



HALL OF FAME 2020



Stephen B. Jones, Ph.D. Class of 1969

Steve and Judy (married 1972) graduated from Fort Hill in 1969. He served his senior year on the student Senate, co-edited the Sentinel's (student newspaper) feature page, and presided over the school's National Honor Society. Growing up in Allegany County's Appalachians shaped and fueled his future, forging a lifelong passion for Nature, and steering him into the then new Forestry program at ACC (now ACM), then on to a Forestry BS at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and 15 years later to a doctoral degree in Applied Ecology.

Nurturing Fort Hill faculty (notably Mr. Leeson, Miss Watkins, and Ms. McLuckie) boosted his confidence, supported his dreams, demanded much from him, and celebrated his successes. Steve excelled along life's journey, in no small part, because of the fire they helped ignite.

Although his heart and soul remained rooted in Western Maryland, career led him to 13 interstate moves. He spent 12 years with a Fortune 500 multi-national paper and allied products manufacturing corporation. He left the company to acquire his PhD, then served nine universities, including three as VP and another four as President. For three years he chaired the Governing Board of The University of the Arctic, an international consortium of 110 colleges and universities (aggregate enrollment of >800,000 students) across the eight northern circumpolar countries.

Three years retired, Steve is CEO of Great Blue Heron, LLC. He has authored three books and publishes weekly Blog Posts on Nature-Inspired Life and Living from his home in northern Alabama, on the southern end of the Appalachians. He and Judy have two children and five grands.