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**Ursuline High School To Present Distinguished Alumni Awards**

The Feast of Saint Ursula Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 A.M. in the school gymnasium. The twenty-fourth annual Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented at the liturgy. Each year, this award is given to graduates of Ursuline High School who have distinguished themselves by dedicated service to our school and to the community at large. This year's recipients are Dr. Janet E. Del Bene ('57) and Scott R. Schulick ('90).

Past award recipients include: Bishop James W. Malone (deceased), Attorney John McNally III, Mrs. Mary Irene Hoffman (deceased), Mr. Joseph Nohra, Sister Jerome Corcoran, Mr. William G. Lyden, Jr. (deceased), Mrs. Mary Ellen Cushwa Wolsonovich (deceased), Father Kenneth Miller, Mr. Alex Simon, Miss Paulette Petrosky (deceased), Mrs. Sara McClurkin Kennedy, Mr. Thomas J. Carney, Joy DiLoreto Brunner, Daniel E. Gallagher, Shirley LaCivita Phillips, Donald E. Foley, Sr. (deceased), Judy Rochford Wexler, Daniel P. O'Horo, John J. Ridel, Mary Kay Buckley D'Isa, Dick Barrett, Sister Alice Marie Morley OSU(deceased), Monsignor John P. Ashton, Cynthia Ryan Reardon, Jim Beil, Sister Nancy Dawson OSU, Pat Storey Kane, Thomas Stabi, Marilou LaCivita Stroney, Dr. Thomas Shipka, Helen Lamb Lafferty, Fr. Frank Lehnerd, Sister Virginia McDermott OSU (deceased), M. Richard Varley, Jeanne McLaughlin Foley, Atty. Vincent Gilmartin (deceased), Maureen Collins, Father Tim O'Neill, Dorothy Ferrell Durina, Thomas P. Metzinger, Mary Moran Krygowski, George Banks, Margene Flannery Chambers, Msgr. John Zuraw, Kathleen Cunningham Conlan and Dr. Edward Novosel ('65).

Dr. Janet E. Del Bene entered Ursuline from St. Rose Elementary School in Girard. She graduated from Ursuline High School in 1957. While at Ursuline, Dr. Del Bene was a member of the National Forensic League, the French Club, Auxilium Latinum, and the National Honor Society. She was named an Honorable Mention Merit Scholar and received a district level award from the Junior Academy of Science. Dr. Del Bene received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1963 and her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965 – both Summa Cum Laude –from Youngstown State University. In 1968, Dr. DelBene was awarded her PH.D. from the University of Cincinnati. She continued her studies through a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Wisconsin with Dr. John Harriman from 1968-1969. In 1969, Dr. DelBene was an NIH Postdoctoral Fellow at the Mellon Institute with Dr. John A. Pople who was awarded the

Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1998. From 1970 to 1999, Dr. Del Bene was a Professor of Chemistry at Youngstown State University and from 1977–1999 she was a Research Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Dr. Del Bene is currently Professor Emerita of Chemistry at Youngstown State University. During her career as a researcher and university professor, Dr. DelBene spent sabbaticals with Dr. Pople at the Mellon Institute from 1980-1981; with Dr. P.M.W.McGill and Professor A.D. Buckingham at Cambridge University in England from 1996-1997; and with Dr. Rodney J. Bartlett, at the University of Florida from 1996-1997. Dr. DelBene was an Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at the University of Florida from 1999 – 2005; a Visiting Professor of Chemistry at the University of Sydney, Australia in 1999, 2000, and 2004; and a BBVA Foundation Visiting Fellow at the University of Madrid in 2002. Dr. Del Bene has been a consultant for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, a member of the NSF Review Panel, a member of the Clinical Research Committee of St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center, and a consultant to the Laboratory of Chemical Physics at the National Institutes of Health. She is a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sigma Xi, and Iota Sigma Pi. Dr. Del Bene's research has resulted in the publication of 241 major scientific papers all in refereed scientific journals, and she has presented papers or lectured at symposiums and conferences worldwide and at major universities such as SUNY Buffalo, the Ohio State University, the University of Madrid, and Case Western Reserve University to name just a few. Dr. Del Bene continues to do research, review articles by her colleagues, and publish the results of her own research. Dr. Del Bene has used her God-given talents and her training to make a difference in the world. She organized and chaired chemistry symposia, wrote the by-laws for the American Chemical Society Division of Computers in Chemistry, and served as an external examiner for the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Institutes of Health. She was one of the original members of the Statewide Users Group of the Ohio Supercomputer Center, chaired that organization, and remained a member until a few years after her retirement from YSU. She has been involved with the Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine (recently renamed Northeastern Ohio Medical University) from its beginnings. She wrote the first handbook for the physical chemistry section of the Molecular Biochemistry course and served the medical school on the direct entry admissions committee and the appeals committee. In 2007, Dr. Del Bene established the Father Michael Chonko - Dr. Janet E. Del Bene Chemistry Award as her contribution to the Ursuline Centennial Capital Campaign. Father Michael Chonko was Dr. Del Bene's chemistry teacher when she was a student at Ursuline in the late 1950s. The Chonko-DelBene Award is annually given at the Awards Ceremony to an Ursuline junior who has demonstrated outstanding work in Chemistry I and is registered for AP Chemistry. Dr. DelBene has recently been named to the newly formed Ursuline Board of Directors. Dr. DelBene is an active member of St. Rose Parish, where she serves as a lector. She is in her second term as a member of Parish Council, and for the past three years has served as its Chair.

