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James (Hank) Hamilton, Class of ’68 - Achievement in Business, Community Service “Hank”

Hank was the 1968 commencement speaker, having graduated third in his class. He won nine varsity letters in football, wrestling and track. He graduated from Lehigh University in 1972. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of Dane Décor in Downingtown. As a business owner in Downingtown, Hank became an active participant and leader in a variety of civic organizations. He is an active member of the Downingtown Main Street Association, the Downingtown-Thorndale Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Downingtown Municipal Water Authority. He was named the Downingtown Chamber’s Person of the Year in 2000.

Bonnie MacDougal Kistler, Class of ’71 - Achievement in Law, Literature Writing under the name Bonnie MacDougal, this graduate is the author of four novels that draw on her life as a lawyer working in Philadelphia. Her expertise is in complex litigation. Mrs. Kistler graduated from Bryn Mawr College and received a law degree from University of Pennsylvania. Her legal thrillers have been translated into eight languages. Critics have hailed MacDougal as the "female John Grisham."

Curt Schroder, Class of ’79 - Achievement in Politics, Government

Curtis "Curt" Schroder is former a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He represented the 155th district for nine terms. He holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and earned his law degree from Widener University School of Law in 1989. He was the first recipient of the Matthew J. Ryan Legislator of the Year Award, was the Downingtown Chamber of Commerce 1998 Citizen of the Year and was named the 2010 Small Business Advocate of the Year by the Exton Chamber of Commerce.

Todd Stong, Class of ’58 - Achievement in Humanitarian Service, Military

Mr. Stong attended West Point, graduating in the top 10% of his class. His service, in the military, included deployment to South Korea in 1963 and Vietnam in 1966. In 1971 he completed course work for his PhD. In 1973 he was assigned to the Defense Nuclear Agency in Washington DC. Promoted to Lt. Colonel Stong, served overseas and used his engineering expertise to develop several projects that included both defense and ecological enhancements. Lt. Col. Stong retired in 1990 having received many decorations including Legion of Merit (2), Bronze Star with Valor (2), Meritorious Service (3), Defense Joint Service Medal. He now serves as an Engineering Consultant to design
and build low-cost, environmentally sound water systems in developing cities and villages.

**Richard Whittaker**, Class of '58 - Achievement in Medicine, Humanitarian Service

Dr. Richard Whittaker received both his bachelor and medical degrees from University of Pennsylvania. As an orthopedic surgeon, he started his civilian practice in 1974 which today is affiliated with Pottstown Memorial Medical Center, where he also currently serves as Chairman of the Board. As part of the US Army Reserve Medical Corps since 1971, Dr. Whittaker has provided medical care to soldiers and citizens in Panama, Desert Storm, Bosnia and Haiti. Dr. Whittaker has earned many humanitarian honors including the Salvation Army Gold Crest (1985), Rotary International Service Award (1996, 2004). Since 1986, he serves as Chairman of District 7430 of the Polio Plus Committee, which has raised over $650,000 that is being applied to worldwide immunization programs to eliminate polio in the world. Dr. Whittaker’s many writings have contributed significantly to the field of orthopedic medicine and surgery.