
PROGRAM

Bravado Lowell High School Concert Band

ENTRANCE OF HONOREES

Raymond Riddick, Sr.	Class of 1935
Robert Gervais	Class of 1950
Kerry Ahern Diamantopoulos	Class of 1988
Marty Tighe	Class of 1991
Tahina Montoya	Class of 2004

Posting of Colors	LHS Air Force Jr. ROTC Honor Guard
National Anthem	Lowell High School A Cappella Choir
Master of Ceremonies	James W. Moriarty, Chair Distinguished Alumni
History of Lowell High School	Colleen Creegan Television Studio Staff
Opening Remarks	Michael Fiato Head of School
Introduction of Inductees	James Moriarty
Student Introductions	Michael Fiato
Student Presenters	Cameron Durkin Vaal Thawhngmung Ayla Pacheco Aiden Milinazzo Dana Yousef
Closing Remarks	James W. Moriarty

KERRY AHERN DIAMANTOPOULOS

CLASS OF 1988

Judge Kerry Ahern is the First Justice of the Essex Juvenile Court. She was appointed to the Juvenile Court in 2014.

Prior to her appointment, she was an Assistant District Attorney in the Middlesex District Attorney's Office for fourteen years, where she served in various roles including Director of the District Courts and Deputy Chief of the Superior Court Team, Lowell Region. Upon leaving the District Attorney's Office, she represented juveniles in delinquency and youthful offender matters and represented children and parents in CRA and care and protection cases.

Kerry graduated from both the University of Lowell (now UMass Lowell) and New England School of Law, magna cum laude. She lives in Lowell with her husband, Paul and their two children, Drew and Lily.



ROBERT V. GERVAIS

CLASS OF 1950

Robert V. Gervais was born and raised in Lowell during the depression. Son of the late John and Margaret Gervais, he is one of seven children. Bob attended Lowell Public Schools and learned the importance of family, communication, and hard work at an early age after his father's passing when he was still young.

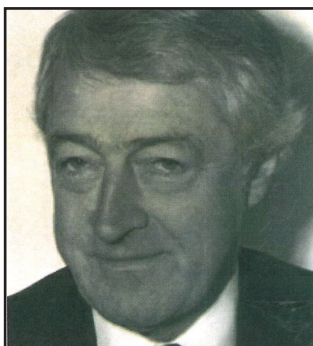
Bob's automotive career dates back to 1958, where he was employed by Chicago based, Maremont, for seven years, alongside his brother Jack. In 1961, the opportunity to purchase a car dealership in Ayer, MA surfaced and Bob and his brothers, Jack, Phil, Steve and David, opened their first dealership.

In the 1980's Bob ventured into commercial real estate including renovating the Old Colonial Gas Headquarters (which is known today as the Buick Building across the street from the Lowell Memorial Auditorium) and the Shawprint building, both of which house office and commercial space. Presently these businesses employ approximately 120 people from throughout the Greater Lowell region.

A true community businessman and philanthropist, Bob knew his businesses could only be as strong as the community he loves. Throughout his career, Bob was involved in various organizations and institutions including the City Development Board, St. John's Hospital board, Salvation Army Radiothon and the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell.

Over the past sixty years and throughout changing times, several things have remained the same. Bob is a quiet and humble man who stays well informed, always reading with a thirst of knowledge and information. He has an eye for trends before they develop and has always treated every employee/acquaintance exactly how he would want to be treated.

Bob and his wife, Ann (Reilly) Gervais, still reside in the City and have three children (Peter, Sally and Richard) and seven grandchildren. Bob is a true Lowell who loves to see the City of Lowell thrive.



TAHINA L. MONTOYA

CLASS OF 2004

Tahina L. Montoya is a political appointee for the Biden-Harris Administration where she serves as a Strategic Advisor at the Department of Veteran Affairs. Prior to her recent appointment, Tahina served as a political appointee in the Department of Defense. A 2004 graduate of Lowell High School, Tahina was the first Latina to graduate from the Latin Lyceum program, was a four-year JROTC cadet, a member of Mock Trial and captain of the swim, gymnastics, and crew teams.

In 2008, Tahina received her commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force through the ROTC program at Norwich University. That same year, she established the Montoya Family Scholarship which, over the past 15 years, has sponsored approximately 70 cadets to attend National Drill Competitions and helped offset the cost for college textbooks for graduating seniors in the Lowell High School JROTC Program. Since 2008, Tahina has held a variety of assignments in United States and overseas including deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

Tahina holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Norwich University, Masters Degrees from the American Military University and the National Intelligence University, and is a doctoral candidate at Georgetown University. She also serves as an Adjunct Professor at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs. In her military capacity, Tahina is currently a Major in the Air Force Reserves where she serves as a Political/Military Analyst at the Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA) Americas Transnational Threat Center (ATTC) where she also serves as a Gender Advisor.

Tahina has received several awards which include the 2022 Distinguished Service Award (Fortaleza Inc.), the 2022 Global Citizen of the Year (Global Freedom Group Inc), 2023 Women Veteran Trailblazers (Center for Women Veterans) and 2023 Top 30 Rising Latinos (Latino Professionals). Tahina lives in Washington DC with her spouse, Navy Commander Eduardo, and their children, Leandro and Luciano. She is most thankful for the unwavering support of her husband, her parents (Elkin and Darnery Montoya) and her brother (Marcelo Montoya, LHS Class of 2012). Her favorite title is Mom.



RAYMOND E. RIDDICK, SR.

CLASS OF 1935

Raymond E. Riddick, Sr.'s name though synonymous with athletic excellence, was much more than a storied sports figure. He was also an exceptional community leader and a source of inspiration to young people. Excelling in his football, track and baseball throughout his high school career, Riddick accepted a football scholarship to Fordham University. One of six children raised in a blue-collar family, this scholarship afforded Ray the opportunity to attend college. Knowing sports could help youth of all backgrounds go to college, Riddick spend his life helping young athletes achieve this goal – all of which he was eternally grateful for.

