

**Phil Agcaoili**

**Class of 1989**

**Columbia High School**

Mr. Phil Agcaoili has been responsible for changing the Internet community and driving innovation in the technology industry since he graduated from Columbia. Mr. Agcaoili has been a trusted advisor in securely connecting many of the largest global companies to the internet during the inaugural years of Internet commerce. Many of Mr. Agcaoili's proteges are now leading other successful global security teams. He believes that much of his success comes from his time in the East Greenbush School District and the opportunities that were provided to him there, and from his parents' unwavering encouragement.

Mr. Agcaoili graduated from Columbia in 1989, where he excelled as a student athlete. He was successfully involved in the District's gifted and talented program, which culminated in his eventual induction into Columbia's National Honor Society in 1988. He further exhibited his leadership potential when he represented our District in 1989 at Boy's State, sponsored by the American Legion. Mr. Agcaoili holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) and was inducted into Pi Tau Sigma (a national honorary fraternity) which recognizes academic achievement. He has attended Georgia State University for an MBA in Computer Information Systems.

Mr. Agcaoili co-founded SecureIT, a company which was acquired by VeriSign in 1998, shortly after VeriSign's IPO, and became VeriSign's first Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). He was an early member of Internet Devices, Inc., which was acquired by Alcatel. He served in Alcatel's Chief Technology Office after that acquisition. He currently serves as Chief Information Security Officer for Cox Communications in Atlanta, GA. He is a Founding Member of the Cloud Security Alliance and co-authored the security standards that are shaping Cloud Computing and adoption of technology such as smart phones and social media. He was appointed to the FCC Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) and is Committee Co-Chair for Cyber Security Best Practices, a group that is responsible for shaping the Cyber Security requirements for the entire telecommunications industry in the US. He has represented GE, VeriSign, Alcatel, Scientific-Atlanta, and Cox Communications in their respective Corporate Security Councils and the Dell Global Privacy Steering Committee and Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) Council. Mr. Agcaoili is an Advisory Board member for technology industry groups across the world, including CISO Executive Network, Evanta CIO Leadership Network, and Information Security Magazine. He has won numerous industry awards in recent years. Mostly recently, he won the 2010 Information Security Magazine Security 7 Award in Telecommunications and the 2009 Information Security Executive of the Year Award. He and his wife are active volunteers in the Livestrong Organization and National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC). They also support Society of Humane Friends and Friends of Animals.

Mr. Phil Agcaoili is an outstanding example of the best that Columbia has turned out over the years. He is the embodiment of an elite class of individuals who are defined as role models. It is therefore, with great pride, that the East Greenbush School District applauds and recognizes Mr. Phil Agcaoili as an inductee into the Columbia High School Hall of Fame.