

Minisink Valley High School 2005 Hall of Fame Inductees



William DeBlock
Class of 1970

Mr. DeBlock graduated from Minisink Valley in 1970 where he earned varsity letters in football and basketball. Under his senior picture in the yearbook, it stated, "hopes to become a New York State Trooper." He joined the New York State Police in 1977 after a three-year stint with the New Jersey State Police. He has served the people of New York ever since. He currently holds the rank of Colonel with the title of Deputy Superintendent - Field Command. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University and a Master's Degree from SUNY Albany. His four children also graduated from Minisink Valley.

Dave Telgheder
Class of 1985

Mr. Telgheder graduated from Minisink Valley in 1985 where he earned varsity letters in football and baseball. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Massachusetts, where he was a four-year letterman in baseball and team captain as a senior. He played professional baseball for eleven years including six years pitching in the major leagues for the New York Mets, Oakland A's and Cleveland Indians. He is currently a business teacher and baseball coach at Minisink Valley High School.





Michelle Peluso
Class of 1989

Ms. Peluso graduated from Minisink Valley in 1989 as valedictorian. She currently holds the position of President and CEO of Travelocity. In 1998-99, she served as White House Fellow and senior advisor to the Secretary of Labor. From 1999 to 2002, she served as founder and CEO of Site 59, a leader in online travel. In 2002, she sold her company to Travelocity. In 2004, she was named to Fast Company magazine's "Fast 50" and ranked #4 on the Wall Street Journal's "Top 50 Women to Watch". She earned a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master's Degree from Oxford University.



Fred Pierce
Class of 1990

Mr. Pierce graduated from Minisink Valley in 1990 where he earned varsity letters in track and field. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Embry-Riddle University. He also earned the Naval Aviator "Wings of Gold" at the School of Naval Aviation. In 2003, he flew 33 combat missions delivering more than 40,000 pounds of ordnance on enemy forces as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He currently holds the rank of Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps. He holds the positions of F/A-18 strike fighter pilot and T-45 Goshawk jet instructor.