

ELAINE

Good Morning....I would like to welcome you all here this morning to the **Academy Awards** , featuring the most interesting series of the century....“**Roll Call Of The Citadel**”For 18 seasons there has been a new episode brought forth each year featuring a new round of actors with a few repeat positions intermingled. As you all know, sometimes the (right) man for the job isn't always available , so the producers have to arrange for repeat appearances in different capacities in order to remain inside the budget. You may remember that some of these “**Said**” positions filled by previous actors reappear later on ,acting in a different role, such as, A Math teacher may appear as a Dean Of Boys, or even later on, appear as a Science teacher....Or, an Office Secretary may then appear as a Business Education teacher, or even a Home Economics Instructor. I even found where a Business Manager/Treasurer appeared as a Physical Education Teacher. Anyways, these hard working Faculty Actors were the glue that kept our mini-series together.

My name is **Elaine Guptill Gammon** and this is my assistant, **Judy Field Graham**. We were brought out of retirement from the year “1972” edition, to bring forth this awards program to you. I've got to say, its been difficult to name this genre...Was it a comedy.....or a tragedy.....or was it just a dramady? I suppose **you**, as the actors will have to judge it by the roles that **you** played and the **scripts** that you were given. I wanted to just set up a projector and quickly run the credits as in every other movie, but the director, wanted it done another way, so sit up straight and hang on for this ride may be a bumpy one.....

The year is 1966 and this episode is the first of it's kind. The setting is in a rural area in Western Massachusetts where a scant few

new buildings have been erected. The premise is that a school would be the center of attention at this location. Some “Regulars” called faculty have been called to duty and a whole bunch of new actors are hired on as “fill-ins” to make the series believable.

Now, Judy is going to refresh everyone’s memory of just who the actors were in this year of 1966.....Now, keep in mind, if you are on this list, **You are really old Time Actors!** So if you think you may be on the list, please stand up after Judy introduces the episode.....Both students and faculty. Thank you.

Judy

Episode #1 The year 1966

Everything is exciting and brand new. No one knows what to do or how to act or behave. The acting faculty members are trying to be “kind” to all the new kids on the block, but also have an eye out for trouble a'brewin'. The Principal is **H.W.Lawson**, with 14 Teachers all lined up to do their jobs. 11 more important faculty members have been hired as extras, to help out....Oh yes, and 9 other positions fill the office spaces.

If any of you would like to audition for a faculty or student role for the year 1966, please stand up.

“Congratulations for being the first class to graduate at Pioneer Valley Academy.”

Elaine

Episode #2 The year 1967

Well now, that first episode is over and done with. Actors have misbehaved, and eyes have been opened. A new approach has been established, but other things are pretty much the same....**Mr. Lawson** is still principal. But a few changes have been made, such as **Edwin**

Harkins dropped Bible class to just teach History. **Harold Keplinger** has added teaching Biology as well as Industrial Arts . Also, **LaVerne Wolcott** is now teaching Physics and Chemistry instead of just boring old science.

So, would all the acting Faculty and Students for the year 1967, please stand up. **“Congratulations to you all.”**

Judy

Episode #3 The Year 1968

Two years down, and the principal is still going strong. **John Wagner** walked “The Red Carpet” for teaching Bible and Biology. **Garnet Lawson** stepped down from being secretary to the principal, to teaching Typing and Business Education. **Eleanor Knowles** added Physical Education to her secretarial services. **LaVerne Wolcott** is just teaching boring old Science in this episode, **Dorothy Little** is taking over Dean of Girls, fulltime, and here comes **Annetta Owens** for Home Economics. **Harold Keplinger** has dropped Biology, but has stuck with Industrial Arts. “The Red Carpet” showcased **Marion Kidder** this year as Pastor and teaching Bible Doctrines, and good old **John Knowles** takes on Drivers Education.

Well, that was quite a year for change....If any of you walked “The Red Carpet” in the year 1968, please stand up.

Congratulations.

Elaine

Episode #4 The Year 1969

Okay, this year brings us to the most special class of the century.

