Arts and Entertainment

- Nick Adams (1931-1968) film actor, mother was Polish-American
- Grant Aleksander (1959- ) film and daytime actor
- Stanley Andrews (1891-1969) Radio and TV actor
- Magda Apanowicz (1985- ) Canadian actress
- Carroll Baker (1931- ) film actress and author
- Christine Baranski (1952- ) film, theater and television actress
- Kristen Bell (1980- ) film/television actress
- Maria Bello (1967- ) Academy Award-nominated actress
- Carlos Bernard - TV actor
- Lisa Boyle (1968- ) actress and model
- David Burtka (1975- ) TV and Theater actor
- Jennifer Connelly (1970- ) Academy Award winning actress; her mother is a Jew from Poland
- Elzbieta Czyzewska (1938- ) Polish-born award winning theater, film and TV actress.
- Janice Dickinson (1955- ) model, reality television star, her mother is of Polish heritage
- Dagmara Dominczyk (1976- ) Polish-born actress
- Marika Dominczyk (1980- ) Polish-born television actress
- Anne Dudek (1975- ) television actress
- Alexis Dziena (1984- ) TV & film actress
- George Dzundza (1945- ) TV & film actor
- Alice Greczyn (1986- ) Actress
- Gilda Gray (1901-1959) actress and dancer
- Marilu Henner (1952- ) television actress, and health book author, her father ifs of Polish decent
- John Hodiak (1914-1955) Film actor
- Bonnie Hunt (1961 - ) is a two-time Golden Globe-- and an Emmy Award-nominated American actress, comedienne, writer, director, television producer and daytime television host of The Bonnie Hunt Show
- Scarlett Johansson (1984- ) actress, her mother is a Jew from Poland
· Jane Kaczmarek (1955- ) film and television actress
· Nina Kaczorowski (1975- ) actress, stunt woman, model and dancer
· Ted Knight (1923-1986) Emmy award winning film and television actor
· Linda Kozlowski (1958- ) Actress
· Jane Krakowski (1968- ) TV, theater & film actress
· John Krasinski (1979- ) TV and film actor
· Carole Landis (1919 - 1948) Film actress, mother was of Polish decent
· Joe Lando (1961- ) TV and film actor
· Tea Leoni (1966- ) Film and TV actress, her maternal grandmother is of Polish decent
· Justin Long (1978- ) Film and television actor, his mother, former Broadway actress Wendy Lesniak, is of Polish decent.
· Eric Mabius (1971- ) TV and film actor
· Rose Marie (1923 - ) TV and film actress, mother is of Polish heritage
· Ross Martin (1920 - 1981) Polish-born TV and film actor
· Jason Mewes (1974- ) Jay of duo.
· Helena Modjeska (1840-1909) Polish-born actress who specialized in Shakespearean roles
· Pola Negri (1894-1987) Polish film actress who achieved notoriety as a femme fatale in silent films between 1910s and 1930s
· Jerry O'Connell (1974- ) TV and film actor, mother is Polish-American
· Jerry Orbach (1935 - 2004) Tony Award winner, theater, TV and film actor, mother was Polish-American (TV series, film
· Joanna Pacula (1957- ) Polish-born actress
· Jared Padalecki (1982 - ) TV actor
· Adrianne Palicki (1983- ) TV actress
· Stefanie Powers (1942- ) Stage, TV, film actress and singer
· Beata Pozniak (1960- ) Polish-born actress, film director, painter, fashion model and activist who is now based out of the United States
· Robert Prosky (1930- ) Character and TV actor
· Maggie Q, actor and model
· John Ratzenberger (1947- ) TV actor
· John Rubinstein (1945- ) TV and film actor
· Chloë Sevigny (1974- ) Film actress and model her mother is of Polish descent
· Casey Siemaszko (1961- ) Film/television actor
· Nina Siemaszko (1970- ) Film/television actress
· Olga Sosnovska (1972- ) Polish-born TV and soap opera actress
· Gloria Swanson (1899-1983) Film actress
· Loretta Swit (1937 - ) Stage and television actress,
· Keith Szarabajka (1952- ) TV and film actor
· Eric Szmanda (1975- ) TV actor
· Stephen Tobolowsky (1951- ) American film and TV actor
· Tom Tyler (1903 - 1954) Film actor
· James Urbaniak (1963- ) Film, television and theatre actor
· Michael Vartan (1968 - ) Film and television actor, mother was born in Poland
· Paul Wesley(1982 - ) Film and television
· Jean Wallace (1923-1990) Film actress
· Pia Zadora (1954 - ) actress and singer, Polish-American mother
· Debra Messing (1968 - ) is an American actress
· Sarah Silverman (1970 - ) is an American comedian, writer, singer, guitarist and actress
· David Arquette (1971 - ) is an American actor, film director, producer and screenwriter
· Daphne Zuniga (1962 - ) is an American actress
· William Shatner (1931 - ) is a Canadian double Emmy-, Golden Globe- and Saturn Award-winning actor and novelist
· Alex Borstein (1971 - ) is an American actress, voice actress, writer and comedian
· Elijah Wood (1981 - ) is an American actor
· Estelle Getty (1923 – 2008) was an American actress, who appeared in film, theatre and television
· Madeline Zima (1985 – ) actress

