

2019 ART ROONEY AWARD DINNER



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2019 Rooney Award Winners Announced 46th Annual Dinner Set for April 29th

The Catholic Youth Association of Pittsburgh (CYA) and the Rooney Family today released the slate of 2019 Art Rooney Award Winners. They are:

**Eva Tansky Blum, Chair, University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees
Art Rooney Award**

**Dr. Susan J. Manzi, Chair, Dept. of Medicine, Allegheny Health Network
John E. McGrady Award**

**Ryan Shazier, Linebacker, Pittsburgh Steelers
Bob Prince Award**

**Sally Wiggin, News Anchor, WTAE-TV
Bill Burns Award**



Eva Tansky Blum



Dr. Susan Manzi



Ryan Shazier



Sally Wiggin

In making the official announcement on behalf of the Rooney's, Mary Ann Heneroty, CEO of the Catholic Youth Association (CYA) said each recipient highly deserves acclaim.

Eva Tansky Blum is the first woman to be elected to chair the Board of Trustees at the University of Pittsburgh. She earned that position by being one of the hardest working and most dedicated board members. Eva joined Pitt's board in 2004, and

played a lead roles in the selection of a new chancellor and in the University's record setting \$2B capital campaign. In addition to her voluntarily work on behalf of the University of Pittsburgh, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, the Carnegie Science Center and other civic organizations, Eva has held a succession of high level executive positions at PNC. Eva is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Law. Because of her many notable and important contributions to the region, Eva is the 2019 **Art Rooney Award** recipient.

Dr. Susan Manzi grew up in Crabtree, Westmoreland County--a town of about 400 people. Her mother and father were first generation Italian immigrants who owned a grocery. Following high school Susan made the leap from Crabtree to the University of Notre Dame and to the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Manzi, ever sensitive to the suffering of patients, began to concentrate on autoimmune diseases--devastating illnesses like lupus--which disproportionately affect women. She has now published over 200 articles related to autoimmune disease and was recently named national chairperson for Lupus Foundation of America. Dr. Manzi has been named one of the 'Best Doctors in America' by US News & World Report and we are pleased to honor her with the 2019 **John McGrady Award**.

Ryan Shazier is a remarkable athlete. He is also remarkable human being and a man of faith. Ryan was a first round draft pick of the Steelers in 2014 (15th overall). The book on Ryan when he was drafted was that he was a highly productive, disruptive playmaker vs. the run and pass...able to shoot gaps and make plays behind the line of scrimmage. He proved to be all that and more through four seasons with the Steelers. After he was injured in 2017, we learned more about Ryan Shazier the man. We learned about his dedication and commitment. We learned about his courage and optimism. We learned about his trust and faith in God. In these regards, we are pleased to honor Ryan with the 2019 **Bob Prince Award**.

Sally Wiggin needs no introduction to Pittsburghers. While few people may know that Sally has a Master Degree in Chinese history from the University of Michigan, everyone in Pittsburgh knows she has been a dedicated, trustworthy reporter, a talented news anchor and an amazing community volunteer throughout her career. We are pleased to salute her with the Bill Burns Award.

If you'd like to attend the Art Rooney Award Dinner being held Monday, April 29, 2019 at the Omni William Penn Hotel call the Catholic Youth Association at 412-621-3342. Additional information is also available at www.artrooneyaward.com.

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