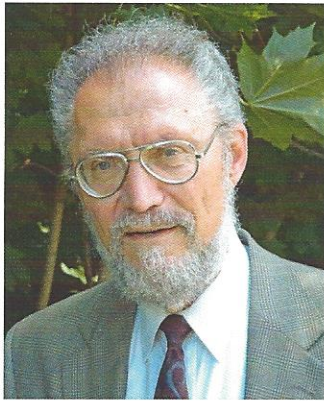


BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR



Vic Leviatin
*Founder and President Emeritus
of WISE Services*



Vic Leviatin was born in Dubno, Poland, in 1939 and came to the United States under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 when he was nine years old. He received his B.A. in World History from The City College of New York and earned two Masters Degrees—one in education, and the second in sociology. Vic began teaching social studies at Woodlands High School in 1961.

Seeking a solution for “senior slump” and wanting to help prepare students for life beyond high school, Vic and colleagues in 1973 created the Woodlands Individualized Senior Experience (WISE), a program that gives seniors of all ability levels the opportunity to design individualized, passion-driven projects that empower a transition from high school to college, work and lifelong learning. After 30 years of teaching and 18 years of mentoring hundreds of WISE students, Vic retired in 1991.

Knowing that what he would miss most about Woodlands was WISE, Vic founded WISE Individualized Senior Experience, Inc. (d/b/a WISE Services), a nonprofit organization committed to spreading the WISE opportunity to students at high schools beyond Woodlands. Since 1991, WISE Services has started the WISE Program at more than 100 schools across the country, and there are now more than 40,000 WISE graduates, ranging in age from 18 to 57.

Currently in his 24th year as a board member, Vic has donated more than 20,000 hours to WISE Services! Acting as executive director for many of those years, he has handled every facet of nonprofit management including representing the organization, managing finances, launching new school sites, training program staff, planning conferences, forums and fundraising events, securing publicity, providing essential individualized support to the coordinators, mentors, students and communities around every WISE school, and much

more. He has also personally raised over one million dollars to support and sustain WISE Services, and he continues to personally support the organization year after year. Vic’s greatest gift however, is not simply his vision or his willingness to do the work, but his ability to inspire others to do the same.

Vic currently resides in White Plains with his beloved wife, plays tennis several days each week, and is more enthusiastic than ever about the expanding WISE family of schools and the transformative success of the WISE Program.

Vic’s passion for education and desire to prepare students for college and the world of work has touched many lives in Westchester and other communities. We gladly recognize his benevolence, knowledge and insights, and applaud his extraordinary board service to WISE Services.

“Successful charitable fundraising has much in common with managing a business: It requires leadership, persistence, and creativity.”

~ David Rockefeller