

Vincent Polimeni

Vincent Polimeni is the founder and chief executive officer of Polimeni International, LLC, a full-service real estate firm with subsidiary companies specializing in the development, construction, management, brokerage and marketing of prime commercial properties.

During Mr. Polimeni's 30+ years in the real estate industry, he has developed some of Long Island's premiere commercial real estate ventures including numerous office projects and shopping centers, such as the 250,000-square-foot pavilion in Mineola, New York; the 150,000-square-foot MacArthur Plaza in Holbrook, New York; the 380,000-square-foot Islandia Center in Islandia, New York; the 410,000-square-foot Tollgate Plaza in Bel Air, Maryland; and a 150,000-square-foot shopping center located in Cape May Court House, New Jersey. For the past eight years Mr. Polimeni has also been developing shopping centers throughout Poland. Shopping centers located in Konin, Gniezno and Ostrowiec totaling more than 700,000 square feet have been completed, and four other locations are in various stages of development. In addition, sites in Czestochowa, Rumia and Slupsk are under construction and locations in Jurata, Puck, Jastrzebie Zdroj, Przemysl and Stargard Szczecinski are being developed. Future projects in the Ukraine are being explored.

Among his varied community- and industry-related positions, Mr. Polimeni served on the advisory board and was co-chairman of the Dean's Executive Council for the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University. He is a founding member, past chairman and past president of the Association for a Better Long Island. He is a contributing writer for such nationally recognized real estate publications as *The Real Estate Forum* and *National Real Estate Investor*. He has been interviewed by more than 50 publications, including *The New York Times*, *New York Daily News* and *Newsday*, as well as numerous Polish publications such as *Puls Biznesu*, *Gazeta Poznanska*, *Biznes Poznanski*, and *Glos Wielkopolski*. Mr. Polimeni has also appeared on national and local television and radio, and has been a lecturer and speaker at Hofstra University and Cornell University. He is a member of the Long Island Business Development Council, Long Island Association, National Association of Realtors, New York State Association of Realtors, Inc., and the Long Island Board of Realtors. Additionally, he serves on the board of directors of the YMCA of Long Island, Inc. In 1995 Governor Pataki appointed Mr. Polimeni to the position of trustee of the Long Island Power Authority and was later named chairman of the finance committee, overseeing the selection of the financing bond underwriters. He served in this capacity until August 2004.

Vincent Polimeni is active in numerous charities, including the Gold Star Parents, to whom he was responsible for erecting the first national monument. He has also been the recipient of many awards and honors, including the YMCA's Service to Youth Award, The Community Programs Center of Long Island's Circle of Life Award, and the WE CARE Fund of Nassau County Bar Association and the American Jewish Committee's Long Island chapter's International Business Leadership Award.

Cara Castronuova '04

Cara Castronuova is a celebrity fitness trainer, athlete, and television personality. She was featured as a head trainer on NBC's hit "The Biggest Loser," Season 11, where she helped propel the show to its highest ratings ever. She is a spokesperson for Puma, and the only female spokesperson on Everlast's extensive roster of champions. Castronuova is a former champion boxer and two-time Golden Gloves Champion.

Originally from Long Island, Castronuova graduated from Hofstra University with a Bachelors Degree in Broadcasting and has put what she learned to good use in work as a boxing and fitness writer, as well as an announcer and sports commentator. She holds a Master Certification by the International Sports Science Association, and she is certified as a boxing coach by the New York State Athletic Commission.

Castronuova got her start as a boxer. She first entered the competitive boxing arena by competing locally in boxing events, some while a student at Hofstra. Her first championship was in 2002 at the New York Empire State Games. In shock at winning a gold medal, Castronuova decided to continue to box competitively though out her years as a student at Hofstra and while a member of Sigma Delta Tau sorority. She won a pair of "Silver Gloves" in 2004, the second-place prize in the famous Golden Gloves competition. Determined to redeem herself, she returned one year later and won her first New York Golden Gloves championship title at Madison Square Garden in 2005 and again in 2006 in front of a capacity televised crowd. She started competing nationally and was ranked No. 2 in the nation by USA Boxing. She went on to place in national tournaments and win numerous titles, such as the NYABC title, the Metros, and two Empire State Games. She also participated extensively in volunteer work at a community gym, coaching troubled youth and teaching them the virtues of boxing to keep them off the streets.

