



# Willowbrook Distinguished Alumni Awards

## 2016



MAJ GEN JOCELYN PATTERSON SENG  
CLASS OF 1980  
INDUCTED – 2016



Jocelyn (Patterson) Seng

Class: 1980



### Accomplishments:

- Was a member of the orchestra and the basketball team at Willowbrook and served as President of Student Council her senior year
- Performed with multiple orchestras, including the Civic Orchestra (a training group for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra)
- Received a four-year AFROTC scholarship to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well as a National Defense Science and Engineering Grant to study at Stanford for a Ph.D.
- Was named as a Distinguished Graduate from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces; earned a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a doctoral degree in mechanical engineering
- Served as a Major General in the U.S. Air Force and received several awards throughout a 32-year-plus career
- See her biography at <http://tinyurl.com/yd7vz8sm>



WILLIAM SHOMOS  
CLASS OF 1978  
INDUCTED – 2016



William Shomos

Class: 1978



### Accomplishments:

- While at Willowbrook, Shomos performed several leading roles in musicals/plays/variety shows at the school (as a singer, actor and pianist)
- He was a member of the first Speech Team at Willowbrook and was a Gold Medalist in the All-State Tournament of Champions in 1978
- Named as the Richard H. Larson Distinguished Professor of Music and Director of Opera at University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- His productions have earned regional and national acclaim, and he won first place in the National Opera Association's Opera Production Competition





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**COLONEL KENT WATSON**  
CLASS OF 1987  
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**Kent Watson**

*Class: 1987*

### Accomplishments:

- While at Willowbrook, Watson was captain of the Varsity Boys Basketball Team and the Varsity Boys Cross-Country Team
- Watson was a member of Willowbrook's National Honor Society and was named as the National Army Scholar/Athlete for 1986-87
- Earned his bachelor's degree in atmospheric sciences from University of Arizona in 1991 (received an Air Force ROTC Scholarship)
- Also earned master's degrees from Troy University and Iowa State
- Was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1991; selected to the rank of Colonel (U.S. Air Force Reserves) in 2014
- Named Aeronautical Systems Center Junior Cost Analyst of the Year in 1995
- Named Air Armament Center Eglin Air Force Base Cost Analyst of the Year in 2009
- Received multiple military medals
- See his biography at <https://www.dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=3494>



**CHUCK YOUNG**  
CLASS OF 1965  
INDUCTED – 2016

**Chuck Young**

*Class: 1965*

### Accomplishments:

- While at Willowbrook, Young and a peer won the Illinois State Plymouth Troubleshooting Contest in 1964
- Was drafted into the U.S. Army and served from 1966 to 1968
- Attended University of Wisconsin-Stout (earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree and was named as an Outstanding Graduate)
- Served as Director of the Oregon Commission for the Blind; then managed the employment programs for the homeless in Portland, Oregon
- Served as President of Hadley School for the Blind in Winnetka
- Received the Lifetime Achievement award from the Association of the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind in 2000
- Received the Winnetka Man of the Year award in 2015

