

BISHOP FALLON HIGH SCHOOL / HOLY ANGELS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
HALL of FAME NOMINATION FORM

I nominate DONALD SPASIANO for induction
into the Bishop Fallon High School/Holy Angels Collegiate Institute Hall of Fame

The nominee fits into one or more of the following categories:

☒ Distinguished Alumni ☐ Faculty Member ☐ Staff Member
☐ Sports Team ☐ Activity Group (Attach year and members if possible)

CANDIDATES INFORMATION: (Please print)

Name DONALD SPASIANO

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School (Check one) ☒ BFHS ☐ HACI Class Year 1968

A WRITTEN BIOGRAPHY OF THE CANDIDATE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM.
Information should include Education, Career, Outstanding Accomplishments,
Awards, and HACI or BFHS information such as awards, sports etc.
Nominations WILL NOT be considered without a complete Biography of the
Candidate.

NOMINATOR's INFORMATION

Date Submitted: 1/1/

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NOMINATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE HALL of FAME must be submitted
with a complete, updated biography of the candidate no later than June 1st of
each year. Nominations are to be emailed to BishopFallon.org@gmail.com
or mailed to:

BFHS/HACI Alumni Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 25
Williamsville, NY 14231

For more information email BishopFallon.org@gmail.com

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EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1977 M.S. Ed. Canisius College
1972 B.S. Food/Nutrition Management, State University College at Buffalo
1970 A.A.S. Food Service Adm./Restaurant Mgt., Erie Community College/North

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

January 2016-2019 Associate Dean Trocaire College Russell J. Salvatore School of Hospitality and Business

1973 - 2016

Professor/Department Chairman, Erie Community College, North Campus, Hospitality Management

Fall 2008 - Sabbatical

Taught at the American College of Management & Technology in Dubrovnik, Croatia (University affiliated with Rochester Institute of Technology – Hospitality Service Dept.)

1992 - 2000, 2002 - 2006

Department Chair, Erie Community College, North Campus, Hospitality Management

Accomplishments:

- VATEA grants (1993, 1994, 1996, 2001) equipment replacement; served as Project Director (approximately \$225,000.00)
- Institute aggressive recruitment/retention action plan (resulted in increased enrollment)
- Established articulation agreement with 26 four-year hospitality schools throughout the country

Department Chair Initiatives:

- Wrote and was awarded Statler Foundation grants (1993, 1995, 1999, 2007,) approximately \$1000,000,000
- Received departmental CHRIE accreditation (Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education)
- Established a curriculum annual holiday fundraiser for children's charities (to date have raised over \$60,000.00—more monies raised than any other curriculum at Erie Community College)
- Increased annual Statler Foundation Scholarship grants from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 annually
- Established Study Abroad Grant – Statler Foundation awards \$40,000.00 annually
- Established Brewing Science curriculum 2016
- Created a study abroad program, Italy, "Taste of Italy," 2009 to present.

1998 – 2000

President, National Restaurant Association, Western New York Chapter

Accomplishments:

- Partnered with the National Restaurant Association on various educational endeavors (i.e. alcohol awareness programs, food safety initiatives, and pro-start initiatives)
 - Established scholarship funding for post secondary hospitality students
 - Established a hospitality videotape library for professional use
 - Began a monthly educational keynote speaker series
 - Organized a junior branch of association for hospitality students
 - Initiated a scholarship raffle for hospitality students
 - Member, Board of Directors for New York State Restaurant Association
- Chairman – Educational Foundation

AWARDS:

- National Restaurant Association Teacher Work Study Grant
- SUNY Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence
- NISOD Award for Teaching Excellence
- President's Recognition Award for Innovative Programming, E.C.C.
- President's Recognition Award for Grant Initiatives, E.C.C.
- Ebony and Ivory Award for Community Service, E.C.C.
- Western New York Hospitality Ambassador Award, SUCB
- Distinguished Alumni Award, E.C.C.
- Silver Medal Award Council of Food Services Association
- State University of New York Alumni Honor Roll
- Ilio DiPaolo Humanitarian Award
- Professor Emeritus Erie Community College 2016

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Ride For Roswell, Peloton participant
- Co-Chairman - Joseph P. Panzarella Scholarship Foundation
- Local Organizing Committee– Jim Kelly Celebrity Golf Tournament and Gala, Kelly for Kids Foundation (1991 – Present)
- Curtain Up Gala Dinner Chair (1990 – 1991)
- Holiday Charity Luncheon benefiting children's charities Erie Community College (1984 –2006)
- Air it Out, NFL, benefiting Children's Hospital (1994 – 1995)
- Wrestling Legends fundraiser benefiting Children's Hospital and Ilio DiPaolo's Scholarship fund
- Volunteer for Buffalo News "Kids Day" 1986-present
- Steadfast Foundation-Ryan Miller Fund Raiser (2006 –2009)
- Crisis Services "Men Who Cook" @ ECC October 2, 2007
- Volunteer for Special Olympics Basketball (2006 – 2010)
- Volunteer for Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (2002 – 2010)
- Volunteer for SHP, (national organization) Sleep in Heavenly Peace, build beds for kids
- Red Cross blood donor, over 60 units

BOARDS:

- Catholic Academy West Buffalo, 2005-2023
- Joseph P. Panzarella Foundation, Co-Chair
- New York State Restaurant Association/Western New York Chapter
- Visit Buffalo Niagara (VBN)
- Education Foundation New York State Restaurant Association

PRESENTATIONS & SEMINARS:

- "So You Want to Open a Restaurant"
Erie Community College, Community Service Division
- "Customer Service"
New York State Restaurant Association, Buffalo Chapter
- "Customer Service"
Frontier School System, Hamburg, NY
- "Feasibility Studies Within the Hospitality Industry"
Erie Community College, Community Service Division
- "Kitchen Layout and Design"
Erie Community College, Community Service Division
- "Customer Service/Satisfaction"
University of Rochester, Auxiliary Services
- "Etiquette for a Lunch Interview"
Canisius College, Career Resource Center
- "Etiquette for Youngsters"
Big Sisters Little Sisters Organization