

**PENNCREST
HIGH SCHOOL**



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Penncrest: A Community of Learners that Shapes Productive, Mindful, and Ethical Citizens, One Student at a Time.

Rose Tree Media School District is proud to announce the 2021 Inductees for its Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. To kick off Homecoming Weekend festivities, honorees will be recognized in a ceremony on Friday, October 1st, at Penncrest High School. After the ceremony, inductees will have the opportunity to address the freshmen and sophomore classes, followed by their recognition at an all-school pep rally and the Homecoming Football game that evening against Harriton at 7 P.M. at Louis Scott Stadium.

The Rose Tree Media Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees for 2021 are:

John “Hank Murta” Adams

Penncrest High School, Class of 1974

John “Hank Murta” Adams is the recipient of three National Endowment of the Arts Fellowships and the New York State Arts Grant. Hank credits the wonderful teaching of “legendary” Penncrest teacher, Claude Falcone for inspiring him to attend college. His works are housed by some of the greatest collections in the United States and abroad. In an email regarding his inductions to the Penncrest Hall of Fame, Hank said, “I doubt I would have gone to college had it not been for Claude’s obsessive dedication. The art program was our unifying community at Penncrest and Falcone was our “driver,” I graduated high school in 1974 and received a scholarship to study at the Rhode Island School of Design (I’m sure Claude and my father’s pleading letters were responsible).” -John “Hank Murta” Adams.

Heidi Anne Schettler (Starkey)

Penncrest High School, Class of 1991

Heidi Schettler-Starkey is the Senior Technical Designer and Head of the Knit Wear Department for Destination Maternity Corporation. Prior to receiving this prestigious position Heidi’s pursuit in Fashion and Textiles was ignited during her sophomore year in Ms. Mathias’ sewing class. Seeing Heidi’s talent, Ms. Mathias mentored her as she designed and produced clothes that were included in displays at Penncrest until she graduated. In 1991 Heidi took that love for fashion and sewing to Virginia Tech to study fashion and design. During her tenure at Virginia Tech, Heidi would also study computer-aided design and perform in concerts as an accomplished pianist.

Craig S. Spangler, AIA

Penncrest High School, Class of 1977

Craig S. Spangler is a Principal with one of Philadelphia's largest design firms, Ballinger. Ballinger has a staff of over 200 people, comprising three architectural studios, two multi-disciplinary engineering studios, and an interiors studio. With over 33 years of professional experience, Craig Spangler has become a recognized leader both nationally and internationally in the design of academic engineering and science facilities. Craig's building designs have won numerous highly prestigious design competitions and awards. In addition to these accomplishments, Craig's innovative designs and ideas have inspired trends in academic teaching and research. Craig's work is published widely and Craig is a frequent speaker at academic facility forums across the country. Craig earned a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Maryland and a Master of Architecture from Princeton University.

Stephen V. Burnham

Penncrest High School, Class of 1990

Stephen Burnham is definitely someone PHS students should model their lives after. Stephen is a person who is caring, ambitious, hard working, and a class act that has really reached his potential both professionally and as a person. Stephen is ambitious! He chose to pursue a career in administration where he could have more impact on students' lives. While working a full time job and raising a family, he went and earned his Doctoral degree in Administration from Widener University. Stephen then earned the position of assistant principal at Wilson Southern Jr. High where he worked for many years. Some people who don't know Stephen may think he is blessed with incredible intelligence and that things just come easy to him. However, Stephen learned that he had to work harder in order to succeed - Stephen had the desire to be great and his hard work got him there, and to this day, he always gives his all to everything he does.