

Class of 2019 Inductees

Rebecca Bender, PhD, (2001)



Dr. Rebecca Bender, a 2001 graduate of Warrior Run High School, is the daughter of James and Teresa Bender. Rebecca grew up in the McEwensville/Watsontown area with her eight brothers and sisters.

Rebecca excelled academically at Warrior Run High School and also participated in numerous club activities and athletic programs. While in high school, Rebecca was a member of the Spanish Club, the French Club, Tri-Hi-Y, the Art Photo Club, and the Varsity Club. In addition, she was a member of the Lady Defender basketball team and softball team. After high school, Rebecca attended Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 2005 Summa Cum Laude with a BS degree in Secondary Education and Teaching/Spanish. Continuing her education at The University of New Mexico, Rebecca earned an MA in Spanish Language and Literature, graduating with distinction in 2007. In 2013, Rebecca earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish Language and Literature from The Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Bender has taught in a number of university settings as a graduate teaching assistant and supervisor at the University of New Mexico, as a visiting instructor in Spanish at Bloomsburg University, as an assistant professor of Spanish at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, and as a visiting assistant professor of Spanish at Kansas State University. Since 2016, Rebecca is an assistant professor of Spanish at Kansas State University. She teaches intermediate and advanced Spanish language and literature courses as well as numerous other elective and graduate Spanish courses in the Department of Modern Languages. She is also an affiliate faculty member of the Department of Women's Studies.

Dr. Rebecca Bender has numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals and book chapters in various publications. She has chaired or moderated events at conferences and also gives campus or departmental talks on various Spanish topics. Her current book project examines the representation of maternity and motherhood in the fiction and essays of the Spanish writers Carmen de Burgos, Margarita Nelken, and Federica Montseny during the early 20th century.

Rebecca is married to Ryan Sampsell, and they live in Manhattan, Kansas with their two dogs, Tina and Lucy.

Defender Proud!

Scott Harrison (1969)



Scott Harrison, a 1969 graduate of Warrior Run High School, was the son of the late Edwin and Rachel Harrison. He grew up in Watsontown with his sister, Betty June. Scott married his high school sweetheart, Mary Everitt, and they have four children, Michael, Brian, Matthew, and Jill. Scott died of heart complications in December, 2005.

At Warrior Run, Scott was active in the student council, the Pep Club, the high school basketball and baseball teams. Scott also served as his class president. After high school, Scott attended the Williamsport Area Community College, which is now Pennsylvania College of Technology, and then the Williamsport School of Commerce. He studied general studies and business at WACC and at WSC. After graduation, Scott was employed for 23 years at the International Paper Company in Lewisburg until it closed. He also assisted Michael P. Weaver Auctioneering for 25 years as well in a variety of capacities. In the last three years of his life, Scott worked at Lonza, Inc. in Williamsport, PA.

Scott Harrison is remembered for his dedication for over 35 years to the Warrior Run community and for his service to the various organizations to which he belonged as well as to the Warrior Run School District. Scott was an active member of local fire departments, initially with the Allenwood Fire Company, then with the West Branch Company, and finally with the Warrior Run Area Fire Department. He served as president and treasurer of these groups as well as volunteering at the annual carnivals and the community fundraisers for the groups. Scott could always be counted on to lead work crews and do whatever needed to be done to make the event a success.

Likewise, Scott took an active role in his children's lives in the Warrior Run School District. He was president of the Watsontown Elementary School PTO, coached Little League baseball teams and midget football teams when his children were younger. As the children began middle and high school, Scott worked on committees with the Warrior Run Athletic Association, the WR Choir Parents, and the WR girls' basketball and field hockey programs. In these organizations, Scott was always available to build sets for the musicals, work in the concession stands, chaperone school trips, and attend all events in which his children participated. In addition, Scott served on the Warrior Run School Board with dedication to improving the district for all students.



Barbara Romano (1979)



Barbara Bogart Romano, a 1979 graduate of Warrior Run High School, has been named to the 2019 Hall of Fame class. In high school she was active in chorus, student council, Pep Club, and Tri-Hi-Y. In addition, she participated in Concert Band, Marching Band, and Jazz Band.

On the advice of her mentor Barbara Dodson, business teacher at Warrior Run High School, Romano went to Bloomsburg University earning a B.S. in Computer and Information Science. Her first jobs included scientific programming, database administrator, and database manager for various companies. Beginning in 1991 she held multiple positions with more responsibility. At CNH Global she had global logistics responsibilities for company locations in the U.S., U.K., and Europe.

From 2001-2008 Barbara worked at QVC where she led the development and implementation of a \$1.5 million project for a custom-developed workforce management self-service application. In 2008 until 2010, she became an executive at Fenner Precision with locations in the U.S., U.K., and Asia. Then in 2010 Barbara became the principal consultant for WGROUP providing services to Fortune 500 Companies.

Barbara became the president and CEO of Bogart Advisors, LLC on 2014 to present. Her company is providing strategy project management and execution services to mid-market companies. In 2015 until the present, she also became the director of the office of the CIO in South Jersey Industries. This industry provides natural gas to more than 681,000 customers in New Jersey and Maryland.

Barbara has remained involved at Bloomsburg University where she is President of the Bloomsburg University Alumni Association Board of Directors and has been since 2014. She is also on the Bloomsburg University College of Science and Technology Advisory Board. She established a virtual endowment scholarship that helps women attain careers in STEM fields.

Barbara is married to Jeff Romano. She has two daughters: Kristen and Elyse. Her parents are Lou Ann and Dale Sheets.

Defender Proud!

Glenn Smith II (2003)



Glenn Smith II, of Warrior Run High School, has been named to the 2019 Hall of Fame class. While at Warrior Run, Smith was a four-year starting quarterback for the Defenders setting many school records including career passing yards (5,426) and career touchdowns (42). A four-year member of the Warrior Run Concert Choir and Show Choir, Smith had leading roles in three musicals.

Following high school he went to Lycoming College where he was a two-year starting quarterback and earned Lycoming College's Most Outstanding Male Athlete in 2007. He received his B.A. from Lycoming College in 2007 and his MBA in 2013 from Liberty University.

Fundraising and Development in the Susquehanna Valley and at Lycoming have been Smith's focus. He is responsible for the creation of Raise the Region, North Central PA's largest online fundraiser for local nonprofits. In the first two years of the event, Glenn served as the project lead. Under his leadership, Raise the Region supported hundreds of area nonprofits and raised over \$2 million dollars in those first two years. In his three years with the Community Foundation, Glenn was responsible for over \$4 million raised for children's education, scholarships, library and reading services, and more.

Glenn's leadership as Director of Athletic Development and Warrior Club and as Assistant Director of Athletics has increased the support for student athletes. The Lycoming Warrior Club program went from raising \$60,000 annually to \$250,000 annually in four years. In addition Glenn created Lycoming's corporate sponsor program and raised \$350,000 in support of capital athletic projects.

In the community Glenn has served on the Board of Directors of HOPE Enterprises since 2015, and in 2018 he was elected to the position of Chairman of the Board for the HOPE Enterprises Foundation. He also served on the board for Faith Wesleyan Church. Glenn volunteers with Play of Faith Ministries at Lycoming College since 2007. He often volunteers as a ministry leader with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Glenn is married to Megan Smith, and they have three children: Jackson, Carly, and Glenn III. He is the son of Cathy and Glenn Smith.

