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Auburn Education Foundation proudly announces the creation of the

Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction

To recognize, honor and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, personal or civic achievements and to inspire current students to pursue a path towards personal success.



Established 2012

*2012 Inaugural
Induction Ceremony
Thursday, October 18, 2012
7 pm Emerson Park Pavilion*

2012 Inaugural Inductees

Christopher Viscardi

Auburn High Class of 1980

Barbara L. Smith, M.D., Ph. D.

Auburn High Class of 1973

Harold (Hal) E. Morse, Ph.D.

East High School Class of 1955

Alfred (Al) Emmi

West High School Class of 1953

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Our Impact

Year	# Awards	Total \$ Amount
2004/05	7	\$4,150
2005/06	10	\$8,750
2006/07	8	\$5,340
2007/08	10	\$9,994
2008/09	11	\$7,665
2009/10	15	\$23,775
2010/11	19	\$28,470
2011/12	14	\$15,637
TOTAL	94	\$103,780



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Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction Inaugural Induction Ceremony

Thursday, October 18, 2012



Welcome

Annette Abdelaziz, AEF Director

Induction Ceremony Master of Ceremony

Elaine Buffington, AEF Board President

2012 Distinguished Alumni Inductees

Awards in Absentia

Pan Viscardi on behalf of Christopher Viscardi

Paul DePiano on behalf Dr. Barbara L. Smith

2012 Distinguished Alumni

Dr. Harold (Hal) Morse

Albert (Al) Emmi

Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr.

Closing Remarks

Annette Abdelaziz



Alfred (Al) Emmi

West High School Class of 1953

One of twelve children, Al Emmi grew up knowing the importance of hard work, education and community service.

Mr. Emmi has shown a lifelong commitment to education. He attended SUNY Cortland where he earned a BS in Health & Physical Education, a MS in Education and Certificate of Advanced Studies in Public School Administration. He has also completed extensive advanced graduate coursework at SUNY Oswego and Geneseo.

Mr. Emmi began his professional career as a middle school teacher. For thirteen years he taught courses in Physical Education, Science, Biology and Adult Education and High School Equivalency. Mr. Emmi became a Middle School Principal in 1972, and over the next 19 years, he would oversee the administration of East, Mt. Carmel and West High Middle schools. Mr. Emmi went on to become the Deputy Superintendent for three years and was appointed to Superintendent of Auburn Enlarged City School District for the final four years of his career.

During his 39 year career in education, Mr. Emmi was actively involved in athletic coaching. Over the years he has coached Gymnastics, Varsity Football, JV Football, JV Baseball and Varsity Baseball, including two years as League Champions. He has also been affiliated with numerous professional teaching and coaching associations, most notably, he served as president for both the Auburn Teachers Association and the Auburn Administrators Association. He served on the New York State Council of Superintendents and the National Education Association.

Mr. Emmi received numerous awards and recognitions for his professional and community service, most notably, the National Science Foundation Award at Cornell University, 1990 Italian Heritage Honoree. He has been inducted into the Section III Wrestling & Coaches Hall of Fame, The St. Francis Athletic Hall of Fame and the Auburn High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

After his retirement, Mr. Emmi was elected to the Cayuga County Legislature where he was a member of the Ways and Means, Public Safety & Judicial and Public Health Committees. He also served an 18 month appointment as Interim City Manager.

Mr. Emmi has been active with several local charitable organizations including the Cayuga County Children's Board (which became The Cayuga Home For Children and is now known as Cayuga Centers) and the Auburn Industrial Development Council.

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Harold (Hal) Morse, Ph.D.
East High School Class of 1955

Dr. Morse is this year's Alumni Speaker. He spent the day speaking to Auburn High School and Cayuga Community College students. Thank you, Dr. M!

A Cable television Pioneer, Mr. Morse is the founder and past president of The Learning Channel (TLC) and The Ovation Networks. He currently serves as the Chairman and CEO of The Health and Healing Network (H+H), an integrative medicine electronic platform. He is also chairman and CEO of HMORSE INC., a management consulting company.

Harold E. Morse, began his career in education, teaching in Rome, NY, public schools. As a Washington Fellow during the Johnson administration, he helped create and implement the Developing Institutions Program for assisting black colleges and universities. As Director of Education for the Appalachian Regional Commission, he was responsible for building hundreds of vocational technical schools, university facilities, and teacher training projects throughout Appalachia. He developed and wrote the policy guidelines for the Higher Education Act, enacted in the Civil Rights legislation.

In 1989, Dr. Morse was appointed to a special State Department team to negotiate with the USSR. The team successfully negotiated an agreement that allowed the United States to broadcast more television programs to the citizens of the USSR.

Dr. Morse was a founding board member of Cable in the Classroom, a cable industry initiative designed to provide cable programming to the nation's schools.

Dr. Morse founded two cable television networks, The Learning Channel (TLC) and The Ovation Network, for which we was awarded the prestigious Vanguard Award for Programmers from the National Cable Television Association and was named Communicator of the Year by the International Communications and Information Association. OVATION remains to this day the only television network dedicated exclusively to the arts.

Dr. Morse is a graduate of the State University of New York at Oswego, where he received his Bachelor and Master's degrees as well as an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree. Dr. Morse earned his Ph.D. from the University of Washington in Seattle. He is a member of the Board of the Oswego College Foundation.



