he co-directs); the first Mercado Centoamericano de la Musica in Costa Rica; three separate arts projects in Minas Geraes, Brazil; The European Forum of Worldwide Music Festivals; SUNY Purchase; and the Korean Arts Council. He has also advised UNESCO on its Cultural Cities project, the World Bank on an African Crafts and Music initiative, and was on the steering committee for an ongoing ACP (Africa Caribbean Pacific) project for The European Commission. Until November of 2009, Gerald was General Director of WOMEX, the World Music Expo, in Berlin. He was also co-founder and the first chairman of Freemuse, the human rights organization based in Copenhagen, Denmark. He founded and ran EMI Hemisphere, the company's premier world music label, was head of EMI's international sector for Strategic Marketing, covering archive, all catalogue, premiums and genres, with 43 countries reporting in and ultimately delivering EMI's major profit share. He has produced or compiled over 100 releases, including one with a Grammy nomination.



Mat Brandon, 2010 graduate

'I Would Run' written by Mat Brandon the 19 year old phenom guitarist, pianist, and vocalist; serves as an homage to radio friendly pop hits similar to One Republic and Bruno Mars. Recorded in LA and co-produced by SR-71 front man Mitch Allan, this is Matt's first splash into the Top 40 arena. After Allan heard Matt's homemade demos, the hit songwriter invited him to LA where the two recorded and produced the entire EP.

Having taken to Classical and Jazz piano since the age of 5, the Long Island native quickly found music as a form of escape. "I realized early on I was never going to be good at sports and needed another way of attracting girls," he jokes. By the age of 12, he began playing guitar and soon after found his niche as a songwriter. After two attempts in the studio, the first at 13 in Manhattan and the second at 15 at the famed Sound Emporium in Nashville, Matt found himself at a crossroads. "I basically had to choose between going out, touring and promoting myself, or staying in school and continuing to nurture my songwriting." Matt chose the latter and looking back on it he made the right decision. Those new demos got him to LA.

For now the budding songwriter resides in suburban Long Island while he studies literature at Hofstra University. As for balancing college, and life in the music industry, Matt is the first to admit that it does get tough. "I was recently filling out the description section on Twitter" he says, "I couldn't fit everything in so I just wrote damn, I'm busy."

Boy, it seems like 1973; my graduation year, is the most prolific! Or, maybe I'm not aware of others? If I've missed someone who has made a major contribution in Music, please let us know. Don't be shy. We are proud of our successful alumni. Keep the music playing!

Thank you,

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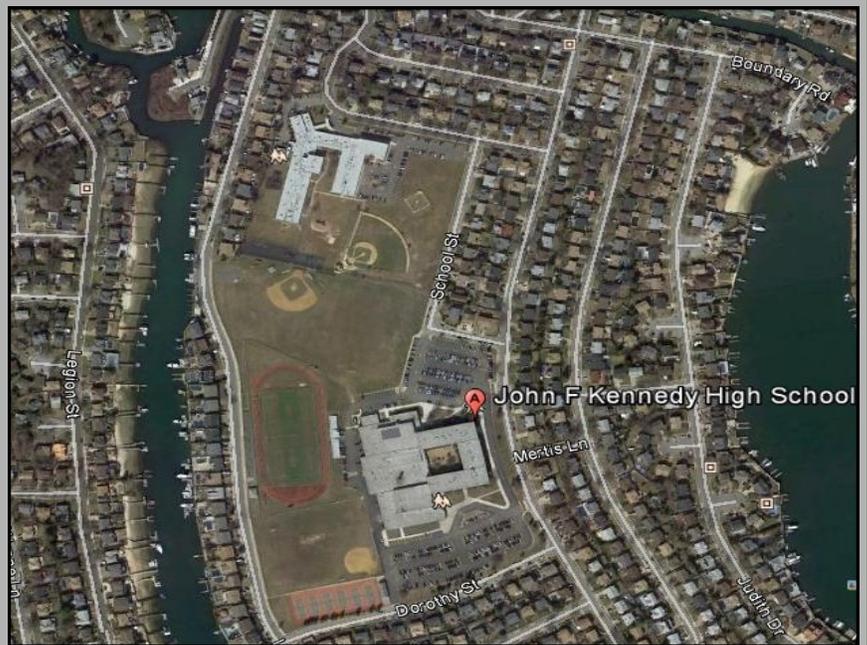
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7. Never leave your child alone in a public place, stroller, or car, even for brief periods of time.
8. Accompany your young children to the bathroom in public places.
9. Go with your children during all door-to-door activities.





PTA NEWS



As 2013-2014 John F. Kennedy PTA Co-Presidents, Robin Rabinowitz (left) and Sandi Waldman (right) look forward to working with the parents, staff and administration. Our goal is to participate in various school events and raise money for PTA scholarships, given to deserving seniors. Our hope is to increase the number of scholarships for the Class of 2014! Please support the



PTA by joining, if you have a student attending Kennedy. Also, please consider purchasing our spirit wear/novelties which are sold at many events. Thank you in advance for your participation in this worthy cause.

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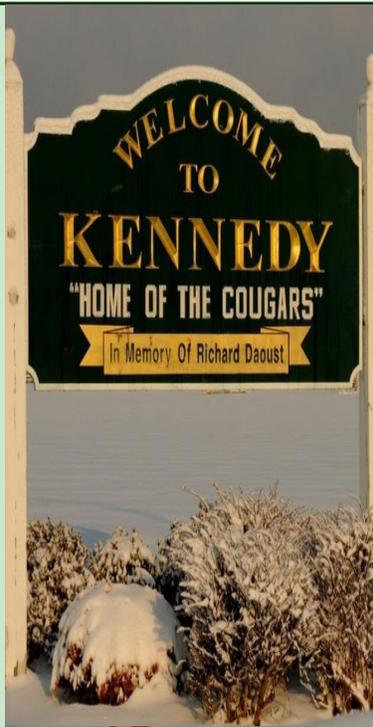
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Meeting Schedule 2013**

**JFK Bellmore - Room 136
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- September 24
- October 29
- November 26
- January 28
- February 25
- March 25
- April 29
- May 27
- June 24

Come on down and join us !



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