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### **THE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF TAYLOR ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL'S HALL OF FAME**

*Immigration and human rights advocate, global business leader, thoracic surgery pioneer, criminal justice reformer, and local EMS physician leader are the 2025 honorees who will be celebrated on April 10, 2025.*

Pittsburgh, PA, March 13, 2025 – On April 10, 2025, Allderdice High School will recognize distinguished alumni whose diverse accomplishments have enriched our world. This year, alumni Mary Beth Kaufman (1988), Rich Lesser (1980), Mark B. Orringer (1960), Jonathan A. Rapping (1984), and Ronald Roth (1974) will join the Allderdice Hall of Fame.

- **Mary Beth Kaufman, JD (1988)**, an expert in immigration law, is Owner and Principal Attorney of the Law Offices of Stanton & Kaufman. She has advocated for human rights in the US and abroad for more than 30 years, including working with the UN Verification Mission's "Truth Commission" in Guatemala and leading initiatives to assure representation to detained asylum seekers in Northern California.
- **Rich Lesser, MBA (1980)**, CEO of Boston Consulting Group (BCG) from 2013-2021, during which BCG's revenue grew 3-fold, is Global Chair of BCG and Chief Advisor to the World Economic Forum's Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders. He has served previously on the Board of Directors for the US Business Roundtable and was appointed by two US Presidents to senior advisory boards on business policy and international trade.
- **Mark B. Orringer, MD (1960)**, a thoracic surgery pioneer and leader who developed operations to improve outcomes for esophageal cancer and severe reflux disease, is Professor Emeritus of Thoracic Surgery at the University of Michigan. A dedicated educator, he helped to develop a national thoracic surgery curriculum and implemented innovative tools in residency training.
- **Jonathan A. Rapping, JD, MPA (1984)**, a criminal justice expert and recipient of the MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Grant, is the Director of the Criminal Justice Certificate Program at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School and co-founder of Gideon's Promise. This nonprofit organization aims to transform the criminal justice system by training, mentoring, and providing leadership development to public defenders.
- **Ronald Roth, MD (1974)**, an expert in prehospital care, was among the first US emergency physicians certified in the subspecialty of emergency medical services (EMS) and is Professor Emeritus of Emergency Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He was Medical Director of Pittsburgh Public Safety for 21 years, during which out of hospital cardiac arrest survival rates increased from 3% to 15%.

The Hall of Fame ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 pm in the Allderdice auditorium. The event is free and open to the public; no reservations are required.

Taylor Allderdice High School, also referred to as "Pittsburgh Allderdice," is a public high school located in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, PA. The school opened in 1927 and is named for industrialist and Squirrel Hill resident Taylor Allderdice, who was a member of the city's first school board and president of the National Tube Company, which was a subsidiary of the U.S. Steel Corporation.

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