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In the field of **Business / Finance**

David A. Rothberg, graduated from Amity Regional High School - 1972

David A. Rothberg, Chairman and C.E.O. of LATICRETE International, Inc., holds a M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School in Boston, Massachusetts.

David obtained his Bachelor of Science degrees in geology and chemistry from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He has also completed courses at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard Law School, and an advanced management program at the International Institute for Management Development (I.M.D.) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

David has been employed in the tile and stone installation industry since 1970, when he started in the laboratories of LATICRETE. Over the years, his responsibilities have included Research Scientist, Production Engineer, Technical Services Representative, and Vice President of Finance and Administration.

As CEO of LATICRETE, David travels extensively, supporting customers and company operations in over 65 countries.

When not working, he is an avid mountain climber and white water canoeist. His expedition travels have taken him from the highest points on five continents, to Antarctica.

David is a member of the World Presidents' Organization and has served on the boards of the Ceramic Tile Institute of America, and the International Council of the Ceramic Tile Distributors of America. He also serves as a Director of the Marlin Firearms Company.

David is a member of the Advisory Council of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), of Lander, WY., USA. NOLS is the leader in wilderness education.

John A. Shutkin, graduated from Amity Regional High School - 1967

John graduated with a B.A. cum laude from Harvard College in 1971 and earned his Juris Doctor from Columbia University school of Law in 1974.

Following graduation, John was a litigation associate with a New York law firm, and then moved to KPMG's US office in the Office of general Counsel, becoming Deputy General Counsel. A general counsel is essentially a lawyer for the other lawyers in a firm. Following service as General Counsel and Vice President of Kodak Polychrome Graphics, he returned to KPMG International as General Counsel. In 2004, John became the first General Counsel for Shearman & Sterling LLP, a global law firm.

Among John's current not-for-profit board memberships are the Partnership for After School Education (PASE), where he is on the Executive Committee; the National Center for Law and Economic Justice; Bank Street/Liberty Leads; Connecticut Appleseed; and the Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems, of which he is currently Chair. Previously, he served on the boards of the Bank Street College of Education, 1986-2002, where he was General Counsel, 1986-1989, and then served as Chairman of the Board, 1989-1996; The Spence School, 1996-2004, Secretary and Executive Committee, 2001-2004; the Correctional Association of New York, 1989-1997; the Mount Sinai Medical Center Research Review Committee, 1982-1986; and he has been active in the Legal Aid Society (where he co-chaired its Associates Campaign for two years) and various bar associations and their committees. Currently, he is a member of the Professional & Judicial Ethics Committee of The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, which issues opinions and provides counseling to lawyers on matters of legal ethics.

In the field of **Education**

Joseph A. DiMicco, graduated from Amity Regional High School - 1965

Joseph DiMicco graduated from Tufts University with a B.S. in biology and earned his Ph.D. with distinction in pharmacology from Georgetown University following a period in the US Army.

After he received his degree, Joseph was a staff fellow with the National Institutes of Mental Health before beginning his career at Indiana University. Today, Joseph serves as Chancellor's Professor of Pharmacology and Neurobiology at Indiana University School of Medicine. This title was created to recognize senior faculty with a career-long record of high level achievement in all three areas of faculty work: teaching, research/creative works, and civic engagement.

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Among his awards and honors are Carrie E. Wolff Award, American Heart Association, Indiana Affiliate, the Otis R. Bowen Award, Dean's Council, Indiana University School of Medicine, the Indiana University-Purdue University Teaching Excellence Recognition Award, and multiple Indiana University Trustees Teaching Awards.

Joseph has served as the Director of the Medical Pharmacology Course since 2001. During his tenure he has updated the curriculum and introduced new teaching methods, leading to the teaching awards.

Joseph is also a highly respected scientist on both a national and international level, having made seminal discoveries that have significantly impacted knowledge of how the brain modulates the body during stress.

In the field of **Fine / Performing Arts**

David H. Bell, graduated from Amity Regional High School - 1967

Following his graduation from Yankton College with a summa cum laude B.A. in theatre and an M.A. with honors from the University of Virginia, David Bell has consistently been involved in some of the most exciting and creative elements of theatre.

