

AMITY HALL OF HONOR 2012

Business and Finance

JOSEPH RICHARD PEPE, class of 1968. Joseph grew up in the town of Woodbridge and while at Amity Regional High School, he played quarterback on the football team and was a member of the track team. After graduating, Joe continued his football career at Milford Academy. After one year at Milford Academy, Joe enrolled at Southern Connecticut State University where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1972.

Joe began his professional career as a Physical Education and Health teacher at St. Michael's in Derby, CT. In 1975, he transitioned from the teaching profession to follow his passion for health and fitness and took a job as a personal trainer at the European Health Spa in Hamden, CT. Joe quickly moved up the ranks in the organization to sales consultant, assistant manager, and then general manager.

Joe left the European Health Spa in 1980 to open his first Women's Weight Loss Center. The operation quickly expanded to 12 locations throughout Connecticut. In 1982, he opened his first Women's fitness center, which eventually grew to three locations throughout Connecticut. In 1983, Joe opened his first tanning center, known as Tropical Suntan Centers, which grew to five locations.

Joe's passion was always in the fitness industry, keeping Connecticut active and promoting a healthy lifestyle. In 1986 he opened Gold's Gym in Norwalk, CT and then opened a location in Milford. In 2003, Joe converted his gyms to Planet Fitness, and as of today, Joe is the principal owner of 15 Planet Fitness gyms in Connecticut and seven Planet Fitnesses in North Carolina.

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ANTHONY P. SCILLIA, class of 1975, graduated from the University of New Haven with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. Anthony is the Partner-In-Charge of the New England Region and is a member of the Firm's Executive and Management Committees. He has more than 30 years of experience in public practice, including spending more than 25 years working in international accounting and consulting firms. He has extensive experience serving a wide variety of construction companies. His in-depth background includes expert witness testimony for construction claim litigation, arbitration and mediation.

A frequent speaker on construction-related topics, Mr. Scillia presents to members of professional and industry organizations and their related conferences. He serves as a technical reviewer for the AICPA's *Accounting Guide – Construction Contractors*.

Anthony is an active member in the community with professional and civic affiliations. Among the many affiliations are: American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Construction Industry Program Conference Committee; The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA); *Journal of Construction Accounting and Taxation*, Board of Advisors and Contributors; Associated General Contractor of Connecticut, Inc., Treasurer of the

Board of Directors; Quinnipiac University, Instructor; University of New Haven, Board of Governors, Chairman of the Audit Committee, Instructor; Connecticut Association for the Performing Arts, Inc., Treasurer of the Board of Directors; Shubert Performing Arts Center, Inc., Chairman of the Board of Directors; Saint Raphael's Foundation, Inc., Trustee; Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center, Inc., Treasurer of the Board of Directors; Clifford Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc., Treasurer of the Board of Directors; Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors; The John B. Pierce Laboratory, Chairman of the Board.

Anthony has written numerous articles which have been featured in *New Haven Business Times* and *Journal of Construction Accounting and Taxation*.

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ALBERT SUBBLOIE, class of 1978, earned a degree in Economics from Trinity College with honors. In 2000, Al founded Tangoe, Inc. As the president and CEO of Tangoe, Inc., he has provided the vision and leadership that has grown Tangoe into the global leader in Communications Lifecycle Management, providing solutions that help organizations of all sizes manage their traditional and mobile communications. Tangoe has grown to 13 operation centers around the globe, employing more than 1000 people, managing more than \$16 billion in annual communications spending for 1225 corporations. An early innovator in telecom expense management solutions, Al leverages Tangoe's capabilities to greatly enable the growing mobility of enterprise workers.

After beginning his career at Anderson Consulting, Al co-founded Information Management Associates (IMA) in 1984. As CEO for more than 10 years, Al was among the first to develop and market call center voice and data solutions for integrated sales, marketing, and customer service activities. Al guided the growth of IMA to more than \$50 million in global sales, including a successful IPO. An innovator in the field of reverse Internet auctions, in 1997, Al co-founded Buyersedge.com, and is credited with a key patent for reverse auction theory, the leading Internet paradigm in most shopping sites today. He also founded Freefire, an eCRM customer interaction software company supporting email response, chat, and remote telephony.

Al is an active board member, using his experience to help organizations in the private and nonprofit sectors. Al has served on the board for Acsis, Inc., and currently serves on the board of Operative, Inc.. He has served on the board of the Connecticut Technology Council and presently serves as a board member for the New Haven chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Together with this Tangoe family, Al has worked towards raising more than \$45,000 for the JDRF over the last three years.

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DAVID V. RING, class of 1982, graduated from Providence College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance. David currently occupies two positions at First Niagara Financial

Group. He is the New England Regional President, leading the company's team of 1000 bankers across Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York's Lower Hudson Valley. He is also the Head of Enterprise Banking and has corporate-wide responsibility in all markets where the bank operates for managing and directing all Commercial lending, SBA lending, Treasury Services and Community Development activities. In addition, he holds corporate governance roles serving on the bank's operating, asset liability, strategy, and senior loan committees.

Ring joins First Niagara from Wells Fargo (Wachovia), where he served for 15 years, most recently as Senior Vice President responsible for commercial banking across Connecticut and Upstate New York. Prior to this position, from 2005 through 2009, Ring directed Wachovia's Wholesale Banking Division with responsibility for leading all its government, business banking and commercial banking teams in markets from New England through Virginia. From 1996 to 2005, he served in corporate and investment banking roles of increasing responsibility, focused primarily on Northeast, Mid-West and Mid-Atlantic markets. Prior to joining Wachovia in 1996, Ring was a commercial banker with National Westminster Bank and People's United Bank.

Dave is an active member of the community, serving on a number of boards of not-for-profit organizations in human services, the arts, education and business. He has earned the prestigious David Rockefeller Fellow designation from the Partnership for New York City, is a graduate of the Leadership Westchester program and is a recipient of The American Red Cross Exceptional Volunteer Award presented by its then President, Elizabeth Dole. Currently, he is the founder of the American Heart Association "Red Tie Healthy Heart" Society in conjunction with the Go Red for Women national campaign, and holds board positions on the Regional Leadership Council, The United Way, Connecticut Business & Industry Council, The Shubert Theatre, and Arts Westchester.

Education

BRIAN N. LIZOTTE, class of 1996. Brian is Assistant Provost for the Humanities at Yale University, where he oversees the 25 Humanities departments and programs of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, the Whitney Humanities Center, the Center for Language Study, and all foreign language instruction at the University. As a Provost, he is responsible for creating and implementing academic policy, allocating resources and setting budgets, hiring and reviewing all faculty in his units, and developing major University initiatives. Upon his appointment he was the youngest Provost in Yale's history.

Brian earned a J.D. from Yale Law School, an Ed.M. from Boston University, and B.A. and M.S. degrees in Psychology from Yale College, where he won Yale's Alpheus Henry Snow Prize, the highest prize awarded by the University, given for "inspiring in his classmates an admiration and love for the best traditions of high scholarship."

Brian previously worked as an attorney in Yale's Office of the Vice President and General Counsel, and at Bingham McCutchen, LLP in Hartford, Connecticut, specializing in contracts, corporate and bankruptcy law. He has also taught mathematics and psychology at the Groton School in Massachusetts.

Brian has published in the fields of law and economics. He is a Trustee of Greens Farms Academy, a K-12, independent day school in Westport, Connecticut. He previously was a Director of the Animal Haven, a shelter and adoption agency serving Greater New Haven.