The 1st 4 Year Student Actors

(You know, I probably know as much about the actors of this year, as they do of themselves. Poor Sweet **Sue McNeal**, she was new this year, stepping in for **Emily Proctor**, and didn't have a clue as to what was happening the morning that the seniors were cooking their breakfasts outside on their own camp fires. What about the group that was away from the others? What were they cooking? A little bacon, or a few hotdogs? And, the assistant Dean of Boys changed from **Tally Dorn** to **Ernest Alner**, who also played with the boys for Physical Education....**He** may have been on duty that night, when a few boys went out in the neighborhood (after dark) and stole a pumpkin to make Pumpkin Rum with, in the dorm room closet...Buzz, Jim, do you know anything about that? Oh, the webs we weave....Hmmm. Oh well, that's stories for another time....) Maybe even tonight after dinner....We'll see. A few more changes were made as well...**Elder Richard Vinglas** joined the team and looked over the Library and taught Spanish. **Jan Thayer** moved into town and taught Art. Harold **Keplinger** had all he could take, so **Arthur Loignon** took over Industrial Arts. I guess **LeRoy Peterson** had had enough of listening to screeching Sopranos, so **Bill Fagel** took over that position. And Oh yes, about all the "Littles" on campus...**Mary Kidder** taught grades 1-4. Anyways, these first 4 year students deserve a special "Red Carpet" walk. If you are here, please stand when you hear your name and remain standing as I welcome the other actors of this years senior class.

Steve Berghern.....	Walter, Buzz, Gileo
Jerald Guptill.....	Donna Gray
Dennis Williams.....	Roger Knowlton
Alfreda Wolcott.....	Daniel Ruggles
Roseanne Mason.....	Paul Muller
Susan Campbell.....	Sarah Hallgren
James Penny.....	Sharon Pearson
Lynnoy Kaiser.....	Terrance Lee

(Special Congratulations to all of You)

Now, I welcome all the other seniors and faculty of the year 1969 to stand. **Congratulations, I'm so happy to see all of you.**

Judy

Episode #5 The Year 1970

This episode of “The Citadel” had the Faculty listed in the **BACK** of book and names written in **lower case letters**....What was the editor (Gary Clifford) trying to tell us, I wonder?

G.A.Linderman is on the scene for Science and Math, instead of **LaVerne Wolcott**. I guess the **little**, “Littles” were a bit too much for **Mary Kidder**. So **Mrs. Hart** took a spin with grades 1-4. And some of the “Littles” grew, so **Mrs. L.C Wolcott** made an appearance everyday with grades 5-8. Here's a “2-fer” for ya....**Carl Wessman** was hired to straighten out the Choral sector, while his wife took a stab at Business Education. And last but not least. A very handsome **Randy Butler** made an appearance in the Social Studies Room...probably the first time that girls became very interested in Social Studies.

So with no more ADO, would the class of 1970, please stand up. **Congratulations!**

Elaine

Episode #6 The Year 1971

Here we are in 1971, my first year at P.V.A. , coming in as a junior. I was on the shirt tails of my brothers existence there and didn't quite know how I would be received. Well, just like everyone else. That's a good thing, I guess.

The Principal for the second year in a row since **H.D.Lawson**, is **John Knowles**, and the school nurse is **Pat Nickerson**, standing in for **Helen Hamel**, and is putting in her third year. **M.E.Kidder** is “out” for pastor and **Elder Bailey** is in. **Mrs.Wagners** fingers must have been weary, because now we have **Teresa Hansen** for keyboard. Home Economics no longer belongs to **Annetta Owens**, but now is owned by **Mrs.G.A.Linderman**. There is another shake-up in the office as **G.C.Pierson** is now the Assistant Principal, Guidance Counselor, and teacher of Fine Arts. Lots of changes and lots of talented new actors. If you are a part of the class of 1971, please stand up.

Many Congratulations to you.

