



Who's Who



Talent, hard work, Yankee ingenuity: what does it take to be a success?

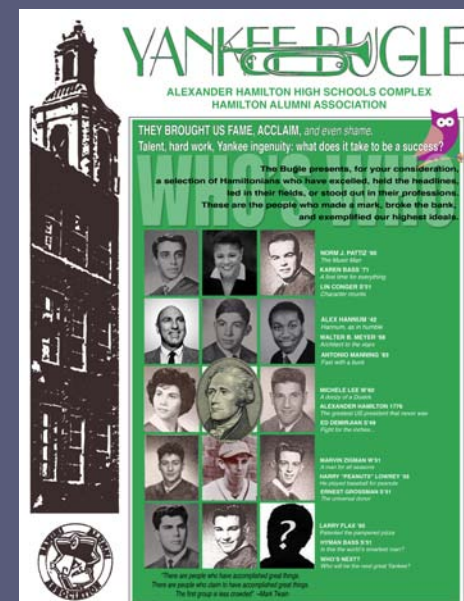
Last year the Yankee Bugle recognized about forty Hamiltonians who had achieved success and distinguished themselves as exceptional in their field. We featured them in a section called, WHO'S WHO Part I.

With thousands of Hamiltonians from whom to choose, some who had graduated with honors and a few who did not graduate at all but only trod our hallowed halls a short time, it was not surprising that we heard from our readers wanting to know how come we left out, this one or that one. No problem. We went back to the drawing board and put together another list. We call it PART II.

As editors looking to choose from the vast pool of people who attended this small public high school on the west side of Los Angeles, it has been a truly amazing and satisfying revelation at the vast number of those who left here and went on to such high heights in this super competitive world. Was it something in the drinking water? The Teachers? The Times?

Right now, waiting off-stage, there is another whole group of successful Hamiltonians, waiting to take the spotlight at center stage.

WHO'S WHO III?



Howard M. Landesman

Landesman served as Hamilton High student body President and still recalls how Principal Brown gave him a gold key and the Harvard Book at the Utopian Class Awards Ceremony. Howard graduated from the USC School of Dentistry in 1962. He was commissioned as a Captain in the United States Air Force and spent two years in Misawa, Japan. In 1965 he married Lynne Fay, S'58, and is a devoted husband and father to daughter Lori. Landesman has received many prestigious awards and appointments, including the American Dental Education Association's Presidential Citation. He has served as Dean of several schools of Dentistry, notably at USC. Most recently, he received the 2010 distinguished service award from the Academy of Prosthodontics. Landesman is widely thought of as a fund raising guru in dentistry, having raised millions of dollars to support education and research.



Edward M. Landesman W'56

Edward M. Landesman was President of the W'56 Utopian Class. Landesman attended UCLA, where he received a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in mathematics. In 1966, Ed joined the mathematics faculty at the UC Santa Cruz where he is currently Professor Emeritus of Mathematics. At UCSC, Ed also served as Provost of Crown College and as Associate Academic Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education. In 1996, he was one of three professors in the United States to receive The Mathematical Association of America Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo National Award for Distinguished University or College Teaching.

For the past five years, Ed has served as Associate Director of Intersegmental Relations for the University of California Science and Mathematics Initiative (UCSMI). In that role, Ed directed the Aurora Project, the community college component of the UCSMI, whose goals are to motivate and support community college students as they choose careers as secondary teachers of science and mathematics.



Gary S. Jacobs

Jacobs is a litigator and is a Certified Specialist in Family Law. He has extensive experience and considerable expertise in negotiating, drafting and implementing complex Property Disposition Agreements as well as litigating child custody disputes. In addition, Jacobs has experience in partnership and corporate dispute litigation and arbitration. Jacobs frequently serves as a volunteer mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Law and Politics Magazine and the Publishers of *Los Angeles Magazine* named Gary Jacobs a "Super Lawyer" among Southern California lawyers in 2006.

Lenny Stack '56

Emmy-award winner Stack holds a Bachelor of Music degree in composition from USC, where he studied with David Raskin and Miklos Rosza. He has written arrangements for Doc Severinsen's Tonight Show Band, the Buddy Rich Band and the Louis Bellson Big Band. Lenny has composed original songs for recording artists including Diana Ross and Dionne Warwick and has been musical director and composer/arranger for many television series, specials and motion pictures.