Castronuova has trained extensively in martial arts and other fighting techniques, which led to acting opportunities as well, primarily as a stuntwoman and stunt coordinator. Castronuova combined her fighting and training background to start her company, "Fighter Fitness", whose mission is to help people find "their fighter within" and make their own "comebacks" on the road to good health.

Most recently, Castronuova has started "Knockout Obesity", a charity aimed to help youth who struggle with obesity and need help in obtaining a healthy lifestyle. This past summer the charity sent three children for a fun-filled summer at a premier weight loss camp, where they lost a grand total of over 100 pounds! Castronuova's "Knockout Obesity" will continue to grant scholarships to need-based children to send them to existing weight loss camps. Castronuova's charity aims at eventually creating its own non-for-profit summer camp program for need-based youth in the future.

Castronuova is currently working on a pilot for a new fitness show on a major cable network. She is also working on an upcoming DVD workout series to promote her message "Strong is the New Skinny," and overall health, wellness, and finding your "fighting spirit".

David A. Crichlow, Esq. '85

David A. Crichlow, partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, has extensive experience in contract, commercial fraud, securities, banking, government contracts, insolvency and class action litigation, as well as internal corporate investigations. He focuses on issues related to complex commercial disputes and is engaged in trial and appellate practice in federal and state courts, and in administrative agencies and arbitration tribunals.

Mr. Crichlow's experience includes successfully representing the Equity Committee in the Solutia bankruptcy in its \$2 billion lawsuit against the former parent company for allegedly under-capitalizing Solutia at its spin-off. Mr. Crichlow defended a Boise, Idaho corporation in a "bet-the-company" putative class action suit arising from a \$47 million bond offering issued by a real estate development company that was allegedly engaged in a Ponzi scheme.

Mr. Crichlow was named the 2011 Metropolitan Black Bar Association's Private Practitioner of the Year, and has been listed in *New York Super Lawyers*. Prior to joining Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, Mr. Crichlow was the managing partner of the New York office of another national law firm.

David Crichlow graduated from Hofstra with a Bachelor of Arts in communications and went on to earn his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He served as a law clerk to the Honorable Clifford Scott Green, former district court judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Crichlow currently serves on the boards of the New York Legal Aid Society and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. He lives in Montclair, New Jersey with his wife Rhonda and their two children.

Michele Medaglia '93

When Michele Medaglia became president of ACC Construction Corporation 16 years ago, she was determined to turn the firm into one of the most unique construction firms in New York. Her vision for ACC was to provide exceptional service, build spectacular projects and make ACC a great place to work.

Today, ACC is one of the leading certified woman-owned general contracting and construction management firms in New York. During Ms. Medaglia's tenure, annual revenues have increased tenfold, and the firm has expanded from an office interiors specialist to a full-service company with broad expertise in areas ranging from interior fit-outs to core and shell construction. The firm serves significant clients such as Trinity Real Estate, Paramount Group, New York University, Rudin Management, W&H Properties, MTV Networks, SL Green, Columbia University Medical Center, and Tishman Speyer, as well as other corporate, retail, health care, educational and hospitality clients.

With a bachelor's degree in business administration from Hofstra University and more than 20 years of experience in the business, Ms. Medaglia is one of the most visible women in construction in New York City. Her persistence and community involvement have earned her numerous awards and recognition. She was a recipient of the prestigious 40 Under 40 award featured in *Crain's New York Business* in 2002, the Business Achievement Award from Professional Women in Construction, the Galaxy Award from the New York Women's Agenda, and the Special Volunteer Award from Dress for Success New York. Ms. Medaglia was also named "Developer of the Year" by the Associated Builders and Owners of New York and one of the "Top 50 Women Real Estate Leaders" by *Real Estate Weekly* in 2004, and received the Women of Power and Influence Award from the National Organization for Women in 2005. In addition, she has participated in Hofstra's Women in Leadership initiative.

