

Jim graduated from Bedford High School in 1977, being the youngest Citizen of the Year to date.

Jim was the founder of the Tele-Media closed-circuit television system at the high school. Tele-Media and its programming became the model for similar programs across the country. He is still a volunteer in the program at BHS. The studio is the present day BHS/AT&T Broadband Local Access Studio.

Jim Shea established a new Town facility, the Bedford Depot Park. He authored the grant proposal through MAPC that made the park possible and a sign was put up in January 1995. He is the president of the Friends of Depot Park and editor of its newsletter.

Jim is now a Video tape editor in local area TV, having gone to Syracuse University and Emerson College. He has demonstrated outstanding service to the Town of Bedford. As a friend said: "Jim is a worthy candidate for Man of the Year!"