



## Shelton High School Hall of Fame 2022

Five individuals from the Shelton High School community, ranging from legendary teachers to amazing athletes and impactful community members, will be inducted into the school's 2022 Hall of Fame.

The Shelton High School Hall of Fame was established in 2017 as a way to recognize and honor in a permanent manner those who have excelled in their dedication to the community of Shelton High School and those who have made outstanding contributions both at Shelton High School and in the world which reflect positively upon Shelton High School.

Shelton High School Hall of Fame committee chairperson Karen Devonshuk announced the latest members to be inducted. The SHS Hall of Fame Class of 2022 inductees are Henry "Jay" Decho, John Niski, Tom Oko, Frank Pisacane, and Bob Zuraw.

An induction banquet will be held at the Stone Barn Restaurant in Monroe on Sunday, November 6, 2022.

Henry "Jay" Decho taught history at Shelton High School for 20 years and would have spent more years doing what he loved, inspiring young minds, should he not have passed away so soon. Outside of the classroom, Jay was a longtime and active member of the Boy Scouts of America as a volunteer and counselor, and as an educator for the general public.

John Niski began his teaching career at Shelton Intermediate School and eventually became the Athletic Director for Shelton Public Schools. John was named the CIAC Unified Sports Michaels Cup Athletic Director of the Year in 2020. John and a group of visionary teachers started the Gaelhawks robotics program at SHS. The program has evolved into a nationally recognized program. John exudes passion in everything he does including his current position with CIAC unified sports.

Tom Oko is a proud graduate of Shelton High School. He is one of three 2-time All-State football players in the mid-1980s. Tommy continued his academic and football career at the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Finance. In college, Tommy played in the Ivy League All-Star football game in Japan.

Frank Pisacane is a 1956 graduate of Shelton High School and established himself as a leader both in the classroom and on the athletic field. He was president of his class and a three-year starting guard on the Gaels football team and an All-State selection. Frank was awarded a full four-year scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania and was selected to the All-Ivy academic team.

Robert Zuraw is a 1965 graduate of Shelton High School. While in school he was active in the Key Club, Spanish Club, Student Council, and yearbook, and played basketball for four years. Bob continued his education at Ithaca College, graduating with a degree in business administration. He enlisted in the Army Reserves serving from 1969 - 1975. Bob was one of the founders of the Paul Pecylak Memorial Basketball Committee, which he has served as president from 1975 to the present.

A dinner and induction ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at the Stone Barn restaurant in Monroe, CT beginning at 1:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 by contacting the main office at Shelton High School by calling 203-922-3004 x1503 or emailing

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