

2016
Distinguished Philanthropists
Stephen and Elizabeth Upton



The St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation proudly announces the selection of Stephen and Elizabeth Upton of St. Joseph as the 2016 recipients of its Distinguished Philanthropist Award. This prestigious award was established in 2014 by the Foundation Board to honor an individual, family, association or foundation with a proven record of providing major, on-going financial support and leadership to the SJPS Foundation.

Stephen, a lifelong St. Joseph resident, attended St. Joseph High School his freshman through junior years and graduated in 1943 from Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Massachusetts. After graduation, he served his country in the U.S. Infantry (European Theater) for 2½ years and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He returned to Michigan and began his studies at the University of Michigan, graduating with a degree in business in 1949.

Elizabeth, whom Stephen knew growing up, graduated from Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, Illinois in 1947. She, too, attended the University of Michigan, graduating in 1951 with a Bachelors of Education. Her interest in education led her to participate in many childhood development and adoption-related workshops.

While at Michigan, as Steve puts it, "Cupid's arrow struck." They have been married 65 years and have 5 grown children, Fred, Charley, Mike, Liz and Jefferson, and many grandchildren.

Through the years, they have been extremely involved in the Twin Cities giving generously of their time and talents. Steve, who led the Frederick S. Upton



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Foundation for 55 years, is proud of its continual contribution to the area schools and organizations. Elizabeth, in addition to raising their 5 children, also took in foster children. She says, "I love being a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and foster mother. Guiding our biological children through the process of accepting and including foster children into our home/family was a heart-warming accomplishment." The Uptons opened their home to 15 foster children over a period of 8 years.

A strong belief in excellent education for children led them to contributing to the SJPS Foundation. Though they have funded many valuable projects and experiences for St. Joe students, they believe that the Planetarium project at Upton Middle School is perhaps the most rewarding of their endeavors because children and adults of all ages have benefited by the facility and can continue to do so for years to come.

Asked to comment on their philosophy of life that they would like to share to SJ students, Steve and Elizabeth stated, "We believe that one key to success in life is found in education, which also includes learning from life's hard knocks. We learn from our mistakes. We also believe strongly in the give-back principle. Whirlpool started with 3-4 people. Today it employs nearly 90,000 individuals worldwide. We believe in using that success to reinvest in the lives of the people here in our communities. So, succeed in life and use your success to give back to others."



Distinguished Alumni
ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of its prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award, which honors St. Joseph High School alumni who have excelled in their professions and/or made significant contributions to their community.

PAST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENTS

2012:

- William Gillespie (class of 1942)
- Dr. Verne R. Schneider (class of 1959)
- R.L. "Van" VanAntwerp LTG (Ret) (class of 1968)

2013:

- Robert L. Gerbel (class of 1953)
- James Menchinger (class of 1958)
- Jay Schadler (class of 1970)

2014:

- Edward I. Schalon (class of 1938)
- Vice Admiral David M. Bennett (class of 1952)
- Mary Liskey Goff (class of 1959)
- Donna J. Tinberg (class of 1974)

2015:

- Melvyn D. Remus (class of 1950)
- Richard E. Dyer (class of 1976)
- Michael D. Swanson (class of 1987)



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The award was established by the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation to honor alumni who have excelled in their profession and/or made significant contributions to their community. A Foundation committee, headed by Bill Benner, selected the recipients from the public-nominated candidates based on the following criteria:

- 1) Graduate of St. Joseph Public Schools for ten or more years
- 2) Demonstrates a high level of achievement in his/her category and has made significant contributions
- 3) Exhibits inspirational leadership, character and service.

The Foundation's 2016 Distinguished Alumni are Carol Bartz Stockman, Class of 1945 and John Anzalone, Class of 1982. The honorees will be recognized at a special ceremony on June 5th and also at high school commencement.

This is the fifth year of an annual award that recognizes SJHS graduates. Those wishing to nominate a worthy individual for the 2017 award may obtain information from the Foundation's website www.stjosephpublicschoolsfoundation.org or call Sue Riemland at 926-3252.



**Carol Bartz Stockman
Class of 1945**

After attending the University of Michigan for a year, Carol Bartz Stockman married her SJHS sweetheart, Allen, in 1946. In addition to raising a family and helping to run the family farm, she became involved in her church, politics and community activities. In 1984 she was elected Berrien County Treasurer and served in that capacity for 12 years. During this time, in addition to political duties, she served on the Blossomland United Way Board for 8 years and was its president in 1986. She was also instrumental in spearheading a campaign to acquire a permanent building for the Benton Harbor Street Ministry.

Carol served on the State of Michigan Higher Education Facilities Committee for 10 years and the Association of County Treasurers Legislative Committee for 12 years. After retirement, Carol has continued to be very active in the community. She is very involved in the Scottdale United Methodist Church and the Berrien County Association of Churches. She was a founding organizer of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, serving as its first president for 6 years. Most notably, in 2015 she helped form

the Coalition to Fight Against Prescription Drug & Heroin Abuse and is deeply committed to its cause after experiencing the loss of her beloved grandson.

Carol was selected as the recipient of the Margaret B. Upton Volunteer of the Year Leadership award in 1995. She has also received the Berrien County Association of Churches Outstanding Christian Award, the Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Award, the Portrait of Success Award - Twin Cities Business & Professional Women and was the first recipient of the Church Women United Valiant Woman Award. Recently, Carol was named 2016 Berrien County Friend of Public Health for the work she has done to raise community awareness and initiate action regarding prescription drug and heroin abuse.

Carol and her late husband Allen, are the parents of five grown children, David, Linda, Steven, Dan and Gary. She lives in St. Joseph.



**John Anzalone
Class of 1982**

John Anzalone has over twenty-five years of polling experience helping candidates, associations, and corporations with message development and strategic planning. John has built a nationally acclaimed firm, Anzalone Liszt Grove Research that helped elect President Barack Obama twice, U.S. Senators and dozens of congressmen, as well as big city mayors throughout the country. His firm has offices in Montgomery, Alabama, New York, Washington D.C. and Lanai, Hawaii. The Washington Post called Anzalone one of the "hottest" pollsters in the nation.

John is currently one of the main pollsters and strategic consultants for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. Prior to his polling career, Anzalone was a campaign operative who worked for democratic strategists James Carville and Paul Begala in U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg's 1988 campaign. He began his political career as an aide to David Wilhelm (who later became Democratic National Convention Chairman) at Citizens for Tax Justice and the AFL-CIO, and then went on to manage campaigns in five states.

John grew up in St. Joseph. After graduating from SJHS in 1982, he graduated from Kalamazoo College with a dual degree in Political Science and Economics. John is married to Wendy, and they reside in Montgomery with their four children, Tade, Grayson, Jack & Lily Anzalone.

Anzalone, 52, said he owes his success to St. Joseph Public Schools.

"I'm honored and grateful to everyone who was a teacher and a mentor for me from E.P Clarke (Elementary) to St. Joe High," he said. "St. Joseph schools gave me a great opportunity. I was lucky enough to be in a great town with great schools. All my success goes back to St. Joseph."