Pair To Be Inducted Into SGHS Alumni Hall Of Fame

The Southern Garrett High School Alumni Association recently announced that graduates Dr. Barbara L. Leighton and Donald W. Sincell will be inducted into the Southern High Hall of Fame.

This recognition is for graduates who have made significant achievements in their chosen field, brought positive acclaim to the school through a variety of endeavors, and/or made outstanding contributions to the school.

Dr. Leighton was the salutatorian of the SHS class of 1973. She attended Princeton University, from which she graduated in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. Following in the footsteps of her father, Dr. Herbert H. Leighton, Oakland, she attended Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, where she earned her doctorate in medicine. Her postgraduate training included an internship at Pennsylvania's Hospital Department of Internal Medicine in Philadelphia. She completed her residency in anesthesiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Her fellowship followed with a focus on research and clinical fellowship in obstetric anesthesia. In 1982, she received certification from the National Board of Medical Examiners, and was subsequently certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology.

Dr. Leighton has held academic instructorships at Thomas Jefferson University and the MCP Hahnemann University of the Health Sciences, both of Philadelphia; Women's College Hospital, affiliated with the University of Toronto; Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York; and Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis.

Her hospital administrative positions include co-director and director of obstetric anesthesia at Thomas Jefferson University, and in her current capacity, professor of anesthesiology, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and chief of obstetric anesthesiology at Washington University School of Medicine.

Dr. Leighton has published 55 peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals and has authored 12 chapters in anesthesiology textbooks. She has lectured at a number of universities in the country and in Canada. She also holds a U.S. patent for a method and kit for administering spinal sub-arachnoid anesthesia.

She resides in St. Louis with her husband, Mark A. Salsgiver.

A member of the SHS Class of 1970, Sincell graduated with high honors from West Virginia University and Sincell returned home to work for his family's business, Sincell Publishing Company, where he became editor of The Republican newspaper in 1978. He still holds that position, in addition to president and general manager of the company.

Sincell has been dedicated to performing community service in a wide variety of ways. He is a 40-year member and former president of the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department; was a member/leader of the National Ski Patrol/Wisp Ski Patrol for over 30 years; was a member of the Southern Rescue Squad as a certified EMT; was a member of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital board of governors, serving for several years as chairman; is a member and past master of Oakland Masonic Lodge #192; currently serves as a
Garrett Mentor; is a certified soccer referee; is a member of the Mountain Lake Park Town Council; and was a member of the Frostburg State University Board of Visitors.

A trombonist, Sincell is a co-founder/active member of the Garrett Community Concert Band and a charter member of the Garrett Choral Society.

An active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, he served as director of Camp Luther of the West Virginia/Western Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Sincell resides in Mountain Lake Park with his wife Suzanne, a retired local educator and also an SHS graduate. They are the parents of four children, and the grandparents of three.

Leighton and Sincell are the fourth and fifth members of the SHS Hall of Fame, with the others being Brenda Snyder Brosnihan, Charles W. Mason Jr., and Maurice S. Brookhart.