

2009 Hall of Fame Honoree



John T. Fitzsimmons
Class of 1970

A 1974 graduate of Notre Dame University, John Fitzsimmons is a consummate business professional, devoted family man and dedicated community supporter. He began his career in insurance with the Mang Group in 1978 and helped lead the organization to a 17-office regional financial services center. He went on to become chief executive officer and a principal owner of Granite Holdings Inc., the holding company for the Mang Group of insurance agencies, Mirabito Fuel Group and Quickway Food Stores.

Professionally, John has been a director for the Independent Insurance Agents Association of New York, past president of the Independent Insurance Agents Association of the Southern Tier, past chairperson of Commercial Union's National Agents' Advisory Council, past chairperson of Royal Insurance Company's National Producer Advisory Board and past member of the advisory councils for Hartford Insurance Company, Kemper Insurance Company and Erie and Niagara Insurance. John was the recipient of the Independent Insurance Agents Association of New York Young Agent Award in 1986.

Mr. Fitzsimmons devotes much of his time to the community, contributing his expertise to almost a dozen nonprofit agencies and their boards over his career. In the past, he has served on the board of directors for the Roberson Museum, Notre Dame Club of the Southern Tier, Susquehanna Care Corps and the United Way of Broome County, where he chaired the annual campaign. He has also served as president of the Vestal Rotary Club and on the executive board of the Baden-Powell Council, Boy Scouts of America. Honors include the 2007 Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award and the Alzheimer's Association Memory Maker Award in 2008. Currently, he is on the Board of Directors for Lourdes Hospital, The Decker Foundation, The Greater Binghamton Coalition, the United Way Trust Fund and the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, where he serves as Chair.

John Fitzsimmons lives in Vestal, with his wife, Colleen. They have three children, Erin, John and Brian and three grandchildren, Jack, Molly and Finn.