



Willowbrook Distinguished Alumni Awards

2018



DAN CASTADY
CLASS OF 1997
INDUCTED – 2018

Dan Castady
Class: 1997

Accomplishments:

- Record deals with Warner Brothers, Maverick Records and Tooth & Nail Records
- Released seven studio albums with bands Showoff and The Fold
- Wrote and recorded music for the TV show “LEGO Ninjago” (and was featured in the movie)



GEORGE M. CASTADY
CLASS OF 2001
INDUCTED – 2018

George M. Castady
Class: 2001

Accomplishments:

- Honor roll student during time at Willowbrook
- 2017 Promax Gold Winner
- 2017 MASA Finalist
- 2012 Cubs Radio Song Contest Winner (WGN)
- 2014 Cubs Radio Songwriter (WBBM)
- Created 25 original songs for LEGO’s cartoon series “Ninjago: Masters of Spinjitzu”
- Created more than 50 team songs for the NFL
- Wrote music for the Cubs
- As a member of The Fold, created songs and music videos honoring Willowbrook and the school community





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DR. THOMAS E. CATANZARO
CLASS OF 1962
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**Dr. Thomas E.
Catanzaro**
Class: 1962

Accomplishments:

- Participated in football, gymnastics and tennis at Willowbrook
- Received the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award
- Served as a health care administrator in the U.S. Army
- Attended veterinary school at Chicago State University, where he was instrumental in establishing the Native American Program for the National Student Chapter of the AVMA
- Spent three years developing veterinary health care facilities and delivery teams in Japan and served as the U.S. Forces' Pacific veterinarian
- Selected by the American Veterinary Medical Association to receive the Leo Bustad Companion Animal Veterinarian of the Year Award in 2012
- Received a Distinguished Alumni award from Baylor University
- Added the TIME TO SMILE AGAIN program in 2014 to better meet the needs of practices struggling with the post-GFC reduced traffic and reduced discretionary income syndrome
- Member of the Human-Animal Bond Committee, AVMA
- Authored 17 textbooks, 32 monographs and more than 300 periodical/proceedings



JOHN DEMPSEY
CLASS OF 1978
INDUCTED – 2018

John Dempsey
Class: 1978

Accomplishments:

- Earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Illinois University at Carbondale in 1982 (Major: Radio-Television, Minor: English)
- Illinois Associated Press Broadcasters Association, Best Newscast: 2nd place in 2016
- Kansas City Press Club "Heart of America Gold Award" in 2007
- Peter Lisagor Award in 1997, "Public Service Radio," Chicago Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists
- Voted "Best Political Reporter in Chicago" in 1997 by readers of New City newspaper
- Lives in Chicago with his wife of nearly 20 years
- Enjoys travel, golf, exercise and reading





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DAVID F. JORDAN
CLASS OF 1965
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David F. Jordan

Class: 1965

Accomplishments:

- Been involved in the international trade segment of the insurance field since 1971
- U.S. Customs & Border Protection Automated Commercial Environment Trade Support Network member
- 2002 Foreign Trade Association of Southern California Member of the Year
- Advisory Council-International Business Program of California State University-Northridge member
- Speaker to international trade groups
- Licensed customs broker (CHB) and a chartered property casualty underwriter
- Served in the U.S. Navy (Vietnam veteran)
- 56 years of serving in church choirs, quartets and ensembles, as a worship leader and as a soloist
- Met his wife, Mary Jane, at their church (they have been married for 46 years and have two children and six grandchildren)



MATT PITTMAN
CLASS OF 2000
INDUCTED – 2018

Matt Pittman

Class: 2000

Accomplishments:

- Participated in football at Willowbrook
- Received the Hall of Fame Real Estate award
- Member of the Grammy-nominated rock band The Fold
- Worked on the soundtrack for the TV show "LEGO Ninjago"
- Wrote songs for the 2016 World Series Champions Cubs and the 2016 Super Bowl Champions Denver Broncos
- Actively supports the DuPage Senior Citizens Council, Feed My Starving Children and the American Cancer Society

