

2020 Favorite Son Award



Joseph J. Fennessy

Joseph James Fennessy, son of the late James and Mary Fennessy, is a Certified Public Accountant and Brooklyn-born Irish American who grew up with his late brother, Tom Fennessy, in Queens before ultimately moving to Nassau County.

Joe is a retired partner and former chief operating officer for Deloitte & Touche LLP's Northeast Region. During his 41-year Deloitte career, Joe also served as the Managing Partner of Deloitte's Long Island Office and Partner-in-Charge of the Northeast Region Healthcare practice.

Joe's commitment to his community comes from a family who was steeped in public service. His father and brother served in the New York City Police Department, as did several other members of his extended family.

Sixteen-years ago, Joe became a member of Mount Sinai South Nassau's Board of Directors. He now serves as Chair of the Board and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mount Sinai Health System. Joe's business and leadership acumen have been a vital component of the Board's strategic planning for the growth and expansion of the hospital. His thorough understanding of the challenges Mount Sinai South Nassau faces ensures that the hospital is poised to meet the future health care needs of the communities it serves. Joe also serves as Finance Committee Chair for his parish, St. James in Seaford, NY.

Joe has served as the Chairman of Long Island United Way as well as Chairman of its Strategic Planning Committee. He was a member of the Board of the Long Island Philharmonic; a member of the Community Board of Telecare; and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee for Brooklyn United Methodist Nursing Home. St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Parish and their CYO inducted him into their Hall of Honor for his distinguished service to the Parish CYO program and many years coaching girls' basketball. Additionally, Joe has been named the Brooklyn United Methodist Home Man of The Year; St. John's University Beta Alpha Psi Accountant of The Year; Epilepsy Foundation Distinguished Long Islander; and Suffolk Community Council Distinguished Business Leader. Mount Sinai South Nassau has also honored Mr. Fennessy for his leadership and philanthropy.

Joe, a Wantagh resident, graduated from St. John's University. He was married to his late wife Lucille for over 30 years. He has three daughters, Carol (Anthony), Donna (Jack) and Joanne. He has 5 grandchildren AJ, Lucy, Andrew, Allison and Jack.