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**THE FRICK PITTSBURGH PRESENTS
THE ROY A. HUNT FOUNDATION AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO
EDUCATION IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES
TO MR. ALPHONSE A. RAPA**

*Knoch High School teacher successfully integrates
art and humanities into his curriculum*

**AWARD PROGRAM: Tuesday, May 11, 2016, 12:00 p.m.
The Frick Art Museum auditorium**

PITTSBURGH, PA, May 6, 2016— The Frick Pittsburgh is pleased to announce Mr. Alphonse A. Rapa as the recipient of the *2016 Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities*. Mr. Rapa is a French language teacher at Knoch High School in Saxonburg, Pennsylvania, which is part of the South Butler County School District.

In 1999, the Roy A. Hunt Foundation worked with the Frick to establish this award. The *Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities* is given annually to an educator who has demonstrated a commitment to participating in the Frick's education programs, and who has successfully integrated the arts into the students' learning experience. Mr. Rapa has demonstrated these qualities in his teaching.

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Mr. Rapa has been bringing students to the Frick every year since 1999. For the past 11 years, his students have taken part in a combination program at the Frick, which includes a tour of Clayton and participation in the Frick's *Joie de Vivre* program, a unique Frick offering involving the study of original 18th-century French paintings, drawings and furniture in the Frick's collection along with an exploration of the dynamics of peasant and court life, which vividly demonstrate the socio-economic tensions leading to the French Revolution.

Mr. Rapa will be recognized at a ceremony in The Frick Art Museum auditorium on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. The ceremony will be attended by his students, who will participate in a tour and activity, followed by a brief presentation to ceremony attendees.

A representative from the Roy A. Hunt Foundation will present the award. On hand for the award presentation will be; Carolyn B. Reed, Chair, Board of Trustees, Frick Art & Historical Center; Robin Nicholson, Director of The Frick Pittsburgh; Jenny Kelly, Executive Director of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation; Roy A. Hunt Foundation trustee Torrence M. Hunt, Jr., and representatives from South Butler County School District.

Mr. Rapa will be presented with a plaque for display at Knoch High School, and a check in the amount of \$3,000 will be presented to the school to help defray the cost of future field trips and enrichment activities. Additionally, Mr. Rapa's students will receive 150 complimentary admission passes to Clayton to encourage future visits from students and their families.

**ABOUT THE ROY A. HUNT FOUNDATION AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION
IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

The Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities was established at the Frick Pittsburgh through the efforts of Torrence M. Hunt, Sr. (1921–2004), a longtime Alcoa executive who was involved with many civic, educational, wildlife, and conservation groups. Following his retirement from Alcoa in 1982, Mr. Hunt served as senior trustee of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation, named for his father and established in 1966. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Hunt and the Foundation, including Torrence M. Hunt, Jr., who serves as a trustee on the foundation's board, thousands of students have participated in enrichment

activities through support provided by *The Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities*.

ABOUT ALPHONSE A. RAPA

Alphonse A. Rapa is a graduate of Slippery Rock State College, where he majored in Secondary Education and French as an undergraduate and later earned a Master of Arts in English. He also studied in Europe, completing several courses at the Paris-Sorbonne University. A French teacher at Knoch High School since 1981, he has been employed by the South Butler School District since 1977.

Mr. Rapa was raised in an Italian household and spoke Italian as a child, which provided him with a background for learning French and Spanish. In addition to teaching French to high school students, Mr. Rapa is a French and Spanish instructor at Butler County Community College and has organized many trips to Europe for students and adults.

ABOUT EDUCATION AT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

The Frick Pittsburgh offers educational programs for children, students, adults and families. During the Frick's last fiscal year (2015–2016), these programs served more than 14,000 individuals. For more information about the Frick and its educational programs, please call 412-371-0600 or visit TheFrickPittsburgh.org. Free parking is available in the Frick's off-street lot, or along adjacent neighborhood streets.

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