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Moonves, Leslie.

Distinguished alumni award program in honor of Leslie Moonves / award presented by Deputy Mayor Michael Belfiore. -- Valley Stream Historical Society, April 29, 1994.

1 cassette.

NOTE: Distinguished Alumni Award Program honoring Leslie Moonves was held at the Valley Stream Central High School Keller Auditorium on April 29, 1994.

1. Moonves, Leslie. 2. Valley Stream (N.Y.) - History.
I. Valley Stream Historical Society. II. Belfiore, Michael.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL :

1. Outline of recognition ceremony - Prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.
2. Program from the Distinguished Alumni Award Program in honor of Leslie Moonves.
3. "Warner Bros. TV head returns to CHS," Valley Stream Herald, April 28, 1994, p. 3.

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LESLIE MOONVES '67

Introduction - (unintelligible)

Deputy Mayor Belfiore - Citation from Village

Bruce Blakeman, Town of Hempstead - Urges students to community
service

Woman(?) representing Senator Skelos; Moonves is "most important
man in television industry today".

David Levy, Congressman, Presentation of Certificate of Merit from
House of Representatives

Woman(?), Man (?)

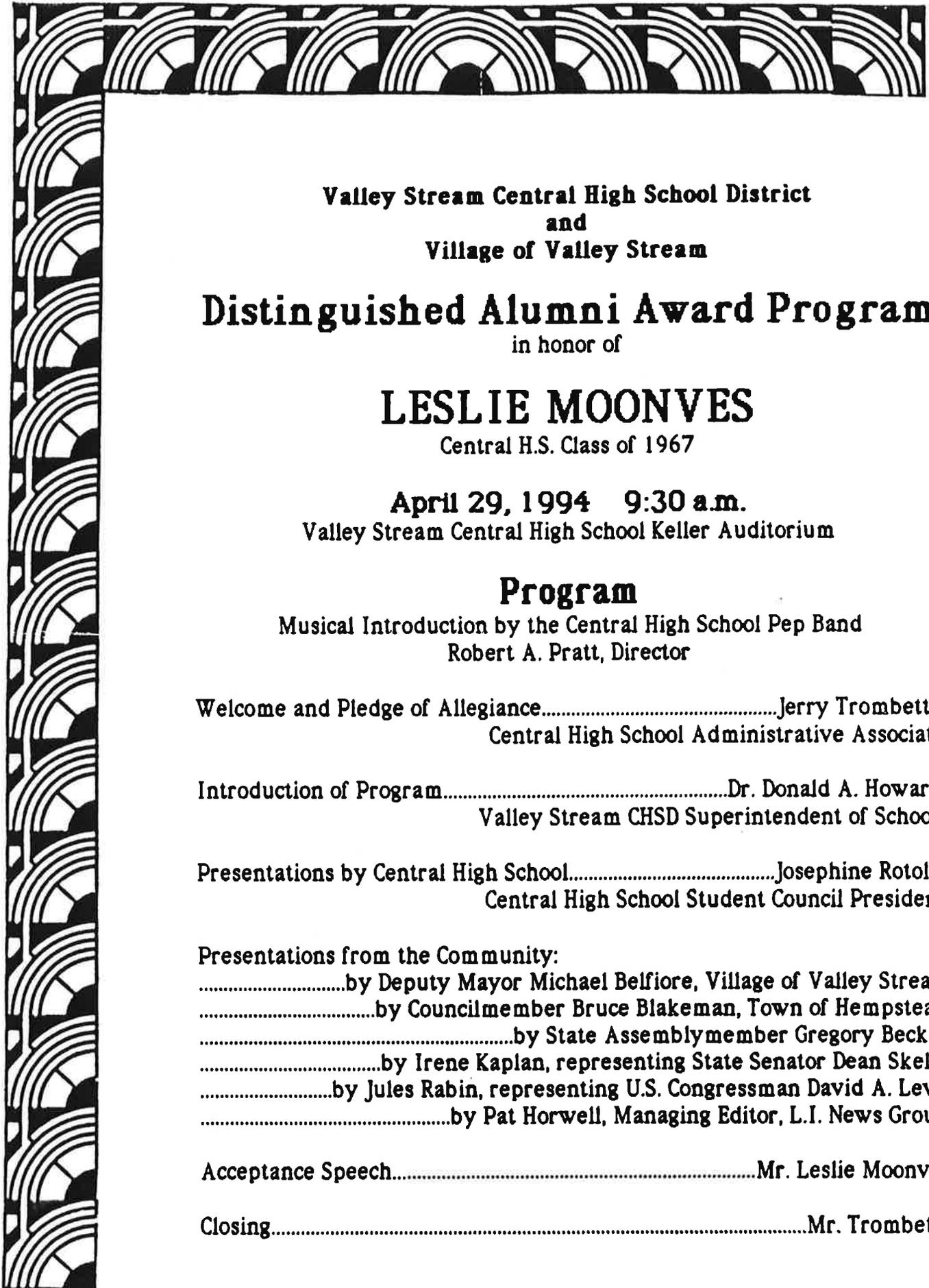
Leslie Moonves- Memories of High School. Failures go with success.

