

## Joseph Pajor

Joseph Pajor graduated from Lyman Hall High School in 1965 and holds a BS in Accounting from Fairfield University, an MBA in Finance from the University of Bridgeport, and an MPH in Hospital Administration from Yale University.

After graduating from Fairfield University, Joe served in the U.S. Navy, stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Newport, Rhode Island. In 1972, he began his professional career as the Assistant Controller at Meriden-Wallingford Hospital. He then joined Mount Sinai Hospital in Hartford as the Director of Finance. He advanced to the Director of Revenue Cycle for the Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven and then served as the Executive Director of Revenue Cycle at Stamford Hospital. He concluded his career in 2015, retiring as the Administrative Director of Revenue Cycle at Norwalk Hospital in Norwalk, Connecticut. Joe served as President of the Connecticut Chapter, as New England Region 1 Director, and National Advisory Council member of the National Healthcare Financial Management Association..

In addition, Joe has held academic positions including adjunct professor of health care management at Quinnipiac University and at the University of New Haven. He has been a lecturer at both the Graduate Schools of Nursing at Yale and Fairfield Universities.

Joe has voluntarily served on the boards of several community organizations including the Connecticut Better Business Bureau where he has been treasurer and chairperson; the Columbus House Board of Directors, a regional nonprofit focused on serving the homeless where, while on the Board, Joe served as treasurer and chairperson; the Wallingford Education Foundation Board of Directors where he served as vice chairperson and secretary. Joe also volunteered as a meal preparer and server at the Wallingford Emergency Shelter. Additionally, Joe is a frequent contributor to *Wallingford Magazine*. Among his contributions was a five-part article on the history and evolution of the Wallingford school system from the 1800's to the present day.

Joe's experiences are diverse. He and his wife, Kathy, have traveled to 50 countries. He has jogged at least a mile in every state in the union. He proudly states that 40 pounds ago he completed three New York City marathons, as well as the Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles marathons. Joe has attended a Major League Baseball game in every MLB ballpark and a National Football League game in every city. He sat next to Red Sox owner, John Henry, next to the Red Sox dugout during a 2018 MLB game. One-time experiences include scuba diving in Key Largo, glider flying in Arizona, a Grand Canyon white-water rafting expedition, and white-water rafting the Arkansas River in Colorado.

Joe Pajor gives his all to everything he does, truly a noteworthy Distinguished Alumnus.