

King's College honors alums Joe Hand, Jr. & Margaret Hand Cicalese

Joe Hand Jr., president of Joe Hand Promotions, Inc., in Feasterville, Pa., and vice president Margaret Hand Cicalese were honored with the King's College Service to Society Award, which is presented to individuals who have distinguished themselves through selfless dedication for the benefit of others.

Joe, a Holland, Pa., resident graduated from King's College in 1980 with a B.A. degree in criminal justice, while his sister Margaret, a Richboro, Pa., resident and 1983 grad, earned a B.A. degree in criminal justice and sociology

The award was presented at the college's Alumni Reunion 2012 Awards Brunch on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012, at the Sheehy-Farmer Conference Center.

Currently, both Joe and Margaret play an active role in running the Joe Hand Boxing Gym & Computer Lab in Philadelphia. Not only does the gym train athletes and serve as a refuge from the inner city streets, but the non-profit organization also offers free access to their computer lab to individuals and neighborhood organizations.



Fr. Jack Ryan, C.S.C., President of King's College, presents the King's College Alumni Award for Service to Society to Margaret Hand Cicalese and Joe Hand, Jr.

Just recently, NLArts, a summer arts program for 60 young children in the Northern Liberties section of Philadelphia, enjoyed three weeks at Joe Hand Gym's computer lab while completing their community project.

"This was a real help for us," said Monika Kreidie, director of NLArts. "The idea was we would share two computers that we had, but when I talked to Joe before the camp, he said we could use the lab. It was a godsend for us."

In 2002, the Joe Hand Boxing Gym and Computer Lab was honored with the prestigious Philadelphia Sports Congress Community Service Award.

Besides their non-profit work with the Joe Hand Gym, Joe and Margaret are also involved with The Miracle League of Northampton Township in , Bucks County, where Joe serves as the league's president. The Miracle League, another non-profit organization, provides disabled children a safe and accessible ballpark facility so they can enjoy their love of sports.

Joe Hand, Jr., also serves on the board of directors for The Glen Mills Schools, which is the country's oldest residential school for troubled young men.

Later this year on Nov. 16, Joe will share another award with his father, Joe Hand Sr., when they accept the John F. Kennedy Memorial Award presented by the Northeast Community Center for Mental Health / Mental Retardation. The award recognizes significant contributions to the mental health movement in America.

Upon graduating from King's College, Joe joined his father in a part-time position in the family business, Joe Hand Promotions, Inc. This was Joe's first step into a career that can only be defined as entrepreneurial. Thirty two years later, Joe finds himself having everyday dealings with such industry headliners such as DirecTV, Showtime, Home Box Office (HBO), National Football League, Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), Kingvision, Top Rank, Inc. and Comcast.

As President of Joe Hand Promotions, Inc. since 1987, Joe has guided his family business to become the largest independent distributor of closed-circuit TV and pay-per view programming in the world. His deft understanding of all means of telecommunication technology has been the cornerstone of his success.

Having grown up as the daughter of the country's premier closed-circuit boxing promoter, Margaret began running closed-circuit locations by the time she was in the 8th grade. Her involvement in the family business began in 1971 by helping out in their home office by stuffing envelopes and licking stamps. As the company prospered and grew so did Margaret's involvement in the business.

After graduating from King's College, Margaret joined forces with her father and brother with a full-time position in the business. Since that time the business has changed quite dramatically.

Today, Margaret manages the daily endeavors of Joe Hand Promotions. Although the work that she does is mainly "behind the scenes," Margaret prides herself in being the driving force behind her father and brother as well as the entire staff of Joe Hand Promotions. She is actively involved in every aspect of the business from grant writing for their non-profit organizations to repairing office equipment. Her most important skill is being able to anticipate the needs of the office and providing the tools necessary to continue on their course of success

Founded in 1970, Joe Hand Promotions is the premier TV distributor of closed-circuit and pay-per-view boxing, UFC and special events in the country. For more information, go to www.JoeHandPromotions.com or call (215) 364-9000.