Judy

Episode #7 The Year 1972

I think this is the very best year ever. That's because this is Elaine's and my graduation year. Yay, “72”. Well, french class just won't be the same without **Mr. Esposito**, but we gave a chance to **Mr. L. Ferguson**. Sweet Mrs. Emily **Proctor** is back from maternity leave and is teaching Home Economics, leaving English behind. **H.D.Wilson** was introduced to the Industrial Arts program and also got scared to death by (new) Driver Education students. Good thing

he had a brake on his side of the car. We also got a great Band leader in **Charles Zacharias**.

I would love to see all of my classmates that are here today. If you were in the class of 1972, please stand up.

Congratulations and We love all of you.

Elaine

Episode #8 The Year 1973

So, now Judy and I are out of this mini-series and have moved on..... However, a new cast has entered the premises. **Mrs Hershel Wilson** is teaching Business Education, and for the third year, **Merle Rouse** is Dean Of Boys. Girls Physical Education is enjoyed with **Bonnie Ferguson**. **Taly Dorn** takes time out of his busy day of being treasurer, to play games, as acting “Boys Physical Education” instructor. **Betty Simcock** relieves **Emily Proctor** of her duties in the Home Economics room, and all is well with the world.

Would all the actors of the year 1973, please stand up.

Congratulations!

Judy

Episode #9 The Year 1974

So meanwhile. Back at the ranch, **Mrs. Copsey** has been wearing many different hats, from food services, to housekeeping, to laundry services, to now sitting in as Girls Dean. **Mrs. Randy Butler** is now Girls Physical Education Instructor. **Laverne Wolcott** is getting some help with Mathematics from **Betty Nichols**. Besides **Harris Pine Mills**, there is a new place in town of which to work

in...**Dakota Bake and Serve** has been around for two years now.

If you graduated or were faculty within the year 1974, please stand up.

Good Job and Congratulations.

Elaine

Episode#10 The Year 1975

Change of Arms happened this year, in that **Lyle Botimer** became Principal. Quite a shake up in faculty happened this year as well. **Karl Kirchberg** is Assistant Dean of Boys, and teaching Math. **W.G.Nelson** is in charge of Social Studies, **Robert Peeke** is playing the part of Pastor, and **Mrs. Sandra Peeke** in checking out all Health issues. **Stacy Nelson** has Bible class and Girls Physical Education class to keep her busy.

If you were part of this year of 1975, please stand up.

Congratulations.

Judy

Episode # 11 The Year 1976

English is now in **Mrs. Wessmans** court, and **Mrs. Zacharias** is teaching Fine Arts. **Miss Merlene Olmsted** is Assistant Dean Of Girls and Home Economics Teacher.

Not so many changes this year, except for the senior class.

If you were a part of the year 1976, please stand up and

Congratulations.

Elaine

Episode # 12 The year 1977

Only a couple of changes in Staff actors for this year which included **Alan Frost** acting as Assistant Dean Of Boys and Industrial Arts instructor. Another fresh face was **Ulrich Tutsch** for English and Photography. Another sad change was that we lost our beloved **Mrs. Wolcott** this year. She would be dearly missed.

Everyone from this time era of 1977, please stand up.

Many Congratulations to you.

Judy

Episode #13 The Year 1978

The fall photography in this edition of the Citadel were exquisite. Kudos to the yearbook staff and photographer. I would mention a few names, but I couldn't find them. Looks like a huge turn around in faculty actors this year.....**Debbie Withrow** is taking over Business Education, **Richard Tibbits** is the new Pastor on campus, **Dale Rhodes** is chief of Band and **Charles Drechsel** is in charge of Mathematics and Physics. Also lets take a look at Science class with **Vicki Miller**, Industrial Arts and Drivers Education with **Doug Hayes**, **Ginny Frost** for Physical Education, **Gladys Robinson** relieves **Mrs. Zacharias** of Keyboard and Assistant Pastor is awarded to **Rick Reeves**.

If you are proud of being a member of this years class, please stand up.

And Congratulations to you.