· Harry Shearer (1943 - ) is an American actor, comedian, writer, musician and radio host

· Fred Savage (1976 - ) is an American actor and television and film director, and producer

· Peter Falk (1927 - ) is an American actor

· Frank Oz (1944 - ) is a British-born American film director, actor and puppeteer

· Liev Schreiber (1967 - ) is a film and stage actor

· Lee Strasberg (1901 – 1982) was an American actor, director, and one of the best-known acting teachers in American theater and film

· Jack Benny (1894 - 1974) was an American comedian, vaudevillian, and actor for radio, television, and film.

· Mayim Bialik (1975 - ) is an American actress

· Harvey Keitel (1939 - ) is an Academy Award-nominated American actor

· Leelee Sobieski (1982 - ) is an American actress

· Patrycja Mikula (1983 - ) also known as Patricia Mikula is a model and Playboy Cybergirl

· Sam Zell (1941 - ) is a U.S.-born billionaire and real estate entrepreneur

· Zero Mostel (1915 – 1977) was an American actor of stage and screen, best known for his portrayal of comic characters such as Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof, Pseudolus in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, and Max Bialystock in The Producers

· Shia LaBeouf (1986 - ) is an American actor, voice actor, and comedian.

· Joshua Malina (1966 - ) is an American film and stage actor

· Pesach Burstein (1896 - 1986) was an Israeli-American, Polish American actor, comedian, singer and director of Yiddish vaudeville and Yiddish theater

**Architecture**

· John S. Flizikowski (1868 - 1934) Prominent Chicago architect

· Daniel Libeskind (1946 - ) Polish-born renowned architect

**Arts**

· Richard Anuszkiewicz (1930 - ) op art painter, sculptor, and printmaker

· Joseph Bakos (aka Jozef Bakos) (1891-1977) Southwestern artist

· Benda (1873 - 1948) painter/illustrator
· Hedwig Gorski (1949 - ) performance poet and an avant-garde artist
· Katerina Graham - actress, singer, dancer and model currently in The Vampire Diaries
· Tamara de Lempicka (1898 - 1980) art deco artist
· Jan Lorenc (1954 - ) photographer and designer
· Jozef Mazur (1897 - 1970) painter & stained glass artist
· Rafal Olbinski (1945 - ) artist
· Ed Paschke (1939 - 2004) artist
· Gwyneth Paltrow - actress and singer
· Miroslaw Rogala (1954 - ) video artist
· Theodore Roszak (1907 - 1981) sculptor
· David Seymour (1911-1956) Polish-born Photographer & Photojournalist
· Julian Stanczak (1928 - ) painter
· Stanislaw Szukalski (1893 - 1987) painter, sculptor and pseudoscientific historian
· Arthur Szyk (1894 - 1951) political cartoonist
· Jack Tworkov (1900 - 1982) painter
· Max Weber (artist) (1881 - 1961) Polish-born Expressionist painter
· Krzysztof Wodiczko (1943 - ) artist
· Michael Zabrocki (1959 - ) Catholic Recording Artist
· Korczak Ziolkowski (1908 - 1982) sculptor

