

*Donna Langley-Peck*

*Class of 1969*

*Columbia High School*

Donna Langley-Peck, is currently a special education teacher at Tamarac High School in the Brittonkill Central School District. From 1985-1992, she served in a similar capacity at the Tamarac Middle School. Donna was selected as a participant in the prestigious Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program in 1992-93. She spent that year in the British Isles dedicating herself to the education of English school children grades 8-11, as a special education and history teacher.

Donna graduated with a Regents Diploma from Columbia High School in 1969. She continued her education by obtaining an AAS Degree in Recreational Supervision from Hudson Valley Community College in 1971. From there she went on to earn her B.S. Degree in Elementary Education Studies in 1976. She completed her formal educational preparation in 1984 by earning a Master of Science Degree in Special Education at Russell Sage College.

Donna claims membership in the Fulbright Association; the women's Delta Kappa Gamma Society; serves as a grants panelist on the Arts Center of the Capital Region; is a member of the Brittonkill Teachers Association and at one time from 1976-1989, displayed her musical talents as a member of the Tara Hall Bagpipe Band of Troy.

Donna's zest for life and learning has manifested itself into a highly motivated educator who inspired all those who know her and work with her. She leads by example, whether in preparation for another trip to England with her creation, the British-American Club; as a special consultant to classroom teachers; or in planning her Summer Educational Enrichment Program at a local college. It is her role in the promoting of international teacher-student cultural exchange that has been her crowning achievement. As a result of her personal experience abroad she founded the British-American Club, which for a decade has facilitated the cultural interaction of both British and American students who get the opportunity to experience each other's lifestyles in a personal home-stay environment. The planning and preparation that is required to successfully sustain such a program is testimony to the young people she has dedicated her life to.

With this in mind, the East Greenbush Education Foundation extends its congratulations to Donna Langley-Peck, upon her induction into the Columbia High School Alumni Hall of Fame.