Most important asset- ability to communicate with people.

Advice: Don't settle for work you don't like.

Question from audience: How much time for your family.

Answer: Weekends.



**Valley Stream Central High School District
and
Village of Valley Stream**

Distinguished Alumni Award Program
in honor of

LESLIE MOONVES
Central H.S. Class of 1967

April 29, 1994 9:30 a.m.
Valley Stream Central High School Keller Auditorium

Program

Musical Introduction by the Central High School Pep Band
Robert A. Pratt, Director

- Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.....Jerry Trombetta,
Central High School Administrative Associate
- Introduction of Program.....Dr. Donald A. Howard,
Valley Stream CHSD Superintendent of Schools
- Presentations by Central High School.....Josephine Rotolo,
Central High School Student Council President
- Presentations from the Community:
.....by Deputy Mayor Michael Belfiore, Village of Valley Stream
.....by Councilmember Bruce Blakeman, Town of Hempstead
.....by State Assemblymember Gregory Becker
.....by Irene Kaplan, representing State Senator Dean Skelos
.....by Jules Rabin, representing U.S. Congressman David A. Levy
.....by Pat Horwell, Managing Editor, L.I. News Group
- Acceptance Speech.....Mr. Leslie Moonves
- Closing.....Mr. Trombetta

LESLIE MOONVES

Leslie Moonves grew up in Valley Stream on Albermarle Ave., attended the Wheeler Ave. Elementary School and Memorial Junior High, and graduated from Central High School in the Class of 1967. While at Central, he distinguished himself as captain of the varsity tennis team, as sports staff head for the Cadet yearbook, as an actor in the Senior One Act Plays, and as a member of the English, Spanish and National Honor Societies.

Moonves received his B.A. in biology and Spanish from Bucknell University in 1971 and then pursued an acting career at New York's Neighborhood Playhouse. After performing in numerous stage and television productions, he decided to work on the other side of the camera and became a development executive with Catalina Productions in Los Angeles.

Rising in the field, he served as vice president for two television production companies, joined Lorimar Television in 1985 and was promoted to head of creative affairs in 1988, beginning the company's unprecedented seven-year run as the number one supplier of network series. Series under his aegis have included the longtime hits "Dallas," "Falcon Crest," "Perfect Strangers," "Knots Landing," "Reasonable Doubts," "I'll Fly Away," and many others.

Lorimar Television was acquired by Warner Communications in 1989, Moonves became president of Lorimar in 1990, and in July of 1993, Warner Brothers Television operations were folded into his division and he became the president of the consolidated Warner Bros. Television Production.

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Moonves is on the executive committee of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, is a member of the board of trustees of the Entertainment Industries Council, and is a past president of the Hollywood Radio & Television Society.

He lives in California with his wife, Nancy, and their three children.

Warner Bros. TV head returns to CHS

The president of Warner Brothers Television in Hollywood is returning to his alma mater, Valley Stream Central High School, on Friday, April 29.

Leslie Moonves, class of 1967, who grew up on Albemarle Avenue, will be honored at a student assembly to which the public is invited.

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