Filmmakers

· Andrzej Bartkowiak (1950 - ) cinematographer, director and actor
· Richard Boleslawski (1889 - 1937) Director
· Tad Danielewski (1921 - 1993) director/producer
· Samuel Goldwyn (1882 - 1974) well-known Hollywood motion picture producer and founding contributor of several motion picture studios
· Janusz Kaminski (1959 - ) two time Oscar winning cinematographer and film director who has photographed all of Steven Spielberg’s movies since 1993’s Schindler’s List
· Martin Kunert - writer/director
· Rudolph Maté (1898 - 1964) accomplished cinematographer and film director
· Alan J. Pakula (1928 - 1998) producer, writer and director
· Andrzej Sekula (1954 - ) cinematographer and film director
· J. Michael Straczynski (1954 - ) writer/producer
· Gore Verbinski (1964 - ) Director
· Wachowski Brothers: Filmakers/Directors
· Albert Warner (1883 - 1967) one of the founders of Warner Bros. Studios
· Harry Warner (1881 - 1958) one of the founders of Warner Bros. and a major contributor to the development of the film industry
· Jack Warner (1892 - 1978) president and driving force behind the highly successful development of Warner Brothers Studios in Hollywood, Los Angeles, California
· Sam Warner (1887 - 1927) co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Warner Brothers film company
· Billy Wilder (1906 - 2002) journalist, screenwriter, film director, and producer whose career spanned more than 50 years and 60 films
· Dariusz Wolski - Polish born cinematographer
· Aaron Spelling (1923 - 2006) was an American film and television producer
· David Geffen (1943 - ) is an American record executive, film producer, theatrical producer and philanthropist
· Stanley Kubrick (1928 – 1999) was an influential American-British filmmaker, screenwriter, producer and photographer
· Roman Polanski (1933) is an influential and renowned filmmaker, born in Poland, fled US in 1978 due to allegations of statutory rape.
· Sam Spiegel (1901 – 1985) was an independent Academy Award-winning film producer

**Journalism**

· Mika Brzezinski (1967 - ) NBC and MSNBC News Journalist and Commentator
· Rita Cosby (1964 - ) MSNBC Anchor and Journalist
· Laura Ingraham (1964 - ) conservative political TV commentator/radio show host/author
· Max Kolonko - TV personality and News Correspondent, Author, Producer,
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· Michelle Kosinski (1974 - ) NBC News Correspondent

· Jim Miklaszewski - chief Pentagon correspondent for NBC News

· Mike Royko (1932 - 1997) long-running newspaper columnist in Chicago, Illinois

· Carl Monday - Cleveland's Famous Investigative journalists

· Alan Krashesky - Anchorman of Chicago's WLS-TV or ABC 7.

· Gloria Steinem (1934 - ) is an American feminist icon, journalist, and social and political activist

Literature

· Mark Z. Danielewski (1966 - ) author of House of Leaves.

· Stuart Dybek (1942 - ) poet, writer and author of five books

· Hedwig Gorski (1949 - ) performance poet and an avant-garde artist

· Joseph Janczak - writer and author of The Rocket: Baseball Legend Roger Clemens

· Jerzy Kosinski (1933 - 1991) English-language novelist

· Czeslaw Milosz (1911 - 2004) Nobel prize winning poet, prose writer, essayist and translator

· Andrew Nagorski (1947 - ) Non-fiction/fiction author and award winning senior editor

· Michael Alfred Peszke (1932 - ) psychiatrist and historian of the Polish Armed Forces in World War II

· Terese Pencak Schwartz (1947 - ) writer, speaker and publicist most well known as the producer of the website www.holocaustforgotten.com, website dedicated to the non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust of World War II.

· James Rollins (1961 - ) (born Jim Czajkowski) bestselling author of fantasy and action-adventure thrillers (Sandstorm, Map of Bones)

· Diane Wakoski (1937-) poet and essayist in residence at Michigan State University

· Maia Wojciechowska (1927 - 2002) writer of children's books

· Leo Yankevich (1961 - ) critic, editor, poet and translator associated with The New Formalist movement

· Adam Zamoyski (1949 - ) historian and a member of the Zamoyski ancient Polish nobility family

· George Zebrowski (1945 - ) science fiction author

· Roger Zelazny (1937 - 1995) writer of fantasy and science fiction short stories and novels

