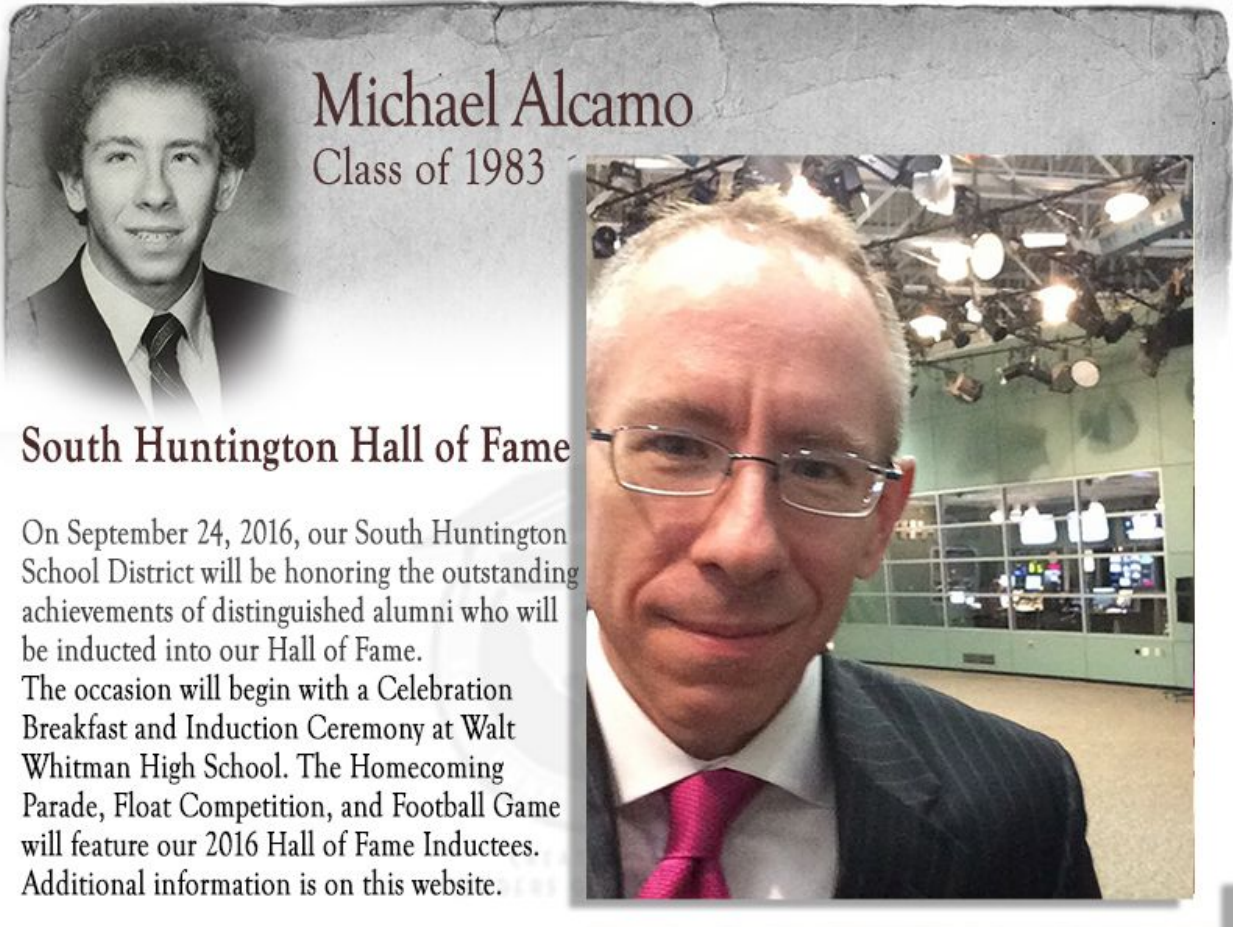


Introducing Hall of Fame Inductee Michael Alcamo



Michael Alcamo
Class of 1983

South Huntington Hall of Fame

On September 24, 2016, our South Huntington School District will be honoring the outstanding achievements of distinguished alumni who will be inducted into our Hall of Fame. The occasion will begin with a Celebration Breakfast and Induction Ceremony at Walt Whitman High School. The Homecoming Parade, Float Competition, and Football Game will feature our 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees. Additional information is on this website.

Michael Alcamo is a Class of 1983 graduate of Walt Whitman High School.

He attended Maplewood Elementary School, which he remembers fondly. "We had open doors, and the school was full of parents visiting, and plenty of enriching musical activities," he said. Michael then attended Henry L. Stimson Junior High School, where he edited the school newspaper and played in the junior high school orchestra, also qualifying for the All-County and All-State Orchestras.

Michael then completed his full twelve-year South Huntington experience, attending Walt Whitman High School. He served as the school orchestra's concertmaster, under musical director Will Sievers, and he edited the *Whitman Window*, under adviser James Sullivan. When he served as photography editor, the *Window* placed fourth in a statewide school newspaper competition. Michael contributed articles to the *Long Islander*, Huntington's hometown newspaper. In 1983, the Walt Whitman sports boosters association awarded him a "Sports Writer of the Year" award.

Michael also rowed with a local non-profit rowing association, and ran winter track after school. His events included the 800-meter and the hurdles. One afternoon, Coach Howard taught three of the runners how to race walk, and the squad went on to medal in many county track meets. To this day, Michael still holds the school record for the Mile Walk, with a time of 8:07.

Following high school, Michael attended Princeton University, graduating from the university's prestigious Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Following college, he worked on a presidential campaign, and worked in New York City government as Chief Speechwriter to the Brooklyn District Attorney, and Director of Policy and Planning for NYC's consumer advocate, Mark Green. In that capacity, Michael led efforts to reduce and eliminate tobacco advertising on city-owned property, and led enforcement actions against false environmental advertising.

Michael attended law school at New York University, and then practiced law with an international law firm. In 1994, he won the release of Moreese Bickham, who had been wrongly incarcerated for 37 years. "In those days, there was no DNA evidence," he said. "We had to make a persuasive case to the Governor of Louisiana that Mr. Bickham was wrongfully convicted."

Michael moved from the practice of law into finance in 2000. Today he runs his own boutique investment-banking firm, M.C. Alcamo & Co., Inc., which serves owners of media and communications companies. He heads the Friends of Stuyvesant Square Park, a neighborhood advocacy organization in Manhattan. Michael has run 42 triathlons, including two Ironman races.

He also serves as a guide for blind athletes in triathlons. "I highly recommend that everyone who can ride a bike learn to ride a tandem to be able to ride with blind athletes," he said. "There is no better training than thinking constantly about piloting two people on a heavy bike, and giving someone else the joy of participating in a race."

Michael's sisters Elizabeth and Patricia also attended all of South Huntington's schools. Elizabeth is an immunologist in California, and Patricia is a leadership management director at a national broadband and cable television company.