

Over 220 people packed the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex in Indiana, PA on Thursday, June 8, for the Third Annual Indiana County Business Hall of Fame induction dinner. The Indiana County Chamber created the Hall of Fame in 2015 to recognize past and present business leaders for their lifetime achievements in supporting and advancing the economic climate of Indiana County.

The third class of inductees include: Dr. Willis E. Pratt, the 16th and final president of Indiana State Teachers College and the first president of IUP, Cecil Spadafora, owner of Colonial Motor Mart and Meadow Lane Golf Course, E. James Trimarchi, Jr., the first president and CEO of First Commonwealth Financial Corporation, Jack W. Clark, Jr., CEO of Clark Metal Products, Chuck Spadafora, owner of Colonial Motor Mart, Colonial Toyota and Mark Arbuckle Nissan, and Lucy Donnelly, owner of the Indiana Gazette.

These six individuals have made outstanding contributions as business and community leaders improving Indiana County and our quality of life.

“We are here again tonight to recognize business leaders, past, present and future who have directly impacted Indiana County. We went back through history, conducting extensive research as well as submissions from Chamber members to develop a pool of deserving nominees. Tonight we will induct the third class in to the Business Hall of Fame,” said Chamber Board of Directors chairman, Joe Reschini.

Friends, families and guests watched brief video biographies before each inductee was recognized. The deceased were represented by family members: Pratt’s granddaughter, Sharyn Fennell, Cecil Spadafora’s daughter, Jo-una Spadafora, Trimarchi Jr.’s daughter, Julia, Clark Jr.’s son, Rob, and Donnelly’s son, Mike. The only living inductee, Chuck Spadafora, said he was honored to be inducted into the Hall of Fame alongside his late father, Cecil.

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The Hall of Fame wall in the KCAC lobby features all six individuals being inducted as well as a virtual touch screen monitor where you can click on each individual and watch a brief video commemorating their success. You can also view the previous two year’s class of inductees on the touch screen monitor. The fourth annual class of inductees will be announced in December. Visit the Hall of Fame website at <http://www.iccbhof.com/> to learn more.