Barbara L. Smith, M.D., Ph.D.
Auburn High School Class of 1974

Dr. Smith is one of the most accomplished breast cancer surgeons and researchers in the country.

Dr. Barbara L. Smith holds an undergraduate degree from MIT and both a M.D. and Ph.D. from Harvard Medical School. She is a Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical Center and the Director of the Gillette Center for Women's Cancers at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Her research activities have focused on reducing the extent of surgery and radiation required to treat breast cancer, diagnosis and treatment issues in young women with breast cancer, and three dimensional anatomy as it relates to breast surgery and pathologic analysis of specimens.

In 1994 she developed and implemented a clinical database for patients with benign and malignant breast disease. This database was later merged into the Dana Farber Cancer Center database and continues to collect data on all new breast cancer patients. This database contains information on nearly 23,000 women treated for breast cancer since 1960 and has served as a valuable resource for clinical research reviews and hypothesis-generating studies. It is one of the largest breast cancer databases in the world.

In addition to her teaching obligations, Dr. Smith maintains a very active clinical practice with over 450 surgical cases per year with the majority being complex case referrals from Boston, as well as national and international patients. Dr. Smith is referred to in Elizabeth Edward's book, *Resilience: Reflections on the Burdens and Gifts of Facing Life's Adversities*, as "a trusted doctor, friend and confidant." She is a sought after lecturer; Dr. Smith has a reputation for being able to speak to highly technical medical academia audiences as well as general public or lay audiences. Dr. Smith has delivered hundreds of lectures all over the United States and internationally, including China, South Korea, Turkey, Brazil, Italy and Switzerland and is credited on over 90 medical publications.

Dr. Smith was the first surgeon to perform a lumpectomy in China, where the standard of care for a woman diagnosed with breast cancer is mastectomy. She has been a Visiting Professor at Sun Yat-sen University in China since 2006 where she has assisted in development of multidisciplinary breast cancer programs and clinical research activities including nipple sparing mastectomies.

Dr. Smith was AEF's 2011 Alumni Speaker.





Christopher Viscardi

Auburn High School Class of 1980

Chris Viscardi is an award-winning writer and producer of television and film.

Along with his writing partner, Will McRobb, Chris wrote the films “Alvin and the Chipmunks”, “The Tale of Despereaux”, “Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging” and “Snow Day”. Some of his un-credited movie scripts include “Alvin and the Chipmunks 2: The Squeakuel” and “My Boss’s Daughter.”

Chris is an accomplished television creator, writer and producer. Along with his partner Will McRobb, they created “The Adventures of Pete and Pete”, an award-winning television series for Nickelodeon from 1993-1995.

Chris co-created “Kablam!” a groundbreaking alternative animation series for Nickelodeon that brought underground artists and animators into the mainstream. In addition, Chris co-created and produced the television comedies “The War Next Door” for USA Television and “The Assistants” for Teen Nick. He has also written episodic television for numerous series, including “Ed” on NBC, “Brutally Normal” for The WB and “The Naked Brothers” for Nickelodeon.

Chris graduated from Niagara University (B.S) and Syracuse University (M.A.).



Joseph F. Karpinski Sr., D.D.S.

East High School Class of 1942

Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. is a respected oral and maxillofacial surgeon, community leader and philanthropist. He retired from practice in 1997 after 45 years as one of the most foremost oral and maxillofacial surgeons in New York State.

Dr. Karpinski began his education while serving in the US Army Infantry during WWII. With Undergraduate degrees from Cornell University, Creighton University and the University of Minnesota, Dr. Karpinski then went on to receive his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the Indiana University School of Dentistry and The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He completed two Residencies, his first with the US Public Health Service in Baltimore, Maryland, with fieldwork at the Curtis Bay Coast Guard Base, the second residency at the Jersey City Medical Center.

During the Korean War Dr. Karpinski was stationed in Alaska. As the only dental officer in the territory, Dr. Karpinski treated both enlisted men and civilians including native Alaskans, Eskimos and Indians, most of whom had never before received dental services.

Dr. Karpinski has continued his commitment to education throughout his career. He completed advanced graduate course at numerous universities including NYU, Columbia College and Tufts University. Dr. Karpinski has also lectured on dental surgery at Georgetown University, Loyola University, Cayuga Community College and BOCES Nursing School. He is a member of numerous professional associations, most notably; he was a Founding Fellow with the International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and a Past President of the American Association of Oral Surgeons.

In 1953, Dr. Karpinski and his wife Honey returned to Auburn and established his practice and raise their six children. Dr. Karpinski remained active in community and professional organizations throughout his career and into retirement. He served as the commissioner of the Auburn Housing Authority from 1955-1960, was a founding member and past president of the Cayuga County College Foundation and served on the Cayuga Community College Board of Trustees from 1977-1986. In 2005, the new CCC entrance was dedicated as the Karpinski Rotunda. In 2012, he became the first person to receive a Doctorate of Humane Letters from CCC.

Dr. Karpinski’s philanthropic activities abound. He is best known for commissioning the Gazebo that is the showcase of Hoopes Park. He was instrumental in the building of the Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center, a wing of the Ward O’Hara Agricultural Museum and he is now engaged in the effort build an Athletic Stadium Complex in cooperation with Cayuga Community College and the Auburn Enlarged City School District. Dr. Karpinski has a long and honored history with the Boy Scouts. In 1982, forty-two years after becoming an Eagle Scout, he was awarded the Boy Scouts top honor the Distinguished Eagle Award.

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