

## Youth Hall of Fame & Salute to Youth Ambassadors Alumni Achievements

**Dr. Richard C Leininger** was the first **Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador in 1978**. Today he lives in Morgan Hill and is a practicing *Veterinarian*.

**Sherrie Gong Taguchi** was the **Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1979**. Today she serves as the Director of Programs for the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment. She is the former Assistant Dean and Director for the Stanford Graduate School of Business and author of *Hiring the Best and the Brightest*.

**David Boccignone, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1980**, is the Senior Financial Officer for Engen, Boccignone, & Hibbard of Ameriprise Financial Services in Rockford, Illinois.

**Brian Mauldwin, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1981**, is now Director of Employee Education and Public Affairs for Circle Four Farms in Utah.

**Commander Matt Weingard, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1982**, holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from Santa Clara University and is a distinguished graduate of the National Defense University with an MS degree in national resource strategy. A submarine officer, he has served aboard several fast-attack nuclear submarines in the Pacific Fleet, and as second-in-command of the ballistic missile submarine USS *Wyoming* in the Atlantic.

**Dr. David Bell, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1983**, graduated from Stanford University, Baylor College of Medicine, the University of California at Irvine Medical Center. He is a sports-trained orthopedic surgeon leading the Bell Sports Medicine Institute in Pleasanton.

**Dr Arthur L. Jue** was the **Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1984**. He is an HR executive, author of multiple books, professor, social entrepreneur, musician, and filmmaker. He serves on the boards of CreaTV San Jose, San Jose Digital Filmmaking Group, Meriwest Credit Union, Kiersey.com, BYU Management Society, Academy of Management MSR Division, and Center for Leadership, Innovation, and Change at the Indian School of Business, Capella Business School, and local Boy Scouts of America, among others. He holds a doctor of management in organizational leadership, an MBA, and a BSC in marketing (valedictorian).

**Erik Schoennauer, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1986**, is a graduate of Stanford University. Eric is the owner of The Schoennauer Company, a land use consulting firm in San Jose.

**Anthony Butler, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1988**, is a graduate of Santa Clara University. He is a teacher with the Santa Clara High School district. Anthony is passionate about helping youth and brings wonderful students from his school to the Youth Focus Salute to Youth and Youth Hall of Fame programs each year.

**Jonathon Kissane, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1989**, holds an MBA from INSEAD and a JD from Harvard Law School. His dual undergraduate degrees are in history and engineering from Stanford University. Jonathon is the chief strategy officer for NetApp.

**Dr. Kyle Pickett, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1989**, has been the maestro for the North State Symphony and Juneau Symphony. Kyle holds a Bachelor's degree in music from Stanford University and a Master's degree in choral conducting from the California State University at Chico. His Doctorate of Musical Arts degree is from Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. Most recently, Kyle was selected to be the conductor of the Topeka, Kansas Symphony after a thorough nationwide search

**Allen Weeks, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1990**, is a Cinematographer and Producer of Television documentaries. He currently lives in New York.

**Dr. Elizabeth Dray, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1990**, holds an undergraduate degree from New York University in Chemistry and a Medical degree from the University of North Carolina. She is a Resident at the Dept. of Urology at Loyola University.

**Dr. Jun Young, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1991**, holds BA degree from Biola University, Masters in Communications from Oregon State and doctorate from University of Washington. He was named one of 40 business leaders in Washington under the age of 40 who have harnessed their entrepreneurial spirit to become leaders in their business, their industry, and community. He is the former Director of Communications at Microsoft in Washington, owner of Zum Communications in Seattle, Washington.

**Guadalupe Ortiz, Jr., Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1992** owns 2 successful businesses in San Jose. He also leads a non-profit organization for young people in Modesto.

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**Dr. Jeremy Weinstein, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1993**

graduated from Swathmore College with his BA degree, and PhD from Harvard University. He is currently Professor of Political Science at Stanford University.

**Dr. Edward Wu, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1994,**

graduated from Medical School at the New York University of School of Medicine. He is currently an Internal Medicine Physician in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Dr Lakshmi Vasist, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1995,**

was President of the 2003 Doctoral Class of Pharmacy at Ohio State University College of Pharmacy. He is currently Clinical Pharmacokineticist at GlaxoSmithKline in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.

**Dave Aupperle, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1996,**

obtained his Engineering degree from Cal Poly. He is currently in Engineering Management at Northrop Grumman Space Technology.

**Sanjay Rao, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 1998,** holds an

MBA with distinction from Harvard Business School. Sanjay graduated with a master of engineering and bachelor of science in electrical engineering and computer science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He holds five issued U.S. patents in the areas of wireless and mobile technology. He is currently Vice President of Norwest Venture Partners.

**Dr Fana Aragaw, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 2000,**

holds a BA from [University of Pennsylvania](#) in Health and Sciences. He also has his Masters in Public Health from University of Maryland and a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Maryland Dental School. He has his Dental practice in Greenbelt, Maryland.

**Dr Christopher Vu, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 2000,**

holds a degree from Baylor University. He is an emergency room doctor in Florida.

**Joseph Gaudet, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 2001,**

graduated from the Culinary Institute of America. He is currently the Chef and owner of Big Table Catering.

**Dr. Rita Nguyen, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 2001** holds

a degree from Stanford University and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. While an undergrad majoring in human biology at Stanford, she co-founded a free health clinic at San Jose's Overfelt High School that helped mostly Spanish and Vietnamese immigrants. Her years in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins opened her eyes even more to the plight of those without health care. She is a member of Doctors For America, a group of 15,000 U.S. physicians and medical students working to improve the health of the nation by ensuring that everyone has access to health care. She graduated from Harvard College with her degree in internal medicine

**Dr. Jay Pandit, Youth Hall of Fame Ambassador 2002,** has

Degrees from Stanford, [UCSF School of Medicine](#) and currently is a UCSF Internal Medicine Physician.