Leigh Steinberg

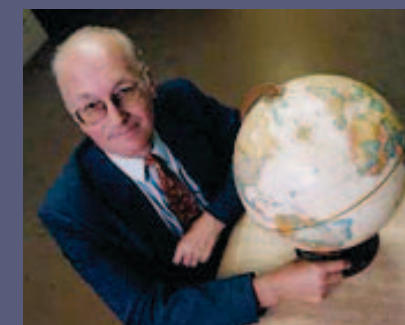
A former Hami student body president, Steinberg's reputation as one of the country's leading sports agents reached mythic proportions when he was characterized by Tom Cruise in the blockbuster *Jerry Maguire*. He earned a B.A. in Political Science and a JD, both at UC Berkeley. In his 35+ year career, he has represented hundreds of professional athletes in football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, golf, boxing and Olympic sports. His client roster has included a sports luminaries, including, Matt Leinart, Ben Roethlisberger, Howie Long, Lennox Lewis, Troy Aikman, Dusty Baker, Oscar de la Hoya and Warren Moon.



An accomplished speaker, he has traveled the world addressing topics ranging from sports and entertainment to political and economic issues. Leigh has led the cause of player safety advocating the removal of Astroturf from stadiums and held conclaves on concussions to promote rule and equipment changes and better diagnostic equipment to protect players. He has appeared on nation TV on "60 Minutes," "Larry King," "The Today Show" and has been featured in many magazines including *Business Week*.

William B. Quandt

Quandt received a BA in International Relations from Stanford in 1963 and a PhD in Political Science from MIT in 1968. He has taught at UCLA and MIT. He worked at the Rand Corporation in the Department of Social Science and served as a staff member on the National Security Council in the Nixon and Carter administrations. Quandt was actively involved in the negotiations that led to the Camp David Accords and the Egyptian-Israeli Peace treaty. He joined the Department of Politics at the University of Virginia in 1994 where he holds the Edward R. Stettinius chair. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2004.



Raymond H. Goldstone '60

Retired as UCLA Dean of Students, Goldstone was recently honored by the Association for Student Conduct Administration (ASCA) with an Honorary Lifetime Membership Award. Goldstone who helped found the organization whose function is to oversee student conduct administration and conflict resolution in higher education and student affairs saw the need and filled it, providing the “seed” money to get it started.

Goldstone describes himself as a “loner” during his high school years. He greatly admired Mrs. Bettington, and achieved high academic goals including recognition by the California Scholarship Foundation as a Gold Seal Bearer. Though Emeritus, he continues to work part-time at UCLA as a consultant.

Stephen P. Robbins

Robbins received a PhD from the University of Arizona after working for Shell Oil and Reynolds Metals. Dr. Robbins has taught at University of Nebraska, Concordia University, University of Baltimore, Southern University and San Diego State. His research interests have focused on conflict, power and politics in organizations as well as development of effective interpersonal skills. Robbins' books include: *Organizational Behavior*, *8/e*, *Managing Today*, *Fundamentals of Management*, and *Management 5/e*, and are used in over 800 colleges and universities in the United States.

Dr. Robbins, who turned 50 in 1993, competes in Masters' Track and Field, and has set many indoor and outdoor world sprint records.



Ried Bridges

After his time at Hamilton, Bridges graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism in 1951. He then went on to USC's School of Law, where he graduated with his Juris Doctorate in 1954. He was admitted to the California State Bar in November of 1954. A philanthropist, Bridges just gifted USC with an unrestricted \$1.8 million dollars, no strings attached!



The son of a Hearst newspaper engineer, Reid served three years in the merchant marines after graduating from Hamilton. A founding partner in the firm Bonne, Bridges, Mueller, O'Keefe & Nichols, he attributes many momentous benefits that have befallen him to his education at USC and Hamilton.

John D. Katch S'56

John Katch is the typical American success story. Eschewing UCLA in favor of Pepperdine, he received a BS in 1960 and later earned an MBA in Finance from USC. John spent most of his working life with Southern California Edison until retiring to Thousand Oaks where he lives today. Always active, John played sports at Pepperdine and was his fraternity president. He married in 1960 and raised two children, both Pepperdine grads, Robert and Michelle an attorney.

Pepperdine remains an important part of Katch's life. He served as President of the Alumni Association in the late '60's. In 1974 he was elected to the governing Board of Regents where he has served for many years. John initiated a golf tournament, the “Wave Classic” which to date has produced 1.3 million dollars for Pepperdine scholarships.



Bill Skelley '42

Honored in 1992 for 35 years of dedication and service to his profession as a teacher and administrator in the Los Angeles Public School system, on the floor of the California House of Representatives by fellow Hamiltonian the Honorable Howard L. Berman; Bill spent most of his career at junior and senior high schools in the inner-city giving tirelessly of his abilities and resources to help better the lives of countless children. After his retirement Bill continued to serve Hamilton high creating programs with fellow alumni to offer services in job counseling, networking and opening career doors and other activities helpful to high school students.

