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## **Pittsburgh Allderdice Hall of Fame Set to Induct Alumni Powerhouse**

PITTSBURGH October 17, 2011 – Pittsburgh Allderdice graduates live by the theme of “Know Something, Do Something, Be Something,” and being something is a great way to describe this year’s inductees into the school’s Hall of Fame. On Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> the school will induct an award winning film director, a journalist, a superior court judge, a former principal, a star NFL running back, and a former mayor of Pittsburgh as part of its 3<sup>rd</sup> Class of Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees Ceremony. The public is invited to the ceremony beginning at 7:00 p.m. and taking place in the school’s auditorium, located at 2409 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15217. Please RSVP to (412) 422-4846. Please see inductees to this year’s class listed below.



**The Honorable Judith Bartnoff, Associate Judge, Superior Court, Class of 1967** -Judith Bartnoff was nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the Senate as a judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1994. She has handled complex civil and domestic relations cases, as well as criminal, domestic violence, and child abuse and neglect cases. Judge Bartnoff implemented an alternative dispute resolution program for divorce and custody cases and was instrumental in creating a program for psychologists to serve as parent coordinators to assist families in addressing the needs of children in custody disputes. She has been a member of the District of Columbia Child Support Guideline Commission and the District of Columbia Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board. She also is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.



**Sharon Epperson, CNBC Senior Commodities Correspondent & Personal Finance Correspondent, Class of 1986** - An award-winning journalist and author, Sharon Epperson is a highly respected expert on economic and financial issues that are top of minds of investors and consumers around the world.

She covers the global energy, precious metals and commodities markets daily from the floor of the New York Mercantile Exchange for CNBC and CNBC.com and contributes special reports on personal finance for the global business network.

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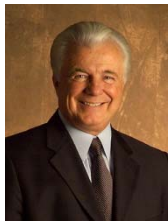
Sharon is also a regular contributor on NBC's *Today* and appears frequently on *NBC Nightly News*, MSNBC and NBC affiliates nationwide. She has written for *USA WEEKEND*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, *Self*, *Essence*, *Ebony* and *Time*, where she covered business, culture, social issues and health prior to joining CNBC.

Her first book, *The Big Payoff: 8 Steps Couples Can Take To Make The Most Of Their Money—And Live Richly Ever After* (HarperCollins), was a finalist for the 2008 Books For A Better Life Awards, honoring works that have "changed the lives of millions." She also was a contributing writer in the book, *The Experts' Guide To Doing Things Faster* (Random House).



**William A.G. Fisher, Former Principal, Pittsburgh Allderdice, 1971-1991** -William A. G. Fisher, now retired and 87 years old is enjoying life with his wife, Dorothy Davis-Fisher, retired librarian from Westinghouse High School. During his 36 years in the Pittsburgh School System, he happily served 20 of these years as Principal of Allderdice High School. Prior to becoming principal of Allderdice in 1971, he taught history, consumer education, and Latin at Fifth Ave High School (1955-66); he was appointed Associate Director of Compensatory Education (1966-68); vice-principal of Westinghouse High School (1968-69); and back to Fifth Ave High School as principal (1969-1971).

As a classroom teacher, he was honored in 1964 as one of ten teachers in Pittsburgh Public School System to be awarded the prestigious Edgar Stern Award for Superior Teacher. In 1965 he was bestowed the Valley Forge Classroom Teacher Award. During these years he pioneered the Negro History Course in the Pittsburgh Public Schools and on KDKA Television.



**Robert O'Connor, City of Pittsburgh Mayor, Class of 1962** -Robert E. O'Connor (Bob) was born in Greenfield and was a longtime resident of Squirrel Hill. O'Connor graduated from Pittsburgh's Taylor Allderdice High School, worked briefly as a steelworker, and then entered the restaurant business. He eventually became executive vice-president of the Pappan chain of restaurants in the Pittsburgh area. He and his wife, Judy Levine O'Connor, had one daughter, Heidy Garth, and two sons, Corey and Terrence.

During his brief tenure, O'Connor started the "Redd Up Pittsburgh" campaign and strongly emphasized the positives of the city. Each month, from November 2006 to November 2007, local volunteer organization Pittsburgh Cares hosted a "Redd Up Pittsburgh" day in a different neighborhood to honor him. On November 17, 2006, the O'Connor family was presented with Pittsburgh Cares the Hall of Fame Shining Lights Award for the former mayor's "Redd Up Pittsburgh" initiative. He was the first to receive this award.

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**Robert Marshall, Award Winning Film Director, Class of 1978** -Rob Marshall's films have been honored with a total of 23 Academy Award nominations - winning 9, including Best Picture. His most recent film, "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" starring Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz, has grossed over one billion dollars at the worldwide box office becoming the "8th Highest Grossing Picture in History." He is currently developing "The Thin Man" starring Johnny Depp.

Marshall's film "Nine" was nominated for four Academy Awards, five Golden Globes and 10 Critics Choice Awards. His previous directorial efforts include the Academy Award-winning films "Chicago" and "Memoirs of a Geisha." For his work on "Chicago," winner of six Oscars including Best Picture, Marshall received the Directors Guild Award, an Oscar nomination, a Golden Globe Award nomination, a BAFTA nomination, The National Board of Review Award and the New York Film Critics Online Award, both for best directorial debut, as well as the American Choreography Award. His epic film "Memoirs of a Geisha" was the winner of three Oscars, three BAFTA Awards and a Golden Globe.



**Curtis James Martin, Jr., National Football League Running Back, Class of 1991**-Curtis Martin began his career in the NFL with the New England Patriots, immediately impacting the league by earning the esteemed honor of Rookie of the Year in 1995. He played with the Patriots for three years before joining the New York Jets for the remainder of his 12-year career. During his illustrious career, Martin was a reliable, consistent workhorse who made 5 Pro Bowl appearances and was one of only two players to rush for over 1000 yards in his first 10 years. Years beyond the accolades of his rookie year, Martin became the oldest player to win a rushing title at 31 and retired as the 4th leading NFL rusher of all-time.

He founded the Curtis Martin Job' Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides assistance to causes near to his heart. As the foundation's sole financial supporter, Martin began by allotting 12 to 15 percent of every paycheck he received during his 12 year NFL career to fund the foundation's endeavors and currently gives no less than 20 percent of his current earnings. Through his foundation, Martin continuously provides both financial and hands-on support to single mothers, children's charities, individuals with disabilities and low income housing providers, to name a few. His foundation has provided financial support to Surgicorps International, a team of experienced surgeons that performs medical procedures to individuals in developing countries free of charge, partnered with the Bloomberg administration to decrease homelessness in NYC and funded scholarships for under privileged children.

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