



# Hall of Fame Ceremony

October 13, 2024
The Woodbridge Community Center

Special Guest of Honor Ray Newman



Congratulations to all inductees to the 2024 Hall of Fame Class of the Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association

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# **2024 Program for 20th Hall of Fame Ceremony**

October 13, 2024

Group Photo - 2024 Inductees

**4:45pm** - 1<sup>st</sup> Photo for Individuals

Team Photos are during awards presentations

Welcome

5:00pm - Nick Sardone, WTAAA President

Invocation

Deacon Peter Barcellona

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**Opening Remarks** 

Mayor John E. McCormac

**Special Guest of Honor** 

Mr. Ray Newman, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School

introduced by Mr. Jay Jorgensen

Dinner - Tables will be called **Awards and Proclamations** 

5:45pm - Beginning with seniors, disabled, and children

6:45pm - Summaries by Nancy Cuntala & Sharon DiLonardo

Eugene Bradley, Colonia High School, 1975

Donna Cecere Falcone, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1984

Christopher Chiera, Colonia High School, 1995

Mike Cruickshank, Woodbridge High School, 1993

William Fairchild, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1971

Gerald Foglia, Woodbridge High School, 1965

Michael J. Grippo, Colonia High School, 1987

Robert E. Haines Jr., Colonia High School, 1986

Louis Hegyes, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1966

Arkadiusz Jodelka, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 2003

Tim Kosuda, Colonia High School, 1998

Nicole LeGrand Harrigan, Colonia High School, 1997

Patrick Margiatto, Woodbridge High School, 1983

Shawn McGrath, Woodbridge High School, 1998

Anthony Palombo, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, Coach

Mark C. Smith, Woodbridge High School, 1970

Vicki Spratford, Woodbridge High School, 2004

Teams

1979-1980 Colonia High School Boys Basketball Team

1979-1980 Woodbridge High School Girls Basketball Team

1980-1981 Colonia High School Girls Bowling Team

1988-1989 and 1989-1990 John F. Kennedy Memorial High School Girls Bowling Team

1992-1993 Woodbridge High School Girls Bowling Team

1997 John F. Kennedy Memorial High School Baseball Team

Benediction

Deacon Peter Barcellona

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**Concluding Remarks** 

**Nick Sardone** 

"Try to Stay 'Forever Young'"

**By Rod Stewart** 

Previous Special Guests of Honor **Ron Osborne** 1996 **Lou Creekmur** 1997 Samuel A. Lupo 1998 **Johnnie Royle** 1999 **Matt Fratterolo** 2000 Mayor John E. McCormac 2015 Harding William "Pete" Peterson 2016 William "Bill" Kovacs 2017 Frank & Dr. Vincent Capraro 2018 **Herb Hollowell** 2019 Sandra Schmidtke 2022 Robert "Bob" Kasko 2023

### **Special Guest of Honor**

# **Coach Ray Newman**

# John F. Kennedy Memorial High School

The WTAAA has always taken great pride and satisfaction in naming a guest of honor to highlight its latest Hall of Fame class. The list of annual recipients (see below) includes great athletes, coaches, and contributors. They all advanced the reputation of Woodbridge Township athletics in an extremely positive manner.

Tonight, we recognize longtime teacher/ coach Ray Newman as our Guest of Honor, and we are very pleased to do so.

Ray grew up in Perth Amboy and graduated from their high school in 1956. He was a fouryear letter winner in baseball and a two-year letter winner in basketball. In 1955, he was named to the Newark Evening News All State baseball team. He took his baseball prowess to Seton Hall University where he became a four-year letter winner at second base. He earned MVP honors at The Hall and was an All-East selection. He excelled in the classroom and was the university's 1960 recipient of the annual ECAC Scholar Athlete Award.

Ray began his physical education teaching and coaching career at Perth Amboy High School. From 1960-1968, he served as the assistant coach for basketball, baseball and football. In 1969, Ron Osborne \* (HoF and GoH) recruited him to Woodbridge Township. First, he was assigned to Iselin Junior High (as it was then called) and later transferred to John F. Kennedy Memorial High School. Ray assisted with cross country, football, and softball there, but it was on the basketball court that Ray would establish himself as a premier coach in Woodbridge Township. The rivalries with local coaches such as Joe Flaherty \* (HoF) at WHS and Bob Tisdale\*(HoF) at CHS were legendary. His previous boss at Perth Amboy High School, Bill Buglovsky\*, was also a big rival. (\*We Remember in Memoriam)

Ray Newman was the head boys' basketball coach for 18 years at JFK compiling over 200

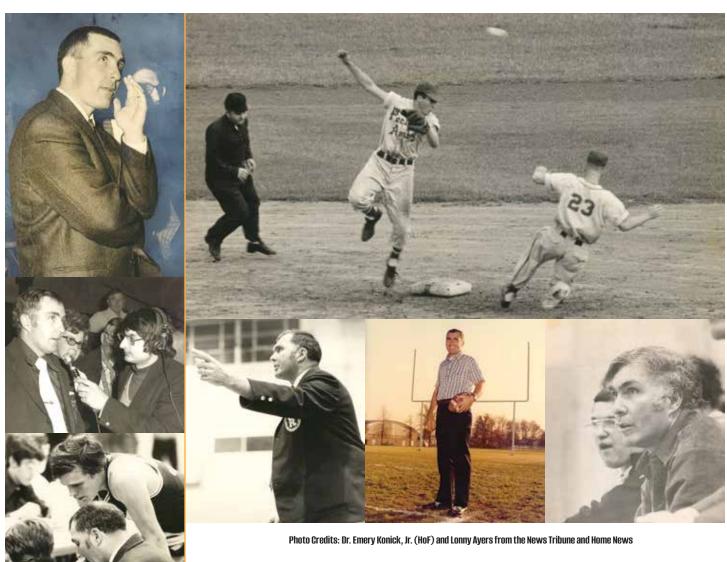
wins and becoming the school's winningest boys' hoops coach. He began there in 1969. During his first three seasons, the teams were competitive but below. 500 because the program had to be rebuilt completely. However, beginning in the 1972-73 season (18-9) the winning started.

According to many people, Ray was more than a coach. He was truly a teacher of the game as he molded players with mastery of fundamentals and a true knowledge and understanding of how the game is played. In five short years, Ray put together a team that went 24-3 in 1973-74 and ended the season ranked # 6 in the state of New Jersey. In another five-year stretch, he fielded 3 teams that achieved 20-win seasons. (1973-74, 1976-77 and 1977-78). His teams won two conference championships. (MCAC and BAC) and the 1973-74 Central Jersey Group 3 State Sectional title over Perth Amboy. Ray's 1977-78 Mustang team advanced to the Central Jersey Sectional final before being defeated, unfortunately, 69-83, by Bridgewater Raritan West.

The JFK boys' basketball teams, under the direction of Ray Newman, achieved many individual honors. Ray was named The News Tribune boys basketball Coach of the Year in 1973 and 1974. He capped the 1973-74 season by being named The Newark Star Ledger and the New York Daily News Coach of the Year.

Coach Ray mentored many players who achieved high individual honors. We remember Jay Jorgensen (HoF), Rick Ullrich (HoF), Dom Corrica, Tom Aromando (HoF), Terry Curran (HoF), Bill Aromando, Bill Mackiewicz, Mike LaMotta, Mike Manfre (HoF), Jerry Dooley, Tony Melchione, David Cassella (HoF), Bob Yesalonia (HoF), Brian Colligan and Lenny Reyes (HoF). All achieved area basketball honors and/ or in other sports during their high school careers.

It is fair to say that when Coach Newman



had talent, he molded his teams into big winners. When he lacked talent, his teams, at the very least, were competitive. The WTAAA recognized Ray's coaching abilities when he was inducted into our Hall of Fame in 2015. That year was the first Hall of Fame induction after a 15-year hiatus.

Jay Jorgensen, one of the stalwarts on the championship team, stated recently, "next to my father, Ray Newman was the most influential male figure in my life."

Ray retired from teaching and coaching in Woodbridge Township in 2003. However, he maintained his love for basketball by serving as an assistant boy's coach at Metuchen High School. Today, Ray still resides in Metuchen with his wife, Annette. He enjoys spending family time with his sons, Jeffrey and Gary and their wives. He follows his grandchildren; Ryan, Tanner, Patrick and Daniel to all of their educational and sports activities.

The WTAAA was very pleased when Ray accepted the Guest of Honor roll for our 2024 Hall of Fame induction dinner. He now joins that small but exemplary list of Woodbridge Township athletes, coaches and contributors with the distinguished Guest of Honor designation. We thank Ray for his dedication and contributions to Woodbridge Township students, especially at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School. He influenced thousands of young people in a positive professional manner.

Congratulations, Ray! The WTAAA wishes Ray Newman and his family the very best of happiness and good health in the future.

### **Voting Members**

### **Nick Sardone**

President / Trustee

### **Bobby Timinski**

HOF | CHS Vice President

### **Gregg Ficarra**

Councilman | JFK Trustee

### Ann Cyrana

HOF | Coach | JFK, CHS Secretary

### Jim Anderson

HOF | JFK

### **Kyle Anderson**

HOF | Councilman | JFK

### **Tom Chmiel**

HOF | Coach | WHS, CHS

### **Nancy Cuntala**

HOF | Coach | JFK

### **Sharon Couch DiLonardo**

HOF | Coach | CHS, JFK

**Rich Duda JFK** 

### **Robert Farrell**

HOF | CHS

### **Michael Henderson**

CHS | JFK

### Norma Arnesen Grasso

HOF | Coach | JFK, WHS

### **Michael Kaelber**

HOF | Coach | CHS

### **Amanda Small Scarano**

### **Michael Yannazzo**

HOF | Coach | WHS

### Non-Voting Members

### Vito Cimilluca

**Business Administrator** Township of Woodbridge, NJ

### **Patrick Muller**

Treasurer

NOTES: The WTAAA was active between 1989-2000. The current committee re-organized the Hall of Fame in 2015.

> Due to the pandemic, there were no inductions in 2020 or 2021.

# **Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association**

### **2024 Hall of Fame Committee**

### 20th Induction Dinner



Standing - Mike Yannazzo, Tom Chmiel, Mike Kaelber, Gregg Ficarra, Ann Cyrana, Bob Farrell Sitting – Nick Sardone, Sharon Couch DiLonardo, Jim Anderson, Kyle Anderson, Amanda Small Scarano, Norma Grasso, Bobby Timinski

Absent - Nancy Cuntala, Rich Duda, Michael Henderson, Vito Cimilluca, Patrick Muller



This past August, Colonia High School and Woodbridge Township lost one of the bricks that helped build this town. Sandy Schmidtke, teacher and vice principal at Colonia High School, passed away after a long illness. An original member of this WTAAA, she was instrumental in bringing it back in 2015. She will always be remembered for her willingness to serve and her generosity while doing it. Thank you Miss Schmidtke for your contributions to Colonia, the Township of Woodbridge and especially to the WTAAA!

The WTAAA is very proud to welcome this incredible 2024 class to our Hall of Fame. The class has achieved tremendous success not only athletically, but also, academically and professionally. They represent not only the best from Woodbridge Township but many excellent colleges and universities. The new members were selected from a very strong field of nominees. Tonight, we celebrate their many accomplishments, and congratulate the 2024 Hall of Famers with gratitude for a job well done.

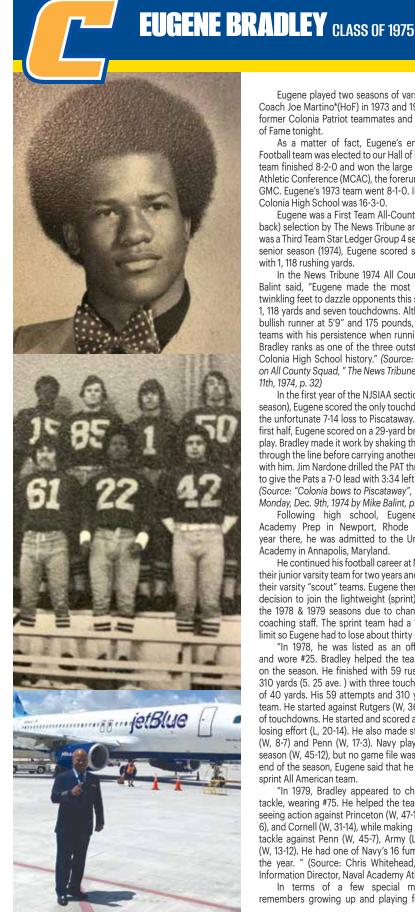
The WTAAA organized a website. Just go to WTAAANJ. org (phone: 732-588-7785). Here, you will see the biographies for the first nineteen years of Hall of Fame inductions. We are working with BiggerFish Marketing, Woodbridge.

Special thanks are extended to Steven Steinberg and Steven C. Simzak at Stone Mountain Printing, Woodbridge, for printing the program, and Joe Romer Trophy Shop in Edison. We also wish to thank our writers, typists and editors: namely Marie Anderson, Tom Chmiel, Nancy Cuntala, Sharon Couch DiLonardo, Nick Sardone, Amanda Small Scarano, and very special thanks to Ann Cyrana. We wish to thank the many local businesses for their advertisements in our booklet. Please support these businesses. They support the WTAAA and our senior scholarship and charity awards which gave \$4,000 last Spring.

We extend our appreciation to Mayor McCormac, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Vitale, Assemblywoman Lopez, and Assemblyman Wisnewski, and Dr. Massimino and the Board of Education for their proclamations; T.V. 35/36 for taping the induction dinner; Debbie Meehan of The Corner newspaper; and Brian Molnar and his entire staff at the Woodbridge Community Center. We thank the High Schools for their generous donation of baseball caps.

Finally, sincere thanks go to the entire WTAAA Hall of Fame Committee for their considerable effort and time in planning and organizing the dinner. Special thanks go to Norma Grasso and Marge Farrell for planning the table reservations; Mike Kaelber for working with the Woodbridge Township offices on the proclamations, certifications, and resolutions; and Sharon Couch DiLonardo for name tags.

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Eugene played two seasons of varsity football under Coach Joe Martino\*(HoF) in 1973 and 1974. He will join 14 former Colonia Patriot teammates and friends in the Hall of Fame tonight.

As a matter of fact, Eugene's entire 1974 Colonia Football team was elected to our Hall of Fame in 2019. That team finished 8-2-0 and won the large Middlesex County Athletic Conference (MCAC), the forerunner to the current GMC. Eugene's 1973 team went 8-1-0. In his two seasons, Colonia High School was 16-3-0.

Eugene was a First Team All-County offense (running back) selection by The News Tribune and Star Ledger. He was a Third Team Star Ledger Group 4 selection. During his senior season (1974), Eugene scored seven touchdowns with 1, 118 rushing yards.

In the News Tribune 1974 All County write up, Mike Balint said, "Eugene made the most of his speed and twinkling feet to dazzle opponents this season rushing for 1, 118 yards and seven touchdowns. Although he wasn't a bullish runner at 5'9" and 175 pounds, Bradley surprised teams with his persistence when running up the middle. Bradley ranks as one of the three outstanding runners in Colonia High School history." (Source: "Colonia Places 6 on All County Squad, "The News Tribune, Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 1974, p. 32)

In the first year of the NJSIAA sectional play offs (1974 season), Eugene scored the only touchdown for Colonia in the unfortunate 7-14 loss to Piscataway. "After a scoreless first half, Eugene scored on a 29-yard breakaway off a trap play. Bradley made it work by shaking three tacklers to get through the line before carrying another into the end zone with him. Jim Nardone drilled the PAT through the uprights to give the Pats a 7-0 lead with 3:34 left in the 3rd stanza. (Source: "Colonia bows to Piscataway", The News Tribune, Monday, Dec. 9th, 1974 by Mike Balint, p. 20)

Following high school, Eugene entered Naval Academy Prep in Newport, Rhode Island. After one year there, he was admitted to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

He continued his football career at Navy by playing on their junior varsity team for two years and was a member of their varsity "scout" teams. Eugene then made a personal decision to join the lightweight (sprint) football team for the 1978 & 1979 seasons due to changes in the varsity coaching staff. The sprint team had a 158-pound weight limit so Eugene had to lose about thirty pounds.

"In 1978, he was listed as an offensive back (OB) and wore #25. Bradley helped the team to a 4-1 record on the season. He finished with 59 rushing attempts for 310 yards (5. 25 ave.) with three touchdowns and a long of 40 yards. His 59 attempts and 310 yards both led the team. He started against Rutgers (W, 36-0) scoring a pair of touchdowns. He started and scored against Cornell in a losing effort (L, 20-14). He also made starts against Army (W, 8-7) and Penn (W, 17-3). Navy played Princeton that season (W, 45-12), but no game file was available. " At the end of the season, Eugene said that he was named to the sprint All American team.

