

Congratulations to the friends and family of Robert M. Riano (Class of 1975) on his being accepted for induction into the Hall of Fame.

Mr. Riano was nominated by his mother, Irja Riano, for this honor. Mr. Riano graduated from Columbia in 1975, and then from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with degrees in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA. After marrying his college sweetheart, he moved to Maryland, where he achieved a distinguished career, receiving many awards in service to his country as a member of the CIA.

Mr. Riano was killed in action in 2006 while part of a CIA mission in Iraq. He is reported to have died of natural causes, although no details regarding his death have been released by the CIA.

Mr. Riano will be inducted into the Columbia High School Hall of Fame at the annual Gala. A military remembrance is planned.