

CLASS OF 1966 HONORED

As has become tradition, graduates from 50 years ago came to campus for their 50th reunion and to be inducted as Golden Hawks during commencement weekend May 14 and 15. Nine members of the class of 1966 enjoyed a full weekend of fun, including a campus tour, an induction ceremony, and recognition at the Sunday Undergraduate Commencement ceremony. This was the tenth 50th reunion class honored.



The newest Golden Hawks are: (L-R) Diane Theriault, Robert Pico, Joseph Brenner, Francis Reilly, Wolfried Mielert, Steven Silverstein, Dominic Fulco, George Landis, and Luella Landis.

ALUMNI AWARDS



The 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Brett D. Gerstenblatt '94, vice president and executive creative director at CVS Health. At CVS Health, he is responsible for CVS's campaign to remove cigarettes and tobacco products from its inventory. He works with executives and senior leaders to ensure the company's purpose, strategy, and values are being expressed properly and consistently every day.



The College of Engineering, Technology and Architecture (CETA) presented its 2016 Alumnus Award to Joseph A. Sylvestro '90. (shown on right with CETA Dean Lou Manzione on left). Sylvestro is vice president, Aftermarket Operations at Pratt & Whitney. He is responsible for leading the company's global network of 17 large engine maintenance, repair, and overhaul facilities in nine countries.



The 2016 Hartt Alumni Award recipient, Jimmy Greene '97, is considered one of the most respected saxophonists of his generation. Greene's 2015 album, "A Beautiful Life," is a celebration of the life of his daughter, Ana, whose life was tragically taken on December 14, 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. The album garnered Grammy nominations for Best Jazz Instrumental Album and Best

Arrangement, Instruments, and Vocals for Greene's arrangement of his composition "When I Come Home," featuring vocalists Javier Colon '00 and Latanya Farrell M'97, M'98.



2016 Hillyer Distinguished Alumnus Kenneth Vecchione '74 rose through the ranks of CitiCorp to become Chief Financial Officer of their credit card business and then CFO of credit card giant MBNA. Today, he is the President and chief executive officer of Encore Capital Group,

Inc. This year's commencement was especially meaningful to Vecchione because he able to present honors student Alexander Vecchione '16, his son, with his Hillyer College degree. Alexander will continue his studies in finance in the Barney School of Business.