· Aleksandra Ziółkowska Boehm (1949 - ) historical author

· Arthur Miller (1915 – 2005) was an American playwright and essayist
· J.D. Salinger (1919 - ) is an American author, best known for his 1951 novel The Catcher in the Rye, as well as his reclusive nature

· Leo Rosten (1908 - 1997) teacher and academic, but is best known as a humorist in the fields of scriptwriting, storywriting, journalism and Yiddish lexicography

**Models**

· Michelle Buswell (1983 - ) Model

· Erica Campbell - model/adult model

· Anna Chudoba - model/reality TV star

· Janice Dickinson (1955 - ) self-proclaimed first supermodel, fashion photographer, actress, author and an agent

· Katarzyna Dolinska (unknown) model and contestant

· Diane Klimaszewski (1971 - ) model and one half of the Coors Light Twins with sister Elaine

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· Joanna Krupa (1981 - ) model and actress

· Jordan Monroe (1986 - ) Playboy model

· Beth Ostrosky (1972 - ) model and wife of Howard Stern

· Anna Jagodzinska - Polish model, born in Sierpc.

· Anja Rubik - Polish model, born in Czestochowa.

**Music**

· Michael Anthony (1954 - ) bassist for the band Van Halen

· Jerry Augustyniak (1958 - ) drummer for the band 10,000 Maniacs

· Pat Benatar (1953 - ) rock singer who had numerous hits during the 1980s ("Heartbreaker", "I Need A Lover", "You Better Run")

· Eddie Blazonczyk - polka musician

· Isis Gee (1972 - ) pop singer, songwriter, and composer

· Neil Diamond (1941 - ) is an American singer-songwriter and occasional actor

· Peter Cetera (1944 - ) singer/songwriter & bass player for the band Chicago

· Leonard Chess - co-founder of Chess Records
· Phil Chess - co-founder of Chess Records

· Dick Dale (1937 - ) pioneer of surf rock and one of the most influential guitarists of the early 1960s, experimented with reverb and made use of custom made Fender amplifiers

· Ann Danielewski (1968 - ) also known as Poe, one of several female singer-songwriters to first hit the modern rock charts in the mid-1990s

· Henry Doktorski (1956 - ) Concert Accordionist, Pianist, Composer & Conductor

· Adam Dutkiewicz (1977 - ) Guitarist for Killswitch Engage

· Urszula Dudziak (1943 - ) jazz singer

· Rik Fox - bass/guitar player for heavy metal bands Steeler, Sin and W.A.S.P., Renaissance Faire organizer[105]

· Paul Gilbert (1966 - ) guitarist for Mr.Big and Racer X

· Leopold Godowsky (1870 - 1938) polish born pianist/composer

· Josh Groban (1981 - ) Singer, songwriter.

· Lawrence Gwozdz (1953 - ) saxophone player

· Józef Hofmann (1876 - 1957) polish born pianist/composer

· Mieczyslaw Horzowski (1892 - 1993) polish born pianist

· Bobby Jarzombek (1963 - ) drummer for Halford

· Ron Jarzombek - guitarist of Watchtower

· Jan A. P. Kaczmarek (1953 - ) Academy Award winning composer

· Jan Kiepura (1902 - 1966) tenor

· Greg Kihn (1950 - ) pop musician, frontman for Greg Kihn Band

· Pee Wee King (1914 - 2000) country-western singer/songwriter The Tennessee Waltz

