



**RIDGEWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**RHSAA OVERVIEW
&
DUFFIELD STEAM INITIATIVE**

MAY 10, 2021

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RHSAA PRESENTERS

BILL MCCABE



- RHS 1989
- RHSAA President

TARA AUGUSTINE



- RHS 1990
- RHSAA Past President

RHSAA FORMATION

- Spearheaded by Dr. Thomas Gorman, Superintendent (RHS '87)
- Recognized the strong affinity so many generations of alumni have for RHS
- Endeavored to take prep school or college-like approach to its alumni
- RHSAA formed as 501(c)(3) in 2014



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Foster a *Tradition of Excellence* at RHS
- Facilitate an active / dynamic alumni network
- Encourage participation in alumni programs
- Strengthen connections between alumni and the RHS community
- Enhance the existing student experience

SELECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reunion Weekend
- Distinguished Alumni Society
- Honoring Students
 - Senior Banner Program
- Career Network
 - RHS Alumni Externship Program (RAX)
 - Alumni Career Speaker Series
- Financial Gifts

REUNION WEEKEND

Annual event open to all classes celebrating a milestone reunion

October 8 – 10, 2021

- Friday, October 8
 - RHS Football game
 - Festivities in downtown
- Saturday, October 9
 - Morning – Tented front lawn party, band, student-led tours of RHS
 - Afternoon – Willie Geist (RHS '93) interviewing coaches of the 1991 State Champs
 - Evening – Alumni celebrate with their respective classes
- Sunday, October 10
 - Yoga with Jim Stroker (RHS '70) on the RHS Stadium Field



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SOCIETY



SENIOR BANNERS

- **436** Maroon & White Banners
- **36** Volunteers
- **4** Locations
- **1** Message of Support



RAX – 55 CONFIRMED SESSIONS

300+ STUDENTS PARTICIPATING



Infectious Diseases
Ph.D.

[Gregory Babunovic](#)
(RHS '11)

Session Date: June 2,
2:00 - 3:15 PM EST



NYC Health +
Hospitals

[Michael Bouton, MD](#)
(RHS '01)

Session Date: June 4,
10:00 - 11:15 AM EST



United States Army
Engineer + NYU MBA

[Daniel Buteksny](#) (RHS
'11)

Session Date: June 4,
8:00 - 9:15 AM EST



Law: Tax Policy &
Corporate M&A

[John Broadbent](#) (RHS
'10)

Session Date: May 26,
10:00 - 11:15 AM EST



Air Force Research Lab
(Propulsion Engineer)

[Sam Calello III](#) (RHS
'15)

Session Date: May 18,
10:00 - 11:15 AM EST



NBC Universal (Media
+ Entertainment)

[Cathy Campo](#) (RHS '15)

Session Date: May 22,
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM
EST



New York Rangers
(Social Media)

[Taryn Carroll](#) (RHS
Class of '13)

Session Date: May 20,
10:00 - 11:15 AM EST



Entrepreneurship &
Business Startup

[Allison De Meulder](#)
(RHS Parent '21)

Session Date: May 19,
8:00 - 9:15 AM EST



Price Waterhouse
Cooper

(Financial Accounting)

[Claire Dennis](#) (RHS '11)

Session Date: June 4,
3:00 - 4:00 PM EST



Weber Shandwick
(Public Relations)

[Amy Ebenstein](#) (RHS
'97)

Session Date: June 3, 4
-5:15 PM EST



Myriad Asset
Management (Hong
Kong)

[Jeremy Edelberg](#) (RHS
'10)

Session Date: May 17,
6:45 - 8:00 PM EST

Booz | Allen | Hamilton

Booz, Allen, Hamilton
(U.S. Government
Consulting)

[Kevin Fitzmaurice](#) (RHS
'07)

Session Date: May 18,
1:00 - 2:15 PM EST

ALUMNI CAREER SPEAKER SERIES

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RHS ALUMNI CAREER LECTURE SERIES
VIRTUAL



JAMIE CARIDDI
RHS Class of '95
Chief Administrative Officer | Wells Fargo Securities

Join us on Zoom as RHS Economics Teacher and RHS '97 graduate Tim Monahan interviews Jamie Cariddi, Chief Administrative Officer for Wells Fargo Securities and RHS '95 grad. Jamie will discuss her career in investment banking and how her time at RHS prepared her for Wall Street.



