

## 2022 NEW TRIER ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT HONOREE

# Nancy (Lynch) Scott

Class of 1960



Nancy Lynch Scott has been a trailblazer for women in the traditionally all-male field of investment professionals. She first broke through the glass ceiling in the late 1960s by being one of the first women hired by an all-male Wall Street firm. That experience helped her recognize the need for a safe and comfortable place for women to go for financial help. So, in 1970 Nancy started her own firm. She took it public and served as its president. She was dedicated to hiring and serving women. She co-authored the book, *ALONE*, a guide for the suddenly single woman.

The late 70s took Nancy into the field of commercial real estate development. With the help of a dedicated group of partners, she was able to construct over 20 motels, condos, self-storage complexes and a wind energy farm.

“If you can make it there, you can make it anywhere” usually refers to New York City. Comparing her experiences in the Big Apple and NTHS, Nancy concludes, “Wall Street was hard. New Trier was harder.”

Nancy Lynch grew up in Glencoe, an only child of incredibly supportive parents. She attended Central School where the name “New Trier” was almost magical.

Nancy recalls that “NTHS was big, scary and wonderful. Academics were a real challenge and A’s hard to come by. Extra-curricular activities - a dream come true.” Nancy enjoyed many different sports but found her real passion was in the theater. She enjoyed roles in many productions including the famed *Lagniappe*. Senior year, she became the editor of *PLAYBACK*, the audio yearbook.

Nancy found no sympathy when she lamented to her favorite teacher, Mrs. Peggy Winger, “No NYSE Wall Street firm will ever hire a woman.” Mrs. W replied, “Then it’s your job to change that.” She remained Nancy’s trusted pen pal for the next 25 years.

Presently, Nancy enjoys the company of her first love and high school sweetheart, Rear Admiral Michael Scott (NTHS ‘61), and spending time with their growing family. She passionately serves the community through her San Diego Rotary club (the fourth largest in the world).