· Miliza Korjus (1909 - 1980) Polish-born opera singer and actress

· Adam Kowalczyk - Guitar player for the band Live

· Ed Kowalczyk (1971 - ) Lead singer of the band Live

· Gene Krupa (1909 - 1973) big band/jazz drummer

· Liberace (1919 - 1987) charismatic and flamboyant American entertainer

· Adam Makowicz (1940 - ) jazz pianist/composer
· Ray Manzarek (1939 - ) The Doors keyboardist and co-founder
· Marilyn Mazur (1955 - ) percussionist/composer/singer/pianist/bandleader
· Paul Mazurkiewicz - drummer for Cannibal Corpse
· Robert Muczynski (1929 - ) composer
· Karen O (1978 - ) "Yeah Yeah Yeahs" singer
· Ken Peplowski (1959 - ) jazz clarinet/saxophonist
· Adolph Poczatek (1911 - 1984) Performer / Founder, Adolph's Polka Aces Band, Member, Frankie Yankovic Band.
· Gene Pitney (1940 - 2006) singer and songwriter
· Bogdan Raczynski - braindance artist
· Frederic Rzewski (1938 - ) composer/pianist
· Johnny Rzeznik (1965 - ) guitarist/vocalist of Goo Goo Dolls
· Richie Sambora (1959 - ) Bon Jovi guitarist
· Matt Skiba (1976 - ) Lead singer and guitarist for Alkaline Trio
· Ruth Slenczynska (1925 - ) pianist
· Walt Solek Polka musician
· Zygmunt Stojowski (1870 - 1946) pianist/composer
· Leopold Stokowski (1882 - 1977) conductor/composer
· Roman Totenberg - Polish born violinist
· Michal Urbaniak (1943 - ) jazz musician
· Bobby Vinton (1935 - ) pop singer
· Henryk Wars (1902 - 1977) composer
· Jack White - singer/guitarist for The White Stripes
· Frankie Yankovich Polka musician
· Franciszek Zachara (1898 - 1966) composer & pianist
· Frank Klepacki (born May 25, 1974) is an American musician, video game music composer and sound director best known for his work on the Command & Conquer series.
· Marilyn Manson (1969 - ) is an American musician as well as an artist

· Keith Urban (1967 - ) is a New Zealand Grammy- and ARIA-winning country music singer

· Hillel Slovak (1962 – 1988) was an Israeli-American musician best known as the original guitarist and founding member of the Los Angeles rock band Red Hot Chili Peppers

· John Curulewski (1950 – 1988) was one of the original members of Styx

· JoJo (1990 - ) Joanna Noëlle Blagden Levesque, is an American pop and R&B singer–songwriter and actress, is an American pop and R&B singer–songwriter and actress

· Jacques Singer (1910 - 1980) was an American conductor

· Benny Goodman (1909 – 1986) was an American jazz musician, clarinetist and bandleader, known as "King of Swing", "Patriarch of the Clarinet", "The Professor", and "Swing's Senior Statesman".

· Neil Sedaka (1939 - ) is an American pop singer, pianist, and songwriter often associated with the Brill Building

**TV**

· Elizabeth Hasselbeck (1977 - ) Co-host of The View and contestant on Survivor

· Bonnie Hunt (1961 - ) Host of The Bonnie Hunt Show

· Jenny Jones (1946 - ) talk show host who hosted The Jenny Jones Show from 1991 to 2002

· John Krasinski (1979 - ), actor, The Office (US series)

· Richard "Mach" Machowicz - host of Discovery Channel's Future Weapons, former Navy SEAL

· Charlie O'Connell (1975 - ) Reality and TV actor (The Bachelor)

· Janelle Pierzina (1980 - ) contestant on the sixth and All-Star seasons of the American version of the CBS reality show Big Brother

· Anthony Radziwill (1959 - 1999) television executive/filmmaker

· Pat Sajak (1946 - ) host of the popular and long-running television game show Wheel of Fortune

· Edyta Sliwinska (1982 - ) Ballroom Dancer and Champion featured on Dancing With The Stars

· Steve Wilkos (1964 - ) Talk Show Host

· Peter J. Lucas http://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_J._Lucas

**Theater and Dance**

· Christine Baranski - winner of both the Tony and Drama Desk Awards twice

· Walter Bobbie - baptized Władysław Babij - A-list Broadway Director
· David Burtka (1975 - ) Broadway actor
· Jerry Jarrett - born Jerome Jaroslow - Broadway musical theater actor
· Stas Kmiec- renowned theater and dance choreographer
· Jane Krakowski (winner of the 2003 Tony Award)
· Jerry Orbach (1935 - 2004) Tony Award winner
· Scott Schwartz - Broadway Director, playwright
· Anna Sokolow - leading American modern-dance choreographer, Broadway choreographer
· Karen Ziemba - Tony Award-winning actress, singer and dancer

Other

· Lelord Kordel (1904 - 2001) nutritionist and author of books on healthy living
· Caroline Myss - Author, Speaker & Healing Intuitive
· Bob Koshinski - American sports broadcaster and VP/GM of Empire Sports Network