David's career has spanned a wide range of international and national projects, as director, choreographer and author.

David has served as Artistic Director of the historic Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C., Associate Director of the Alliance Theatre Company in Atlanta, and the Resident Director at Marriott's Lincolnshire Theatre in Chicago. He has worked extensively with the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. He has also directed and choreographed plays and theater productions both on and off Broadway in New York, not to mention on London's West End.

Among the highlights of David's extensive career are an impressive number of award nominations including a Laurence Olivier Award (London), ten Joseph Jefferson Awards in Chicago, a Helen Hayes Award in DC for Best Director, the LA Dramalogue Award Best Director, several awards in New York City, and three awards in Atlanta, two for director, one for choreographer. David also earned two National Endowment Playwriting Awards.

David is the award-winning author of *HOT MIKADO*, and the choreographer of *THE SPIRIT OF ATLANTA*, the 1992 Barcelona Olympic closing ceremonies.

David has directed and choreographed productions with such people as Jimmy Buffett and Herman Wouk.

Jamie Drake (James Drabkin), graduated from Amity Regional High School - 1975

It's important, as Jean Cocteau once said not to confuse seriousness with gravity. Jamie Drake, a New York-based designer, doesn't. Jamie is one of the country's most dynamic and distinctive interior designers of livable spaces.

While still in high school, Jamie worked for the state's leading contract design firm and during his undergraduate years at Parsons, The New School for Design, he held a student internship in the office of the late Angelo Donghia. After earning a Certificate in Environmental Design from Parsons and a B.F.A. from The New School for Social Research, Jamie launched his firm, Drake Design Associates, immediately after graduation in 1978.

Jamie's notable residential interiors include a Los Angeles showplace for Madonna and multiple projects for New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, including the recent renovation and restoration of Gracie Mansion and the redesign of various rooms at City Hall.

Jamie has designed rooms for several of the major show houses. His work has been widely published in the leading journals, including *Architectural Digest*, *French Architectural Digest*, *Elle Decor*, and *House Beautiful*, as well as *The New York Times*, *House & Garden*, *Newsday*, *Interior Design*, and *The New York Post*. Jamie also has appeared on Bloomberg TV, CNN's *Style with Elsa Klensch*, and HGTV. He also has presented lectures on a range of design topics at major conferences and shows.

Chief among Jamie's professional awards was his 2003 induction into the Interior Design Hall of Fame—Interior Design magazine's venerable acknowledgement of great achievement in the field, the IFDA New York Circle of Excellence for interior design, and the Andrew Martin International Interior Designer of the year. He also received the 2000 D & D Designers of Distinction Award and a recent Partnership for the Homeless Director's Award. In addition, he has served three times as a judge for the Sub-Zero National Kitchen Design Competition. He is an active member of the New York Chapter of ASID, for which he served as vice president.

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In the field of **Government / Public Service**

Joshua W. Benson, graduated from Amity Regional High School - 1994

Joshua Benson graduated from New York University cum laude, with a major in Metropolitan Studies. He is the Director of the Bicycle Program for the New York City Department of Transportation. He is currently overseeing New York City's 3-year, 200-mile on-street bicycle network expansion, the most aggressive and innovative such build-out in City history. Under his leadership, the program was recently honored with a "Bicycle Friendly Community" designation by the League of American Bicyclists. New York is the only community in the region to have earned this award.

Joshua was the Deputy Director of the Bicycle Program from 2000 to 2004 and has worked in his present role since 2006. In the intervening years, Joshua received a Masters degree in Urban Planning from Columbia University. While studying, he worked at Columbia's Urban Technical Assistance project where he collaborated with other students on a planning analysis for an affordable housing project being developed in Central Harlem. Joshua also worked for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), where he oversaw an initiative in the Communications Department make information about NYCHA programs more accessible via the City's website.

Martha (Marti) Maschmeier Rosenberg, graduated from Amity Regional High School - 1968

Marti Maschmeier Rosenberg earned a B.A. in political science with honors from the University of Pennsylvania and later received a M.B.A. from Vanderbilt.

