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NEW HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES – The Hall of Fame has selected two staff and six alumni to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in June. The induction ceremony will take place as part of the end of year Honors Assembly on June 17, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the large gym at Wakefield. Everyone is invited. The 2011 class of inductees is:

Jerrold W. Grossman '66 a graduate of Stanford and MIT is a professor at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. Jerry is the author of 36 major research publications, and nearly 20 other publications, as well as a sophomore level textbook on Discrete Mathematics. A member of many national Mathematical Associations, consultant to major industries, a reviewer of research proposals for the National Science Foundation, and a regular presenter at Scholarly Conferences, Dr. Grossman is also noted for his discovery of "Grossman's constant" (approximately 0.7373383). Even with this heavy load of professional activities he also finds time for serious competitive bridge.

Kevin Mannix '67 received his JD from UVA. He has served as a law clerk to the Oregon Court of Appeals, as an Assistant Attorney General for Oregon, as an Assistant Attorney General for the U. S. Territory of Guam, and as an Administrative Law Judge for Oregon. Kevin served five terms (ten years) in the Oregon House of Representatives. He was chairman of the House Judiciary Committee on Criminal Law. Kevin also served a partial term in the Oregon Senate, filling out a term by appointment. Kevin was the chief sponsor of more successful legislation (135 bills) than any other single legislator in the last 50 years. His legislative accomplishments include authoring Oregon's Anti Stalking Law, establishing the Tax Court Magistrate Division, reforming the adoption laws to make adoptions quicker and less expensive, authoring major workers' compensation reforms, passage of a host of anti-crime legislation, and reforms to improve access to our courts. In 2002 he was the Republican nominee for Governor of Oregon.

Robert Shostak '66 founded Vocera Communications, Inc. in 2000 and serves as its Chief Technology Officer. The Vocera system allows wireless voice communication. Prior to Vocera Communications, he founded Portera Systems and co-founded ANSA Software, where he authored the Paradox database, a powerful but simple database management program. Dr. Shostak previously conducted research in computer science digital design at the Stanford Research Institutes. He is recognized as the father of the branch of computing known as Byzantine Agreement. Dr. Shostak has published over 20 articles in various areas of computer science. He holds BA, MA, and Ph.D. degrees in computer science and applied mathematics from Harvard University.

Gregory A. Timberlake '68 earned his Bachelor's degree in 1972 and then his M.D. in 1977, from the University of Virginia. While on active duty his assignments included tours as battalion surgeon, and chief of General Surgery and director of Surgical Services. After leaving active duty in 1989, Timberlake was recalled in August 1990 during Operation *Desert Shield/Storm*, assigned as a general surgeon aboard USNS *Comfort*. Currently he is the assistant deputy surgeon general for Total Force Integration at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Timberlake's awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy and Marine

Corps Commendation Medals. He also received the Naval Cross of Merit from King Juan Carlos of Spain. In 2008 he was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal. He is author or co-author of over 40 peer-reviewed manuscripts and several books and monographs on the care of the sick and injured.

Richard Tuten '72 is in his 16th season as the Denver Broncos' strength and conditioning coach after amassing an impressive resume in some of the most high-profile collegiate programs nationwide. Tuten has two Super Bowl rings with the Denver Broncos, defeating the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII and the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl XXXIII. As one of the NFL's most well-respected strength and conditioning experts, Tuten has helped shape the careers of such players as Champ Bailey, Terrell Davis, John Elway, Mark Schlereth, Shannon Sharpe, Rod Smith, Tim Tebow and Hall of Fame member Gary Zimmerman, among many others. Rich has also written three books on strength and conditioning. Rich is a 1978 Clemson University graduate.

Sheryl Wilkerson '81 is a highly respected communications lawyer with extensive legislative experience. She is now President of Willow, LLC, a consulting firm that is a member of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America involved in the research, development, and deployment of technologies that improve safety, increase mobility, and sustain the environment. Prior to her position with Willow, LLC, Ms. Wilkerson was Vice President of Government Affairs and Regulatory Policy for Ygomi LLC, an international company for technology services. In the Federal arena, Ms. Wilkerson was the Legal Advisor to the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission in 2003 and the Director, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, from 1995 to 2000. She was Staff counsel to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation in 1994.