Business

· Max Factor, Sr - Polish born Cosmetics Company founder
· Leo Gerstenzang - inventor of Q-Tips
· Tom Kalinske - former president and CEO of Sega of America
· Bernard Lichtenstein - a Polish tailor, founder of Wrangler Jeans brand
· Reuben Mattus - founder of the Häagen-Dazs company
· Rose Mattus - founder of the Häagen-Dazs company
· Frank Piasecki - founder of Piasecki Helicopter Company, inventor of dual-rotor helicopters
· Barbara Piasecka Johnson (1937 - ) humanitarian, art collector and one of the richest women in the world
· Henry Juszkiewicz - Chairman and CEO of Gibson Guitars Corp.
· Helena Rubenstein - Polish-born Cosmetics company founder
· Martha Stewart (1941 - ) business magnate, author, editor, former stock broker, model, and homemaking advocate
· Bob Stupak (1942 - ) founder of the Vegas World casino and the Stratosphere tower
· Jack Tramiel (1928 - ) founder of Commodore, President & CEO of Atari

· Sanford I. Weill (1933 - ) billionaire, banker, philanthropist, CEO and Chairman of Citigroup

· Steve Wozniak (1950 - ) co-founder of Apple, philanthropist

· Christian Brevoort Zabriskie (1864 - 1936) vice president of Pacific Coast Borax Company, for whom Zabriskie Point in Death Valley is named

· David Geffen (1943 - ) is an American record executive, film producer, theatrical producer and philanthropist

Explorers

· John Scolvus (15th century) John of Kolno, semi-legendary sailor, possibly the first Pole in America

Military

· Gabby Gabreski (1919 - 2002) fighter ace in World War II, and again in Korea

· Jan Karski (1914 - 2000) Polish World War II resistance fighter and scholar

· Tadeusz Kosciuszko (1746 - 1817) Polish and Lithuanian national hero, general and a leader of 1794 uprising (which bears his name) against the Russian Empire

· Wlodzimierz Krzyzanowski (1824 - 1887) Polish military leader and a Union general in the American Civil War[150]


· Kazimierz Pulaski - (1746 - 1779) Polish soldier and politician who has been called "the father of American cavalry." From 1777 until his death, Pulaski fought in the American Revolutionary War for the independence of the United States.

· Hyman Rickover - (1900 - 1986) Admiral in US Navy, known as the "Father of the Nuclear Navy", first Director of Naval Reactors.

· Edward L. Rowny (1917-?) U.S. Army General and ambassador Chief U.S. Negotiator for Arms Control, born in Baltimore, MD

· John Shalikashvili (1936 - ) U.S. Army general and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, born in Warsaw, Poland and emigrated to U.S. as a teenager. Became the first draftee to rise to rank of General and first JCS Chairman after General Colin Powell.

· Matt Urban (1919 - 1995) U. S. Army officer, per Guinness Book of World Records the most decorated U. S. serviceman

· Frank P. Witek (1921 - 1944) U.S. Marine and Medal of Honor Recipient

Politics
· Bruce Bielaski - director of the Bureau of Investigation (now the Federal Bureau of Investigation)

· Jackie Biskupski - politician and Businesswoman from Utah

· Zbigniew Brzezinski (1928 - ) political scientist, geostrategist, and statesman

· Susan Bysiewicz (1961 - ) Secretary of State, Connecticut

· John D. Cherry (1951 - ) Lt. Governor, Michigan

· Andrew R. Ciesla (1953 - ) State Senator, New Jersey, Republican

· Ed Derwinski (1926 - ) former U.S. Secretary of Veteran Affairs

· John Dingell (1926 - ) Democratic Representative from Michigan, Dean (longest-serving member) of the House of Representatives

· Thaddeus J. Dulski (1915 - 1988) U.S. House of Representatives, N.Y.

· Kirsten Gillibrand (1966 - ) U.S. Senator, N.Y., father is of Polish heritage.