Arthur G. Edelman S'54

After graduating from Hamilton, Edelman attended UCLA where he was a member of the ZBT Fraternity and participated in campus politics and activities, chairing many fundraising events. He was elected Senior Class Treasurer before attending UCLA law school. After law school he joined Sutro & Co in the Institutional Equity Block trading department. Six years later he started his own trading company. Arthur was part of a high profile circle of celebrities who acquired the Phoenix Suns professional basketball team in 1968. An unfortunate flip of a coin kept them acquiring (Lew Alcindor) Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. That seems to be about the only thing that did not go well for Arthur in his life. Years later they received an offer for the team that they could not refuse. A member of the Del Rey Yacht Club, he has sailed and participated in many events racing his boat. He liquidated his institutional firm and joined UBS/Paine Webber where he currently acts as First Vice-President and financial wealth manager. Married with two children, he resides in Bel Air Ridge.

Mindy Weiss

One of the most sought after event planners and lifestyle experts in the United States, with a best-seller book, a product line, a gourmet market and numerous sponsorship deals to her credit, she is million-dollar “brand.” Mindy began her party planning enterprise in 1992 by creating innovative invitations for social events. A super creative, hyper-imaginative designer, she is known for her exquisite attention to detail.

She has produced wedding and parties for the rich & famous from Ellen Degeneres & Portia Rossi, Ashlee Simpson & Pete Wentz; Jackie & Adam Sandler; and even the ABC “The Bachelorette” wedding of Trista & Ryan.



G. Keith Dolan '45

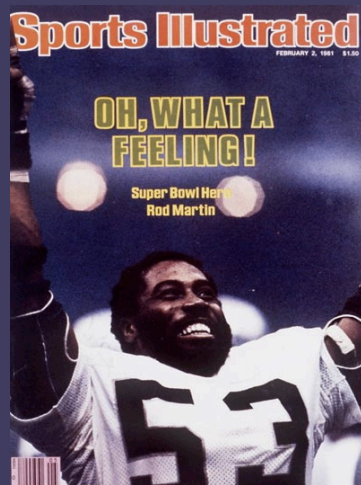
Dolan was active in sports, and served as Editor of the Federalist while attending Hamilton. He served in the US Navy before attending Pepperdine where he continued to play football and writing for the school newspaper. After earning a Master’s Degree from UCLA, he began a career in teaching. He completed his doctorate at UCLA and became the youngest principal in San Bernardino High School history. Later, he became Professor of Education at Cal State San Bernardino in 1967 and earned the university’s Meritorious and professional Promise Award in 1986. Author of two books and numerous professional articles, he is the founder of Academic Tapes and Footprint Publishing Co.

Joel G. Breman

Breman, M.D., D.T.P.H., F.I.D.S.A., was educated at UCLA, USC and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Breman was the principal advisor to the Guinean Smallpox Eradication–Measles Control Program. He investigated the first outbreak of Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever as a member of an international commission, for which he received the highest civilian award bestowed by the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Later, he led malaria research activities in 13 African countries. In 1995 he joined the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) as Senior Scientific Advisor. He was named Emeritus upon retirement. Dr. Breman has authored over 125 publications on infectious diseases and strengthening research capacity in low-income countries.



Rod Martin



Retired National Football League linebacker, he played for the Los Angeles and Oakland Raiders from 1977 to 1988. After Hamilton he played at USC where he was named to the All-Pac 10 Team. During his 12 seasons in the NFL he was instrumental in 2 Super Bowl victories (1980, 1983) with a record 3 interceptions in Super Bowl XV. In his 12 seasons in the NFL he recorded 14 interceptions, which he returned for 225 yards and 4 TD’s. He recorded 33+official sacks and made the Pro Bowl team twice. Currently a programmer and manager in the Information Sciences Institute at the University of Southern California, Rod rarely misses a class reunion and always adds great spirit to the events.

