

2017 Hall of Fame Honoree

Rachel Laquidara-Kolvek **Class of 1989**



A Special Agent with the FBI, Rachel Laquidara-Kolvek has amassed numerous awards from the agency she has served since 2001. Most are internal awards, not publicized, due to her role in supporting the Department of Justice by investigating and providing evidence against major gangs in the New York City and Newark, NJ, area.

After graduating from Vestal High School, Mrs. Laquidara-Kolvek earned her B.A. in social work from Bloomsburg University, where she also continued her athletic success. On the Huskies softball squad, she helped her team capture three PA state championships in 1990, 1992 and 1993. After college, Rachel began her career as a probation officer in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where she served for five years before rising to federal probation officer with the Philadelphia office.

As a special agent with the FBI, Mrs. Laquidara-Kolvek was part of a team recognized with the True American Hero Award from the Federal Drug Agents Foundation in 2006. A colleague and supervisory special agent of the FBI summed up the calibre of Rachel's work ethic by stating that "she possesses the four hallmarks of great leadership - character, courage, competence and collaboration."

Her current assignment is with the Trenton, NJ, office of the FBI, where she continues her work to keep our country safe by shining a light on the illegal activities of gangs and continuing her role to assist in bringing these criminals to justice. Rachel's service to community includes supporting 9/11 remembrances, as well as breast cancer patients through The Healing Consciousness Foundation.

Above all, Mrs. Laquidara-Kolvek is devoted to her family, which includes her wife, Christine, and their twin sons.