



The Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township, Inc.
2012 South Brunswick High School – Distinguished Alumni Award

DAVID J. BIANCHI

South Brunswick Graduation Year: 1986

Occupation: Corporate Attorney for Caterpillar, Inc.

Biography:

Salutatorian at SBHS; Captain of SBHS Football Team; Varsity Baseball; Garden State Distinguished Scholar; Outstanding Senior Mathematics Student; Highest Average in American History; Frank Kappes Memorial Award; NJ Scholar Athlete; Greater Middlesex Conference All-Academic Team -- Outstanding College Students of America.

Notre Dame Scholar. Articles Editor, Journal of College & University Law, 1992-1993. Contributing Author, "Survey of New Jersey Privacy & Related Claims Against the Media," Libel Defense Resource Center, Media Privacy & Related Law, 50-State Survey, 1997. Co-Author, Case Comment, "Basic Books, Inc. v. Kinko's Graphics Corp.: Potential Liability for Classroom Anthologies," 18 J. Coll. & Univ. L. 595 (1992). Associate, Lowenstein Sandler, Roseland, New Jersey, 1993-1998.

David & his wife, Eileen McIntire Bianchi (a 1987 graduate of SBHS) have 2 boys, Rhett (10) and David, Jr. (6). They resided in England for 4 years when on an international assignment from Caterpillar and, traveled all over Europe, Africa, Asia, etc. They currently resided in Peoria, IL.



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GREGORY R. HALILI

South Brunswick Graduation Year: 1994

Occupation: Artist

Biography:

Gregory Halili, a Philippines' native, is a renowned artist who became famous for his unique, intricate, watercolor paintings, often done in miniature. He received his B.F.A. from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

As a teenager, he moved to this country in 1988. The artist's memories of childhood infused with the perfume of the tropics are a touchstone to many of his paintings. Working in gouache, the miniatures range in size from 1x1 inch to 4x12 inches. In this small scale, Halili creates an entire world filled with light, atmosphere, and mood with meticulous precision and immense detail. He draws us into an enchanted garden, a kinder, gentler place. For the past three years Gregory Halili has worked on a series of images of New York, bringing his unique vision to the structures of this city.

"I try to create paintings that are always in my heart and mind. These images are constant reminders of the past I remember, which are generally inspired by old photographs, recollections and experiences." – G.R. Halili

He currently resides in New Jersey.



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STEVEN PORTNOY

South Brunswick Graduation Year: 1999

Occupation: Correspondent for ABC News

Biography:

Steven Portnoy is a Washington, DC-based national radio correspondent for ABC News, covering US politics, legal affairs, advances in science and technology and breaking stories for the network. He also was a regular host of Ahead of the Curve, a technology-based talk show on ABC News Now, the network's 24/7 digital TV platform.

While a student at the S.I. Newhouse School for Public Communications at Syracuse University, Portnoy reported for WSYR (AM) and produced at WSTM-TV and WIXT-TV (now WSYRTV). In 2001, he took first place at the Hearst Journalism Awards for his reporting on the economic downturn in the early part of the decade. Prior to joining ABC News in 2006, Portnoy reported for WMAL-AM, a Washington radio station that was owned by ABC until 2007. In 2008, Portnoy was named a Peter Jennings Fellow at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. He has since won several local and regional awards and shared in a national Edward R. Murrow award for spot news coverage in 2007.

Portnoy has reported from every major dateline in Washington - the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court and the Pentagon - and traveled to nearly 30 states and several countries for ABC News.



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ANNA MARIE QUINDLEN

South Brunswick Graduation Year: 1970

Occupation: Author, Journalist, Columnist

Biography:

Over the last 35 years, Anna Quindlen's work has appeared in some of America's most influential newspapers, many of its best-known magazines, and on both fiction and non-fiction bestseller lists. A columnist at The New York Times from 1981 to 1994, in 1990 Quindlen became only the third woman in the paper's history to write a regular column for its influential Op-Ed page when she began the nationally syndicated "Public and Private." Quindlen won the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary. Quindlen joined the Times in 1977 as a general assignment reporter and was named the paper's deputy metropolitan editor in 1983. She wrote the "About New York" column from 1981 to 1983 and created the column, "Life in the 30's" in 1985.

In 1995 Quindlen left the world of newspapers to become a novelist full-time. Quindlen has written four bestselling novels: Object Lessons (1991), One True Thing (1994), Black and Blue (1998) and Blessings (2002). Quindlen became the first writer ever to have books appear on the fiction, nonfiction, and self-help New York Times Best Seller lists.

Quindlen holds honorary doctorates from Dartmouth College, Denison University, Moravian College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, Stevens Institute of Technology, Bates College, and Southern Connecticut State University and was awarded the University Medal of Excellence by Columbia. Quindlen is a graduate of Barnard College and now serves on its Board of Trustees. Anna Quindlen is married to Gerald Krovatin, an attorney; they have three children. She lives with her family in New York City.