Christopher N. Breiseth '54

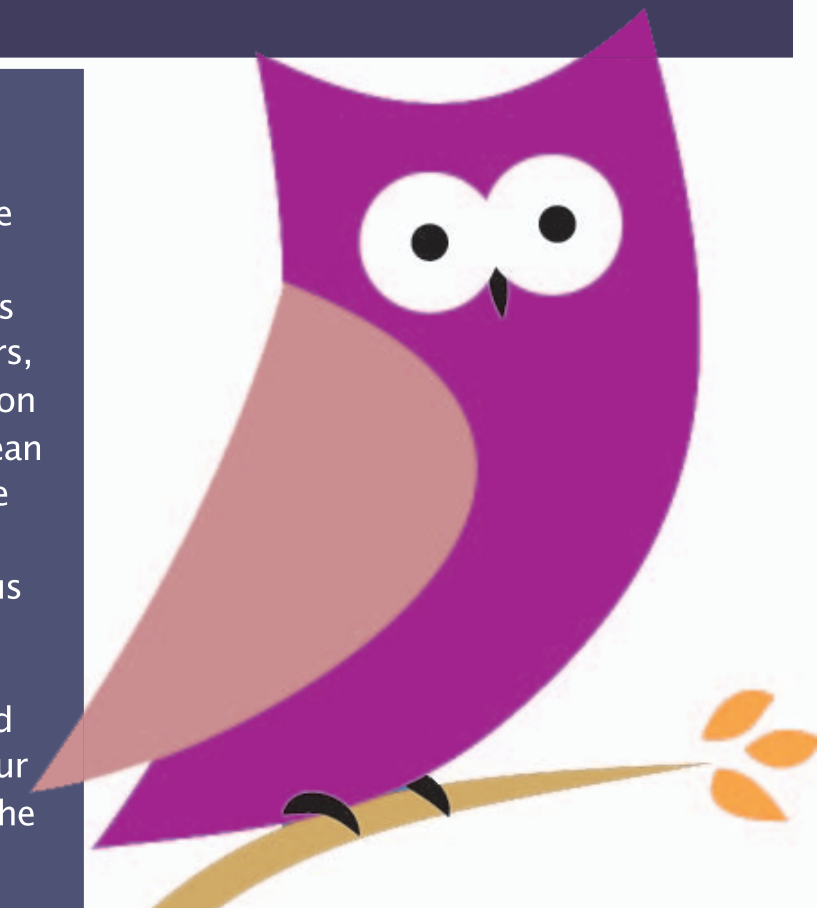
Dr. Breiseth’s credentials include a B.A. in History from UCLA, PhD in European History from Cornell and Master of Literature in Modern British History from Oxford. He was Chief of Policy Guidance in the Community Action Program at the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, DC under the Lyndon B. Johnson War on Poverty, and has served a term as President of the Telluride Association. Dr Breiseth and his wife, Jane, live in a home once owned by President Roosevelt.



Veloris Brown Lang

Voted “Most Likely to Succeed”, Veloris Lang, nee Brown, certainly did! She has been involved in volunteer and philanthropic efforts for numerous organizations. A college professor for many years, she was chairperson of the Language Arts Division Glendale Community College, later becoming dean of Letters, Arts and Sciences. She established the annual Lang Lecture at the college in 2001, bringing renowned guest speakers to the campus each spring.

Since retiring, Veloris resides in Palm Desert and continues to be involved with the community. Our hats off to this Hami grad from Summer 1955, the Parisians.



Billy Mumy

Best known for his portrayal as the heroic boy astronaut Will Robinson in the long-running TV series Lost in Space, Mumy has worked in over 400 TV shows since then. Bill is a multi-talented and creatively versatile producer of music, comic books and all media. Mumy is a prolific voice-over artist and has narrated 50 episodes of A&E's "Biography" series and performed on animated shows "Ren and Stimpy." "Scooby Doo" and Disney's "Buzz" to name a few.

Mumy is half of the infamous novelty rock recording duo "Barnes and Barnes" best known for the classic demented song and film "Fish Heads." He is currently writing and developing several new projects for feature films and television. When TV Guide listed the top 100 television episodes of all times, two of them starred Bill Mumy.

Steven Good S'60

Mauna Loan Good now sports a CPA after his name as partner in the firm of Good, Brown, Swartz & Berns. Steven earned a BS in Business from UCLA. With extensive experience in acquisitions, mergers and business valuation, he also consults and advises clients in the manufacturing, and garment industry. He serves on the Board of Directors for several public companies.

Steven is active in many charities. He is Director and current President of The Guardians of the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging as well as a member of the Board of the American Friends of the Hebrew University and Jewish Community Foundation. He was a founding director of the ALS Association, a member of the Chancellor's Circle of UCLA, and founding president of the Santa Monica Synagogue.

JOHN ROBERT "BOB" BRISCOE JANUARY 5, 1932 - MARCH 22, 2011

The Yankee Bugle sadly reports the passing of Bob Briscoe. Bob was featured in WHO'S WHO PART I (Bugle 37) and it is with great respect for his accomplishments and his contributions to Hamilton High that we reprise his story. From apprentice electrician to Chairman of the Board of Berg Electric, Bob never wavered in his ambition and focus. Married to Joan Holder W'52, they raised seven children. Bob's commitment to his friends and fellow Knights did not change even in light of towering financial success and responsibility. From his beautiful custom designed home in Pauma Valley he managed a company of 1,200 employees doing 500 million dollars in annual sales. A meticulous master-craftsman, he possessed the ability to grasp complicated ideas and turn them into workable solutions on any project to which he set his mind. He will be missed.