"In 1979, Bradley appeared to change positions to tackle, wearing #75. He helped the team to a 5-1 record, seeing action against Princeton (W, 47-12), Rutgers (W 24-6), and Cornell (W, 31-14), while making starts at defensive tackle against Penn (W, 45-7), Army (L, 16-14) and Penn (W, 13-12). He had one of Navy's 16 fumble recoveries on the year. " (Source: Chris Whitehead, Assistant Sports Information Director, Naval Academy Athletic Association)

In terms of a few special memories, Eugene remembers growing up and playing football in the Cal Donnelly League before high school. He also remembers playing on an undefeated ninth grade team at Colonia Junior High in the old Woodbridge Township Junior High League. Rich Sandholt\* was his coach there. At CHS, Eugene recalled playing on undefeated sophomore and JV teams. At the Naval Academy, he remembers preparing to play Pittsburgh. Eugene was on the "scout" team and he was Tony Dorsett in the week prior to the game. (\*We Remember in Memoriam)

Eugene Bradley graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Resources Management. He participated in Navy Flight training and earned his aviator wings in 1982. He was a lieutenant in the Navy for eleven years and flew 25-40 hours per month globally and in the U.S., Asia and Europe as Aircraft Commander of Sikorsky Sea King and Beechcraft Super King Air. Here, he supported welfare missions, military search and rescue, and scheduled cargo transport through out Europe, North Africa and the Mediterranean Sea. During this time, "as a crewmember in a Helicopter Anti-Submarine Warfare Squadron 12 (HS-12), Eugene was deployed on the USS Midway, an aircraft carrier based out of Yokuska, Japan. He was the aircraft commander of a Sikorsky Sea King (SH-3) helicopter, same aircraft as the Marine One that provides presidential transport. During a routine flight in the South China Sea, his aircraft identified an impending failure. " "He immediately declared an emergency and brought the aircraft in for a landing on the aircraft carrier. Unfortunately, before he could safely put the aircraft on the flight deck, the tail rotor failed and froze in place. Without it, the helicopter's body would spin in the opposite direction of the main rotor making it impossible to control. After spinning around four times near two F-4 Phantom Fighters that were being refueled, Eugene got the aircraft away from the ship and made a water landing. They shut down the engines and prepared to evacuate. However, before they could get out, the rotors stopped. The aircraft rolled over and started sinking. Eugene was fortunate enough to get out of the aircraft 35' below the surface to meet up with his crew. They huddled up and were picked up by another helicopter about 20 minutes

For five years (1991-1996), he was a Lieutenant Commander in the US Navy Reserve where he managed aviation training improvement and physical readiness training. He flew Bill Cosby's Gulfstream IV out of Teterboro, NJ. Then, he went to Citibank and did the same out of Newark Airport in the corporate flight department. He operated business and leisure flights around the world. He flew 25-30 hours per month on Gulfstream IV and Falcon, 2000.

In February, 2002, he joined Jet Blue Airways through August, 2022. He was upgraded to captain within the first year serving as an in-flight leader, mentor coach and colleague. He flew 65-80 hours per month captaining the Airbus A320 safely for 15,000+ hours. He retired end of August, 2022.

In May, 2023, Eugene was hired by CAE in Whippany, NJ, as a Gulfstream 550 Instructor Pilot. He provides initial simulator training to pilots learning the aircraft for the first time and recurrent training to pilots already trained on the

Eugene Bradley has enjoyed a long, honorable and distinguished career with a blend of military, corporate and commercial air flying experience. The WTAAA thanks him for his service and is proud to welcome this Colonia Patriot and US Naval Academy Midshipman to our Hall of Fame! CONGRATULATIONS!



DONNA CECERE FALCONE CLASS OF 1984

Donna Cecere Falcone was a member of the last class to enter John F. Kennedy as sophomores in 1981. However, she maxed out her opportunities by earning 9 varsity letters in three sports: soccer, bowling and softball.

In soccer, Donna was the goalie during her senior season. She had prepared for this new position by training all summer. That intense practice and training paid off as she was named to the All Division and All County teams as a goalkeeper.

Spring meant softball and Donna was an important contributor to three championship seasons. Her fast start on the JV squad (. 428 BA) in 1982 earned her a promotion to the varsity after six games. Primarily patrolling center field, Donna helped the Mustangs to a 20-4 record and a Middlesex County Athletic Conference championship. In her junior and senior season, "DC" was the catcher for two more championship teams... Back-to-back Liberty Division titles in the Bicentennial Conference. Donna's best individual season was in 1983 for one of JFK's finest teams. The team was 22-2, finishing as the Middlesex County tournament champions. "DC" hit. 344 while scoring 27 runs and driving in 17. Calm, cool, and collected behind the plate, Donna ended her high school athletic career as co-captain of the '84 team that finished 16-4.

Although a stellar athlete in soccer and softball, Donna made her mark in bowling. She started bowling as a nineyear-old in a "Learn to Bowl" league and never looked back. By the time she got to high school, Donna was an accomplished and experienced bowler. What did she do? She was a Middlesex County Athletic Conference All Conference bowler for her three years. (1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84. She was The News Tribune All County selection for 3 years, and a Star Ledger selection for Middlesex County her junior and senior seasons. Donna's junior year high game was 216 and her final average was 159. 2. Her senior year stats were a 203 high game and a 160. 68 average. Donna had this to say about her team. "We were

definitely a one team, united we stand, divided we fall. If you have a bad frame we got your back. Move on and focus on the next frame."

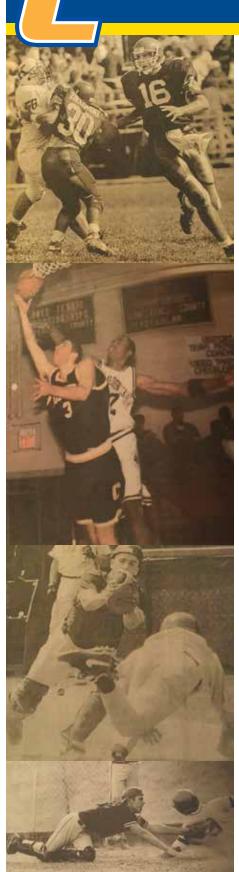
Offered a full scholarship to William Paterson University for bowling, Donna felt she was not yet ready for college and passed on the offer. Eventually, she found her way into accounting. She spent 2 1/2 years at Middlesex County College and 2 1/2 years at Saint Peter's University at night and on Saturdays to earn her degree... all while working full time.

According to Donna, "Climbing the corporate ladder was never a priority. I wanted a job to pay the bills-but family and friends were always the priority. " The softball and bowling leagues that she ran and participated in are proof of her community involvement. Donna has also been a part of the Elks, a service-based organization in Woodbridge and beyond. "Being a part of something bigger than yourself and a part of that community of service" has defined both Donna and her family for the past 15 years.

Donna's family includes her dad, Danny, and mom, Carolynn\*, who is deceased. Her late brother Danny\* was a special part of her life while her sister Debbie and her family continues to be. Donna is most proud of her husband John and their sons Anthony and Christopher. Both are eagle scouts with Christopher, an accomplished bowler, following in his mom's footsteps at JFK being named an All-Star bowler three years in a row. (\*We Remember in Memoriam)

With Donna joining her teammate and friend Ann Cyrana (HoF 2019) in the Hall of Fame, the WTAAA can now match the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. We each have our own AC/DC in our Halls! Congratulations!

# CHRISTOPHER CHIERA CLASS OF 1995



Chris is a prime example of the successful student-athlete that was 1980's and 1990's: a three-sport one. Garnering honors in football, basketball and baseball during his career at Colonia; success has followed Christopher throughout his life.

In football, as a quarterback for Hall of Fame member Patsy Barbato, Chris was an All-White division player twice and a third team Star Ledger All County pick. In basketball, the team was twotime White Division Champs and the 1994 Central Jersey Group 3 State Champions led by Hall of Fame Coach Ken Pace, Sr. Chris was named All White Division twice and 3rd team All-Area by the Home News Tribune. In baseball, Chris led the team to a White Division Championship in 1995 and the Central Jersey Group 3 finals for Coaches Rich Strack and Lou Urbano. Chris' honors continued to pile up in baseball as well. As a catcher, he was All Division, All Conference, First Team All-Area Star Ledger, Second Team All-Area Home News Tribune, and All-State Group 3. How big an impression did Chris make in high school? During his senior year, he was chosen to play in the 1995 football Snapple Bowl, the GMC Basketball All Star Game, the GMC Baseball All Star Game, and the New Jersey State Baseball All Star Game in Princeton! And, by the way, he also won the 1995 Gene Haley Award for Male Athlete of the Year for Middlesex County.

Chris moved on to college. First, he attended Monmouth University where he played basketball and gained a berth into the NCAA Tournament. After his freshman season, he transferred to Felician College where he finished out his basketball career. In 1996-1997, Chris led the nation in three-point field goal percentage and was named First Team All-Conference. Chris continued to excel in both athletics and academics and was honored as the Felician College Senior Student Athlete of the Year and an NAIA All American Scholar athlete in 2000.

Although Chris is entering the Hall of Fame as an athlete, his career as a teacher, coach and administrator is also first rate. Chris was a Special Education teacher at Colonia High School. While in the classroom, he was also an assistant coach at Colonia in football and baseball under Hall of Fame Coaches Ben LaSala and Matt Cilento. He was the Head Coach for the boys' cross-country team for six years and took over basketball from his friend and mentor, Hall of Fame coach Ken Pace Sr. In his tenure as Head Coach (2006-2016), he led his team to four division championships (2007, 2008, 2015 and 2016), a GMC County Championship (2015) and two North 2 Group 3 State Sectional Championships (2007 and 2015). Chris moved on from teaching and

coaching to administration first as Vice Principal at Woodbridge High School then as principal at School 18 and is finally at home at Colonial High School in his second year as principal.

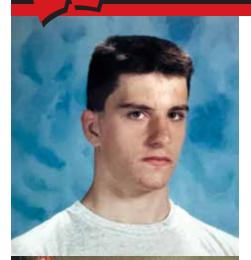
Hall of Fame Coach Ken Pace Sr. had this to say about Chris and Chris' influence on him. "One of the deciding factors in my decision to come to Colonia High School as their new head boys' basketball coach was watching players like Chris Chiera compete in summer league games heading into his junior year at CHS. Not only did he continue at CHS to be a fearless competitor but he also became a tremendous leader. It is very rare, even back in the early 90's, to have a high school player excel in three varsity sports over their career. I had the pleasure of watching him grow and mature as his coach in both basketball and football. Great leaders come from early experiences, guidance and the choices we make along the way. Chris comes from a terrific family and he took those family values, experiences and work ethic into becoming a true leader both as a teammate and then as a head coach. I couldn't be prouder of the man he has become and the role model he still sets to this day as a son, husband, father and Principal."

For all of his success, Chris is quick to point out that without God and his family, none of this would matter. He grew up in Colonia with his mom and dad, MaryLynne and Phillip and is the oldest of four boys. He credits his brothers Michael, Justin and Ryan for being a major part of his life and career. Rarely, if ever, did you see a Chiera playing or coaching without an entourage of the Chiera family cheering them on.

Chris has been married to his wife, Sandi, for 21 years and they have three children: Mattison, a graduate of Colonia High School and three sport standout amassing over 1500 points for Colonia Girls Basketball; Dylan, a current Colonia High School student who is following in his father's footsteps playing Football, Basketball and Baseball; and, Cason, currently an 8th grader looking forward to starting Colonia High School in the Fall of 2025 also planning to play Football, Basketball and Baseball. Additionally, Sandi served as Colonia Girls Basketball Coach for the past five years leading the program to two GMC County Finals and two North 2 Group 3 State Sectional Finals alongside their daughter, Mattison.

With his faith in God as his guide and his family supporting him, Chris has always challenged himself to step outside of his "comfort zone" in all of his leadership roles using the gifts God has blessed him with. Congrats to Chris and the entire family on him being inducted to the WTAAA Hall of Fame. We are proud of you!

# MIKE CRUICKSHANK CLASS OF 1993





Mike wrestled four vears Woodbridge High School. His coaches included Head Coach Gary Kuzniak\* (HoF) for three years and assistants Bob Zega, Cesar Samaniego and Joe Flynn. Ben LaSala (HoF) was the head coach his freshmen year.

At the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournaments in 1992 and 1993, Mike was a finalist at 189 pounds. In 1993, he captured the First-Place spot on the podium at District 19. In Region 5, Mike finished as a finalist again. He went to the Super Regions 5 and 6 and qualified for the NJ State Tournament in Atlantic City. He closed his high school career as a NJ State Place-winner 7th/8th place. In 1993, his Woodbridge High School team won the District 19 Team Championship. The program now has six District championships.

Mike continued his career at The College of New Jersey (D 3) where he wrestled for legendary Coach David Icenhower. \* He wrestled all four seasons in 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98. In 1995-96, Mike (28-5 with 9 pins) was an NCAA Division 3 All American at 177 pounds by placing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the national tournament. He was also an NCAA Division 3 All American at 177 pounds in 1997-98 by placing in 4th place. That year, he finished with a 34-7 overall record. Mike was also a three-time Metropolitan Conference Champion in 1996, 1997 and 1998. In that last year, he received the Metropolitan Conference Senior Award and the NWCA Scholar-Athlete Award (1997 and 1998). During his college career, Mike won 109 matches where he ranked 12th on TCNJ's milestone chart at the time. He was team captain at both TCNJ and WHS. (Source: TCNJ Wrestling Website)

When he was asked about his favorite memories. Mike focused on two individuals. At Woodbridge High School, it was a science teacher and assistant wrestling coach named Richard

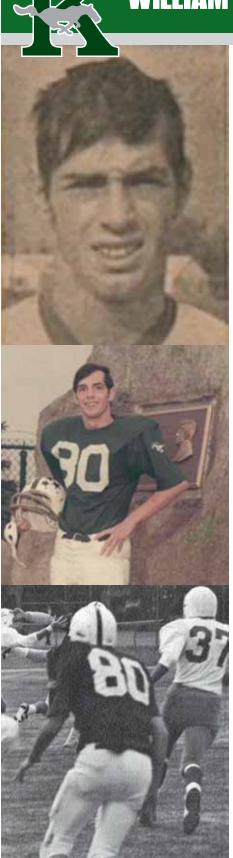
H. "Doc" Lane.\* Mike remembered "Doc" as a strong supporter and friend of the wrestling program. At TCNJ, Mike focused on his Head Coach David Icenhower\* because the coach always had a can of Coca Cola near him. "This kind of lightened the pressure a little bit and provided a laugh. " Note: Coach Icenhower produced five NCAA Division 3 team national championships at TCNJ among many individual and team accomplishments. (\*We Remember in Memoriam)

Cesar Samaniego, Barron assistant coach, recently stated the following. "When Mike started wrestling, he became a student of the sport. He not only practiced hard and worked hard, he asked questions and "studied." His work ethic would serve him well not only in wrestling but in all his future endeavors."

Today, Mike works as a personal trainer at Princeton Fitness and Wellness now in his eleventh year there. He has been a personal trainer for over 25 years. His career began at New York Sports Club. Mike's avocation is animal rescue. He has assisted at an animal shelter for the last fifteen years and fosters a dog right now. He resides in Hamilton, NJ.

The WTAAA welcomes Mike Cruickshank, a former Barron and Lion, to our Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

# WILLIAM "BILL" FAIRCHILD CLASS OF 1971



Tonight, Bill joins his brother Vincent in our Hall of Fame. They become the 25th brother combination in the Hall.

Bill's athletic career began at Iselin Junior High under Coach Angelo Aromando. He played football, basketball and ran track there. At John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, he focused on football where he was a three-year varsity letter winner in 1968, 1969 and 1970. He was one of only three football sophomores in 1968 to earn varsity letters. The others were Billy Miller (HoF) and Paul Ricciardi (HoF). Bill was a two-year offensive and defensive starter (1969 and 1970). He played split end and defensive back rarely leaving the field. In 1970, he was selected First Team All-County at defensive back. He was one of four captains with Billy Miller (HoF), Thomas "Skip" Garley\* (HoF), and John Kennedy. As a senior, Bill was named "Most Outstanding Defensive Performer of the Year" by the coaching staff including head coach Ron Osborne\* (HoF-GoH), Herb Hollowell\* (HOF-GoH), Paul Lavelle\* and tonight's Guest of Honor Ray Newman (HoF). Lou Bartha\* (HoF) was athletic director. (\* We Remember in Memoriam)

High school teammate, Paul Ricciardi (HoF) stated on his nomination form that "pound for pound", Bill was the "most outstanding football player during his 1968-1970 high school career." Paul added", Bill had grit, determination and delivered a "hit" that surprised and took down the opposition. His small but strong defensive and offensive stature was powerful and extremely effective especially against larger opponents. Bill was a player who never let up and played until the whistle blew. " Paul recalled as a former high school football coach, "Bill was a model of what every coach would want. This transferred to his teammates as a role model and leader. I saw him frequently take other teammates under his wing to teach and encourage them to be determined, dedicated and to "never

let up. " "He was inspiring, consistent and set an example for others to follow. Bill was a coaches' athlete-always." Paul concluded by saying that Bill "carried these qualities throughout his life and continued to influence others. As a father, he helped his son, Anthony, excel in athletics. Anthony later played baseball at The College of Charleston."

In terms of special memories, Bill remembers "triple session practices" in September before school started. The team practiced in the morning, afternoon and evening. He also remembers that he had seven interceptions senior year which he believed was a school record for a very long time.

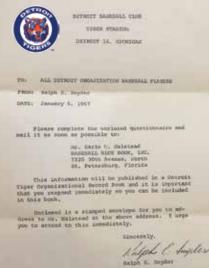
Bill's family moved to North Carolina after high school. He attended Gardner Webb College and majored in business. He entered the restaurant business and later owned three restaurants of his own. Later, he sold them to a much larger company that owned Hardees restaurants. He became a district manager for them earning many awards. Bill retired about 10 years ago.

Personally, Bill was married to his high school girlfriend Linda. They have three children namely Jacklyn, Genni and Anthony. All were high school athletes in sports such as baseball, softball and girls' volleyball. As noted above, Anthony played college baseball at The College of Charleston.

The WTAAA is pleased to induct William "Bill" Fairchild, a Mustang, into our Hall of Fame. Welcome, Bill, and CONGRATULATIONS!

# GERALD FOGLIA CLASS OF 1965





Jerry was a varsity baseball pitcher for Woodbridge head coach Frank Capraro\*(HoF) in 1964 and 1965.

Tonight, Jerry joins his high school WTAAA-HoF teammates; Al Beleski, Joe Higgins\*, Roy Lawrence, Tom Marciniak, Bob Pirnick and Tom Wieczerak, most of whom played other sports in addition to baseball. (\*We Remember in Memoriam)

Jerry did not play high school baseball until he tried out and made the Barron Varsity team during his junior year in 1964. He finished that season with a 5-1 record for a team that was 12-7. By 1965, his senior season, it all came

on the strength of his 10 strikeouts. They defeated JFK, 3-2, on his three hitter with 15 strikeouts. During high school, Jerry also played recreation league and American Legion baseball under Coach Frank Notaro.

