

## **The Class of 2000 Selects...**

### **Carmen V. Scialabba (Class of 1953)**



Associate Staff Member of the Appropriations Committee for Interior and Defense in the United States House of Representatives. He was destined for a career as a professional boxer. Scialabba represented the US Marine Corps in 1956 at the Southwest Olympic Trials, and in 1959 gained the ALL US Marine Corps Lightweight Boxing Champion Title and represented the Marine Corps in the Pan American Trials.

He began his professional boxing career in 1960, but a year later his career was cut short when he was diagnosed with polio. The illness left him paralyzed from the waste down, but Scialabba overcame all odds and learned to walk with leg braces. A 1966 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Scialabba also earned a Master of Arts degree in geography from Indiana University. He began his professional career as a junior high history teacher in the Johnstown public schools. He has spearheaded numerous efforts through his involvement in the Johnstown Jaycees, flood relief work, hurricane relief work, cultural exchange program, tutoring programs, and rehabilitation programs.

Since 1975, Scialabba has been an associate staff member for the US House of Representatives and top aide for US Representative John Murtha. Scialabba analyzes legislative activity to assess information and recommend action and program funding. He works with issues ranging from military construction and national defense to agriculture and health services. Scialabba now lives in Silver Spring, Maryland.