Ms. Medaglia has been recognized as one of the "Top 20 Women in New York Real Estate and Construction" by *Development New York*. In 2006 she was awarded the Founder's Award presented by the Association of Real Estate Women and the Women of Valor Award from the Capuchin Food Pantry. She was recognized as one of 2007's "Women of Influence" by Real Estate New York. In 2008, Ms. Medaglia was the recipient of the Good Scout Award from the Greater New York Council Boy Scouts of America. She was also the recipient of the Camillo Ricordi Humanitarian Award from the Diabetes Research Institute in 2009.

Michele Medaglia's enthusiasm and drive make her a natural leader, and she has served on many boards and committees in the Real Estate Industry. From 2004 to 2005, she was president of the Association of Real Estate Women (AREW), one of the real estate industry's pre-eminent organizations, and one in which Ms. Medaglia is still active.

Ms. Medaglia has twin ten-year-old children and a supportive family who share her passion for the business.

James C. Metzger '83

James C. "Jim" Metzger is chairman and CEO of The Whitmore Group, Ltd., a leading Long Island insurance brokerage and financial services firm. Mr. Metzger is a former All-American lacrosse player at Hofstra University and has given back generously to his alma mater as well as other educational and charitable organizations, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island.

Jim founded The Whitmore Group in 1989. The Whitmore Group provides the gamut of insurance products and financial services, including commercial property and casualty, a specialized funeral services program, personal insurance, health benefits, life insurance, estate planning, financial services, real estate insurance programs, specialty transportation industry group and claims services. In 2011, Long Island Business News reported that The Whitmore Group was the seventh-largest insurance brokerage business on Long Island. The company is licensed in 48 states and has more than 70 employees located in Garden City, New York.

James Metzger is a Board Director of the Hofstra University Pride Club and has generously supported Hofstra Athletics throughout the years. He donated the funds to build the Royle Sombrotto Locker Room to provide a state of the art facility for the Men's Lacrosse team and to honor his former coach Harry Royle and former teammate at Hofstra, National Lacrosse Hall of Fame member Vinnie Sombrotto. Jim also donated the funds to enhance the women's lacrosse locker room, which was named in his honor. Jim donations include; The Hallways Traditions Project at Margiotta Hall which showcases the history on the men's and women's lacrosse programs and the football program, the project is named after Hofstra standout athletes Mike D'Amato '68 and Lou DiBlasi '61, The Metzger Capital Fund which supports all sports and The James C. Metzger Lacrosse Endowment. Hofstra honored Jim by naming the men's and women's lacrosse offices after Jim and Kevin Huff (Hofstra '78). Finally, Jim is proud to participate on the academic side of the ledger, Jim and his former professor Michael D'Innocenzo created the Metzger- D'Innocenzo Summer Internship for the Center for Civic Engagement. The internship is given to a deserving student based on academic achievement and/or financial need who is majoring in History. According to Michael D'Innocenzo, "Jim's generosity by endowing the Center for Civic Engagement student internship illustrates his own deep commitment to Hofstra, to young people, and to fostering the kind of attentive society in which democracy can thrive."

Dr. Darra Pace, '97, '00

Darra Pace is a full professor and chair of the Department of Special Education at Hofstra University. She teaches courses in intellectual disabilities, cultural competence, and access and equity in special education.

Dr. Pace has written numerous articles about special education and teacher preparation for national and international professional journals. Her current research includes work on cultural competence in educators, use of Universal Design for Learning and Culturally Responsive Instruction in the classroom, and paradigm shifts in special education. Her previous research on teacher preparation for teaching mathematics in the inclusive classroom received a Distinguished Paper Award from the American Educational Research Association. Dr. Pace presents her research regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Since 2007 Dr. Pace has served as chair of the Counseling, Research, Special Education and Rehabilitation Department, now the Special Education Department, at Hofstra. She is chair's caucus representative of the School of Education to the Office of the Provost. She contributed to the second annual Disability Leadership and Policy Summit and is a member of the Hofstra Faculty Committee for the Celebration of Suburban Diversity. For eight years Dr. Pace represented Hofstra University and served as Long Island liaison to the New York State Task Force on Quality Inclusive Education. Currently she is the treasurer of the Nassau County chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children.

Darra Pace holds a B.A. in special education from Boston University, a M.A. in special education from Adelphi University, and an advanced certificate in administration and Ed.D. in foundations, leadership, and policy studies from Hofstra University. She is an active member of the Council for Exceptional Children and the International Association of Special Education.