Following high school, Jerry was drafted by MLB's Milwaukee Braves in the June amateur draft (Round 28-Pick #528). However, he did not sign a pro contract but played "independent" minor league ball. In 1966, he was drafted again in MLB's January draft (Round 4-Pick #56) by the Detroit Tigers. He signed his first professional contract and thus joined

MINOR LEAGUE RECORD											
Year	Team	League	Level	W-L	ERA	G	GS	IP	ER	BB	<b>S</b> 0
1966	Statesville	Western Carolina	Α	1-5	3.41	11	2	29	11	21	21
1967	Erie	NY-Penn.	Α-	3-5	5.06	14	13	64	36	48	42
1968	Rocky Mtn.	Carolina	Α	0-0		1	0	0	2	2	0
(Sources: Baseball Reference. com; Baseball Almanac. com)											

together for Jerry. After losing his first three starts. Jerry won eight games in a row to close the season in dominant fashion. He pitched to a 1.06 ERA and the opposition batted only. 123 against him. He pitched a total of 70 2/3 innings with four shutouts as he led the Barrons to another winning season at 12-8-2. When post-season honors were announced, Jerry was named Third Team All-State -All-Groups by The Newark Star Ledger and The Newark Evening News. He was also a First Team All Middlesex County selection by The Home News. (Additional source: Woodbridge Independent Leader, 1965)

Jerry's high school teammate, Tom Marciniak (HoF) had this to say recently. "Jerry had a relaxed easy-going temperament but was very competitive on the mound. He had excellent control and an outstanding curve ball. He was a great teammate. "

During his excellent 1965 season, Jerry threw several gems. For example, the Barrons defeated Carteret, 2-0, on his three hitter with 10 strikeouts. They defeated Plainfield, 3-1, on his two hitter with 13 strikeouts. They defeated Perth Amboy via Jerry's one hitter. They defeated Madison Central, 2-0, on his two hitter with 12 strikeouts. They defeated St. Mary's Perth Amboy, 10-5,

a long list of Woodbridge Township graduates to play professional baseball in the minor leagues of America. Two players made it all the way into the Big Leagues (MLB).

During this period, Jerry was a member of the Army Reserves where he served a six-year military commitment.

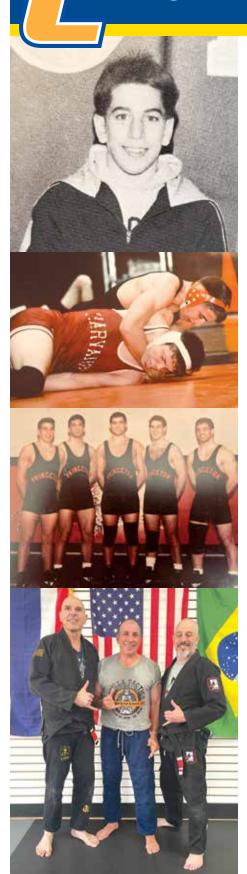
When the WTAAA asked Jerry for his favorite memories, he focused on his teammates and friends namely Al Beleski, Mike Coppola, Walter Fee, Joe Higgins, Tom Marciniak and Jim Szewczyk to name a few.

After his pro career concluded in 1968. Jerry returned home and entered the work world as a truck driver. He later worked construction. Even later, he and one of his brothers operated a steel business for fifteen years. Finally, Jerry worked various warehouse jobs until his retirement from the workforce.

Personally, Jerry was married to Stella. They have two daughters namely Dana and Nicole and two grandchildren in Michael and Ashley.

The WTAAA is pleased to welcome Woodbridge Township another professional baseball player to our Hall of Fame, and we thank Jerry for his military service in the sixties. **CONGRATULATIONS!** 

# MICHAEL J. GRIPPO CLASS OF 1987



Like his high school teammate. Ives Viola, Sr. (HoF '23), Mike was a state caliber wrestler at Colonia High School for Coach Ray Perez. He earned three varsity letters and competed in all the big tournaments.

During his junior season in 1986, Mike finished with a 20-5 record, a thirdplace finish in the GMCT, and a District 19 finalist. By senior year in the 1987 season, Mike finished 28-5. He captured First Place at 101 pounds in the GMCT (1-0 in overtime) and District 19. He took Second Place in Region 5 to qualify for States. There, he went 2-1 at the highest level and reached the quarter finals. During the season, he accumulated a then school record 73 takedowns. The Home News recognized Mike as a First Team selection. Coach Ray Perez stated that "he really came on the last two years. He's more confident on his takedowns. This year, he started to believe in his own takedown ability. Mike has really developed." During Mike's final two years at CHS under Coach Perez, his Patriot teams went 12-4 and 10-6.

Following high school graduation, Mike utilized his academic abilities and continued his wrestling career at Princeton University. Mike competed in the Princeton Tiger (NCAA-D I) program as a four-year varsity starter under long time legendary Coach Johnny Johnston. He wrestled in nearly 80 varsity matches throughout his career including four EIWA tournaments. Mike wrestled in five weight classes during his four years in college. He started his freshman campaign at 118 pounds and ended his senior year in the 158 pound weight class. He faced stiff competition at various points in his career. For example, he wrestled 2X NCAA champion Jack Cuvo from East Stroudsburg as well as Lehigh's two-time All-American John Epperly.

Here are his team's four-year records:

	TIGERS OVERALL TEAM RECORD	TIGERS IVY LEAGUE TEAM RECORD
1987-1988	12-14	2-4
1988-1989	14-11	2-4
1989-1990	7-20	1-5
1990-1991	11-10	3-3

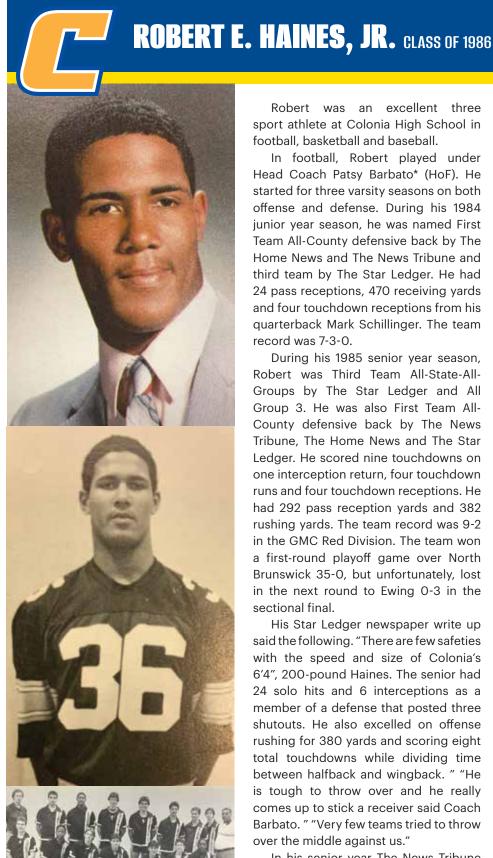
Mike was recognized as an All-Ivv League Honorable Mention in 1991 at 158 pounds. At the EIWA Tournament in 1991, he was the 8th seed. Mike had to increase his weight over 50 pounds from high school just to compete at the D 1 level. (Source: Princeton University Wrestling website on-line)

Mike graduated from Princeton University in 1991 with a BA degree in economics and political science. He earned his MBA in finance from NYU in

Mike wishes to thank the following people for his accomplishments. He thanks his grandparents and parents who made enormous sacrifices and rarely missed an opportunity to see him compete in both high school and college. He credits "Colonia High School coaches Ray Perez and Les Newmark who were the mentors I needed to help me believe in my potential and pave the way for my college career." He thanks "Princeton coach Johnny Johnston who took a chance on an undersized 118-pound recruit and gave me a heap of tough love." He thanks his extended family of teammates especially Lenny Pezza (pictured) and Ives Viola Sr. (HoF '23) as loyal friends who gave relentless effort and were unselfish leaders.

Today, Mike is married to Eileen. The couple has two children, Charlie (Lehigh '2028) and Theodore (Delbarton' 2026) and reside in Bernardsville, NJ. Mike is currently Senior Vice President of Strategy and Corporate Development at Catalent Pharma Solutions where he has worked since 2016. Mike has remained active in the wrestling community as a coach for the Bernardsville Youth Recreation program. In his free time, Mike is busy training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu under Professor Chris Leonardo at Rush Mixed Martial Arts.

The WTAAA is very pleased to induct Michael J. Grippo, a Patriot and Tiger, into our Hall of Fame. Welcome, Mike, and CONGRATULATIONS!



Robert was an excellent three

In football, Robert played under Head Coach Patsy Barbato\* (HoF). He started for three varsity seasons on both offense and defense. During his 1984 junior year season, he was named First Team All-County defensive back by The Home News and The News Tribune and third team by The Star Ledger. He had 24 pass receptions, 470 receiving yards and four touchdown receptions from his quarterback Mark Schillinger. The team record was 7-3-0.

sport athlete at Colonia High School in

football, basketball and baseball.

During his 1985 senior year season, Robert was Third Team All-State-All-Groups by The Star Ledger and All Group 3. He was also First Team All-County defensive back by The News Tribune, The Home News and The Star Ledger. He scored nine touchdowns on one interception return, four touchdown runs and four touchdown receptions. He had 292 pass reception yards and 382 rushing yards. The team record was 9-2 in the GMC Red Division. The team won a first-round playoff game over North Brunswick 35-0, but unfortunately, lost in the next round to Ewing 0-3 in the sectional final.

His Star Ledger newspaper write up said the following. "There are few safeties with the speed and size of Colonia's 6'4", 200-pound Haines. The senior had 24 solo hits and 6 interceptions as a member of a defense that posted three shutouts. He also excelled on offense rushing for 380 yards and scoring eight total touchdowns while dividing time between halfback and wingback. " "He is tough to throw over and he really comes up to stick a receiver said Coach Barbato. " "Very few teams tried to throw over the middle against us."

In his senior year The News Tribune All-County write up, the article said, "I can't begin to tell you how many passes he knocked down back there," said head

Coach Patsy Barbato, "You don't throw over a kid that's 6'4" too often." "He also has very good range which enabled him to help out at the corners a lot. He was just a good pass defender." "He's a very good athlete, " said Barbato.

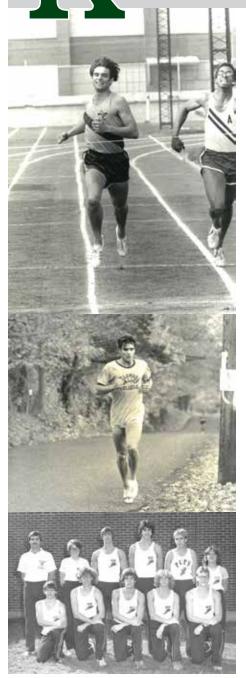
In basketball for Coach Bob Tisdale\* (HoF). Robert was a two-year starter with Gary Battle (HoF) and Bob Urbanik (HoF). Team records were 22-5 (Sectional Champs) and 20-5 (Sectional Finalist and GMC White Division Title) respectively.

In baseball, Robert started for Coach Mickey Kott\* (HoF) his senior year. The team record was 13-10. He was named Honorable Mention by The New Tribune. (\*We Remember in Memoriam)

Robert's father, Robert Sr., and uncle, Ritchie Haines, were great three sport athletes at Montclair High School in the middle to late fifties. The brothers later played minor league baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies farm system.

The WTAAA welcomes Robert E. Haines Jr., a former Patriot, to our Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

# LOUIS "LOU" HEGYES CLASS OF 1966





A 1966 graduate of John F. Kennedy Memorial High School and former Iselin resident, Lou Hegyes participated in varsity Cross Country and Track at JFK. After graduation, he attended Delaware Valley College (now Delaware Valley University) in Doylestown, PA where he earned a Bachel. or of Science degree and where his athletic career would take a dramatic turn for the better.

At Delaware Valley, Lou won 3 varsity letters in Cross Country and 4 letters in Track. He ranked as high as the #3 man on the Cross Country Team, but It was in Track where he would establish himself as one of the top track athletes In school history. He set school records In the 220 and 440 yd. dashes, 440 intermediate hurdles and was a member of both the record setting quarter mile and mile relay teams. In all, he continued to break his own individual event records, and relay team records, an additional 14 times. He was known for always participating in 4 of the 10 running events in dual meet competition and would often participate in a fifth event if needed.

Through his entire track career Delaware Valley College, Lou's performances always rose to the level of

competition. In his sophomore year in a dual meet at Kutztown Universftv. Lou set new school records in the 440 and 440 hurdles while also leading off a record setting quarter mile relay team effort to finish with a three-record day. In 1969, at the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships at Lehigh University, Lou ran a blistering 48 second mile relay anchor leg to make up a 10 yd. deficit to place the Aggies into the medals with only 3 tenths of a second separating the top three teams. He was the Track Team high scorer in 1968, 1969 and 1970 and was awarded the Most Valuable Runner Award in both 1969 and 1970 while also serving a Team Captain in 1970.

Upon graduation, Lou served In the US Navy and Naval Reserve prior to beginning hls eventual 43 year career in high education. Following active duty, he returned to his Alma Mater as an Admissions Representative eventually moving into the positions of Dir. of Alumni Affairs and Dir. of Sports Information. Lou also began an 18-year college coaching career as an Asst. Track and Field Coach. He played a, major role as the runners coach in leading the 1976 Del Val Track Team to a perfect 10-0 record, which still stands as the only Delaware Valley Track Team to finish their season undefeated. In

1993. Lou was inducted into the Delaware Valley University Athletic Hall of Fame.

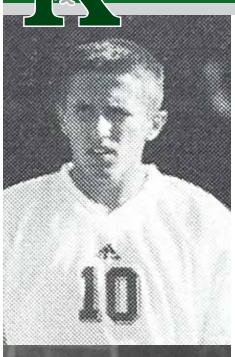
In 1976, Lou moved on to the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, which later became know as the University of the Sciences, as an Admissions Counselor. His responsibilities expanded, and he was eventually appointed Director of Admissions which he held for 24 yrs. Lou's work in the area of College Admissions and Enrollment are well-known, and he is credited with developing and instituting strategies that resulted in the University of the Sciences setting numerous enrollment records. Lou is recognized professionally as an innovator, mentor, keen strategist and pace-setter.

At the Phlladelphla college of Pharmacy and Science, Lou also started the Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams and finished his career as the most successful coach in program history. He was also the first coach in school history to have athletes qualify for and participate in the National Cross Country Championship Meet. Lou followed his Cross Country coaching career by becoming the Head Women's Softball Coach finishing with the highest winning percentage in team history. Lou was inducted Into the USciences Athletic Hall of Fame in 2020. In all, 17 of his former collegiate athletes have been inducted into their respective Athletic Halls of Fame.

Now retired, Lou is still very active serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of both the Delaware Valley Sciences Fairs and Delaware Valley University. Lou and his wife Kathy live in Plymouth Meeting, PA and have been married for 47 years. Lou thanks Kathy, for not only being a Coach's wife and an Admissions Director's wife, but for being a great partner and for her love, loyal support and guidance. Lou also thanks his parents, Lou and Dorothea Hegyes, brother Les and sister Gloria, for their support. Lou has been fortunate to have had many great teachers, coaches and mentors throughout his life and career who provided opportunities to grow athletically and professionally including, Herb Hollowell and Lou Kuhn from his days at JFK. Lou mentions "So many of my mentors saw things in me I didn't even see in myself and gave me opportunities to grow and thrive. "I am also very proud and honored to be recognized by the WTAAA and included with so many great citizens of Woodbridge Twp. "

The WTAAA congratulates Lou and welcomes him to our Hall of Fame!







Arek Jodelka arrived with his family from Poland to start his freshman year at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School. By the conclusion of his senior year soccer season, he had established himself as the most dominant offensive soccer player in JFKMHS history.

With the soccer season already underway, Arek was able to join the team, playing for longtime Head Coach, Ed Bobal. It wasn't until the 3rd game of the season, with the score tied in a game against Metuchen, that Arek was first eligible to see varsity action. Coach Bobal subbed Arek into the game and he went on to score the winning goal in extra time. It was Arek's first time playing soccer for the Mustangs, and it was his first goal of many, as he went on to score 26 goals his freshman year.

In the 2001-02 season, during his junior year, playing alongside senior Jeff Grose (HoF), Arek helped lead the Mustangs to a 17-3 record, the GMC Blue Division title, and the GMC Championship game. Coach Bobal states, "Grose and Jodelka were a dangerous offensive combination... 2 pure goal scorers who were amongst the Top 5 in the GMC that season."

Assistant Coach Joe Migacz recalls during the team huddle prior to kickoff of the GMC semi-final game against North Brunswick, Jodelka looked at his teammates and gave one message, "Get me the ball!" The team rallied around that call and Arek went on to dominate the offense for the Mustangs in the 6-1 victory over North Brunswick, scoring 4 goals and distributing 2 assists.

Arek was team captain during his senior year and with the graduation of Jeff Grose, Coach Bobal made a key adjustment by moving Arek to midfield where he could lead the team by being able to distribute and score. Coach Bobal remembers, "Even as a freshman, Arek played like a man against boys. Arek was an athletically skilled player. He

could have played any position on the field, including goal keeper."

Arek made his mark as the leader in the soccer record book at JFKMHS. scoring a record 67 career goals and a record 43 assists. Jodelka was also recognized with honors as he was named all 4 years (1999-2003): GMC All Division, GMC All Conference, NJSCA All State, Star Ledger All Area, and News Tribune All Area. From the 2002-03 season. Arek was named by the NJ Soccer Coaches Association as one of the "TOP 51 Players" in the state.