Riddick's success in the record books and his impact in throughout the community was great. Ray spoke to numerous Greater Lowell organizations including Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions clubs. He dedicated his time off to inspire the young and old alike and to ignite Lowellians and beyond. Lowell meant so much to him and his sense of giving back and community pride cannot be disputed. Ray's ongoing commitment to the community was also evident in the many boards, organizations and community events that he was a part of. He headed charity programs for the Cancer Society, served on the board of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell (included as President of the Board), founded the Lowell High Booster Club (now Friends of Lowell High) and was instrumental in the inception of the professional football team the Lowell Giants.

Raymond E. Riddick is a true distinguished alumnus of Lowell High School. His impact was seen as helped so many young people achieve and exceed their goals and dreams. He brought joy, pride and success to a city when it needed it most. He galvanized and gave back to any organization that needed help. Ray chose to stay in the city he loved, Lowell. Coach Riddick's untimely death at 58 was a great loss. However, his legacy still continues to this day awarding an annual scholarship to Lowell High School seniors. The Raymond E. Riddick Scholarship Fund was established in 1976. This Fund has admirably given, over the past 46 years, more than \$300,000 in scholarships to over 250 worthy Lowell High School students. Ray was married to Marjorie (Haynes) Riddick and they had three children (Betty, Marjorie and Raymond Jr.) and 7 grandchildren. Ray Riddick bore his losses with grace, his victories with dignity and his many accomplishments with humbleness.



MARTY TIGHE

CLASS OF 1991

Marty Tighe is a proud graduate of Lowell High School, Class of 91', where he served as class secretary and was a standout football player. Upon graduation he continued his academic and athletic journey at Trinity College, graduating in 95'. A key member of the undefeated 93' football team, he earned preseason All-American honors.

Professionally, he's dedicated 21 years to Celgene/Bristol Myers Squibb, achieving Manager of the Year 2022. Beyond his career, Marty's commitment to community shines through his role as president and coach for Lowell Junior High Athletics (a free league for children in middle school) since 2010, and his board membership at the Greater Lowell Boys & Girls Club since 2018 where he is actively involved in helping to raise funds for the Believe and Become campaign for a new building.

Marty continues to reside in Lowell with his, Jennifer, and their four children, two of whom are proud graduates of Lowell High School.



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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

2004



George Behrakis



Jack Kerouac



Donna Lavigne McCallum



Elkin McCallum



Paul Tsongas

2005



Brendan D. Leahey



James F. Conway



Joseph G. McCarthy



Elinor Lipman



Ted Leonsis

2006



Benjamin F. Butler



Homer Bourgeois



Gerald Chertavian



Thomas F. Sexton



Herbert J. Zarkin

2007



Teresa Garland Lew



F. Bradford Morse



Rosalind Elias



George Duncan



Kendall M. Wallace

2008



William H. Sullivan, Jr.



Janet Lambert Moore



Deborah Hopkinson



Martin T. Meehan



Luis Pedroso

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

2009



Charles H. Allen



Mary E. O'Brien



Gilbert Campbell



Robert Lekites



Edward L. McMahon

2010



Tom Hayes



Patrick Tighe



Arnold Trebach



George Simonian



Helen Sawyer Hogg

2011



William H. O'Connell



John Stack



George N. Tsapatsaris



Robert J. Goldberg



Patti Fleming Quigley

2012



Milton Bradley



George F. McLean



Roger M. Boisjoly



William J. Samaras



Timothy M. Sweeney

2013



Frank Goldman



Mary Agnes Hallaren



Arthur C. Anton



James S. Herscot



George Michael Ward, Jr.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

2014



Michael J. Kuenzler



Robert J. Kilmartin



Mariiyn Swartz-Lloyd



John J. Lardner



James F. Linnehan

2015



James F. Sullivan



Joseph P. Donahue



Robert A. Lemire



Hazel Ann Roper

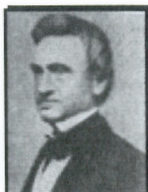


James F. Conway III

2016



Solon A. Perkins



James C. Ayer



Philip L. Shea



Roger J. Landry



Heena P. Santry

2017



Esther M. Wilkins



Gerald R. Wallace



Brian J. Martin



Brian L. Chapman



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2018



Helen Mangan Brooks



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Peter W. Stamas



Brendan V. McAdams



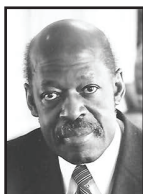
James J. Campbell

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

2019



Wyman Trull



Benjamin Lambert



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2021



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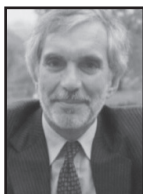


Stephen Conant

2022



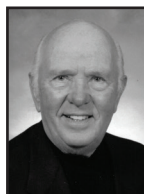
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“There are a large number of dedicated people and students who help make the Distinguished Alumni a success year after year and words cannot express our deep appreciation for all their efforts.”

– 2023 Board of Directors

Student Presenters

Cameron Durkin, National Honor Society, Captain of the Varsity Football Team.

Vaal Thawhngmung, President of the Senior Class, National Honor Society, Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team.

Ayla Pacheco, National Honor Society, Captain of the Varsity Crew Team, Student Council and Pep Club Member.

Aidan Milinazzo, Captain of the Varsity Football and a member of the Varsity Track and Field Team.

Cadet Colonel Dana Yousef, MA-771 JROTC, Wing Commander, a member of the Chess Club and Student Advisor to the Random Acts of Kindness.
