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Joseph Brunetta

I graduated with a BBA in marketing management in 1966, and have been married to my wife, Caroline, for 54 years.

David Cepler

After graduation and two years in the U.S. Army, including one year in Vietnam, I spent 47 years with the IRS in New York City. I have been married for 36 years.

Eric J. Dietrich-Berryman

I was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1940, and immigrated unaccompanied on the German quota in 1957. I served as a Vietnam helicopter door gunner in the U.S. Army in 1963. In 1966 I graduated Hofstra with a BA in English. I also have an MA and PhD in English from the University of New Mexico. I am a retired commander, U.S. Navy, 1993, and retired special assistant for veterans service organizations, Gulf War illness investigation, Department of Defense, 1996. I was a senior staff officer, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, 2003. I am the author of two books (1995 and 2010) and numerous articles on maritime – mostly naval – history, and a memoir (2015). My wife of 37 years, Roberta, was in her Pentagon office separated and saved by a wall on 9/11 when terrorists crashed their hijacked airliner into the building. I have five grown children and three grandchildren. I backpacked twice across northern Spain to Santiago de Compostela, once with my youngest daughter and a second time with my wife. I was an archivist, J. Wm. Middendorf II Foundation (part time, 1987-2014). Additional activities include: Boards – Norfolk Sister Cities Association, Hampton Roads Naval Historical Foundation, World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads; Past commander, Hampton Roads Commandery, Naval Order of the US; Trustee/Advisor, World Ship Trust, London; Secretary, Former Allied Command Atlantic (NATO) Officers’ Association; Gardener; Member, Army and Navy Club of Washington, DC and Victory Services Club, London.
Douglas Drossman

In 1966 I graduated cum laude with a BA. After graduation I went to medical school at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and eventually ended up at the University of North Carolina in the departments of Medicine and Psychiatry. I had a wonderful academic career doing research, clinical care and teaching in the area of functional gastrointestinal disorders. My training was in gastroenterology and psychiatry (psychosomatic medicine) and I founded the UNC Center for Functional GI and Motility Disorders in the GI Division. I “retired” from UNC in 2011, though I still teach there and have an active private GI referral practice to help patients with these disorders. I also founded and am president of the Rome Foundation (www.theromefoundation.org), an international non-profit organization committed to helping patients with functional GI disorders by promoting research and education to scientists and clinicians. Over the years I’ve seen the importance of the patient-provider relationship and have set up programs where I teach communication skills and patient-centered care to my colleagues around the world. You can visit www.drossmancenter.com and www.drossmangastroenterology.com for more information. My wonderful wife of 46 years, Debbie, is an accomplished jeweler and sculptor and we have two sons, David and Daniel, and eight grandchildren! We live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and bemoan the recent loss of the UNC team at the NCAA finals this year. Those of you who remember my band, the Chalets, from the Hofstra days can hear our songs from back then on YouTube – go to “fabulouschalets” channel.

Anthony (Tony) M. Galgano, Jr.

In 1966 I graduated with a BBA, and I have been married to my wife, Wendy, for 30 years. Hofstra coming of age (being there at that time), great people and great administration; being part of and working for Hofstra at the new dorms and being there and part of The Carlin-Rudolph Scholarship Committee. Lots of great memories …

Arlene (Braunstein) Getelman

In 1966 I graduated with a BS in elementary education. I’ve lived and worked on Long Island all these years and cherish my memories of Hofstra.

Beth (Kleinman) Goldman

In 1966 I graduated with a BA in speech/drama. I began my teaching career at William Cullen Bryant High School in Astoria. Several years after receiving an MS in speech education from Queens College, I continued my teaching career at JP Taravella High School in Coral Springs, Florida. In addition to teaching speech, English, and drama, I taught/coached a nationally ranked debate and forensic team. I’ve been married to David Goldman ’65 for 44 years, we have two children and two grandchildren, and we recently moved to Boynton Beach, Florida, from Coral Springs. We are enjoying retirement.

Marcia Phyllis (Greenwald) Gordon

In 1966 I graduated with a BS in art education. I have been married to my husband, Steven, for 51 years and have lived happily in Boca Raton, Florida, for the past 21 years, close to our two daughters, son-in-law and four grandchildren. I’m very involved with our country club and I’ve served as woman’s golf chairwoman for the last seven years.
Bruce Allen Harris
I graduated in 1966 with a BA in history/political science. I went on to earn an MA from Seton Hall University, and I have been married to my wife, Lorraine, for 50 years. I am a retired Army colonel (30 years), as well as a retired VP & GM from Dynamics Research Corporation. I can be found on LinkedIn.

Leonard F. Konikow
In 1966 I graduated with a BA in geology. I also earned an MS in 1969 and a PhD in 1973 from Penn State University (Geosciences). I have been married to Phyllis (Levine) Konikow for 49 years, and I retired after a 42-year career with the U.S. Geological Survey, continuing to do research as an emeritus scientist. In 2015, I was elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering.

Anthony John Segesti
In 1966 I graduated with a BBA in industrial accounting, and I have been married to my wife, Gloria, for 17.5 years.

Richard L. Tax
I graduated in 1966 with a BA, and I have been married to my wife, Anne, for 48 years. After 45 years in medical practice in the Philadelphia area, we are moving to Manhattan for retirement. I am proud to say that I was the first student from Hofstra to be accepted to Cornell University Medical School.

David B. Waite
In 1966 I graduated with a BA in political science/history. I went on to earn an MA from American University and an MBA from Pace University. I have been married to my wife, Linda, for 47 years. I have had a successful business career, and I would like to thank the faculty and staff at Hofstra University for making it all possible.
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