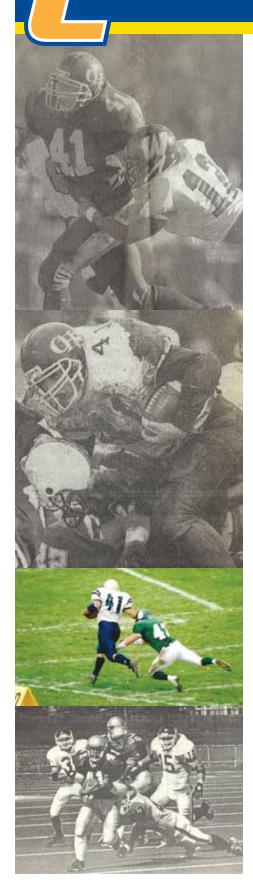
Arek was recruited by Rutgers. He redshirted his freshman year. Unfortunately, a subsequent injury ended his soccer career, but Rutgers honored his scholarship as he continued his education.

Arek fondly remembers his Mustangs soccer days and thanks Coach Bobal and Assistant Coaches, Joe Migacz, Eric Geddes, and Mike Petak. One of his favorite memories is Coach Bobal picking him up and driving him to and from school when he didn't have transportation: "Coach Bobal was my UBER driver before UBER even existed. "

Arek lives in Millstone Township with his wife, Irmina, and sons, Jakub and Filip. His sons enjoy playing soccer, and occasionally Arek also finds time to play. He is the owner of Jodelka Corporation. specializing in Home Renovation and Remodeling.

Congratulations Arkadiusz Jodelka, and welcome to the Hall of Fame!

# TIM KOSUDA CLASS OF 1998



Tim was a two-year varsity Colonia football starter under Coach Ben LaSala (HoF) in 1996 and 1997. He played at the running back and linebacker positions.

Tim's 1996 Patriot team finished 7-2-O. The Star Ledger named him to their All County Third team at linebacker. Tim's 1997 team finished 6-3-0 and won the GMC White Division. The Star Ledger named him to their All County First Team at linebacker. The Home News Tribune named him to their Third Team at linebacker. His team defeated two Central Jersey Sectional Champions in Sayreville (26-14) and Woodbridge (42-35). Those wins are two big memories for him.

Tim ended his senior season (1997) with 63 tackles, 634 rushing yards and ten touchdowns. His Star Ledger All County write up stated the following: "In Colonia's attacking defense, Tim usually stayed at home and provided a sturdy safeguard against the run. He also moved the pile as a fullback and cleared the way for halfback Nick Ruta with his blocking." (Source: The Star Ledger, December, 1997). In the spring, Tim was the school's recipient of the Bill Denny/Rutgers Letter winner Scholarship Award.

Following high school graduation, Tim entered The College of New Jersey to play NCAA Division 3 football. Tim played the running back position there from 1999-2002. He was a New Jersey Athletic Conference running back in 1999 (First Team), 2001 (Second Team) and 2002 (First Team). During these seasons, Tim led the Lions in rushing and all-purpose yards. Tim's college statistics included:

YEAR	RUSH YDS	TDS	REC YDS	TDS	TOTAL TDS	
1999	422	4	70	0	4	
2000	273	4	146	0	4	
2001	516	4	277	3	7	
2002	553	6	107	1	7	
Totals:	1, 764	18	600	4	22	
(Sources: NJAC Website and TCNJ Football Websites)						

Senior year, Tim was a team captain. He received the Earl H. Dean Scholar

Leader Award at TCNJ.

Tim wishes to thank his father, Frank, who passed away in 2022. "Dad would have been most proud of this honor. For those that knew him, he never missed a game (including college) and was often seen in the top right bleachers at CHS watching practice. He instilled in me my work ethic and my strong Christian faith." Tim thanks his mother Susan "who despite fearing every time I stepped on the field rarely missed a game." He thanks his siblings Renee, Frank, and Theresa. "Being the youngest of them all played significant roles in my life both athletically and personally." Tim thanks all of his former coaches from CHS and TCNJ (too many to name) as well as all of my former teammates many of which are still life long friends.

In terms of memorable games, Tim remembers the CHS home opener against Sayreville in 1997. He rushed for 187 yards and a touchdown against the future state sectional champions. At TCNJ in 2002 versus rival Rowan, he rushed for 164 yards and three touchdowns in an unfortunate 25-30 loss down to the wire. They were career bests.

Professionally, Tim has been involved in the Corporate Global Analytics Data Strategy field. He currently works for Colgate Palmolive Company, Previously, he was employed by Johnson and Johnson and L'Oreal.

Tim lives in Fanwood with his wife, Jennifer, and their young children Tim ("TJ"), Madison, Austin and Kaiden.

The WTAAA welcomes Tim, a former Patriot and Lion, to our Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

# NICOLE LEGRAND HARRIGAN CLASS OF 1997



Nicole's love of sports was cultivated at a young age by her mother, Karen, who introduced her to softball and basketball when she was just 5 years old. Her interest in basketball and team sports was further nourished as a six year-old, in the Colonia High School gym, watching her aunt Cheryl, a senior at the time, play for the girls basketball team. She played recreational softball with the Colonia Girls Softball League every spring from ages 5-13, also spending multiple summers during those years as part of Colonia Softball All-Star teams. Nicole was also a trailblazer in the Woodbridge recreation basketball league as the only girl playing in the boys' league from ages 6 to 11, before the girls' league existed. In addition to softball and basketball, Nicole tried her hand at volleyball in her elementary and middle school years, playing with her mom and aunt as coaches. During her freshman year at Colonia High School, she enjoyed success on the school's softball team.

Looking for something to help with conditioning before basketball season, Nicole decided to give soccer a try, the summer before sophomore year. She joined a travel soccer team that summer and then tried out for the high school team. By her senior year, she earned All White Division honors as a defender, under the coaching of Jennifer Kirby-Jeter (HOF) and became known for her impressive throw-ins. She even scored an unassisted goal in a game against Monroe.

As a sophomore javelin thrower, Nicole placed fifth in the State Sectionals. This capped off a year in which she set the sophomore records in both the discus and javelin. By the time she was a senior, Nicole also held the junior records in both events. She also finished in the top ten at the GMC's both years. (1997 GMC Scholar Athlete Dinner program). In basketball, Nicole made All Area honorable Mention as a sophomore, junior and senior. In her senior year, she made All Division while serving as captain and point guard, leading her team to what was the best record in school history at the time. According to Basketball coach Tom Chmiel (HoF), "The team had some very talented young players but I needed someone to control the team on both ends of the floor. Nicole was our leading rebounder as a junior but she understood the game so well I knew she could switch to the point. She had great leadership ability in practice, the locker room and the game. She was also a clutch player who played her best in big situations."

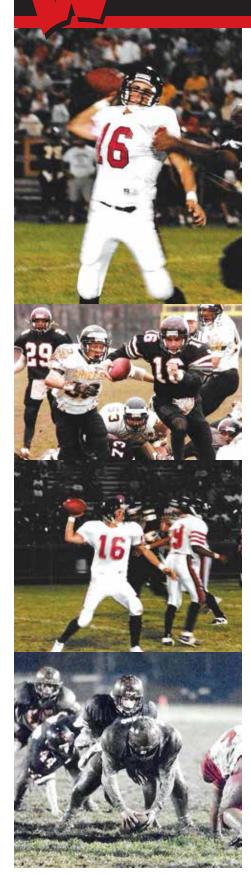
One of her most memorable moments came during the 1997 Central Jersey Group III tournament when her 30-foot buzzer-beater against North Hunterdon earned her the 1997 Home News & Tribune Girls Basketball "Shot of the Year." Sports writer Jerry Carino wrote that she "has blossomed into one of the best floor generals around" (Home News Tribune, March 7, 1997). In the upset of Wall, the number 1 seed, Nicole "recorded 16 points, 7 assists, 7 steals, and 6 rebounds" (Home News Tribune, March 7, 1997) allowing Colonia to reach the sectional semi-final for the first time ever

Nicole was recognized for excellence in both athletics and academics when she was named the 1997 Home News & Tribune Girls Scholar-Athlete from Colonia, as well as the Colonia High female GMC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Nicole stated that she was also proud that she was a nominee for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award in 1997, which honors high school seniors who excel in academics, athletics, and community service.

Following high school, Nicole attended North Carolina A&T State University, in Greensboro, North Carolina where she decided to focus on her academics, earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2001. However, she couldn't resist staying connected to sports, participating in intramural basketball and softball all throughout college. After graduating from college, Nicole began her career at Roche Diagnostics, where she has held various positions since 2001. She is currently the Global Head of Design Transfer within Roche's Quality & Regulatory Organization. It was at Roche where she met her husband, Kenrick Harrigan, a Piscataway Township High School and Howard University graduate. Nicole and Kenrick now reside in the Belle Mead section of Montgomery Township, New Jersey, with their three children: Xavier, a sophomore at Montgomery High School where he plays JV and Varsity football and basketball, led an undefeated boys Freshman basketball team last season and earned a Varsity letter in track his freshman year. Isaac, an 8th grader at Montgomery Upper Middle School, who also plays football and basketball and was part of the 2023-2024 Central Jersey Junior Basketball League Championship Team and a daughter, Kamryn (Kammy), age 8, who has played softball for four years and just joined her first travel softball team.

Congratulations, Nicole, and welcome to the WTAAA Hall of Fame.

# SHAWN MCGRATH CLASS OF 1998



Shawn led Coach Bill Nyers' (HoF) Barrons (9-2) to the program's third Central Jersey Group 4 Sectional playoff championship in 1997 and the school's ninth sectional title overall. He joins his teammate Keith Hemmings Jr. (HoF) in the Hall.

From his quarterback position, Shawn, a two-year starter, set then single season school records for passing yards (1, 925), touchdowns (19) and completions (115) in 1997. Career wise (1996-1997 seasons), Shawn threw 29 touchdowns, 206 pass completions and 3, 577 passing vards (at the time a school record). In 1997, he threw for 330 yards and a 98-yard touchdown pass record in a win (35-14) over South Brunswick and 331 yards and 4 touchdown passes versus Old Bridge to lead a 4th quarter comeback down 27-46 to win 47-46 in one of the greatest comeback wins we have ever witnessed anywhere. His 23 pass completions versus Old Bridge is still a school record to this day. Shawn earned County Player of the Week for that game.

Shawn was named First Team Middlesex County Star Ledger, First Team Home News Tribune All Area and "Top 100" All State by the NJ Coaches Association (1997). In 1996, he was a Third Team Star Ledger and Home News Tribune. He was also awarded the Nicholas A. Priscoe\* annual "Back of the Year" award in 1996 and 1997. Shawn played in the 1998 spring North vs. South classic where he threw two touchdown passes. He helped Barron football to 15 wins as starting quarterback and team captain. In addition to the Central Jersey Group 4 Championship, the team was awarded the John Bateman\* (retired Rutgers football coach) #1 area trophy by WCTC radio. (\*We Remember in Memoriam)

Shawn is still listed 27 seasons later on the Barron's milestone charts in the following areas:

Most TD passes (game)	<b>4</b> vs. Old Bridge, 1997	3 <sup>rd-T</sup>
Most TD passes (season)	<b>19</b> , 1997	4 <sup>th</sup>
Most TD passes (career)	<b>29</b> , 1996-97	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Most pass completions (game)	<b>23</b> vs. Old Bridge, 1997	1 <sup>st</sup>
Most pass completions (season)	<b>115</b> , 1997	2 <sup>nd-T</sup>
Most pass completions (career)	<b>206</b> , 1997	4 <sup>th</sup>
Most passing yards (game)	<b>331</b> vs. Old Bridge, 1997	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Most passing yards (season)	<b>1, 925</b> , 1997	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Most passing yards (career)	<b>3, 577</b> , 1996-97	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Longest TD pass (career)	<b>98 yards</b> , 1997	1 <sup>st</sup>
T- Tied		

(Source: Woodbridge Barrons "The History and Traditions of WHS Football-1924 to 2013 by Nicholas Sardone and George P. Ryan\*)

As a high school baseball player, Shawn was a Third Team Star Ledger All County Pitcher (3-2) as a sophomore. He was a Second Team Star Ledger pick as a junior and Third team Home News Tribune (5-2-1). Senior year, Shawn went 4-3. His three-year varsity pitching record was 12-7-1 for Coach Jim Lammers. Shawn continued his baseball pitching career for one full year at The College of New Jersey. In 1999, he was 7-6 with a 2. 25 ERA (minimum 20 IP), 7 games -6 started, 36 innings pitched and one shut out. The

overall team record was 32-11.

Shawn's coach Bill Nyers (HoF) recently provided the following: "Shawn was the definition of having a "coach" on the field. In other words, he understood exactly how the offense was designed and how it took advantage of the defense. When we committed to the 3-step short passing game concept, he understood the entire concept and really was like having a coach in the huddle. " "Woodbridge was traditionally a Wing-T and later an "I" power offense which pounded the ball. Although we were still a run team, the 3 step or quick passing game took advantage of teams loading the box and blitzing like the 46 defense that would drive offenses crazy. Now, we were getting the ball out fast and taking advantage of 1 on 1 matchups. Shawn mastered the pre-snap reads and the post-snap "key" reads! He was the perfect quarterback for that offense and took advantage of the whole field. We put it in his junior year and tweaked a few things that gave us problems and in '97 won it all." "As for pressure, nothing fazed him! Tough as nails but people have to remember we failed to get in the playoffs in '95 and '96 being 7-2 and 6-3 (Note:only 4 teams qualified then). In order to qualify, we knew we had to win seven straight games to open the '97 season or we might fall short again. That's a lot of pressure and mental pressure needed. Beating Sayreville was huge (32-28) with under a minute left (Sayreville won Group 3 that year). Who can forget that come from behind (down 20 points in the 4th) to beat Old Bridge in a shootout (47-46)?" "Shawn led an offense that still has the most points in a season. That ninth state sectional title at the end of the day was led by our QB. He was smart, tough and competitive. Shawn was a true winner on and off the field."

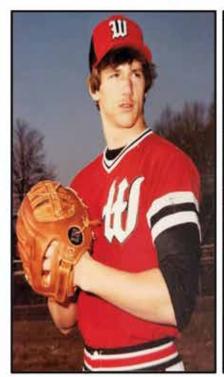
Shawn wishes to thank his parents for always being there through the ups and downs both on and off the field. In addition, he thanks all of his teammates and coaches who were all a big part of our great 1997 team. He gives a "special thank you to Coach Bill Nyers and assistant Coach Tom Fennessy for being great mentors throughout his high school career. " "This was truly a very special team and I will forever cherish that time in my life."

Today, Shawn has been a Sayreville police officer since 2004. He has worked several positions in the department both in traffic and the detective bureaus. In 2018, Shawn was promoted to the rank of sergeant and currently works as a road supervisor in the patrol division. He was presented an award by the "200" Club. This is a meritorious service award in Middlesex County that annually recognizes and commends members of our Police, Fire and First Aid Responders. Shawn was cited on May 18, 2022. In 2016, Shawn received a lifesaving award from the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders for performing CPR and saving the life of a six-year old in 2015.

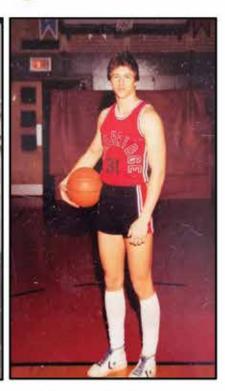
Shawn resides in Sayreville with his wife, Tara, and their two children, daughter Avery and son Connor.

The WTAAA welcomes Mr. Quarterback, Shawn McGrath, a Barron always, into our Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

# Congratulations Pat Margiatto







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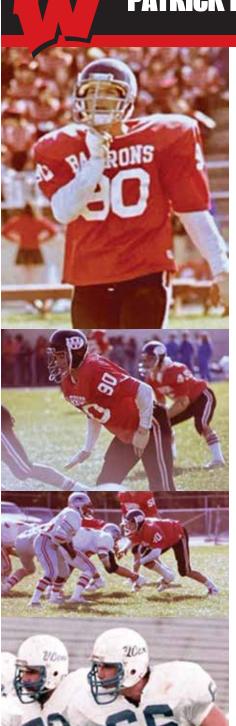
Woodbridge High School



We are so proud! Much love to you from your family:

The Lyczkowski's, The Stuppiello's, The Ward's, The Well's and extended family

# PATRICK MARGIATTO CLASS OF 1983



Patrick was a three-year varsity football player in 1980, 1981 and 1982 under Hall of Fame coach Frank Capraro. An excellent three sport athlete, he also played basketball and baseball at Woodbridge High.

Pat was a leading contributor on the Barrons first playoff championship team in 1980 as a sophomore. After he was elevated to first team as a defensive end, Pat played a prominent role in the team's rise to the Central Jersey Group IV championship. The team secured exciting, dramatic come from behind/ tied victories over JP Stevens (8-7), at Sayreville (7-0), and at Raritan (Hazlet) in the championship game (7-6) to conclude an 8-2-1 season. Pat led the team in sacks as a sophomore. Asked about memories of the team he said. "I remember teammates like Pat Barbato (HoF), Mike Dolly, Frank Corbo (HoF), Ed Tobin, John Scutti, Ed Lenart, Randy Cuntala, Bob Zega, Mike McDyer, Mike Tedesco, Bob Muzzio and Angelo Mavrosakis, and Coaches James Lammers, Dick Miglecz (HoF), Mike Cilento (HoF), Sam lacobone and Tony Barcelona."

During his junior and senior seasons Pat was a leading force on teams that finished 5-3-1 both years. His three-year record as a Barron was 18-8-3. In 1982, his senior season, Pat earned First Team honors at defensive end from the News Tribune, The Star Ledger, and the Home News. He was also awarded the 1982 Demon of the Year for being the team's best defensive player. This award is named for Tommy "Tucker" Thompson (HoF) a former star Barron, All American at the College of William and Mary, and a five-year starter and two-year captain of the Cleveland Browns in the early 1950s. Pat claims "he grew from a scrawny, scrappy youngster to a big, strong athlete entering high school."