Marti was one of the founders of the Young Leaders Council and served as its first director. She also worked at the Tennessee State Museum and Meharry Medical College. Marti served as Executive Director of the OUR KIDS Center which provides services to children who may have experienced sexual abuse. In her thirteen years with OUR KIDS, Marti oversaw significant growth in services and staff, and coordinated both the \$2 million capital campaign for a new facility and simultaneously the construction of the new center. Marti received the Paragon Award for Sustainer Service in 2006 from the Junior League of Nashville and was a nominee for the Athena Award

In 2006 Marti started her new business "Smooth Transitions," which offers a variety of services including household downsizing, move coordination, and estate dispersal.

Marti volunteers as Chairman of the Resource Council for the Nashville Children's Theatre, where she was formerly Chair of the Board of Trustees, and for the Talking Library, where she is best known as the voice of all the Harry Potter books. She is active in the Junior League of Nashville and was selected for the first class of Leadership Nashville when she was just 26. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Eagle's Nest Foundation. Marti also finds time for reading, swimming, and working with a patent attorney and product design company crafting inventions.

In the field of **Health / Medical**

Mark A. Marieb, M.D., graduated from Amity Regional High School - 1977

Dr. Mark Marieb earned a combined B.A. / M.D. at Boston University. During his undergraduate years he was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa and graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Medical Sciences. He graduated from Boston University School of Medicine, magna cum laude, in 1984.

During his junior year in medical school, he was elected into the prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha Honors Medical Society. Mark received the Dean Eleanor Tyler Memorial Award and Internal Medicine Award from Boston University School of Medicine in 1984. He received several awards, including the Samuel D. Kushlan Award, for Intern and then Resident contributing most to patient care at Yale-New Haven Hospital, 1984, 1985-1986. He was then chosen to be Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at Yale from 1987-1988.

After completing one year of Cardiology Fellowship at the University of Virginia, he returned to Yale, where he completed his training in Cardiology and in Cardiac Electrophysiology (cardiac arrhythmias.)

He subsequently has been in private practice in cardiac electrophysiology at the Arrhythmia Center of Connecticut in New Haven since 1991. Affiliated with The Hospital of St. Raphael, Yale-New Haven Hospital and Griffin Hospital, Mark implants pacemakers and defibrillators and performs catheter ablations. Mark is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease and Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology. He is currently a member of The American Medical Association, The American Heart Association, The American College of Physicians, the Heart Rhythm Society and The New

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Haven County Medical Association. He is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology.

In the field of **Science / Technology**

Richard Treffers, PhD., graduated from Amity Regional High School - 1965

Richard graduated with an A.B. from Yale University in 1969 with departmental honors in physics and a PhD. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1965.

Richard is an astronomer/engineer at the University of California at Berkeley and has worked to perfect the robotic telescope which discovered the supernova, 1999em. He works with astronomers world-wide. While at his first job at the Lunar Lab of the University of Arizona in Tuscan, Richard and his colleagues made the discovery of Molecular hydrogen in space, which was long hypothesized, but elusive. He worked briefly at NASA Ames, and then received a post as engineer at U.C. Berkeley helping faculty develop astronomical instrumentation. Since 2003, Richard has been involved in the design and construction of a small astronomical observatory that is part science and part art and education in Sonoma. Recently, Richard has finished the automation of a 1.2 meter telescope at Kitt Peak National Observatory. This RCT telescope is operated by a consortium of universities.

Among many of his distinguished publications include: Detection of Molecular Hydrogen Quadruple Emission in the Orion Nebula, published in the *Astrophysical Journal*, 15, July 1976, vol. 207; A Single Etalon Fabry-Perot Spectrometer for Observations of Nebulae at Visible and Infrared Wavelengths, *Astronomical Society of the Pacific*, April-May 1981, vol.93; A Rooftop Radio Observatory - An undergraduate telescope system at the University of California at Berkeley-*American Journal of Physics*, Sept. 1998, vol.66.

Currently, Richard is selling these robotic telescopes in his newly-found entrepreneurial endeavors.