Interviewer:
TIM MONAHAN
RHS Class of '97
RHS Economics Teacher

The entire RHS Community is invited to join this interesting career conversation.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020
7:30 PM (EST) ON ZOOM

Questions?
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DR. AJAY KIRTANE
RHS Class of '90
• Professor of Pediatrics at Columbia University Irving Medical Center
• Pastoring International Cardiology, Resuscitation, and Education
• Chief Academic Officer and Center for International Research Training at Columbia University Medical Center
• Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at St. Prothasius Hospital (Columbia)

Join us on Zoom as RHS Economics Teacher and RHS '97 graduate Tim Monahan interviews Dr. Ajay Kirtane, RHS '90 grad. Dr. Kirtane will discuss his career in medicine and the ways in which RHS prepared him for the medical profession.



Interviewer:
TIM MONAHAN
RHS Class of '97
RHS Economics Teacher



Host:
BILL MCCABE
RHS Class of '99
RHSAA President

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TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021
7:30 – 8:30 PM (EST) ON ZOOM

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MICHAEL AARON FLICKER
RHS Class of '91
President and Founder | Xenopsi

Join us on Zoom as RHS Economics Teacher and RHS '97 graduate Tim Monahan interviews Michael Aaron Flicker, President and Founder of Xenopsi and RHS '91 grad.

Michael Aaron will discuss life as President of the company he founded over 30 years ago as a freshman at RHS!



Interviewer:
TIM MONAHAN
RHS Class of '97
RHS Economics Teacher

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021
7:30 – 8:30 PM (EST) ON ZOOM

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JOHN ELTON
RHS Class of '91
Partner | Greycroft Partners

Join us on Zoom as RHS Economics Teacher and RHS '97 graduate Tim Monahan interviews John Elton, partner at Greycroft Partners and RHS Grad '91.

John will discuss his role as a Venture Capitalist and how RHS set the foundation for his career in business.



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RHS Class of '97
RHS Economics Teacher



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BILL MCCABE
RHS Class of '99
RHSAA President

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TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021
7:30 – 8:30 PM (EST) ON ZOOM

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FINANCIAL GIFTS

- RHSAA has gifted or facilitated over \$1 million to RHS since our inception in 2014
- Tonight we announce the **largest single gift in Ridgewood Public School** history
- \$635,000 by our esteemed alumnus Dave Duffield (RHS '58)
- The Duffield STEAM Initiative encompasses significant projects:
 - **The Innovation & Makerspace Lab** will be upgraded and expanded with the latest technology and equipment
 - **The Media Lab** will now have a new Digital TV Studio
 - **The Culinary Arts Lab** will undergo modernization with new cooking stations and commercial grade work tables, appliances and equipment

DAVE DUFFIELD, RHS '58

- Tech entrepreneur who helped shape the software industry and founder of innovative companies including Workday, Peoplesoft and Ridgeline
- His companies are lauded for their focus on core values and strong people-based cultures
- Mr. Duffield is also an active father of 10, husband and philanthropist
- While at RHS:
 - Won school's highest honor in math
 - Achieved perfect math SAT score
 - Co-captain of baseball team where he earned All State Honors and threw the first no-hitter in RHS history
- Gift inspired by his parents Albert and Mary



DAVID DUFFIELD
"The mind's the standard of the man."



THANK YOU

- The entire RHSAA Board
- Previous RHSAA Trustees
- Prior RHSAA Executive Officers
- Current RHSAA Executive Officers



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