

Everyone Has a Story: Scouts honor longtime public servant

Sharon E. Schulman

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According to the Girl Scouts of the USA, successful women are likely to be former Scouts.

The organization, which turns 100 in March, says 68 percent of women in Congress, 80 percent of women executives and 93 percent of female astronauts once were in scouting.

Sharon E. Schulman, 64, special assistant to the president for external affairs at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and former executive director of its William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, fits the mold. She has had a long career in politics and government, public relations and public utilities. And she was a Brownie and Girl Scout while growing up in Vineland.

“What I remember was the good times and camaraderie. The badges made us focused and goal-oriented,” Schulman said. “And I remember selling cookies.”

Schulman lives in Gloucester Township, Gloucester County, with husband Sheldon Schulman, a Vineland attorney. She is one of five 2012 Women of Distinction chosen by the Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ Inc.

As an award winner, she'll be matched with a young woman to mentor. Her mentors, including former state Assemblyman Edward H. Salmon, have encouraged her to “go to the next rung of the ladder,” she said. She was executive director of Salmon's first legislative district offices in the 1980s, and worked with him as chief of staff and chief executive officer at the state Board of Regulatory Commissioners in the 1990s.

Schulman will attend the Girl Scout Leadership Summit, where high school girls meet award winners, on March 17 at Stockton. For information, call 800-582-7692 ext. 161.

Margate native Perskie wins

broadcast journalism award

Margate native and Atlantic City High School Class of 1992 graduate Joseph Perskie, a senior producer at HBO Sports, has won the A.I. duPont Award for broadcast journalism, for “Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel: Head Games.” The HBO series examined the link between sports-related concussions and the risk of developing Lou Gehrig's disease.

Perskie is the only sports journalist to ever receive the award, which is administered by the Columbia University School of Journalism, said his father, Steven P. Perskie, of Margate. This is the second time he's won the award. The first time was several years ago for a piece on the abduction and forced participation of young boys to serve as “camel jockeys” in the United Arab Emirates, Steven Perskie said.

Joseph Perskie, 37, lives with his wife and two daughters in Monmouth County. To learn more about his work, click on the link with this story at [PressofAtlanticCity.com](http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com).

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