Hall of Fame head coach Frank Capraro\* said in 1982 "He is one of the finer ends I've coached in 27 years." "When we moved him to defensive end after starting as a linebacker, he solidified the line. He made the other teams run the other way. " Sportswriter Gene Haley also quoted Coach Capraro." He graded out higher than anyone on defense. He has solidified our defense since we moved him back. The other teams run away from him if they can." (The Home News, Nov 16, 1982). Pat was a tri player of the week.

In basketball, Pat played for Coach Tom Chmiel (HoF) on the 1981 junior varsity MC Championship team (22-2). He was a two-year varsity letter winner and played on the 1982 MCAC championship team (23-3) under Coach Joe Flaherty \*(HoF). That team also won the Casey Holiday Festival in Red Bank. Pat was also a pitcher and two year letter winner in baseball for Coach Dick Miglecz\* (HoF).

After high school. Pat attended The University of Connecticut on a full football scholarship. He played all 4 years until experiencing a career ending injury, snapping his patella tendon in his 5th red shirt year. His coaches included head Coach Tom Jackson and assistant coaches Steve Spagnuolo, Desmond Robinson, and Russ Burns. He started his

college career as an outside linebacker/defensive end. He was later moved to offensive line to help the team there and protect an injured shoulder. One of his teammates. Marc Mofsowitz, was a high school (JP Stevens) rival. Under Coach Jackson, they shared 3 Yankee Conference Championships in 1983, 1986, and 1987. Game captains were selected by fellow teammates and Pat was honored to be captain several games.

Pat earned his B. A. degree in economics and spent 20 years in the food industry as a sales rep for Scott Paper (national sales person of the year in 1989), ConAgra Brands, and Kimberley-Clark. He was also General Manager of High Grade Beverage and most recently was in an HVAC business as a sales advisor.

Today, Pat is retired due to health reasons being diagnosed with Stage 4 Metastatic Prostate Cancer in January 2024. Pat said recently "I would like to be transparent about my cancer journey. Had I checked my PSA sooner, I could have begun treatments sooner. " "Please, men of my age, get your PSA checked."

While at UConn, Pat met his then wife and had "3 amazing children"; Claire, the oldest, adopted in California, a Northeastern grad is a Behavior Analyst in the field of autism; Chris a Sr. at Regis College track & field and Connor, UConn Football team

As a way of giving back to the community that helped him develop a love of sports, Pat also coached Pop Warner football for the Port Reading Saints for a number of years. These days he is working with his life partner Cheryl on remaining healthy and "Just as I have always done in sports, I am concentrated on doing my very best to keep fighting to stick around on this big blue orb as long as the good Lord allows me."

"It's been an honor, a surprise and quite humbling frankly, to be inducted into the Woodbridge Township Athletic Association Hall of Fame, one of my most cherished accomplishments in my life. I feel truly blessed. I would like to thank WTAAA, and many mentors I have been very lucky to be associated with such as Billy Nyers (HoF), (lifelong friend), Patsy Barbato\* (HoF), Mike Cilento (HoF), Tom Chmiel (HoF), Sam Lupo\* (HoF), Joe Martino\* (HoF), Andy Baylock (UConn Football Director of Football Alumni) and, of course, my most significant mentor, hero and father Patsy (Slim) Margiatto\*". Sadly, Pat's mom Mary\* and two sisters, Carmella\* and Patricia\*, have passed away. (\*We Remember in Memoriam). However, he will be joined tonight by his two sisters, Marie and Theresa, Cheryl, and other friends and relatives.

The WTAAA is very pleased to induct Patrick Margiatto, forever a loyal Barron and Huskie, into our Hall of Fame. We welcome Pat and wish him the absolute very best in his continuing health battle. Our prayers go with him. Congratulations, Pat!



ANTHONY PALOMBO COACH

Anthony Palombo is a member of the first graduating class of Colonia High School, class of 1968. He went on to attend Dominican College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and later went on to obtain a Masters in Business Administration, Management from Fairleigh Dickinson University, High school bowling wasn't offered as an interscholastic activity in 1968. However, he did represent his college in interscholastic Bowling events during each of his four years of college. He was also a four year member of the college varsity Golf team, serving as captain of the team for several seasons.

He began his career at Bishop George Ahr High School where he taught Accounting and Computer courses as well as Peer Leadership and was the Director of Technology. In 1994, he began his career at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, where he remained until he retired in 2024, serving as a Web Design and Computer Application teacher and Building Computer

During his time at Bishop George Ahr, he served as the Boys Golf Head Coach from 1998-2000, Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Golf from 1988-1997, Head Coach Varsity Boys and Girls Bowling from 1988-2001, Boys Soccer Junior Varsity Coach from 1989, Girls Soccer Junior Varsity Coach in 1990, Girls Soccer Varsity Assistant Coach in 1991-1992, Girls Soccer Varsity Co-Head Coach from 1993-1997 and the Boys Soccer Varsity Head Coach in 1998-1999.

The Boys Bowling Program was successful in the 1990's as they were White Division Champions in 1992. In 1993, they captured the GMC and NJSIAA Sectional Championships and in 1994 they captured the White Division as well as the NJSIAA Sectional Championship. In 1995, the program won the NJSIAA Sectional tournament and brought home the school's first and only State Championship. Finally, in 1997, they were White Division Champions, In 1996, the Girls Bowing captured the Greater Middlesex Conference Championship.

Awards Anthony won during his time at Bishop Ahr include, 1993 Forbes Newspaper Bowling All Area Coach of the Year; in 1995 Home News Boys Bowling Coach of the Year; in 1996 NFICA New Jersey Bowling Coach of the Year; in 1997 NJSIAA Sport Award for Bowling. In 2000, he was inducted into the NJSCA Hall of Fame.

Anthony then went on to serve as the Head Coach of Varsity Boys Golf from 2001-2015 and the Boys and Girls Bowling Head Varsity Coach from 2002-2015 at John F Kennedy Memorial High School. The Boys Bowling Program captured 10 division championships throughout his span at JFK. Between Golf and both Boys and Girls Bowling, Anthony was named as a Division Coach of the Year 10 times and a Conference Coach of the Year 6 times while his programs earned the Sportsmanship award 13 times.

In 2003, Anthony was named the Home News Tribune Boys Bowling Coach of the Year and the Star Ledger Central Jersey Boys Bowling Coach of the Year. He also won the GMC Service Award in 2004 and in 2006 was named as the Home News Tribune Boys

Bowling Coach of the Year. Finally, in 2008, he was NFHS New Jersey Boys Bowling Coach of the Year as well as NFHS Northeast Section Boys Bowling Coach of the

Anthony has served as a member of many associations, which include the GMC Bowling Coaches Association as a Past President and was also the first President: the GMC Individual and Team Tournament Director, season scheduler and records custodian. He was also a member of the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Member (NJSCA) where he was a Board of Coaching Representative, Clinic Committee member, Bowling and Golf Clinic Committee Past Chairman, Board of Governors and Hall of Fame Committee Member

On the state level. Anthony was a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Bowling and Golf committees, as well as an Executive Committee. He also served as the NJSIAA State Rules Interpreter for Bowling and the NJSIAA Boys and Girls Individual Tournament Director for many years.

On the National level, he has served as a National Federation Coaches Association Member, a National Federation of High Schools Hall of Fame Screening Committee Member, an author of Article on High School Bowling for the NFHS National Coaches Quarterly and Bowling Clinician for the New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

A message from Coach Palombo, "I would like to thank all of the student-athletes who I had the privilege to coach. I was blessed with students who displayed a passion for the game and a commitment to strive for growth and excellence. I would also like to thank the Athletic Directors, School Administration, and Parents for their constant support and cooperation. It was personally very rewarding to have served as a coach in sports that I loved as both a participant and spectator.

"A particular memory would be the Kennedy Boys Bowling Team twice winning the prestigious Bishop Ahr Holiday Classic which I had founded when I coached at Bishop Ahr. It was a tournament that had a field comprising the best teams in the state. Another memory would be the Kennedy Boys Bowling Teams twice winning four consecutive division titles. This was accomplished with changing rosters and in different divisions. I have fond memories of my overall involvement in coaching. I was fortunate to have coached with many other coaches throughout the state with whom I had enjoyed camaraderie and mutual desires to grow the sport. New Jersey was a national leader in participation and innovation in high school bowling during the span of time when I coached. I found much satisfaction not only in the success of my teams but also in the accomplishments of the studentathletes from our conference and throughout the state. I am proud of my involvement in conference, state, and national organizations that promoted high school athletics."

Congratulations, Anthony, and welcome to the WTAAA Hall of Fame!

# MARK C. SMITH CLASS OF 1970





During the spring of 1969, the Woodbridge football coach, Sam Lupo \*(HoF), was wondering how he could replace twenty-six seniors including an All State and Parade Magazine All American named John Kondrk\*(HoF). He had so much potential that he was recruited to Notre Dame by Ara Parseghian where he became a starter on the offensive line for the Fighting Irish and appeared in bowl games.

When practice started in September, Coach Lupo realized he still had some talent including an undefeated JV team and returning hardworking veterans like Jimmy Russo\*(HoF) and Tony Russomano (HoF). The returnees also included a tall defensive back/receiver named Mark C. Smith, the man we induct tonight into our Hall of Fame.

All Mark and company did was lead the 1969 Barrons (HoF) to one of the greatest seasons in the program's storied history. The generally inexperienced team finished undefeated. In the eighth game of the season, the Barrons pulled off one of the greatest wins in school history, 14-6, over state ranked Thomas Jefferson (Elizabeth). In the final state wide rankings, the Barrons were ranked 5th in the state by the Newark Star Ledger and 6th by the Newark Evening News. They did this with an outstanding defense that only allowed 35 points all season, shut out four opponents and did not allow more than eleven points in any one game despite their early inexperience. The season concluded with a "dramatic last minute come back from behind" victory over Edison High School, 12-7, before over 7, 000 fans at Woodbridge High School. To preserve the undefeated season, it took a spectacular screen pass in the final 1:44 to win it. The quarterback, Bob Parrott (HoF), threw to halfback Kevin Short, for a 64-yard touchdown pass. The veteran coaching staff included: Cary Hamrah\* (HoF), Al Meravi (HoF), Patsy Barbato\* (HoF) and Dick Miglecz\* (HoF). Head coach Sam Lupo \* (HoF) was named The Home News "Coach of the Year". Mark's favorite high school memories are about his great coaches, great teammates and all the great games on the playing field together.

As for tonight's inductee, Mark C. Smith was recognized as a First Team All-County linebacker by The News Tribune and First Team All-County defensive back by The Home News. He was also named a Star Ledger All-State Group 4 Second Team selection. As a defensive back/linebacker, Mark was credited with 41 unassisted tackles. He had six interceptions and many knocked down passes. In the spring of 1970, Mark was honored as the school's Bill Denny Scholarship Award Recipient. Mark was also a starter on the school's winning basketball team in 1969-70 and received the "Most Improved Player" award from Coach Joe Flaherty\* (HoF). (\*We Remember in Memoriam)

Following an excellent academic high school career, Mark entered on scholarship The College of William and Mary (D1). There, he played tight end/ receiver and accumulated the following statistics as a three-year letter winner on the Indians (now TRIBE) football team.

favorite football Regarding memories Mark mentioned the huge upset Barron victory

YEAR	GAMES	REC	REC YDS	REC AVG	TDS
1972	11	16	207	12.9	3
1973	10	10	134	13.4	2
1974	11	11	155	14.1	2
TOTALS:	32	37	496	13.4	7

(Sources: 1. Sports-Reference, com-online, 2. College of William and Mary Football Media quide, 3, W-Barrons- The History and Tradition of Woodbridge High School Football-1924-2013 by Nick Sardone and George P. Ryan\*)

over Thomas Jefferson (Elizabeth) 14-6. He also remembered William and Mary's 17-16 victory over Virginia Tech in the "Tobacco Bowl". Mark caught the winning touchdown pass. It was the Indian's first win over the Huskies in ten years.

Mark's former WHS defensive assistant coach, Al Meravi (HoF) recently stated: "Mark played both offense and defense. He was one of our team leaders. He was tall and rangy. That helped him to have six interceptions as a senior. As a safety, he had many tackles (fourth highest on the team) which helped the team to allow very few points during the season. He was selected to the defensive All-County team. As on offensive player, he had 23 receptions for over 400 yards and two touchdowns. Mark was ranked near the top of his graduating class."

Former Barron lineman, Rich Webb (HoF), recently stated: "Mark was a standout, two-way player on our undefeated 1969 Barron football team. At 6'3". 210 pounds and fast, he was a force to be reckoned with at both tight end and safety. Mark backstopped a stingy defense that allowed opponents only 3. 9 points per game." "Congratulations on this welldeserved recognition."

Mark wishes to thank the entire coaching staff at Woodbridge High School for his success there! He also thanks head coach Jim Root and the entire coaching staff at William and Mary.

Professionally, Mark was involved in various fields including the military (US Navy), education, technology (financial services), politics and the practice of law. He holds degrees from four prominent universities. Throughout his careers, service and stewardship have been guiding principles. A resident of Cranford, NJ, Mark was elected to the Cranford Township Committee and served as commissioner, deputy mayor and mayor. After admission to the New Jersey Bar in 2009, he entered private practice.

Today, Mark is married to Denise, a retired teacher and elementary school principal in Woodbridge Township. The couple has two children, lan and Andrew. Sadly, Mark's daughter, Rebecca\*, passed away in 2013. The couple has three grandchildren; Caroline, Ella and Malin. Mark and Denise enjoy traveling to see friends and family. He appreciates the outdoors, no matter the season, and is an avid golfer and hiker.

The WTAAA is very pleased and honored to induct Mark C. Smith, always a Barron and Indian (Tribe), into our Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Mark. and Welcome!



Vicki Spratford not only had one of the most distinguished bowling careers at Woodbridge High School but also had an outstanding career at New Jersey City University. Vicki was a member of the Lady Barrons Bowling Program from 2001-2004 and named Captain of the

> her time in the program, she helped lead the team to 3 Red Division Championships, 3 Greater Middlesex Conference Championships and an NJSIAA State Championship in 2001 as well as collecting many individual honors.

During her freshman year, Vicki placed 6th in the GMC

program throughout her Sophomore to Senior years. During

Individual Tournament, 4th in the NJSIAA State Sectional Tournament for Individuals and 8th in the NJSIAA Individual State Finals. She was named to the All Area Home News Tribune 1st Team and Star Ledger 3rd Team All State. During her sophomore year, she placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the GMC Individual Tournament and was named All Area Home News Tribune 1st Team, Star Ledger 2nd Team All State and Star Ledger

Central Jersey 1st Team.

Throughout her junior year, Vicki helped lead the team to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Bishop Ahr Tournament taking individual honors with 2nd Place High Series with a 624 and 3rd Place High Game with a 243. During this season, the team also captured the Brick Tournament Championship and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the NJSIAA State Sectional. Vicki was named All Area Home News Tribune 1st Team, Star Ledger 1st Team All State, Star Ledger Central Jersey 1st Team, Home News Tribune Bowler of the Year and Star Ledger Central Jersey Bowler of the Year.

Vicki's senior season is where she shined. She led the team to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Westfield Invitational where she took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place High Series with a 667, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the Brick Tournament taking 1st Place High Series with a 789 as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place High Games with a 269 and 267. The Team also placed 3rd at the Central Jersey Winter Classic where Vicki took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place High Series with a 646. They were GMC Red Division Champions, GMC County Champions and 2nd in the NJSIAA State Finals. The team was named Star Ledger Central Team of the Year.

Vicki captured the 2004 GMC Individual Tournament Championship, won 1st Place High Game in the NJSIAA State Team Finals and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the NJSIAA Individual State Finals. She was named to the following teams; GMC All Red Division, Home News Tribune All Area 1st Team, Star Ledger 1st Team All State, Star Ledger Central Jersey 1st Team and Star Ledger Central Jersey Bowler of the Year.

Vicki went on to compete for New Jersey City University, a Division III University that awards no athletic scholarships but who's Bowling Program competed against Division I and II programs. This DIII school made the NCAA National Championship Tournament in all four years of Vicki's career as well as leading NJCU to the 2006 and 2008 NCAA National Collegiate Women's Bowling Final Four Matches. This four time All American was also named National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) Division III National Player of the Year in 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

As a freshman, she was named to the ECAC Tournament All-Tournament Team and earned NTCA I/II/III All-Northern Region First-Team Honors and NTCA Division II/III First-Team All-American Honors. During her sophomore year, she was named to the ECAC Tournament All-Tournament Team, NCAA National Collegiate Championship All-Tournament Team and earned NTCA I/II/III All-Northern Region First-Team Honors and NTCA Division II/III Second Team All-American Honors.

In the 2006-2007 season Vicki was named to the NTCA Division I/II/III First-Team All-American: receiving the most votes on the first team, was NTCA Division III National Player of the Year and named to the NTCA All-Academic Team. She earned ECAC Tournament All-Tournament Team and First-Team All-NEWCBC honors. At the Jeannette Lee Invitational, Vicki led the way averaging 206. 4 throughout 4 games to be named as Individual Champion as well as Most Valuable Player and made the All Tournament Team. At the FDU Holiday Jamboree, Vicki averaged 210. 2 throughout 10 games and was crowned the Individual Champion.

