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## DAWN BOGGIO-KORBELAK

Ms. Boggio-Korbelak, Class of 1973, RA, AIA is Vice President of Product Development for K. Hovnanian Homes, Red Bank, NJ. She graduated from Pt. Pleasant Borough High School in 1973. Upon notification of this honor and induction, Ms. Boggio-Korbelak was quick to salute the Pt. Pleasant school system, "Looking back to my years at Point Pleasant High School, I feel such gratitude for an educational environment that allowed so much variety of exploration in the arts, for me, as well as sports for the rest of my siblings. This prepared me in so many ways for a rich future with so many exciting choices."

During her tenure, she was deeply involved in the school's music and theater programs. She was a member of the Chorus, Madrigals, Treblettes, a woman's music group, as well as the Special Chorus.

She participated in two theater presentations a year from eighth grade through her senior year, including "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", "Bells are Ringing", "Damn Yankees" and had the lead role of Golde in "Fiddler on the Roof" in 1973. This was the first play to take place in the Loren E. Donley Performing Arts Center. She was also a member of the Honor Society.

Following high school, Dawn pursued the arts and sciences by attending NJ Institute of Technology where she earned a degree in Architecture, and a graduate degree in Engineering. Dawn is currently a registered architect and a member of the American Institute of Architects. She is a Corporate Officer for K.Hovnanian Homes, a publicly traded company and the sixth largest homebuilder in the United States. K.Hovnanian built over 20,000 homes in 2006, in seventeen states. In her position of Vice President of Product Development, Dawn oversees an architecture department, and works with the company's architects to provide innovation in design and quality in the homes that are built. She is a member of the NJ Barrier Free Sub-code committee that provides recommendations to the NJ Department of Community affairs in the area of Barrier Free design. She has been a speaker at the National Association of Homebuilders yearly convention. Dawn has also been a guest speaker at seminars given for the benefit of

handicapped individuals through the Community Law Project in New Brunswick, NJ, as well as the NJ Americans with Disabilities organization.

Dawn's wonderful accomplishments, as well as her unyielding commitment to community, education, and service encompasses several areas. An Ocean County College adjunct professor for five years, Dawn taught engineering and construction classes at night. She also belongs to a group of K.Hovnanian volunteers who provide and serve food to a homeless shelter in Red Bank through Habcore. The group provides holiday meals and gifts every year to the Habcore residents.

Drawing on her Architectural skills, Dawn participated with the Coastal Habitat for Humanity's Women Build Project. The women-built projects provide an opportunity for women to learn construction while building homes for families in need. Dawn personally designed and prepared construction documents for a Habitat home in Neptune, New Jersey. She then assembled a group of K.Hovnanian manufacturers to donate material for the home, including roof trusses, lumber, cabinetry and appliances as well as other miscellaneous items. She aided in the on-site coordination and training of an all-woman's group to build the home's structural walls and help to install roof trusses. She assembled volunteers from K.Hovnanian on this project, as well. Dawn provided her Architectural expertise in the design for the rehabilitation of the 100th home built by the St. Joseph's Carpenter Society located in Camden, NJ. Since the society's inception in 1985, they have been actively engaged in the rehabilitation of affordable housing for low and moderate income families. Dawn personally designed and prepared construction documents for the renovation of a Victorian-style home which is now owned and enjoyed by a family in Camden.

She recently became involved in a volunteer effort to renovate the Count Basie Theater, a landmark theater in Red Bank that is entering its 80th year of promoting the arts for Monmouth County. Dawn will lend her expertise in design and engineering to the renovation effort.

In an expression of respect for the entire family, Dr. Rob Coombs, Foundation President, notes, "Ms. Boggio-Korbelak is the third member of the revered Boggio Family to be inducted into the Pt. Pleasant Hall of Fame. Members of the foundation who knew Ms. Boggio-Korbelak's parents, Shirley & the late Dr. Marshall Boggio, recalled how they believed that the acquisition of knowledge should be a lifetime commitment; not just something people aspire to four years out of high school. A humble Ms. Boggio-Korbelak added, "Of course, I had parents who consistently encouraged the pursuit of learning throughout our lives, and those of my brothers and sister. I believe that this legacy will carry on through many future generations."

Dawn's husband, George Korbelak, is Deacon at St. Peters Church in Point Pleasant Beach. Dawn has two children, Paul Hoffman, 23, who is currently a student at Ocean County College, Bailey Hoffman, 21, who has studied to become a professional photographer at the Hallmark Institute in Massachusetts, and two stepdaughters, Tara Korbelak, 25, who is a wonderful vocalist and a musical theater major with a degree from the University of Arts in Philadelphia, as well as Kimberley Korbelak, 23, who holds a degree in Fashion Design from the Art Institute of Philadelphia.