

## Pleasant Valley Hall of Fame Biographical Information 2019 – 2020

### *Our 1<sup>st</sup> Inductee to the 2020 Pleasant Valley Hall of Fame*

#### **Mr. Geoffrey Roche**

Geoffrey is a 2004 graduate of Pleasant Valley High School and went on to receive his Bachelors of Arts degree from Moravian College in Political Science. He then attended East Stroudsburg University where he obtained his Masters of Public Administration. Prior to Geoffrey being named Executive Director of Strategic Healthcare Initiatives at Harrisburg University, he served 9 years as Director of Public and Government Affairs at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Pocono. While at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Pocono he partnered with Pleasant Valley High School doing guest speaking to help prevent students from making destructive decisions, bringing healthcare professionals into the classroom, and helping different student activities fundraise.



#### **Honors Received**

While at Pleasant Valley Geoffrey was President of the Junior Statesman Chapter for 4 years. He was also on the debate team and participated in FBLA, Key Club, and Marching Band. While at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Pocono Geoffrey developed and implemented the most comprehensive community engagement program. He served on the Strategic Leadership and Project Team for the new cancer center and outpatient healthcare. Geoffrey also led development for the first ever hospital and university collaboration between Lehigh Valley Hospital-Pocono and East Stroudsburg University. He also developed a business plan resulting in the successful acquisition of West End Ambulance and all of its EMT's and Paramedics.

Geoffrey received the Moravian College Emerging Leader award, Lehigh Valley Business and Pocono Record "Forty under 40" award exemplifying dynamic leadership, and was named the 2013 Rural Health Fellow by the National Rural Health Association.

Geoffrey resides in Annville PA with his wife Rebecca and his 2 children.

**Congratulations to Mr. Geoffrey Roche!**

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#### **Mr. John Gesiskie**

John graduated from Western Wayne High School and then attended East Stroudsburg University where he received his degree in Health and Physical Education and Driver Education. At East Stroudsburg University John was a 3 year division I volleyball player. He then went on to receive a Master's Degree in Sports Management from East Stroudsburg University and a Masters in Educational Technology from Wilkes University. John started his teaching and coaching career at Brandywine Heights in Topton PA and has been teaching and coaching at Pleasant Valley for the last 26 years. In that time John has achieved numerous accomplishments.



## Honors Received

John coached the Club Pocono Volleyball team for 15 years where they won 3 regional championships and numerous regular season tournament championships, but it's at Pleasant Valley High School where John made his mark. He was the Lehigh Valley All Star Team coach 5 different times and coached the District XI all-star match in 2002. He's produced 30 athletes that went on the play at the collegiate level. His teams have won 9 Mountain Valley Conference championships and 5 Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Mountain Division Championships. John has produced 9 Mountain Valley Conference MVPs. He's coached numerous all-conference players, 2 all-state players and has had over 20 trips to the District XI playoffs. John has coached 8 players selected as Channel 13 Female Athletes of the week and 1 Channel 13 All Fall Athlete of the Year. His teams have also earned the District XI / PIAA Sportsmanship award 3 different times. He is only 3 wins shy of 500 amassing 497 in his 26 years at the helm. John coached Pleasant Valley players in the Keystone Games several times winning 1 gold, 3 silvers, and having 1 MVP of the tournament. John was selected at the Times News Volleyball Coach of the Year in 1995. Recently John was also inducted into the Wayne Area Sports Hall of Fame for his playing, coaching success, and collegiate officiating.

John has volunteered his time in the community with organizations such as Special Olympics, Brookmont Health Center, Big Brother and Big Sister, and Relay for Life. He has been a part of many organizations in the Pleasant Valley School District such as the All Sports Club for 20 years; Lead the Way Committee, Spirit Committee, Safe team, PBS Committee, and PERT Team.

John resides in Effort PA with his wife Kathleen, and has 3 daughters whom are all Pleasant Valley graduates...Nicole class of 2003, Jamie class of 2005, and Jackie class of 2007. **Congratulations to John Gesiskie!**

## *Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Inductee to the 2020 Pleasant Valley Hall of Fame*

### 2002-2003 Lady Bears Basketball Team

The 2002-2003 Lady Bears basketball team earned numerous honors. They continue to have the best school record in school history at 27-3. They were the Allentown Christmas Tournament champions, Mountain Valley Conference champions, and District XI AAAA champions. They also earned the first state win in school history for the girls' basketball program.

Dave Stefani served as the Head coach and he was assisted by Bob Doughton, Buck Myers, Tom Lusto, and Gina Orłowski. The members of the 2002-2003 Lady Bears basketball team in no particular order include Christine Rebori- Smith, Kelly Rebori- Pitt, Lindsey Smith- Rich, Allison Garcia, Sarah Lusto, Steph Magalhaes-Shirhall, Kim Bacia-Johnson, Anndrea Yetter, Jamie Bremen, Brittany Hanley-Raak, Jess Brown, Lindsay Rundle- Dale, Sarah Kresge- Adams, Kristy Borger- Bower, Rachel Chamas, and Alesha Sisco.

**Congratulations to the 2002-2003 Lady Bears basketball team and their coaches!**

