

Donald J. Langley is currently semi-retired, spending the winter months in Florida while returning for the spring, summer and fall seasons to Indian Lake, New York, where he assists in operating the Point Breeze Motel and Cabins with his family. Don personifies the first and second criteria listed for inclusion in the Columbia High School Alumni Hall of Fame, namely; "demonstrated achievement in his vocation" and "outstanding service to his community."

While a student at Columbia he was actively involved in a variety of activities. He was an outstanding athlete earning recognition in basketball as varsity co-captain and as a member of the All-Albany All Stars Team. Don did not confine his efforts to athletics. He was a member of Student Council and Vice-President of the senior class. His talents also extended into the twin areas of dramatics and music where he excelled on the stage as well as in the Boys Glee Club.

Following his graduation in 1944, Mr. Langley enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he saw military action on board the U.S.S. Pennsylvania, which was torpedoed by enemy craft. Surviving this event and seeing the war come to its conclusion, he enrolled at Temple University, majoring in health and education, graduating in 1951. Returning to his alma mater, he became Columbia's first Health teacher. He subsequently went on to receive his M.S. in School Administration from SUNY Albany.

Don Langley's accomplishments as an educator and community activist are pre-eminent in both quality and quantity. Professionally, he served as Director of Adult Education in the East Greenbush School District for eighteen years. He served as Vice Principal at Columbia High School from 1965-1971. He transferred his educational talents to the Warrensburg Central School District where he distinguished himself from 1971-1981 as Superintendent of Schools.

Don Langley's commitment to community life is exemplified by his active participation in a leadership role in a variety of activities. He was a founder, charter member and the first secretary of the local Rotary Club. He has served as chairperson, co-chair of: Rotary program for eyeglasses for needy children; the organizing committee for the Senior Citizens Club; Get Out the Vote Committee; Hampton Manor Lake development project; PTA(O); Pet Show for Playgrounds; and Christmas Shopping Tour for needy families; the Boy Scouts Junior Chamber of Commerce and Multiple Sclerosis organizations were also beneficiaries of Donald Langley's tireless and unselfish efforts.

It is for these professional and communal endeavors that the East Greenbush School District proudly recognizes Donald J. Langley as an inductee into the Columbia High School Alumni Hall of Fame.