· John A. Gronouski (1919 - 1996) Postmaster General & ambassador

· Chuck Hagel - Senator, Nebraska, Republican

· Kyle Janek (1958 - ) State senator, Texas, Republican

· Leon Jaworski (1905 - 1982) special prosecutor during the Watergate Scandal

· Paul E. Kanjorski (1937 - ) Pennsylvania Congressman, Democrat

· Marcy Kaptur (1946 - ) U.S. Representative for the Ninth Congressional District of Ohio, Democrat

· Jerry Kleczka (1943 - ) Democratic member of the United States House of Representatives from 1985 to 2005, representing the Fourth Congressional District of Wisconsin

· Ted Kulongoski (1940 - ) Governor of Oregon, Democrat

· Raymond Lesniak (1946 - ) State senator, New Jersey, Democrat

· Bill Lipinski (1937 - ) Democratic member of the United States House of Representatives from 1983 to 2005, representing the 3rd District of Illinois

· Dan Lipinski (1966 - ) member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the District of Illinois

· George D. Maziarz (1953 - ) Republican state senator from New York's 62nd district

· Barbara Mikulski (1936 - ) member of the Democratic Party, United States Senator representing the State of Maryland[155]

· Frank Murkowski (1933 - ) politician and former Governor of Alaska, Republican.
· Lisa Murkowski (1957 - ) junior United States Senator from Alaska, first U.S. Senator who was born in Alaska and Alaska's first female senator

· Edmund Muskie (1914 - 1996) Democratic politician from Maine, served as Governor of Maine, a U.S. Senator, as U.S. Secretary of State, and ran as a candidate for Vice President of the United States

· Marian P. Opala (1921 - 2010) Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice

· Tim Pawlenty (1960 - ) Governor of Minnesota, Republican, father is of Polish decent.

· Ed Pawlowski - Mayor of Allentown, Pennsylvania

· Gene Pelowski (1952 - ) Representative in the Minnesota State Legislature for District 31A and a teacher at Winona Senior High School in Winona, Minnesota

· Władysław Pleszczynski - conservative editor and writer

· Adam Przeworski (1940 - ) professor of Political Science

· Roman Pucinski (1919 - 2002) House of Representatives, Illinois

· Dan Rostenkowski (1928 - ) served in the U.S. Congress as a U.S. Representative for Illinois from 1959 to 1995

· Michael Skarzynski, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Development from 1989 to 1991

· Richard Trumka - leader in the American labor movement

· Alexander Vershbow - United States Ambassador to South Korea

· Aldona Wos - United States Ambassador to Estonia until early December 2006

· Marion Zioncheck (1901 - 1936) served as a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1933 until his death in 1936, Democrat

· Michael Bloomberg (1942 - ) is an American businessman and politician, and the current Mayor of New York City

· Bernard Sanders (1941 - ) is the junior United States Senator from Vermont

**Religion**

· Paul Gregory Bootkoski (1940 - ) Bishop of Metuchen

· Fabian Bruskewitz (1935 - ) Bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska

· Walter Ciszek (1904 - 1984) Jesuit priest held by the Soviet Union for 23 years, between 1941 and 1963 [157]

· Franciszek Chalupka (1909) Polish priest, graduate of Orchard Lake Seminary, founder of the first Polish parishes in New England, started from 1887

· Józef Dabrowski (1842 - 1903) Catholic priest
· William Dembski (1960 - ) a prominent proponent of intelligent design
· Edward U. Kmiec (1936 - ) Bishop of Buffalo, New York
· Jerome Edward Listecki (1949 - ) Bishop of La Crosse
· Adam Maida (1930 - ) Archbishop of Detroit, Michigan
· David Miscavige (1960 - ) Chairman of the Board of Religious Technology Center (RTC), a corporation that controls the trademarked names and symbols of Dianetics and Scientology, and controls the copyrighted teachings of Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard
· Leopold Moczygemba (1824-1891) Franciscan, founder of the first Polish settlement in Panna Maria, TX
· Edmund Cardinal Szoka (1927 - ) former president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State and Governor of Vatican City
· Thomas Gerard Wenski (1950 - ) Bishop of Orlando, Florida
· David Zubik (born 1949) Roman Catholic Bishop of Pittsburgh