Elaine

Episode # 14 The Year 1979

Everything seems to be status quo this year, with only a few changes in faculty positions. **Nancy Nelson** takes over Business Education and **Jean Lowder** is looking after the Health services of this mini-series population. Consumer Arts is with **Carol Woods**, **Brad Hill** is having fun with Physical Education class , and **William Crowe** is making sure no one cuts off their thumbs in Industrial Arts class.

Please stand up if you were part of this years population.

Kudos to all of you.

Judy

Episode #15 The year 1980

Just before the opening of this episode, there was a small tornado that passed over the Movie Lot. 1/3 of the Girls Dorm roof including the Chapel roof, was damaged. Three days of heavy rain, and so much water damage was threatening the 10,000 volumes of books housed in the library. **Mr. Salem**, owner of “Salem Cross Inn”, sent over a Semi-trailer to store the books in while repairs were being made. Also the maple trees at the entrance of the Lot were uprooted, to forever change the picturesque “turn-in” to the school. Fortunately, with a lot of work from faculty, and volunteers, this mini-series opened on time for the next episode of The Citadel.

Well, **Emily Proctor** is back on the scene with English. Principal **Robert Labard** is also busy with teaching History. **Gary Sudds** is giving Boys Dean over to **Dean Thomas**, and is now

teaching Bible and acting as Guidance Counselor. **Mark Opp** is busy in the Biology and Chemistry Lab and a new band director is in the name of **Robert Cangelosi**.

If you are proud of being in this episode, please stand up.

Congratulations.

Elaine

Episode #16 The Year 1981

And this series drags on and on with some new actors here and there, all for the better of course. Well, the cover of this edition , in my opinion, is one of the best in the series. Kudos to the yearbook staff.

The Nurses position has been awarded to **Julia Sanburn** and Secretarial Science is in the hands of **Joanna Sudds**. Again, another Pastor is on the scene, **Ernest Stevenson** won the audition. **Jake Randall** is overseeing Band, and **Dale Haverson** is in charge of the Industrial Arts program.

Please stand up if you made a difference in this years episode.

**Thank you for not burning the school down, and
Congratulations.**

Judy

Episode #17, The Year 1982

Well, in looking through the Citadel Episodes, the dress code and hair styles have gone from “Downton Abby” to “One Day At A Time” , with the drama of “One Life To live”.

So, with that being said, Physical Education is played out with **Kevin Holman**. **Sue Kanen** is playing the part of Fine Arts teacher

and **Robert LaBard** was chosen to play the part of History teacher ,along with still being Principal. **Matt and Toni Wlasniewski** is teaming up for English classes and **Terry Verlo** is tinkering with Biology and Chemistry.

Congratulations to this years Actors, would you please stand up.

Elaine

The Last And Final Episode #18 The Year 1983

We will just call the actors in this episode, “The Young uns”. So many lives have been touched throughout the years on this movie set. This last episode has brought a couple of changes in the cast of faculty....**Garry Sudds** is stepping in as Principal, **Sheri Verio** is playing the part of School Nurse, and **Carmen Jimenez** is teaching Spanish along with assisting **Kim Ihrig** with Dean Of Girls.

Sadly this mini-series has come to an end. No more Joint Recs, no more crossing over the walkways, with the spring breezes blowing your hair, or blowing you off the crosswalks in mid of winter, no more warm meals in the cafeteria, while looking out on the Mountains. A wonderful setting for a place to learn and worship as a family. Good-Bye P.V.A. ,Good-Bye Citadel, Hello Memories.

Would the last graduating class of P.V.A please stand up.

Congratulations and may God bless all of you.

(With all due respect, not all of the important names were mentioned today as the credits were rolled. We never could have made it without the people behind the scenes as grounds keepers, agriculture management, laundry, household cleaning, food services, office personal, work management , and of course all the parents of students that attended.) And last but not least, all the underclassman that didn't get the chance to walk the “**Red Carpet**” for

graduation...**The year 1984, 1985, and 1986.**

If there are any of these people here today, please stand up.

Congratulations to you as well and

Thank you for all that you shared.