Senior year, "hit em with your best shot and strike it away" is exactly what she did. Vicki led the nation in average in 2007-2008 with a 206. 84 and total pinfall of 18, 202 (88 games); and a high game of 297. She placed in the top five in the standings in seven tournaments, and top 10 in all 10 events. The All Tournament Teams, Vicki was named to included the UMES Hawk Classic, the Capital Classic, the Bowie State University Invitational, the Music City Classic where she was also named the Most Valuable Player and Individual Champion averaging 205. 6, the FDU Holiday Jamboree where she also gained Most Valuable Player Honors and was the back to back Individual Champion averaging 219. 3, the Jeannette Lee Invitational where she averaged 212. 83 as the Individual Champion and Most Valuable Player. She was also the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Singles Tournament Champion and named to the ECAC All Tournament Team.

Vicki capped off her senior season by receiving honors such as NCAA National Collegiate Championship All-Tournament Team, NTCA Division I/II/III First-Team All-American; where she received the most votes on the first team, NTCA Division III National Player of the Year, NTCA National All-Academic First-Team, NTCA All-Academic Team and First-Team All-NFWCBC.

Vicki appeared on regional and national television several times during her exploits on the lanes and on January 21, 2008 became the sixth athlete in NJCU school history to appear in the 'Faces in the Crowd' section of Sports Illustrated. In 2017, Vicki was inducted into the New Jersey City University Athletics Hall of Fame.

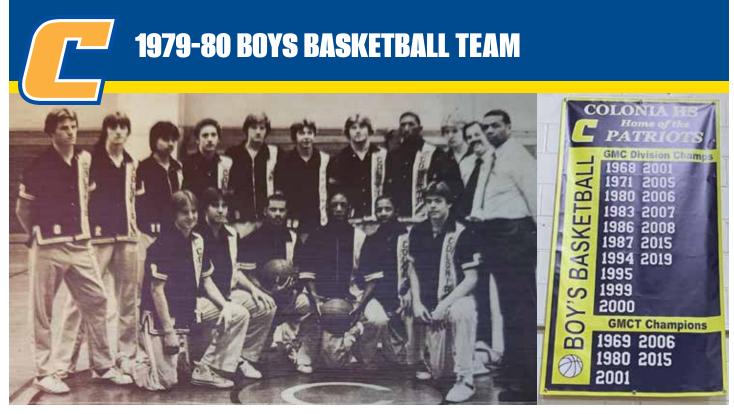
A message from Vicki, "I would like to thank the WTAAA Hall of Fame Committee for selecting me as an inductee to the class of 2024; To coach Yannazzo for teaching us that strikes are good, but spares win championships and for leading us throughout our high school careers; To my youth coaches, college coaches, former teammates, friends, my brothers in law, and nephews, thank you for all the knowledge, support, and memories!"

To my sisters Nichole and Michelle, "The Sprat Pack". "thank you for showing me the ropes, for being there for me in all aspects of life, for always cheering me on even if we were competing against one another. Now, the three of us are all in the Hall of Fame together!"

To my parents, Adrienne and Wayne, "thank you for always being my number one fans. You were at tournaments when you could be there, you taught me the fundamentals of the game, sacrificed so much so that I could get new equipment and bowl in tournaments. Thanks for allowing me to get an education. Words cannot fully express the depth of my appreciation for the love and support you have given me throughout my life. Thank you so much for encouraging me to be the best I can be. I love you to the moon and back!"

"And Dad While you may no longer be physically present, your spirit will forever be a guiding force in my life. I am forever grateful for having you as my dad, and I will strive every day to make you proud."

Congratulations, Vicki, and welcome to the WTAAA Hall of Fame!



Standing, left-to-right: Glenn O'Brien, Ken Bradley, Victor Angelo, Walter Sesny, Joe Banz, John Vidolin, Mike Bender, Michael Payne, Bob Moore, Vinny Mitchell (coach), Bob Tisdale (head coach) Kneeling, left-to-right: Joe Armeni, Artie Schmidt, Kevin Brown, Clark Payne III, Dakar Ross, Louis Dryka; Absent from photo: Jack Kreiger (coach), Tom Marciniak (coach)

The 1979-80 Colonia Patriots won the program's second Middlesex County Tournament Championship in what has become a storied basketball history. The team also tied (with Sayreville) for the program's fourth conference/ division title (17-3).

Under the direction of veteran Head Coach Bob Tisdale\* (HoF) and Assistant Coach Jack Kreiger (HoF), the team finished with a 23-4 record. They were ranked 17th, in the final Star Ledger Top 20. Additional coaches included Tom Marciniak (HoF), JV coach, and Vinnie Mitchell. The starters included Michael Payne (HoF), a 1st team All Area Star Ledger, News Tribune, Daily News, Elizabeth Daily Journal and 3rd team Star Ledger All State selection. Mike scored 1,096 points and later enjoyed a very successful fouryear college career at FDU. Another starter was Glenn O'Brien, a 2nd team Star Ledger and News Tribune All-County selection. Glenn later played at Susquehana University (Pa.). Three additional starters were Clark Payne III, Michael Bender (football -Norwich), and Louis Dryka (Stockton). Substitutes included Bob Moore (Rider baseball), Artie Schmidt, Victor Angelo, Dakar Ross, Joe Banz, Kevin Brown, Ken Bradley, Walt Sesny, Joe Armeni (HoF) (Seton Hall baseball). and John Vidolin. Most of these athletes also played football or baseball. (\* We Remember in Memoriam)

To win the Middlesex County Tournament, the Pats edged Spotswood by one point, St. Joseph's by six points, St. Peter's by two points and Perth Amboy by two points (OT). Unfortunately, the team lost the Central Jersey Group 4 semi-final game to a towering Neptune team, 54-62.

Following the Middlesex County Tournament championship victory, Coach Tisdale said, "We

did the things we had to do to win. Our kids were mentally ready. I felt we played with a lot of poise." (Source: Schmidt seizes title for Colonia. The News Tribune, February 29, 1980, by John Wooding)

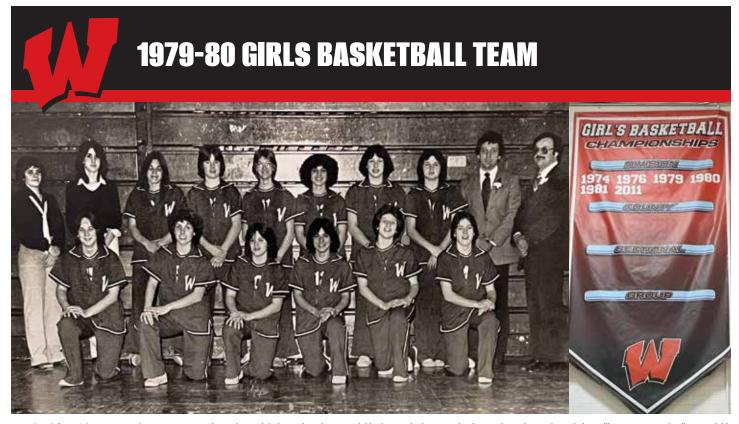
The school yearbook stated, "They weren't ranked very high in the state, they weren't ranked very high in the county; all they did was win, win and win until everybody started to take notice. They didn't win big. They didn't overwhelm an opponent. Every game was played to the last buzzer. More than half the games were decided in the last minute of play. Remember the last 8 seconds against St. Peter's or the heart stopping last 2 seconds in the overtime victory against archrivals Perth Amboy. They beat the Township rivals; they were Co-Champions in the conference: they went on to win the Middlesex County tournament and made it to the semifinals in the Central Jersey Group 4 championship before losing to a towering Neptune squad. The five tournament games were so close that Colonia only won by a combined margin of 11 points. In two years, the team has lost a total of nine games. The team also went on to set a school record of 15 consecutive wins. Who are "they"? The 1980 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM of course." (Source: Colonia High School, 1980 Yearbook)

Mike Payne (HoF) stated the following recently. "After we lost in the Middlesex County Tournament in 1978-79 to South River in the finals, we had one mission to seek revenge and beat South River the following year and to be Middlesex County champs. We returned a senior oriented team. We had a lot of experience. We played a physical brand of basketball, and we had a great regular season, but nothing would have been complete unless we finished with conference and Middlesex County

Championships as well as a good showing in the State Tournament. We accomplished all three goals." On behalf of the team, Mike thanks all the coaches for all the hard work and determination that they put in that year to make us successful especially head coach Bob Tisdale."

The former assistant coach, Jack Kreiger (HoF), recently stated, "What a team! Talented, smart, tough, and extremely unselfish! I knew that Coach Tisdale was pleased with the teamwork and defense the players exhibited throughout the season. They had to overcome injuries to key players but persevered and went on to win the County tournament. Led by Michael Payne, the players brought their individual talents together to make the season a great success. I can say Coach Tisdale was especially proud to coach this special group because individually they were such fine young men. Congratulations, best wishes, and God Bless!"

Colonia High School has enjoyed great success in boys' basketball since its beginning in 1967-68. Under head coaches such as Bob Sanislow (HoF), Bob Tisdale\* (HoF), Ken Pace, Sr. (HoF), Chris Chiera (HoF -2024), and current coach Jose Rodriguez, the program has won 17 division titles, 6 Middlesex County Tournament Championships, one COVID "pod" and nine sectional championships. The 1979-1980 team we honor tonight helped to provide the early foundation for all those future championships to come. For this reason, the WTAAA is honored and pleased to welcome the 1979-1980 Colonia High School Patriots boys' basketball team into our Hall of Fame. Congratulations, gentlemen! Your late head coach, Bob Tisdale, is very proud tonight!



Standing, left-to-right: Manager, Sharon Swayze, Denise Lodato, Michele Fowler, Diane Matelski, Sharon Black, Joann Fleming, Kathy Weir, Head Coach Jim Sullivan, Asst. Coach Mike Stawicki Kneeling, left-to-right: Darlene Polhamus, Maura DiLeo, Liane Sheroke, Fran Fazzari, Sue Zega, Mary Powers

When Woodbridge girls' basketball began in 1971-72, thanks to Title 9, the program started very successfully. The school enjoyed 10 consecutive winning seasons. During this stretch, the average number of wins per season was seventeen (17), including three twenty plus win seasons and five Middlesex County Athletic Conference Championships. The MCAC was the forerunner of the current GMC and was a large one division league with 12 or 13 schools.

The 1979-80 team of Coach Jim Sullivan (HoF) produced the winningest record, 23-3, of all these successful teams. To this day, the 23 wins remain the season standard at Woodbridge High School. The team won their second straight MCAC title and 4th overall in school history. (1981 tied for the MCAC title) The Lady Barrons went unbeaten in their first nineteen games. As a result, they were the #1 seed in the Middlesex County Tournament (MCT), but unfortunately lost to Metuchen in the semifinal. For the Central Jersey Group 4 sectional tournament, the team was again seeded #1. Unfortunately, they were upset by Neptune 45-52 in the championship game final at Red Bank High School. The amazing fact about this excellent team is that no starter was taller than 5 foot 8 inches.

Coach Jim Sullivan\* was named Middlesex County Coach of the Year. The starters were Maura DiLeo (2<sup>nd</sup> team News Tribune), Joanne Fleming, Denise Lodato (2nd team Star Ledger), Kathy Weir (captain and 3rd team News Tribune

and Star Ledger), and Sue Zega (Honorable Mention News Tribune). Substitutes included Sharon Black, Fran Fazzari, Michele Fowler (HoF), Diane Matelski (HoF), Mary Powers, Darlene Polhamus, and Liane Sheroke. The assistant coach was Mike Stawicki. Several girls played college basketball, including Sue Zega at Trenton State where her 1984 team there is in the college's HoF, Diane Matelski at Middlesex County College, Michele Fowler at Swarthmore (PA) College and Kathy Weir at Dickinson (PA) College, where she is a Hall of Famer. In addition, many of the girls on the 1980 team were multiple high school sports athletes, including Maura DiLeo, Kathy Weir, Sue Zega, Fran Fazzari, Michele Fowler, Diane Matelski, Mary Powers. and Liane Sheroke. (\*We Remember in Memoriam)

The WTAAA found some quotes from Coach Sullivan in a postseason article. He said, "we try in all of our practices and in all situations to develop the team." "We knew we weren't big, and we knew we had to be more aggressive on defense and press nearly the entire game in order to be successful." "The kids would play as hard as they could for as long as they could. Then, a sub would go in for a while until the starters were rested. We were pretty successful with it." Coach Sullivan summed it up by saying the following, "Tradition is very big here. The kids and fans all contribute to it and keep it going. Because of our tradition, the kids in the junior high school look forward to coming to the

high school. We hope to keep it going." (Source: Joe Cavone, The News Tribune, March 28, 1980.)

Assistant coach Mike Stawicki stated the following recently. "There is a quote that a successful team is greater than the sum of its parts. These young ladies are living proof of that quote. Although their individual basketball skills were not equal, their collective contributions to the team were. This TEAM achieved a level of accomplishment that has not yet been surpassed. Jim Sullivan and I were truly honored to have had the opportunity to coach this team."

Sue Zega stated the following recently. "We were never the tallest or fastest team, but we were a team that believed and trusted in and respected each other. We worked hard for three years and had a special chemistry both on and off the court that worked for us. Sue added a quote from the late Coach Jim Sullivan. "I don't care about the opponent! No one can stop us if we run our offense."

The WTAAA congratulates the 1979-80 Lady Barron's girls' basketball team and welcomes the team into our Woodbridge Township Hall of Fame. Their early team success in a still young program set a standard for future Woodbridge High School girls' basketball teams that has yet to be matched. To this day, the 23 wins remain the school record. Be proud of what you accomplished ladies!

We know that your late head coach, Jim Sullivan, is very proud tonight!

# **1980-81 GIRLS BOWLING TEAM**

The plaque in the hallway at Colonia High School in part reads:

> **Colonia Senior High School Girls Bowling Team** 1980-81 Season

**Central Jersey Conference Champion** 

**Middlesex County Conference Champions** 

**Middlesex County American League Champions** 

**New Jersey State Bowling Champions** Won: 19 Lost: 1

**Coach: Richard Clark** 

Any one of these accolades would be memorable but to culminate the year with a State Bowling Championship shows how amazing this season was in Colonia's history.

The Championship team consisted of these eight girls: Senior Captains Karyn Kressler Follis (165 avg.) and Donna Sternesky Diana (159 avg.) Other seniors included: Cynthia Parker Terranova (139

avg.) and we remember in memoriam, Veronica Alencewicz (165 avg.). Juniors were Pamela Bezner Ali (140 avg.), Barbara Klc (151 avg.) and Suzanne Piasta Kozub (150 avg.) Sophomore Julianne Nilan (161 avg.) rounded out the team.

This team won often. It was their third consecutive Middlesex County Conference title as well as being the Middlesex County Tournament Champions and the Central Jersey Bowling League Champs. The State Championship match was held at Edison Lanes and the Patriots put up a score 2, 558 pins, 70 pins better than second place Fair Lawn (2, 488). Donna Sternesky and Karyn Kressler led the way with a score of 535 and 534 respectively. Barbara Klc came in with a 519, Suzanne Piasta with a 495 and Julianne Nilan finished with a 475. Kressler and Sternesky were named Outstanding Female Athletes for Colonia High School and Kressler was number three in the Top Bowlers of the Decade.

Karyn Kressler spoke about her experience. "The bus rides were always a good time. We enjoyed the bowling

and winning...but the music, singing and laughing on the bus is what I remember the most. It was a great team and a fun group to be around." As for the bowling alley and matches, she fondly remembers, "My dad was always there in the back smoking his cigar. (Obviously, this was before antismoking laws were passed!) I remember I loved him being at the matches but hated the cigar smoke. But I did know he was there!"

Donna Sternesky also spoke of her family and bowling experience. "I grew up in a bowling family. Back before computers, I was hired to manually keep score during mom's tournaments. Saturday morning bowling became high school bowling. I remember the day we won. We knew we were good enough to win and did just that. The excitement and pride we felt that day will not be forgotten."

We welcome to the WTAAA Hall of Fame the 1981 Colonia Girls Bowling Team, a group that reached the pinnacle of success. Congratulations ladies and well deserved!



Bottom row, left-to-right: Lori-Ann Suchak, Vickie Brady, Captain Amy Matisa, Karen Suchak

Top Row, left-to-right: Coach Peter Rounds, Lisa Sasarak, Marie Ward, Ellen DeLuca

Bottom row. left-to-right: Melody Ball. Lori-Ann Suchak. Captain Marie Ward, Karen Suchak

Top Row, left-to-right: Coach Peter Rounds, Nancy Zazzarino, Evonne Wilimberg, Vickie Brady

The John F. Kennedy Memorial High School 1988-89 and 1989-90 Girls Bowling Team was led by Coach Peter Rounds. The roster for the 1988-89 team included Amy Matisa, Lori-Ann Suchak, Karen Suchak, Marie Ward, Lisa Sasarak, Vickie Brady and Ellen DeLuca. The roster for the 1989-90 Bowling team included Lori-Ann Suchak, Karen Suchak, Marie Ward, Lisa Sasarak, Vickie Brady, Nancy Zazzarino, Evonne Wilmberg and Melody Ball.

The 1988-89 Girls Bowling team led by Captain Amy Matisa had a tremendous season winning the NJSIAA State Sectional Championship (Group 3) with a season record of (19-3). The 1988-89 team of Amy Matisa, Marie Ward and Lori Suchak was named to the GMC All Conference team. Lisa Sararak, Vickie Brady, Marie Ward, Amy Matisa and Lori Suchack were named to the GMC All-White division team. A quote from the 1989 JFK Memorial High School yearbook read "Amy Matisa is one who has been doing exceptionally well. She is a senior and we are very proud of her. Another promising student is Marie Ward. She is looking good and we hope she continues bowling well in the future."

The 1989-90 team led by Captain Marie Ward had an epic season, with five returning bowlers from the previous year: Lori-Ann Suchak, Karen Suchak, Lisa Sasarak, Vickie Brady and Marie Ward. These core returning bowlers had a combined season record of 40-4. Newcomers Nancy Zazzarino, Evonne Wilmberg and Melody Ball were valuable additions to the team.