Science

· Henryk Arctowski (1871 - 1958) scientist, oceanographer and Antarctica's explorer
· Paul Baran (1926 - ) one of the developers of packet-switched networks along with Donald Davies and Leonard Kleinrock
· Mieczyslaw G. Bekker (1905 - 1989) engineer and scientist
· Karol J. Bobko (1937 - ) former NASA astronaut
· Marie Sklodowska Curie (1867-1934) pioneer in field of radioactivity.
· Jan Czochralski chemist who invented the Czochralski process, which is used to grow single crystals and is used in the production of semiconductor wafers.
· Elonka Dunin (1958 - ) game developer, writer, and amateur cryptographer who maintains a website dedicated to the Kryptos sculpture/cipher located at the CIA's headquarters
· Casimir Funk (1884 - 1967) biochemist, generally credited with the first formulation of the concept of Vitamins in 1912
· Walter Golaski (1913 - 1996) Mechanical-Bio-Medical Engineer
· Roald Hoffmann (1937 - ) chemist & writer, Nobel Prize winner (1981)
· Leonid Hurwicz (1917 - 2008) economist, Nobel Prize winner (2007)
· Christopher Jargocki (1944 - ) physicist & author
· Hilary Koprowski (1916 - ) virologist and immunologist
· Alfred Korzybski (1879 - 1950) probably best-remembered for developing the theory of general semantics
· Stephanie Kwolek (1923 - ) inventor nylon and kevlar
· Ralph Modjeski (1861 - 1940) engineer & bridge builder
· Jan Moor-Jankowski (1924 - 2005) primatologist and a fighter for Polish independence against Nazi Germany
· Albert Abraham Michelson (1852 – 1931) Polish-born American physicist. Awarded the Nobel Prize in physics (1907) for work done on the measurement of the speed of light. He is also the first American to receive the Nobel in the sciences.
· Bohdan Paczynski (1940 - 2007) astronomer, leading scientist in theory of the evolution of stars
· Scott E. Parazynski (1961 - ) NASA astronaut
· James A. Pawelczyk (1960 - ) astronaut, Associate Professor of Physiology and Kinesiology at Penn State[180]
· Frank Piasecki (1919 - ) aviation engineer, developed vertical lift aircraft
· Isidor Isaac Rabi (1898 – 1988) Born in Rymanów, Galicia (Poland) emigrated to the U.S. in 1899. Awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics (1944) for work on molecular-beam magnetic-resonance detection method.
· Albert Sabin - Polish born medical scientist, discovered oral vaccine for Polio
· Andrew W. Schally (1926 - ) endocrinologist and Nobel Prize winner in 1977 in Medicine for research work[181]
· Tadeusz Sendzimir (1894 - 1989) engineer and inventor of international renown with 120 patents in mining and metallurgy, 73 of which were awarded to him in the United States
· Alfred Tarski (1902 - 1983) mathematician, philosopher
· Stanislaw Ulam (1909 - 1984) mathematician who participated in the Manhattan Project and proposed the Teller – Ulam design of thermonuclear weapons
· Frank Wilczek (1951 - ) physicist, Nobel Prize 2004
· Aleksander Wolszczan (1946 - ) astronomer, discoverer of the first extrasolar planets and pulsar planets
· Maria Zakrzewska (1829 - 1902) pioneering female doctor in the United States
· Florian Znaniecki (1882 - 1958) sociologist/philosopher
· Antoni Zygmund (1900 - 1992) mathematician, "Trigonometric Series"
· Julius Axelrod (1912 – 2004) was an American biochemist

**Other**

· George Adamski (1891 - 1965) one of the first people to publicly claim to have seen and photographed UFOs[246]
· Leon Czolgosz (1873 - 1901) the assassin of U.S. President William McKinley
· Francis E. Dec (1926–1996) conspiracy theorist and cult "kook"
· Theodore Kaczynski (1942 - ) the Unabomber
· Alvin Karpis (1907 – 1979) associate of Ma Barker gang, Alcatraz prisoner
· Richard "Iceman" Kuklinski (1935 – 2006) notorious hitman, claimed to have killed 100 people
· Bugs Moran - Chicago gangster
· Joseph Opala (1950 - ) Scholar on African American history
· Curtis Sliwa (1954 - ) Guardian Angels founder
· Wilfrid Michael Voynich (1865 - 1930) antiquarian and bibliophile, and the eponym of the Voynich manuscript
· Hymie Weiss (born Earl Wojciechowski) (1897 - 1926), a famous Chicago gangster (he was not Jewish despite the Jewish-sounding nickname)
· Warren Winiarski (1928 - ) winemaker, stag leap winery
· John Wojnowski (1943 - ) protester
· Alan Dershowitz (1938 - ) is an American lawyer, jurist, and political commentator