Scott Schulick is the son of Robert and Joanne Schulick. He is a graduate of St. Brendan School and a 1990 graduate of Ursuline High School. During his years at Ursuline, Scott was involved in a plethora of activities: National Honor Society, Student Council, the yearbook and literary magazine staffs, top salesman of the annual Ursuline calendar sale (for 4 years), and he ended his career at UHS by playing the role of Sky Masterson in Ursuline's production of *Guys and Dolls*. Sister Regina and Mrs. Fleming viewed him as an adjunct member of the Administrative team. Following his graduation from Ursuline, Scott attended Youngstown State

University receiving his bachelors' degree in Business Administration in 1994 and his MBA in Finance in 1996. While at YSU, Scott was the President of Student Council and was appointed as a student trustee by then Governor George Voinovich. Following his graduation from YSU, Scott joined Butler Wick & Company as a Financial Advisor. In September 2010, Scott was named Vice-President, Senior Trust Investment Officer and Treasurer for Farmers Trust Company, formerly Butler Wick Trust Company. In addition to his executive duties at Farmers Trust, Scott is an adjunct faculty member of Walsh University in North Canton and a part-time faculty member at Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration. Scott's commitment to and involvement with the local community is legendary. He is a member of the Board of Trustees for Youngstown State University, the Board of Directors of Humility of Mary Health Partners, the Board of Directors and Past Chair of Wick Neighbors Inc., the Board of Directors of Youngstown Cityscape, the Board of Trustees for the Ursuline Center, a past member of the Ursuline Alumni Board of Trustees, and a member of the newly established Board of Directors of Ursuline High School. Scott has received numerous awards recognizing his leadership and his work on behalf of local institutions. He received the Distinguished Leadership Award in 2008 from Leadership Mahoning Valley, was chosen as the Ursuline High School Commencement Speaker in 2008, was recognized as one of five MVPs in 2005 by the "40 under 40" Awards Program, and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Williamson College of Business. Scott is a member and past president of Rotary Club of Youngstown, a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus - Immaculata Council, and an Associate of the Ursuline Sisters; he is a member of the YSU Alumni Society, the Mahoning Valley Young Professionals, and YSU's Penguin Club. Scott is an active member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish where he serves as a lector and a member of the parish's Finance Council. Scott's devotion to Ursuline has never wavered. He has been a member of the Ursuline *Alumni Quarterly* committee, is a class representative for Ursuline's Annual Appeal, is a member of the Auction committee, heads the reunion committee for the class of 1990, was a member of both the Centennial Planning Committee and the Centennial Capital Campaign Committee, co-wrote Ursuline's centennial history book, and in spite of his hectic schedule, Scott can be found rooting for the Irish at every football game, attending countless Ursuline alumni events, and publicly touting Ursuline's superiority at every opportunity.

All of us at Ursuline are proud of the accomplishments of Dr. Janet E. DelBene and Scott Schilick, and we enthusiastically welcome them as the 2011 Distinguished Alumni of the Year.