The 1989-90 had an amazing season following the previous year's state championship win. The team won the NJSIAA State Sectional Championship (Group 3) with a season record of 21-1. With only one loss this team captured the GMC White Division Championship, the GMC County Championship and finished first in the 1990 Joe Romer Tournament.

The 1989-90 team of Lisa Sasarak. Vickie Brady and Marie Ward were named to GMC All Conference Team. Lisa Sasarak, Vickie Brady, Karen Suchak, and Marie Ward were named to GMC White Division Team. Lisa Sasarak received the prestigious honor GMC Top Average.

A 1990 JFK Memorial High School yearbook quote about the team read "The Girls Varsity team began its season with the unenviable task of improving on last year's outstanding record of 19-3. They managed to accomplish this feat due largely to the efforts of Captain Marie Ward and Seniors Lori-Ann Suchak and Vickie Brady. This group of seniors has participated in the rise of the Girls Varsity Bowling team to become a dominant power in the Greater Middlesex Athletic Conference and their contributions to the success of the team will certainly be missed next year."

The 1989 and 1990 Girls Bowling Teams would like to thank their Coach Peter Rounds, their families and school for their support during their historical run.

With two back to back NJSIAA State championships this combined team (40-4) is well -deserving of this honor! Welcome to the WTAAA Hall of Fame!



Standing, left-to-right: Jennifer Adamson, Adrienne Asta, Beth Porcellana, Nichole Spratford, Jeanne Mulherin, Melanie Evans, Coach Mike Yannazzo Kneeling, left-to-right: Wendy Faytok, Beth Varner, Kelly Mohr, Sara Taylor

The Woodbridge High School 1992-1993 Girls Bowling team was led by Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association Hall of Fame Coach Michael Yannazzo and the roster included Jennifer Adamson, Adrienne Asta, Melanie Evans, Wendy Faytok, Kelly Mohr, Jeannie Mulherin, Beth Porcellana, Nichole Spratford (HoF), Sara Taylor, and Beth Varner.

The Barrons went undefeated this season going 22-0 while capturing the Red Division Championship and Greater Middlesex Conference Championship. The program captured the 17th annual Joe Romer Memorial Tournament with a record breaking performance of 2, 566 and broke their previous years tournament record of 2,532, winning the tournament by 137 pins. It was the second straight title for the program and the fourth in the last six years for the Barrons. Beth Varner led the way as she took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place High Series in the tournament with a 559, while Beth Porcellana took 1st Place High Game with a 235.

In the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament, the Woodbridge Girls defeated Edison 2-0 capturing the schools 3<sup>rd</sup> Greater Middlesex Conference Championship. In the first game, the Barrons rolled over Edison 900-791 and were led by Beth Varner who shot

a 204 while Beth Porcellana added a 188 and Nichole Spratford a 184. The second game, Wendy Faytok added a 186 and Sara Taylor a 179 to pace Woodbridge to a 849-780 victory. After the victory Mike Yannazzo said "This is the highest shooting team I've ever had here, and I've been coaching for 20 years."

The Barrons captured the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Central Jersey Championship with a 125 pin victory with a 2582 series advancing to the NJSIAA Championships. Beth Varner led the way claiming the NJSIAA Sectional Championship with a 614 series, followed by Jennifer Adamson with a 533, and the two qualified for the NJSIAA State Individual Championship.

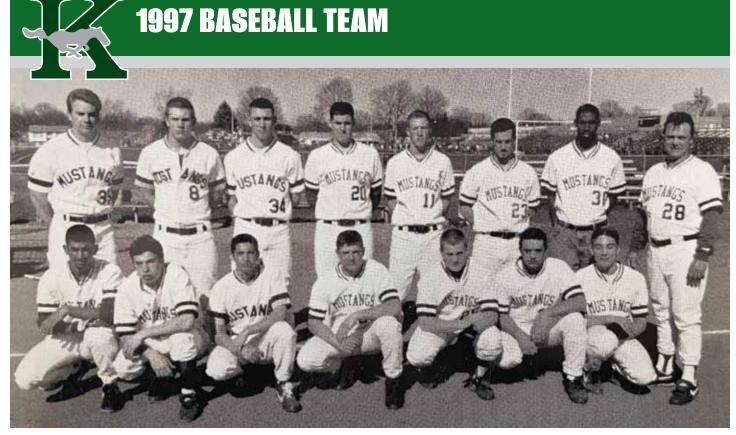
Trailing by 90 pins with one game remaining in the NJSIAA State Finals, the Woodbridge High School Girls Bowling Team found themselves face to face with adversity for possibly the first time all season. They answered by rolling a 960 third game to overtake Toms River East to claim the NJSIAA State Championship at Carolier Lanes. The Barrons became the only team to break 900 on the day as Sara Taylor led the way in the leadoff spot firing a 236, Kelly Mohr rolled a 204, Jennifer Adamson a 183, Beth Varner a 179 and Wendy Faytok a 158 to round out

their "magic" 960 game. The team bounced back to win by a 40 pin victory, finishing the day with a 2590 series. Individually, for the Barrons. Beth Varner finished tied for 14th in the NJSIAA and Jennifer Adamson tied for 16th.

Here is a message from Coach Yannazzo. "What I remember most about this team is its resilience. Normally, when a team is down 90 pins going into the last game of the tournament it is over - not this team. They decided 'we're not done yet' and proceeded to roll a 960, the high game of the whole tournament, and win the State Championship."

End of the season honors for the team included six players being named to the All-Conference team, led by Kelly Mohr who led the GMC in average with a 175.3, Beth Varner who was second with a 171.4, Nichole Spratford with a 168.3, Wendy Faytok with a 166, Jennifer Adamson with a 164.7, and Beth Porcellana with a 163.1. Seven players were also named as All Red Division which included Kelly Mohr, Beth Porcellana, Beth Varner, Jennifer Adamson, Wendy Faytok, Nichole Spratford and Sara Taylor.

Congratulations 1992-93 Lady Barrons Bowling and Welcome to the WTAAA Hall of Fame!



Front row, left-to-right: Fabio Jimenez, Rob Castellucci, Matt Buglovsky, Joe Massimino, Trevor Conroy\*, Rich Maddock, Jeremy Knodel Bock row, left-to-right: Coach Doug Sealander, Tim Simonitis, David Grace, Craig Napolitano, Chris Buglovsky, Tom Johnson, Jamal Smith, Head Coach Jerry Smith Sr. Absent from Photo: Eric Simoneau and Joe Bergondo

The 1997 John F. Kennedy Mustang baseball team won the program's second Central Jersey Group 2 State Sectional Championship with a 3-2 victory over Manasquan. The team was coached by Jerry Smith Sr. (HoF). They also won another GMC division title and were a Greater Middlesex County tournament and state finalist.

After three straight GMC tournament wins over Bishop Ahr 11-1, Woodbridge 9-1, and Sayreville 1-0, the squad unfortunately suffered a heartbreaker final to East Brunswick 2-3. Following a thrilling run through the state CJ sectional, the Mustangs won their state Group 2 semifinal 8-2 and played next for the entire Group 2 state championship. Here, the team endured another heartbreaking final loss 10-11. The team finished the season with a 22-9 record. They were ranked # 5 in the area. It was their 6th consecutive season in the area top ten and 6th consecutive season with a winning record (over. 500). As a matter of fact, Coach Smith's teams enjoyed 13 consecutive winning seasons from 1992 to 2004. The streak continued for six more winning seasons under Coach Jerry Smith, Jr. (2005-2010).

During the 1997 season, Coach Jerry Smith Sr. was named GMC Division and Conference Coach of the Year. Seven players had 20 plus hits. A school record was set for hits (259), doubles (60), walks (153), runs (242), rbi's (184), and stolen bases (99). Chris Buglovsky (HoF) had a school record 47 hits. (Source: Coach Smith Sr. supplied the school records). The team roster included:

### SENIORS:

Chris Buglovsky - SS/P (HoF)- 3rd team Star Ledger All State, 1st team All County Star Ledger and Home News Tribune.

Robert Castellucci - 3B/SS/2B/P -3rd team Home News Tribune.

Tom Johnson - P/1B/OF - 3rd team Home News Tribune and Star Ledger.

Jeremy Knodel - C/OF Joe Massimino - CF

### JUNIORS:

Trevor Conroy\* - P/OF Fabio Jiminez - 1B/OF/C Richard Maddock - C/P/OF Craig Napolitano - 1B/3B/P Tim Simonitis - 2B/3B/OF

SOPHOMORE:

Matt Buglovsky - OF/INF

FRESHMAN:

Joe Bergondo - INF/P - (HoF)

The assistant coach was Doug Selander. The trainer was Steve Lobosco. The scorekeepers were Rebecca DeRollo, Jessica Napolitano, and Tracy Cosgrove. The athletic director was the late Joe DeMario\*. (\*We Remember in Memoriam)

Coach Smith Sr. recently made the following statement about the team. "1997-The Dream Season." "Baseball is not a sport you can achieve individually. The 1997 team was the epitome of what a Team was! Their motto was "Whatever it takes."

When the Mustangs won the coveted Sectional championship by a 3-2 score over Manasquan, Coach Smith Sr. said, "What an unbelievable ride this has been. We returned just 4 starters from a year ago. Whoever thought we'd win the section and be playing for the county championship?" (Source: Buglovsky's two hitter propels JFK to crown, Greg Tufaro, The Home News and Tribune, May 31, 1997, page C

Coach Smith Sr's coaching philosophy was simple. "Come ready to play every game and schedule the best opponents."

The WTAAA can confirm that JFK's baseball teams from 1990 to 2004 fulfilled Coach Smith's philosophy. The 1997 team enjoyed a highlight season. Unfortunately, a total of just two runs kept them from winning possibly two more major championships. For these reasons, the WTAAA recognizes their achievements and welcomes the team into our Hall of Fame. Congratulations! Mustangs! Be proud of what you accomplished!

Your head coach, Jerry Smith Sr., is very proud!



# **2024 Scholarship Recipients**

The Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association presented six awards for a total of \$3,000.00 at the Senior Graduation Awards Programs. We donated \$500 each to the Marisa Tufaro Foundation for Middlesex County children in need of assistance and the Team LeGrand Fund. The athletes must represent their sport(s) in both performance and leadership. The recipients demonstrate a competitive spirit, great enthusiasm, a sense of fair play, and exhibit good sportsmanship and pride in their activities. The WTAAA gives special thanks to the Woodbridge Township business community for supporting the scholarship program.

### Previous Scholarship Recipients

Jessica Malinchok & Jarred Ruiz CHS Maura Farley & Alexander "AJ" Moore JFK Sierra Twomey & Keshawn "Scoobie" Henry  $\mathit{WHS}$ 

2018

Samantha Ashton & Drew Galea CHS Jelisa Lovett & Aaron Coleman JFK Brooke Timinski & Curtis Nesbit WHS

Casey Mulrooney & Tommy Mitch CHS Jillian Sims & Dennis Howard JFK Kaylah Davis & James Stoveken WHS

Mark Nykolyn & Tiffany Rolon-Locus CHS **Emmanuel Diaz & Jenny Gordon** *JFK* Jesus Cabrera & Trinity Eason WHS

Harrison Brindley & Alissa Pasulo CHS Michael Hein & Olivia Sims JFK Juliana Carvalho & Isaiah Williams WHS

2022

**Zoe Gotti** & **Matt Scherb** *CHS* Calvin Claiborne & Melany Gomez JFK Isaiah Allen & Melanie Updale  $W\!H\!S$ 

Kara Mitch & Hubert Polchlopek CHS Sidney de Voogd & Mark Roche JFK Madison Rackett & Marc Wolter WHS



[L to R] Matthew McSorley, Ms. Cyrana, Myiah Sutton



[L to R] Eric Pietrzak, Mrs. DiLonardo, Omotola Oyinkolade



[L to R] Alexander "AJ" Bosch, Mr. Chmiel, Taylor Pezulich



### **WTAAA Hall of Fame Inductees**

### From 1989 - March 2000



Adams, Edward Adams, Robert "Ace" Alexander, Leroy Anacker, Mel Anderson, Don Aguila, Anthony Aquila, Dominick Aquila, John "Jack" Aquila, Warren Archdeacon, Richard Barany, Ernie Barbato, Patsy Barcellona, Andrew Barcellona, Tony Sr. Barlund, Richard Basarab, Michael Beleski, Al Benkert, Heinie Benzelski. Dr. Robert Bixel, Claire Boland, Bob Boland, Jim Bosze, Joseph Brey, Bill (Novo) Brodkin, Bart Brooks, Randy Buonocore, Dr. Fred Buonocore, Vinnie Burke, Jackie Cacciola, Tony Campbell, L. M. "Bud" Capraro, Frank Capraro, Dr. Vince Chaplar, Frank Christensen, Erik Christensen, Walter

Cipo, John Creekmur. Lou Cunningham, Pat D'Anrile, Nick Dalina, Pete Deryn, John DiDonna, Mark DiMock, James Drummond, Spencer Dubay, Ernie Dubay, John Dunda, James Dunfee, Al Dunham, Bonnie Dunham, Art Etzold, Edmund Max Fair, Dr. George Fair, Robert Farr, Charles Finn, Bob Finn, William J. Flaherty, Joseph Fratterolo, Matt Furdock, Don Gabriel, Lou Gerek, George Gerns, Owen Giordano, Tom Gioffre, Vince Gluchoski. Al Goglas, Kenny Gonyo, Gerry Hackett, Lee Hagler, Lou Handerhan, William Higgins, Joe

Hladik, John Hoagland, Eddie "Sully" Hollowell, Herb Houseman, Walter Howell, John Huttenberger, John Jackson, Ray Jago, Matthew Jago, Stew Johannson, George Johnson, Arthur "Buster" Johnston, Ed Jost, Frank Juhasz, Joe Karnas, Michael Kasko, Robert Kish, John Kondrk, John Konick, Dr. Emery Koperwhats, Bob Koperwhats, Donna Korczowski, John Korczowski, Tom Kostecky, T. J. Kovacs, Stephen Kirkleski, Frank Kumpa, Tom Kuzniak, Richard Lake, James Lamberti, Pat Launhardt, Walt Lawrence, Roy Leahy, Eugene Leffler, Al "Albie" Leffler, Fred "Fritz" Lockie, Tom

Luhrs, Warren Lupo, Sam Marciniak, Tom Markous, Tom Markovics, Frank Markulin, Steve Marshall, Sam Mascenik, Robert Matusz, Joann (McMillian) Mazza, Anthony McAuliffe, Tom McCallen, Howie McLaughlin, Bob Meravi. Al Miglecz, Dick Miller, Jerry Molnar, Charles Montague, Dr. Don Montecalvo, Fran Moskowitz, Jack Mueller, Dr. Fred Nagy, Joe Olah, Dr. Tim Parrott, Bob Pellegrino, Angelo Peterson, Bernard Peterson, Bernard Jr. Peterson, Hardy Petrie, Tom Pirnik, Robert Pochek, Steve Priscoe, Nick Protz, John "Jack" Rice, Orville Rothfuss, Charles Royle, John

Russo, James Russomano, Anthony Santoro, Anthony Schmidt, Peter Schundler, Peter Schundler, Russell Schwartz, Vic Scutti, Dominick Semak, Nick Smith, Earl Solecki, Kay (McAuliffe) Sparks, Bill Stanko, Steve Stillman, Walter Straube, Lee Tambour, Lincoln Thompson, Thomas "Tucker" Toth, Paul Toth. Rudy Tyrrell, Al Tyrrell, Dick Tyrrell, Ken Ulozas, Tom Wagerik Julius Wasilek, George Wataha, Joan Webb, Richard Wieczerak, Tom Williams, Tom "Ramrod" Wukovets, Percy Zambo, Steve "Buddy" Zapoticzny, Ronald Zilai, Jimmy Zullo, John



Acquisto, Robert Arnesen, Norma (Grasso) Aromando, Tom Barnikow, Larry Bartha, Lou Burbella, George Caleca, Bob Campana, Al Campana, Tom Carbonaro, Tom Cardinale, Gary Cimaglia, James

Clancy, Elaine (Oleck)

Clancy, Evelyn (Mars) Clancy, James Clancy, Rosemary (Egan) Croasdale, Joseph Connolly, Mary P. Cuntala, Nancy Curran, Terry Duda, Joan Egan, Dennis Fairchild, Vincent Gardner, Marie Garley, Thomas "Skip" Grillo, Carl

Handerhan, Paul Howard, John Hamrah, Cary Jorgensen, Jay Knoth, Joseph Lanigan, Bob Lyons, Mike Manfre, Donna (Geleski) Mathews, Kathy McDonald, James McIntyre, James Miller, Bill Mover Roy

O'Brien, Michael Osborne, Dan Osborne, Ron Petroski, Jeff Petty, Jack Pope, Al Price, Les Ricciardi, Paul Ricciardi, Steve Scarola, William Schramm, Robert Shissias, Barbara Smythe, John

Sonorowski, Ray Stanley, Lori (Sustak) Stevens, Jim Sylvernal, Robin (Surma) Ullrich, Richard Volker, Mike Wahl, Kenneth Wiggins, Rich Wrabel, Cathy (Sysock) Zapotocky, Adrian



Baldante, John Barnhard, David Barnhard, Roger S. Baureis, Ellen (Pisano) Baureis, Nancy (McDonald) Blackman, Scott Boris, Paul Brett, Harry Buzzi, Charles Cilento, Michael

Comito, Frank Confer, Tom Confer Pat Couch, Sharon (DiLonardo) Crilly, James Draina, Joseph Evanko, Kevin Evanko, Mark Fenton, Peter Frank, Craig Franken, John

Gaytas, William Grose, Harry Grose, Jeff Hannon David Helman, Dr. Jeff Higgins, Susan F. (Lyster) Higgins, Tom Hyland, Ken Janowski. Deborah Kott, Mickey Levandowski. Tom

Loprete, Robert Lyness, Mike Martino, Joseph Mason, Glen McMahon, Dan Merkler, Ed Murphy, Mike Nardone, James Oshiro, Don Perez, Bill Peters, Joseph

Peters, Robert Prongay, Tom Ryall, Tom Sanislow, Robert Schmidtke, Sandra Siracusa, Pat Tisdale, Robert Zarsky, Cindy Zullo, Maria (Mantak)

Cilento Steve



# **WTAAA Hall of Fame Team Inductees**

# From 1995 - March 2000

1960	Woodbridge Football Team	Coach Nick Priscoe
1962-1963	Woodbridge Boys Basketball Team	Coach James Lake
1963-1964	Woodbridge Boys Basketball Team	Coach James Lake
1967	JFK Football Team	Coach Ron Osborne
1968-1969	Colonia Boys Basketball Team	Coach Robert Sanislow
1969	Woodbridge Football Team	Coach Sam Lupo
1971	JFK Football Team	Coach Ron Osborne
1973-1974	JFK Boys Basketball Team	Coach Ray Newman
1974-1975	Woodbridge Boys Basketball Team	Coach Joseph Flaherty



# Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association

# **WTAAA Hall of Fame Team Inductees**

# Since New Committee 2015

1957	Woodbridge Baseball	Coach Frank Capraro
1957	Woodbridge Boys Track Mile Relay Team	Coach Lou Gabriel
1969	Colonia Boys' Cross Country Team	Coaches Harry Brett & Mike Murphy
1970	Colonia Boys Track Relay Team	Coaches Harry Brett & Mike Murphy
1970	JFK Track and Field (Indoor-Winter) Team	Coach Herb Hollowell
1970	Woodbridge Football Team	Coach Sam Lupo
1972-1973	Colonia Boys Basketball Team	Coach Bob Tisdale
1974	Colonia Football Team	Coach Joe Martino
1977	JFK Softball Team	Coach Nancy Cuntala
1978	JFK Football Team	Coach Cary Hamrah
1978	Woodbridge Softball Team	Coach Joan Wataha
1980	Colonia Softball Team	Coach Stew Jago
1984	Woodbridge Girls Tennis Team	Coach Ellen Baureis Pisano
1988	JFK Softball Team	Coach Robert McLaughlin
1990	Colonia Softball Team	Coach Stew Jago
1990	JFK Boys Basketball Team	Coach Ken Pace
1991-92	Woodbridge Boys' Bowling Team	Coach Michael Yannazzo
1992	JFK Baseball Team	Coach Jerry Smith, Sr.



