Arthur G. Polizos, founder and former chairman of The Polizos Agency, was the 1987 AAF Silver Medal Award honoree in Hampton Roads. Through his 25 years of management experience, leadership and personal commitment, Polizos took the agency from an office of two employees to one of the region’s foremost firms.

Polizos supervised effective and successful communications programs for the City of Norfolk, the City of Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development, the City of Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development, and Forward Hampton Roads. In addition, he developed and coordinated various campaigns designed for the Virginia Department of Waste Management, the Virginia Hospital Association, Norfolk International Airport, Norfolk Shipbuilding & Drydock Corporation, and Life Savings Bank.

He performed public service on behalf of numerous organizations including the Salvation Army, Tidewater Council Boy Scouts of America, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Old Dominion University, Virginia Symphony, Virginia Opera, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, and Lee’s Friends.

For his significant contributions and expertise in the public relations field, Polizos was regarded both locally and regionally as a premier public relations practitioner and counselor. The Public Relations Society of America recognized these contributions by bestowing upon his firm its highest honor, the Silver Anvil. In addition, the agency was awarded several of the Society’s annual Virginia Public Relations awards.

Polizos, a member of the Public Relations Society of America since 1966, served as past president of the Advertising Club of Tidewater (now AAF Hampton Roads). He served on the boards of the Rotary Club of Norfolk, the Virginia Symphony, the Virginia Opera Association, and the Old Dominion University Athletic Foundation. He also served as a member of the Hampton Roads Maritime Association, Greater Norfolk Corporation and Network Virginia Beach.

A native of Norfolk, Polizos attended Maury High School and graduated from Fork Union Military Academy before enlisting in the Air Force where he was accepted for pilot
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