Sally Davis taught Latin at Wakefield from 1974 until 1992. During her tenure at Wakefield, she was well known and respected among the students and her colleagues as an exceptional teacher. Sally has developed methods courses, instructional materials, and training sessions that have been used to improve Latin instruction for students throughout the country. She has been recognized at the national level with several significant awards including the American Philological Association Award for Excellence in Teaching at the Pre-Collegiate Level and the American Classical League's Merita Award. Davis's publications include an edition of Cicero's *Somnium Scipionis*, and a *Review and Test Preparation Guide for the intermediate Latin student*. She was an original founder of the National Latin Exam. She has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and Rockefeller Foundation.

Dr. Marie Shiels-Djouadi began her service as Principal at Wakefield in 1987, becoming the first female high school principal in Arlington. It was not her only first. Earlier in her career she initiated the HILT program in Arlington. At Wakefield she continued innovations to raise the expectations and achievements of children thought to be incapable of learning much. During her tenure the Foundation Program for Academic Excellence, which divided ninth-graders into four "houses", each with their own team of educators was established. Also, during that time, the very successful Senior Project was created. The success of Wakefield evidenced her ability to bring academic achievement to kids thought to be "too tough to teach." Her renown in education was recognized in at least two articles in newspapers. One was written when she announced her retirement in 2001, titled "At Wakefield High, Improving Education A matter of Principal." And another, in the Washington Post in 2010 which called her "The Fixer: Former Wakefield High Principal Marie Shiels-Djouadi Works to Improve Other Schools." As indicated in that Post article, Dr. Djouadi continued to work in schools after her retirement. She continues to be a mentor to educators. Marie put Wakefield "on the map" and is credited with laying the ground work for the innovation and success that has taken place at Wakefield over the past decades.

GOLF CLASSIC – There is still time to sign up for the 4th Golf Classic which will take place on Saturday, May 7th at Virginia Oaks Golf Course in Gainesville. The shot-gun start will be at 1:00. You can register at <http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/17595->

WakefieldHSBoosterClub4thAnnualG/. Questions? Contact Booster Club organizer Paul Greenfield at greenfieldpb@yahoo.com or at 703-928-0228. The Wakefield Booster Club supports all student extra-curricular activities. It raises money to support the full range of student activities: Athletics, Technology Fair, Senior Cruise, Student Government Association, music and the arts and numerous other student interest groups and clubs.

CHALLENGE TO THE CLASS OF THE 70s, 80s AND 90s – Foundation trustees are often asked why the majority of those listed as donors to the Foundation are from the 1950s and 1960s. We never have a good answer. If you check out the Honor Roll of Contributors listed in the Fall 2010 Alumni News (page 10 – 12) found at <http://www.wakefieldalumni.org/efnewsletters/AlumniNews2010.pdf>, you'll see that of the hundreds and hundreds of contributors during the past year, only about 60 are from classes later than 1970. That list can look different in the 2011 Alumni News if alumni from the 70s, 80s and 90s make a contribution now. Most of you can afford a small donation. Others can afford a large donation. Large or small, become a donor today. You can go to <http://www.wakefieldalumni.org> and make your donation by paypal or with a credit card or print out the donation form and mail it. At the recent Spring Fling, which was attended by about 400 alumni mainly from the 70s, 80s and 90s, a contest of donors by decades resulted in the 80s raising more money than any other decade. Now, the trustees challenge the decades to see how many new donors we can add to the honor roll of contributors listed in the fall. Will the 1980s win again or will the 1970 or 1990 classes get more new donors? We'll highlight the number of first-time donors in our next newsletter.

NEW TRUSTEES ELECTED – Sabra Feder Decker '80 and Helen Chung Vasiliadis '79 have been elected as Trustees of the Wakefield High School Education Foundation. Both are active in their classes and in organizing multi-class events.

WE'RE PLANNING A 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Wakefield will celebrate its 60 anniversary in 2013. That is also the year that the old building is scheduled to be torn down and a new school opened. We're already planning a commemoration of those events for late June or early July of 2013. We'll tour the old and new schools. If you'd like to be involved in the planning, let us know. Or if you just want to be sure you get information about the event, be sure we have your latest contact information. If you're interested in what the new school will look like, visit <http://www.wakefieldalumni.org/E-1WakefieldDesignandDevelopment.pdf>.

TIDBITS FOR NEWSLETTER SOUGHT – We love to get information for the "Classmate News" section of the printed Alumni News that is sent each fall. Please email news about yourself or others to this email address or mail them to PO Box 41675, Arlington, VA 22204.

CLASS NEWS – Go to <http://wakefieldalumni.org/classes.html> and click on your class to get news about upcoming reunions. If you're planning a reunion, contact reunions@wakefieldalumni.org for help and data.

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