### **WTAAA Hall of Fame Team Inductees**

### Since New Committee 2015



Edward Ackerman Randy J. Adleman

Dave Aprill Dr. Patrick Barbato Danielle Barajas Frank Beckhorn Dan Bertolami Michele Bressant

Anthony J. Caffiero Henri Chomicki – Coach Dr. Frank Corbo

John Eppensteiner

Edmund Etzold

Darlene Francisco (Matthews)

Michele Fowler Tom Giordano, Jr. Amy Hansen (Thacker) Jerry Harold Hall Andrèa Harris (Lust) Keith Hemmings Jr. Carrie Huzar (Brown) Eileen Jauch

Leonard "Buck" Jenkins A. Kyle Johnson

Richard Kovack Theodore Kujawski Adrienne Lyman Woodhull

Paul Mallas David Marciniak

Laurie Martelli (Solomon) Diane Matelski (Edmonds)

William Matusz, Jr. Andrew McCray Ricky Meyers Lou Mucardo Robert Murphy

John W. Novak Jr. Bill Nyers - Coach

Ed Paladino John Picaroni Chris Pinter Brian Russo

Saulius Sabaliauskas William "Bill" Schoenig Michelle Spratford-Kane Nichole Spratford (Opsasnick)

James Sullivan - Coach Mike Yannazzo - Coach



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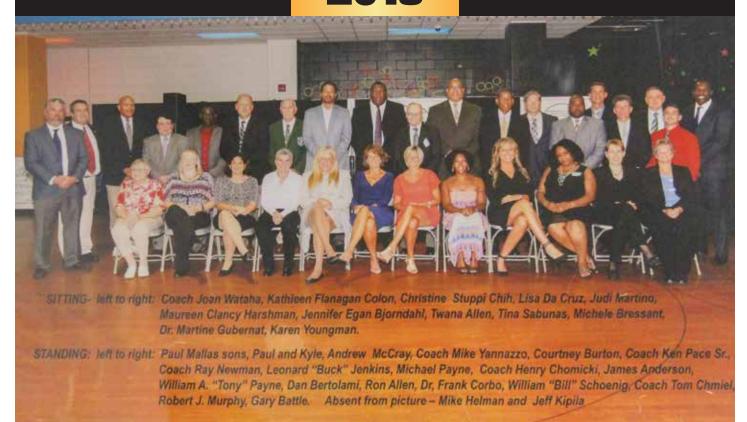
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ssistant coach of 1978 JFK football team and ten members of 1978 JFK football team, it of 1978 JFK football team STANDING -THIRD ROW -

STANDING - FOURTH ROW- Dave Aprill, Tom Chiniel , assistant coach of 1972-1973 CHS basketball team , four members of this team, and Jack Kreiger, assistant coach at CHS, James Gordon, Dave Marcinink, Chris Buglovsky, Bob Yesalonia , Joe Armeni, Robert Farrell, 1978 JFK football team member , and Carl Grillo , assistant coach of 1978 JFK football team.

Absent from picture are Tom Giordano Jr., Cheryl Olah, honored posthumously, Chris Pinter, David Tabon, honored posthumously, and Alfonzo Thomas.



L to R - front row - seated- 1988 JFK scribal learn members- Denise Koury, Tracy Latin, Sheryl Fornoff, Stacy Latin, Amy Malisa Moyer, Karen Stuppi. Mrs. Munikacsir,

1590 Colonia sofitali Isam members - Donna Sisco - McBarron. Colleen Nersita, Tara Molloy, Claudine Caro, Michelle Ferragamo-Murtha, Tina Sabunas , Jennifer Fabbo, Jennifer Weller, Stu Jago-head co

L to R - top row - standing - Geny Gonyo-WHS 1957 baseball team; 1998 JFK sollball team members - Mora Forbes Zapata; Tina Kole Frosil, Bob MicLaughlin-head coach; Rita Saylon-assistant coach, Patrica Fitzgerald,

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Dr. Andrew Munkacsi, Lorraine Smakula, and 1957 WHS basebell team members - Ron Gasiorowskii and Dave Peterson.



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# 2022 Individual Inductees

SEATED: Dr. Patrick Barbato, Coach Bill Nyers, Mrs. Lukabu (Tembwe), Kristin Composto Slater, Sandra Schmidtke (Guest of Honor), Laura Zollo Calabrese, Adrienne Lyman Woodhull, Michele Kuzniak (Garyi), and Bill Matusz Jr. STANDING: Anthony Caffrero, David Carmon, Jamison Panko, Michael Kaelber, Pellegrino Ben La Sala, Jerry Hall, Jason Sims, William Bill Kuntz, and Dennis W. Kuntz.

ABSENT: Paul J. Gretsky



Kristen Minaides-Tencza, Laura Robinson-Quille, and Belinda Belin-Loniewski SEATED: Carol Paxton, Donna DiFabio - Jago, Cathy Paxton-Marchesani, STANDING: Assistant Coach Mike Kaelber, Lisa Martino - Hudak, 2022 Team Inductee: 1980 Colonia High School Softball Karen Youngman, and Geraldine McFadden ABSENT: Deceased Head Coach Stew Jago\*



2022 Team Inductee: 1992 John F. Kennedy Memorial High School Baseball STANDING: Steve Muretta, Alex Bosch, Dan Heimlich, Dan Tyler, Jeff Trela, ABSENT: Assistant Coach Bob Lanigan, Steve Christensen, Steven Karas, SEATED: Telly Ladoo, Don Nelson, Achal Dhruva, Pete Saniscalchi, Tom Caffrey, Coach Jerry Smith Sr., Jessica Smith, and Dana Sacco Jim Gordon, Chris Corsaro, and Michele McCarthy

Lester Czerniak", Tim Knodel, and manager Chris Styler



SEATED: Rich Kondrk, Robert Simkovich, Assistant Coach Al Meravi, 2022 Team Inductee: 1970 Woodbridge High School Football Richard Webb, Thomas Finocchio, and Dan Fenton Michele Kuzniak (Gary\*) and George McGrath STANDING: Mark Demoreski, Bob Parrott,



2023 Individual Inductees

[L to R] SEATED. Jennifer Hoerner's mother Lynn, Jeffrey M. Grose, Ed Gutnik, Laurie Martelli Solomon, Michelle Spratford -Kane, Jim Sullivan's wife Ann and children Mallory and Ryan, Royce Morgan, Robert Kasko( Guest of Honor).
[L to R] STANDING: Guy Jensen, Matt Cilento's father Mike, Iwes Viola Sr., Frank Beekhorn, Gregg McGuirl, Joseph Bergondo, Nichole Spratford-Opsasnick, Saulius Sabaliauskas, Larry Weil.
ABSENT FROM PHOTO: Kyle Anderson and Frank Wagner.





2023 Team Inductee: 1969 Colonia High School Boys Cross Country Team [L to R] Dennis Kuntz, Gary Criscione, Tom Confer, and Nick Sardone - WTAAA President



[L to R] SEATED: Karen Korte Zeher, Janice Kimberlin Binning, Evelyn Clancy Mars, [L to R] STANDING: Barbara Shissias, Carolyn Daniele Caiola, Ann Marie DiPette 2023 Team Inductee: 1992 John F. Kennedy Memorial High School Baseball Kelemen, Carol Beckett Lauch, Coach Nancy Cuntala, Gwen Newman Hart, Della Carlin, Gail Pawlikowski, and HoF president Nick Sardone. Monica Kriston Slattery, Robin Sylvernal Surma, Fran Di Grazia.



2023 Team Inductee: 1991-92 Woodbridge High School Boys Bowling Team [L to R] Joe Covino, Glenn Mohr, Chris Faytok, Bill Golden, Steve Budd, Dave Haulenback, coach Mike Yannazzo, and Nick Sardone WTAAA- President.



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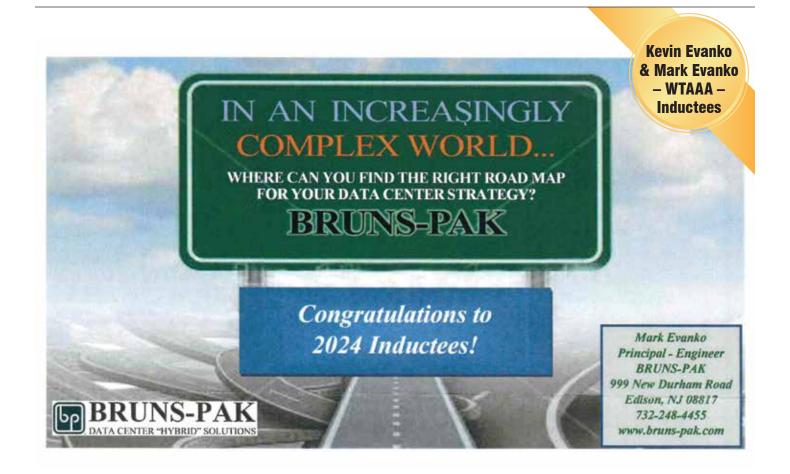
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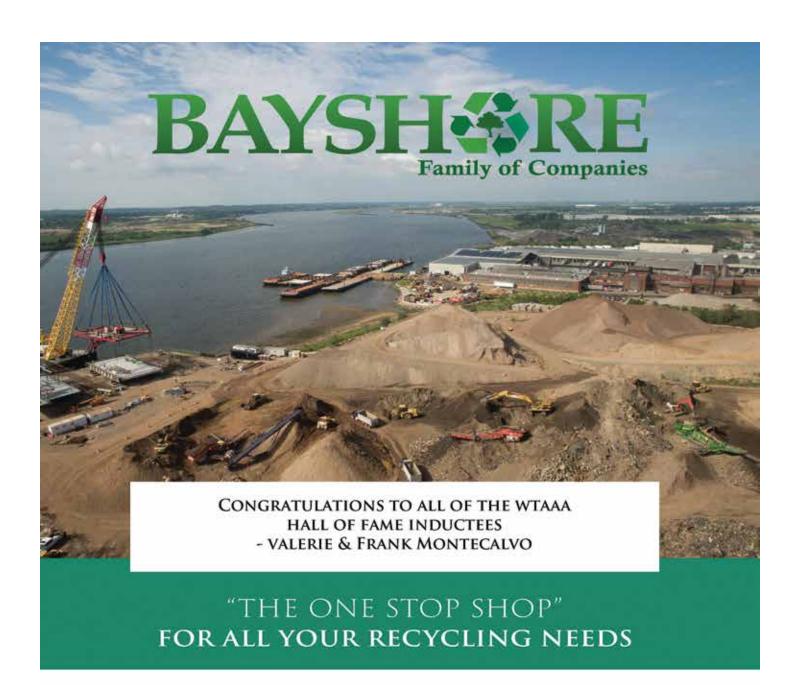


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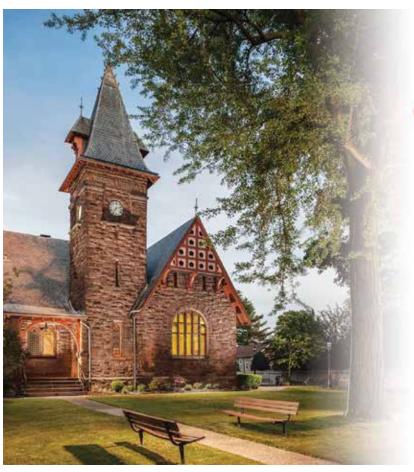
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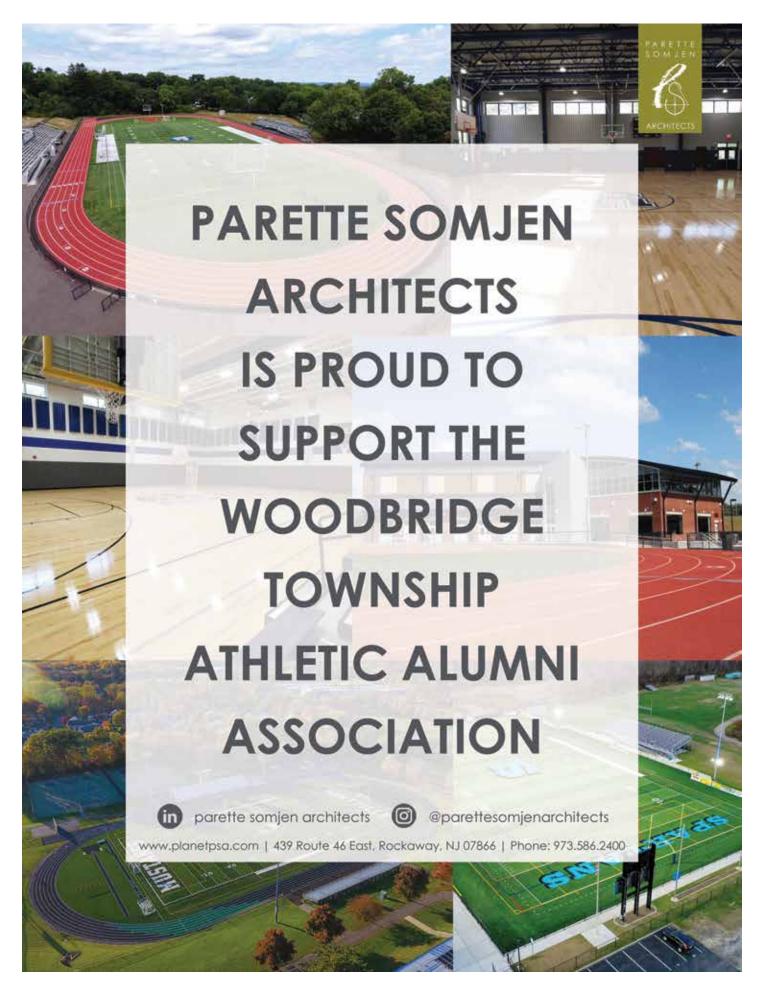
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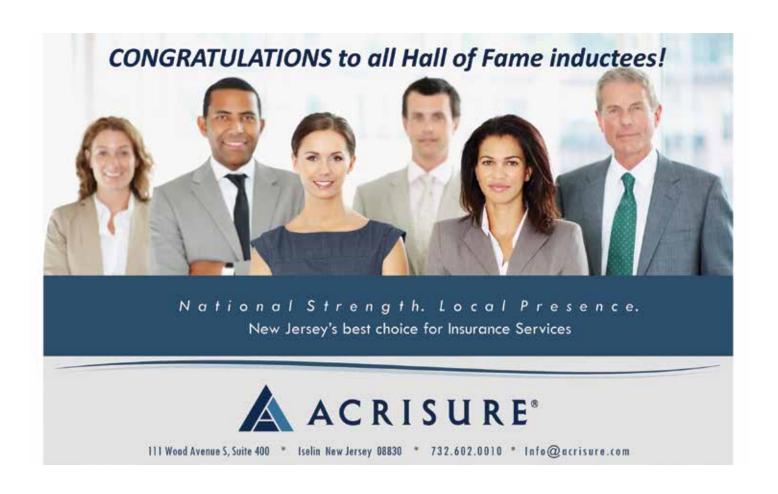
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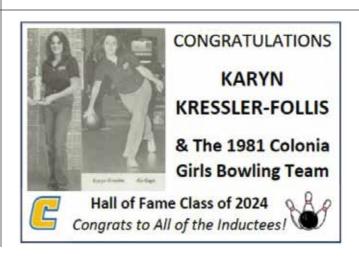




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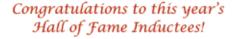




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