

John M. Zaleskas
Knights of the Round Table
Honorary
Class of 2011

Nominated by Committee

Mr. John Zaleskas received his B.S. in education from King's College in 1952 and his Master's Degree in Administration from the University of Scranton in 1974.

He began his educational career as an English and Social Studies teacher at the Lake Building in 1953. In 1965, he was appointed Assistant Principal at the new Lake-Lehman High School. He continued in this capacity until 1983 when he became Principal of the High School and remained in that position until his retirement in 1990. Mr. Zaleskas was asked to return on two occasions to represent the Lake-Lehman School District as Acting Superintendent in 1991 and 1992.

During Mr. Zaleskas' tenure at Lake-Lehman he was very active in his involvement with the student body by coaching basketball, wrestling, baseball and football. He also directed and organized many class plays, Class Night programs, dances and proms, class and band trips and Graduation Ceremonies.

Mr. "Z" made it a part of his position to be visible and involved in all school activities. He was always there for students, parents, teachers and the Board of Education.

On December 8, 2004, the new gymnasium in the Lake-Lehman Junior-Senior High School was dedicated to Mr. John Zaleskas and named The John M. Zaleskas Gymnasium. A ceremony and reception was held in his honor. A portrait of Mr. Zaleskas hangs at the entrance of the gymnasium.