Dr. Pace's family includes her two sons Michael and Jon, and their wives, Kim and Jenny.

Jill Maura Rabin '75

Jill Maura Rabin, M.D., is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Co-director of ACE (Advanced Clinical Experience) for obstetrics and gynecology at the Hofstra- North Shore LIJ School of Medicine, and Chief of the Division of Ambulatory Care and head of urogynecology in the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center of the North Shore-LIJ Health System.

Dr. Rabin graduated magna cum laude from Hofstra University and subsequently earned an M.D. from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center. She then served a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine until 1985, followed by a fellowship in Urogynecology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center where she has been on the attending staff for over 25 years.

A diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Rabin is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Urogynecologic Society (Foundation Board), the National Association for Continence (Editorial Board) the International Continence Society. She has been a practicing urogynecologist for more than 20 years and has a particular interest in diagnostic challenges, conservative treatments for pelvic organ prolapse and incontinence, as well as in urogynecologic medical devices including those which she has helped develop and patent. In addition, she is an active researcher, consultant, invited lecturer and media spokeswoman for professional organizations, including the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Rabin holds seven patents and one copyright for urogynecologic medical devices. Widely published, she has authored three books on women's health including *Mind Over Bladder*, a Step-by-Step Guide to Continence. Together with co-chiefs of the Division of Urogynecology and Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery at North Shore-LIJ Health System, Dr. Rabin has worked to maintain a center of excellence for 15 years with patients often referred from many other geographic areas.

Dr. Rabin also acts as reviewer and editor for a number of peer-reviewed journals. Among her numerous honors are the Tita Monti Award for Outstanding Community Service from the North Shore-LIJ Health System, the George M. Estabrook Distinguished Service Award from Hofstra University and the Distinguished Service Award from UJA-Federation of New York. Dr. Rabin's biographical inclusion is listed in *Marquis Who's Who in America* as well as *Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare*. She is a member of Hofstra's Women in Leadership Advisory Board. For the past 15 years Dr. Rabin has held a student pulpit as cantor of Congregation Adath Israel of Newtown, Connecticut.

Stephen E. Dunn '62

Stephen Dunn is the author of 16 collections of poetry, including *Here and Now: Poems* (W.W. Norton & Company, 2011) and *What Goes On: Selected & New Poems 1995-2009* (W.W. Norton & Company, 2010). *Different Hours: Poems* won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 2001, and *Loosestrife: Poems* was a National Book Critics Circle Award finalist for poetry in 1996. Other works published by W.W. Norton & Company are *Riffs & Reciprocities: Prose Pairs* (1999), *New & Selected Poems: 1974-1994* (1995), *Landscape at the End of the Century* (1992), *Between Angels* (1990), and *Local Time* (William Morrow & Co.), which was a winner of The National Poetry Series in 1985. A new and expanded edition of *Walking Light: Memoirs and Essays on Poetry* was issued by BOA Editions, Ltd. in 2001.

In addition to the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, Stephen Dunn has received an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, The Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College's Paterson Award for Sustained Literary Achievement, the Levinson and Oscar Blumenthal Prizes from *Poetry*, the Theodore Roethke Prize from *Poetry Northwest*, the James Wright Prize from *Mid-American Review*, and many others. His poem "The Imagined" is a seven-time selection for the annual *The Best American Poetry*, and will be included in *The Best of the Best American Poetry: 1988-2012* (Scribner, 2013) Mr. Dunn has also been the recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim and Rockefeller Foundations, three NEA Creative Writing Fellowships, and a Distinguished Artist Fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts

In recent years, Mr. Dunn has been the featured poet in *The American Poetry Review*, *The Georgia Review*, and *The Cortland Review*. In addition, a book of 20 essays by poets and critics on the life and work of Stephen Dunn, and edited by Laura McCullough, is scheduled for publication by Syracuse University Press in early 2014, entitled *To Live in this World*.

Stephen Dunn is distinguished professor emeritus of literature and creative writing at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, and has also taught at Columbia University, New York University, University of Michigan, Princeton University, and the University of Washington. He resides in Frostburg, Maryland, where he lives with his wife, writer Barbara Hurd.