



ALLIANCE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HONOR THREE FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS AT ACAA OCTOBER REUNION

Honorees include Coach Michael Flick, Pete Mathews and John Wroblewski

The Alliance College Alumni Association will honor three former faculty members at the Saturday, October 6, 2018, dinner in Erie, Pa. Former soccer coach Michael Flick and Professors Pete Mathews and John Wroblewski will be honored as part of Alliance's weekend celebration being held October 5-7 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center.

"The alumni association has a tradition of honoring and thanking living faculty and staff during our reunion weekends. This year's honorees all played an integral role in the Alliance College community during the 1970's and 1980's," noted ACAA President Michael Anderson.

The honoring of Coach Flick will coincide with a salute during the weekend celebration to all of the Alliance soccer teams that played during the 1970's and 80's at the former Cambridge Springs college.

Coach Flick was a standout soccer player at Slippery Rock State University before being hired in 1968 to build the Alliance College soccer program. Tapping the resources of a student body that included Polish Americans with intense soccer backgrounds, Coach Flick was able to recruit several standout players from the east coast and overseas (including Poland and Africa). In the 1970's he developed the program into a small college soccer powerhouse. Flick's teams were often ranked in the NAIA national ratings. In 1972, his Eagles won the NAIA Pennsylvania District 18 Championship. Coach Flick lives in Leeper, Pa.

Alliance's early roots were in the technical field, including a tool and die program. The October Reunion will include memorabilia from the school's technical program, including woodwork made by students in the early 1920's.

Honoree Pete Mathews was both an alumnus of the Alliance technical school and later a faculty member at Alliance College. Professor Mathews trained under the late E.J. Kruszka. During the 1970's the college tapped Professor Mathews to return to his alma mater where he served as a professor and director of the program. He committed himself and the program to providing the best possible technical training in the tool and die field. Professor Mathews expertise in the classroom was complemented by the respect he enjoyed with the northwestern Pennsylvania tool and die community. Students during his tenure fondly remember his genuine concern for preparing them for future technical careers.

Well known in the Cambridge Springs community, Pete Mathews is a life long resident of Crawford County.

John Wroblewski first came to Alliance College as an adjunct faculty member, bringing his business experience and energy to the classroom. During the 1970's and 80's he taught multiple business courses. After the retirement of late long-term Dean Leo Krasowski, Professor Wroblewski was appointed to head the business department. While at Alliance College, he started a student business

organization known as the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM Club). As the program adviser, he would arrange student trips to multiple industries in the Pennsylvania and Ohio region, connecting the classroom to real life. Mr. Wroblewski lives in Erie, Pa.

The Alliance College Reunions traditionally were held at the Riverside Inn in Cambridge Springs. The Riverside at one time served as a dorm for Alliance College during the college's peak enrollment in the 1960's. The reunion is being held in Erie given the tragic fire and loss of the Riverside Inn.

The ACAA Reunion Weekend features multiple events celebrating Alliance College. Further information and reservations can be made through the Alliance College alumni website: www.alliancecollege.com

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