



PAUL J. CALIENDO
COMMUNITY INDUCTEE

Paul J. Caliendo is a graduate of Shore Regional High School in West Long Branch, and a graduate of Monmouth University where he received his BA and MAT and graduated Cum Laude. Prior to entering the field of education he was a professional touring musician who performed throughout the northeastern and central United States with the band Waterfront.

Paul began teaching in Point Pleasant Borough in 1982 as the 6th grade band director at Memorial Middle School. In 1991, he became the high school band director, and in 2007, he became the fifth-grade band director at Nellie F. Bennett and Ocean Road Elementary schools, where he currently teaches.

Under his direction at the high school, his bands performed for many community parades and civic functions. His groups were always very proud to represent Point Pleasant Borough when they performed at the annual Ocean County Police Memorial Service. His bands also traveled and performed in Disney World as well as Busch Gardens in Virginia Beach and Williamsburg. His concert bands won numerous First Place Awards for performances at these venues. His groups attained Superior ratings at National Band Association Concert Festivals at The College of New Jersey. His bands also played for many World Series games at Yankee Stadium and marched in 3 consecutive Ticker Tape Parades in New York City. In the marching arena he

initiated the Competition Band program at the high school in 1992 and his marching groups won United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA) State Titles as well as 5 USSBA Grand Championships. In addition to musical direction, Paul coached the Memorial School Track team for 6 years, winning the Ocean County Intermediate Track Championship in 1991. In 2003 he was awarded the Lifetime Leadership Award by the Point Pleasant Borough Chamber of Commerce.

Paul is an active local musician and a private instrumental music teacher. He plays in high school and community theater pit orchestras and in the summer he plays with the Toms River Municipal Band. He is a Gold Member of the American Federation of Musicians Local 399. He also performs as an actor in local community theater. Paul lives in Point Pleasant with his wife, Rosemary, who teaches in Eatontown, and his two children. His daughter, Katharine, is currently completing the final year of her master's studies in Classical Horn at Rice University, in Houston, and just recently won the position of fourth horn in the San Antonio Symphony. His son, John, is a senior in the high school and recently earned the position of second chair tuba in the New Jersey All-State Wind Ensemble. He will perform the role of Tevya in the upcoming Spring musical "Fiddler on the Roof".

Paul feels very proud and privileged to be able to spend his teaching career in Point Pleasant. It makes him very happy to know that many of his students have been selected as members of All Shore Intermediate and High School Bands, Region III Honors Ensembles, and All State and All Eastern Wind Ensembles and Symphonic Bands. Additionally many of his former students have gone on to become music teachers themselves.

Paul thanks the people of Point Pleasant for giving him the opportunity to serve them and their children and he thanks the Foundation for Excellence for the honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame.