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Hall of Fame Ceremony

October 19, 2025

The Woodbridge Community Center

Distinguished Service Recipient

Jack Kreiger



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Congratulations to all inductees to the 2025 Hall of
Fame Class of the Woodbridge Township Athletic
Alumni Association

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Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association

2025 Program for 21st Hall of Fame Ceremony

October 19, 2025

Group Photo – 2025 Inductees

4:45pm - 1st Photo for Individuals

Team Photos are during awards presentations

Welcome

5:00pm - Nick Sardone, WTAAA President

Invocation

Deacon Peter Barcellona

St. Anthony of Padua, Port Reading

Opening Remarks

Mayor John E. McCormac

Distinguished Service Recipient

Mr. Jack Kreiger, Coach at Colonia & Woodbridge High Schools

Introduced by Bob Farrell and Glenn Morgan

Dinner – Tables will be called

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

by Bobby Timinski – WTAAA Vice President

Awards and Proclamations

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

Charles Baakel, *Colonia High School, 2004*

Ed Bobal, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, Coach*

Tom Debrowski, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1968*

Gregg Ficarra, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1973*

Harold Ford, *Woodbridge High School, 1957*

Carl Gurney, *Woodbridge High School, 2000*

AJ Herold, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1983*

Scott Jensen, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1980*

Joseph Kraus, *Colonia High School, 1973*

Kristyn Kressler, *Colonia High School, 1989*

Glenn Morgan, *Colonia High School, 1974*

Rudy Peterson, *Woodbridge High School, 1961*

Kathryn Quattrocchi, *Woodbridge High School, 1999*

Peter Raspitzi, *Colonia High School, 2000*

MaryLynn Skarzenski, *Woodbridge High School, 2005*

Mike Szostak, *Colonia High School, 1975*

Ed Tobin, *Woodbridge High School, 1981*

Teams

1961, Woodbridge High School, Track and Field

1963, Woodbridge High School, Shot Put Relay

1969, John F. Kennedy Memorial HS Spring Track Relay

1980, Colonia High School, Baseball

1983, John F. Kennedy Memorial HS, Softball

1999-2000, Colonia High School, Boys Bowling

Benediction

Deacon Peter Barcellona

St. Anthony of Padua, Port Reading

Concluding Remarks

Nick Sardone

Try to Stay "Forever Young"

By Rod Stewart



Distinguished Service Recipient

Coach Jack Krieger

Colonia & Woodbridge High Schools

Jack (HoF) grew up in South Amboy, NJ, where he was an excellent youth athlete. He attended high school at St. Mary's South Amboy and graduated in 1963. Jack was a first team All-County selection by the Perth Amboy Evening News and New Brunswick Home News in basketball. In the spring, his focus turned to baseball where he played first base for the NJ Parochial B State Champions. He is a member of the St. Mary's South Amboy Hall of Fame.

Following high school, Jack was awarded a full athletic scholarship to Seattle University for basketball and baseball. The O'Brien twins from South Amboy, John and Eddie, were out there. So, the transition to the west coast worked out for Jack over time. The O'Brien twins played about five years with the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 1950's. Eddie later returned to Seattle University as Athletic Director from 1958-1980. He also coached the baseball team for fourteen seasons.

At Seattle University, Jack played on an undefeated freshmen basketball team. During the next three varsity seasons, the team made three NCAA Tournaments: 1964-65 (19-7), 1965-66 (16-10) and 1966-67 (18-8). His best varsity season was his senior year. Jack averaged 4.2 points and 0.9 rebounds. However, he played with talented guys like Tom Workman, the #1 draft pick of the St. Louis Hawks; Plummer Lott, who was drafted by the Seattle Supersonics and Malkin Strong. (Source: Sports Reference.com)

It should be noted that the great Elgin Baylor played two seasons at Seattle University during 1956-57 and 1957-58 where he was an All American and led the NCAA in rebounding. It should be further noted that Jack was on the Seattle team that gave Texas Western its only loss in the year they won the National Championship vs. Kentucky (1966). (Texas Western was made famous in the movie "Glory Road".

Jack graduated from Seattle in 1967. As a physical education major, his first teaching position was in a Sayreville elementary school for a year and a half. He was hired by Woodbridge Township and began teaching/coaching at Colonia High School in 1969. He was Mickey Kott's* (HoF) assistant baseball coach from 1970-1990 and Bob Tisdale's (HoF) basketball assistant from the 1970-71 to 1988-89 seasons. He also served as Colonia High School's head cross country coach for many seasons. His 1986 and 1987 teams were undefeated and were GMC White Division Champions.

In basketball, Jack assisted in winning two Central Jersey Championships at CHS in 1972-73 (HoF) and 1984-85; a County title in 1980 (HoF) and five division titles in 1971-72, 1979-80, 1983-84, 1985-86 and 1986-87. In baseball, Jack was an assistant on two County championships at Colonia in 1973 and 1980 (HoF) and division titles in 1970 and 1989.

Jack remembers the "wonderful teams and athletes we had in all sports during those years." Basketball players he mentioned during our phone discussion were John Franken, Michael Payne, Bob Urbanik, Gary Battle and Bobby Timinski. All are WTAAA Hall of Famers. Baseball players mentioned were Jeff and Harry Grose, Jeff and Mike Helman, Paul Boris, Glenn Morgan, Bob Farrell and Joe Armeni (all WTAAA Hall of Famers) and Rich Gonzales to name a few that came quickly to mind.

Jack's reputation for developing players' skills is well known. Many players credit Jack with giving them their fundamentals and confidence in their game. Jack worked basketball camps for over 40 years to help the development of players.

When Bob Tisdale* moved to athletic director in 1989, Jack became head boys' basketball coach for four seasons, 1989-1993.

At the beginning of the 1993-94 school

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
- Ray Newman** 2024



Jack with wife, Peggy, and two sons Matt & Keith



Tom Marciniak and Jack Krieger



Jack with Coach Mickey Kott



Jack Krieger and Coach Bob Tisdale

year, Jack moved over to Woodbridge High School until he completed his career in 2008. He continued to coach boys' cross country and was able to watch his sons play high school basketball.

Jack said "his greatest joy has been that of working with so many fine young men and women athletes." He also said, "it was a pleasure to be a teacher and coach. " I wanted all of my students to be the best people they could possibly be in addition to being good students and athletes."

Jack wants to thank the following people for their help and assistance through the years: John and Ed O'Brien for bringing him to Seattle University; Luke Lenahan, his coach at St. Marys' South Amboy; Lionel Purcell, his coach at Seattle; and fellow coaching colleagues Jerry and Reggie Carney. Finally, Jack thanks his colleagues at Colonia High including Bob Tisdale*, Mickey Kott*, Stew

Jago* and Tom Chmiel. All are WTAAA Hall of Famers.

Jack and his wife, Peggy, have two sons, Matthew and Keith. They have ten grandchildren with one more on the way. He wishes to thank his entire family for their support through the years including his wife, sons, and all of his many brothers and sisters.

Jack, Woodbridge Township and the WTAAA thank you for your long and distinguished teaching and coaching career. You exemplify what dedication in the field of education means. As one of our Hall of Famers (2016), you now take your place among a small group of honorees with the title WTAAA "Special Guest of Honor" or now our "Distinguished Service Recipient."

We wish you and your family very good health and happiness in the coming years.

Thank you, Jack, for all you accomplished on behalf of thousands of students!

Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association

2025 Hall of Fame Committee

21st Induction Dinner



Standing - Mike Kaelber, Sharon Couch DiLonardo, Nancy Cuntala, Marge Farrell, Bob Farrell, Ann Cyrana, Norma Arnesen Grasso, Tom Chmiel, Glenn Morgan

Sitting - Kyle Anderson, Jim Anderson, Bobby Timinski, Nick Sardone, Mike Yannazzo, Gregg Ficarra

Absent - Vito Cimilluca, Patrick Muller, and Amanda Small Scarano

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HOF | CHS

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HOF | Coach | WHS

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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.

The WTAAA is very proud to welcome this incredible 2025 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 2025 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 twenty years of Hall of Fame inductions. We are working with **BiggerFish Marketing**, Woodbridge.

Special thanks are extended to Mimanshu "Mani" Patel 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 Kyle Anderson, Tom Chmiel, Nancy Cuntala, Sharon Couch DiLonardo, Bob & Marge Farrell, Mike Kaelber, Nick Sardone, Amanda Small Scarano, Bobby Timinski, 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 \$4,750 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.

Finally, sincere thanks go to the entire WTAAA Hall of Fame Committee for their considerable effort and time in planning and organizing the dinner. Very special thanks go to Norma Grasso, Tara 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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CHARLES BAAKEL CLASS OF 2004



Charles played football (running back and safety) for Colonia Coach Ben LaSala (HoF) in high school during the 2001-2003 seasons. He also played basketball for Coach Ken Pace, Sr. (HoF) during the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 seasons and was a member of the outdoor track and field team.

During his 2002 junior football season (5-5), Charles rushed for over 1,200 yards including 270 yards versus North Brunswick. During his senior season in 2003 (6-4), he rushed for over 700 yards on a team beset by injuries. He had four rushing touchdowns and one passing touchdown versus JFK. In all, he rushed for over 2,000 career rushing yards. Charles was a team captain and offensive MVP for the Pats. He was selected by The Star Ledger as Third Team All-County and by The Home News Tribune as Third Team All-Area for offense. He was named Greater Middlesex Conference All-Conference twice and Greater Middlesex Conference All-White Division twice cementing his reputation as one of the area's premier players. Charles was named the Patriot's Bill Denny/Rutgers University award recipient in 2004 and received their highest award. He was honored with selection to the prestigious Middlesex County Snapple Bowl team representing some of New Jersey's finest high school football talent. Coach Ben LaSala (HoF) had this to say. "Charlie was another in a long list of great Colonia tailbacks. He was able to balance his time between academics and athletics. (He played basketball also) His hard work and dedication both on the field and in the classroom led him to be a four-year player for Harvard in football."

Beyond his athletic achievements, Charles made history at Colonia High School by becoming the school's first ever Homecoming King. His leadership extended far beyond the gridiron serving as Class President all four years. He excelled academically, graduating in the top 20 students of his class while earning recognition as a 2004 National Achievement Scholar and Ventures Scholar. He was inducted into both the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. His combination of athletic and academic excellence earned him the Kevin Evanko Memorial Award for senior Scholar-Athlete. The Central Jersey Pop Warner also honored him with the Bill Denny Central Jersey Chapter Award. Charles was further recognized with the NAACP Perth Amboy Chapter Arthur Ashe Award for his community leadership and character.

Following high school, Charles entered Harvard University. He was on the varsity team from 2004 through 2007 and earned three varsity letters. During his senior season in 2007, Harvard defeated Yale 37-6 to win the Ivy League with a 7-0 record and 8-2 overall. In the

Yale game, he carried the ball ten times for 20 yards. During his junior season in 2006, he had 22 carries for 50 yards. The team finished 4-3 in Ivy play and 7-3 overall. During his sophomore season in 2005, he had 24 carries for 95 yards and four receptions for 37 yards over eight games. The team finished 5-2 in Ivy play and 7-3 overall. During his freshman season, he played in two games and had four carries for nine yards. The team finished 7-0 as the Crimson won the Ivy League and 10-0 overall. His teammate on this team was NFL quarterback Ryan "Fitz-magic" Fitzpatrick. His college coach was Tim Murphy. (Sources: Home News Tribune articles and Harvard football website)

At Harvard, Charles was selected by his teammates to the football team's ten-member Leadership Council in summer 2006. He mentored a freshman teammate during the fall 2006. His dedication to fitness and preparation earned him the Iron Crimson Award for best All-Around strength and athletic ability for his position in summer 2006.

Charles graduated from Harvard in 2008 with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Computer Science. He was actively involved in The Harvard Crimson publication, Harvard Black Men's Forum, Black Student's Association and served as Dunster House social chair. He participated in and performed in Harvard's Black Community and Student Theatre production. He was also a mentor in the Write to Success program.

Following college, Charles has built a distinguished career in technology and health care. He currently serves as Co-Founder and CEO of Ramona Health, a healthcare system built to deliver preventive and pro-active care to seniors with chronic disease. Previously, he worked at Forward, a healthcare startup using technology to modernize primary care delivery. He led software development and product management as Head of Platform for Apple Pie Capital, an on-line lending start up and founded Three Pound, a software development company for biosensor applications. His dedication to mentoring continues through his volunteer work with programs including First Round Capital Fast Track, Year Up and ACCESS Mentors (now u Aspire).

In 2014, Charles married his college sweetheart, Dr. Jessica Knox, MD, MBA, MPH. Today, he resides in Oakland, California, with Jessica and their two young sons, Hugo and Jules. When he is not exploring new entrepreneurial opportunities, Charles enjoys hiking, theatre and reading science fiction novels.

For his outstanding high school, college, professional, community involvement and personal accomplishments, the WTAAA congratulates and welcomes Charles Baakel to our Hall of Fame.





ED BOBAL CLASS OF 1972 AND COACH



Ed Bobal was a standout soccer player for Hall of Fame Coach Adrian Zapotocky and also participated in winter and spring track under the tutelage of Hall of Fame coaches Herb Hollowell* and Ron Osborne.* (*We remember In Memoriam)

In his senior season, Ed was captain of the soccer team leading the Mustangs to their first winning soccer season in 1971. According to Coach Zapotocky, "He was fast, deceptive, and had a powerful, accurate shot."

Ed continued his soccer playing days at Middlesex County College and then onto Trenton State College (TCNJ), graduating with a degree in Physical Education. He started his teaching career in 1977 at Woodbridge Township School #11. At that time, he began his coaching career, serving as an assistant to Coach Ray Perez at Colonia HS.

In 1980, Ed took over the reins of the Mustangs following the footsteps of his former coach Adrian Zapotocky, who had a tremendous influence on Ed and was a supportive mentor. Ed moved onto JFKMHS to continue teaching. In addition to coaching soccer, Ed also served for many years as Head Girls Track Coach.

Upon completion of his final season, the 2014 JFKMHS Camelot Yearbook paid tribute to Coach Bobal with this entry:

"The 2013 Varsity Boys Soccer season marked the end of an era for Mustang Boys Soccer, as Coach Ed Bobal retired from coaching. His 33 year career with a record of 283-278-27 is filled with many accomplishments, several of which are firsts for the school and district. Beginning in 1986 with the school's first divisional title in Boys Soccer, Coach Bobal led the boys to six more Divisional titles for the most in the school's history. As divisional winners in 2001, Coach Bobal led the boys all the way to the Greater Middlesex County Conference Finals. His team also received the honor of being ranked as the 22nd best Public School team in New Jersey by the NJSIAA. That year, he was deservedly awarded the honor of 'GMC Coach of the Year' by the Greater Middlesex County Conference. Breaking new ground again in 2005, Coach Bobal led his team to an incredible 17-3 season, which was and still is the school's and district's first Central Jersey Group II Sectional State title in soccer. Winning the divisional title that year, Coach Bobal led his boys to an 11-0 start with unbelievable 7 consecutive shutouts. The season ended making school history with 12 shutouts in total. The school, community, and the nearly 1000 players that Coach Bobal has coached are grateful for his passion, dedication, expertise, and personality. His impressive knowledge of the game of soccer, his ability to communicate and motivate players, and the quality of his character has helped to create Kennedy Mustang Soccer into what it is today. Coach Bobal is an icon of Kennedy Athletics and will truly be missed." (2014 JFKMHS Camelot Yearbook)

Ed has many fond memories of his coaching days and states, "The most notable is winning the CJ Group II State Championship in 2005 - the first and only Woodbridge Township School District Soccer team to achieve that goal. In 2005, the battle cry prior to each game was "Leave your mark on Kennedy Soccer traditions."

Coach Bobal states, "Success is not measured by wins and losses. I've been blessed to be able to coach many outstanding players, including Hall of Fame members Chris Buglovsky, Kristin Composto Slater, Ed Gutnik, J. Delvin Horsford, Jeff Grose, Arek Jodelka, and Gregg McGuirl." He is so proud of former players who are now involved in coaching.

Former player Joe Montesinos (JFKMHS '93) recalls, "At the time, I didn't understand it, but Coach Bobal was teaching me life lessons through soccer that I still use to this day in my professional and soccer life. He taught me so much about the game of soccer from my days at JFKMHS that I continue to preach them in my coaching career today. Coach Bobal taught me how to be prepared and ready to compete, but the thing I loved most about playing for Coach Bobal was that he let me play free and have fun with the game. His pre-game speeches were legendary, especially in the big games, but he always finished it with a "Have Fun." He was and still is a major influence in my life. I'm honored that he is still my coach and beyond happy for him being inducted into the WTAAA Hall of Fame. Congrats, Coach!"

Ed recognizes the many head coaches and assistant coaches who he has had the pleasure of working with, including Adrian Zapotocky (HOF), Joe Kacirek, Brian Jaeger, Eric Geddes, Mike Petak, Joe Migacz, Scott Heeney, Bill Trenery, Patrick McGroarty, Ray Newman (HOF), Brad Altland, Joe Harrington, Alanna Doran, Sharon DiLorenzo (HOF), and athletic trainer, Alexis Heeney.

Ed thanks the JFKMHS administration through the years, including Principal Mike Cilento(HOF), and Athletic Directors Joe DiMario*, Jared Ramage, Steve Carosco, and Sean Daly. Ed sends a special thank you to the JFKMHS Physical Education/Health department. (*We remember In Memoriam)

Ed is close friends with his brother-in-law, Ken O'Connor. They were teammates on the '71-'72 JFKMHS Soccer team, the first winning soccer team in school history. More importantly for Ed, Ken introduced Ed to his wife Maggie.

Ed is grateful for the support of his family. His wife Maggie* and his son Andy* would have been so proud to see Ed receive this recognition. Maggie dedicated her life to her children and grandchildren. Ed is also so proud of his sons, Ed and Charlie, their wives, Tara and Druann, and his grandchildren, Aubrey, Ella, Luke, Jake, Charlotte, Andrew, Danica, and Charlie. His sons are both former soccer players and captains at St. Joe's in Metuchen. Ed is currently a member of the NJ State Police and Charlie is a Lt. with the East Brunswick Police Department.

Ed retired from teaching in 2017. In 2018, Coach Bobal was inducted into the NJSCA - Coaches Hall of Fame. He still keeps in touch with former fellow teachers, coaches, and players and enjoys the time they spend together. Ed resides in South Brunswick and is very busy being the #1 fan of his grandchildren at all their soccer games. He thanks the WTAAA committee for all of their efforts to research and honor Woodbridge Township athletes and is honored to receive this recognition.

The WTAAA is proud to welcome Coach Ed Bobal to the Hall of Fame. Congratulations!



THOMAS DEBROWSKI CLASS OF 1968



Tom was a three-year member and two-year starter at second base for the John F. Kennedy Mustangs. In 1966 (18-6) and 1967 (13-10), he played for Coach Bob Bisler*. In 1968 (15-9), he played for Coach Paul Lavelle*. During his senior season, the team won the Greater Jersey Conference Central Division I championship. Tom was a First Team All-Middlesex County selection and First Team All-State Group IV in 1968. He was also a sophomore member of the 1966 team that won the Greater Jersey Conference Division I title and shared the overall Greater Jersey Conference title with Union. The Greater Jersey Conference was a very large Group IV conference and included teams from Middlesex, Union, Mercer and Somerset counties. It had four divisions. The Greater Jersey Conference preceded the Middlesex County Athletic Conference.

Tonight, Tom will join several former baseball JFK teammates in our Hall of Fame. The list includes Mike Volker, Larry Barnikow, Tom Carbonaro, Ray Soporowski, Joe Croasdale*, Tom Campana and Vincent Fairchild*.

Following high school, Tom entered Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, PA from 1968-1972. He played for four years there as a two-year starter at second base, a one year starter at shortstop, and a one-year starter in centerfield for Coach John Silan.

During the summers, Tom played on the highly successful Woodbridge Township American Legion teams. Some of his teammates included Joe Higgins* (HoF), Bob Pirnick (HoF), and Ray Korn. WTAAA Hall of Famer Mike Kaelber recently said, "It was my good fortune to play American Legion baseball with Tommy Debrowski on the Colonia Post 248 team. Tommy was a JFK senior and I was a Colonia junior. Tommy was a fierce competitor, an excellent second baseman who turned the double play as well as anybody, and a clutch hitter. It was my pleasure to witness and learn from his leadership skills both by word and deed."

Tom's favorite memories were when he received the phone call from The Star Ledger that he made First Team All-State Group IV in 1968. "It was a total surprise." He is also proud of the fact that he played four varsity years of baseball at Delaware Valley College.

Tom wishes to thank the following people for his athletic success. Although he only played one season of JV football,

he recognizes Coach Ron Osborne* (HoF) for pushing him to play as a 135-pound linebacker. He remembers Mickey Kott* (HoF) for coaching him freshman year. He thanks Lou Hegyes (HoF) for nominating him for the Hall of Fame. He thanks his high school baseball coaches Bob Doggett (JV coach) and varsity coaches Bob Bisler* and Paul Lavelle*. Finally, it should be noted that Tom enjoyed a wonderful friendship with his golfing buddy, the great Dodger announcer, Vin Scully*. As a matter of fact, if you call Tom's phone number you will hear a greeting from Vin Scully.

Career wise Tom has been very successful in business as Executive Vice President of Worldwide Operations for Mattel, Inc.; Senior Vice President of Operations for The Pillsbury Co.; and Vice President and Director of Operations for Kraft Foods, Inc.

Through the years, Tom has held Board of Trustee memberships--past and present--for ten organizations. They include executive partner with Calera Capital, a private equity firm; UCLA Anderson School of Business Executive MBA program and frequent guest lecturer. With this program, he worked with former NBA great Jerry West*. They started LA Legends, an organization to help inner city kids through athletics. Tom is also very proud of his work on the Delaware Valley College Board of Trustees.

During his years, Tom has been the recipient of five awards. He is most proud of receiving the Delaware Valley College President's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award and when he was named honorary captain of the college's football team.

Tom has been involved with five charities. He is now very actively involved with the Speech and Language Development Center for severely affected children.

Finally, Tom has been very proud of his family including his wife Vickey, his children, Mike and Regina, and his one grandchild, Carter, who Tom says "outdrives him in golf by 100 yards at age 16."

Tom, the WTAAA congratulates you on a successful high school and college baseball career and a very successful professional career and personal life. Based on your Board of Trustees memberships, awards, recognition, and charities involvement, you have certainly paid it forward. Welcome to the WTAAA Hall of Fame.



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GREGG FICARRA CLASS OF 1973



A 1973 graduate of John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, Gregg Ficarra stands as a shining example of the lasting impact a student-athlete can have—both on the field and beyond. Through his remarkable career as a multi-sport athlete, collegiate football player, coach, and long-time athletic director, Gregg has spent his life dedicated to athletics, education, and the development of young people. His induction into the WTAAA Hall of Fame is a fitting tribute to a man who has devoted decades to serving sports in Woodbridge Township and beyond.

Gregg's athletic journey began at JFK High School, where he showcased his talent in three sports. He played two years of basketball and participated in spring track during his junior and senior years under Coach Herb Hollowell* (HoF). It was in track and field, specifically as a javelin thrower, that Gregg distinguished himself with multiple first-place finishes in dual meets, demonstrating a natural combination of strength and coordination.

However, it was on the football field that Gregg left his most memorable mark. Under the leadership of another, Coach Ronnie Osborne* (HoF), Gregg played three seasons of varsity football. He began his career as an end, but as he grew in size and strength, he transitioned to offensive and defensive tackle—a move that allowed him to maximize his physicality and football IQ. Gregg's junior season in 1971 remains a highlight, as he was a member of the JFK Mustangs' legendary NJSIAA State Championship team (HoF). Known for their toughness and unity, the team played a defensive style that mirrored Gregg's grit. A particularly unforgettable moment came in a narrow 6-0 victory over Perth Amboy, where Gregg was part of the defensive line that stood firm in the closing moments, stopping a late Perth Amboy drive to preserve the win.

Gregg credits his early football passion and development to his father, Mike Ficarra*, who played Division I football at Temple University. That passion followed Gregg to Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey), where he was a four-year letterman on the offensive line. As a pulling tackle, Gregg had the privilege of blocking for legendary running back Nate Woodard, who still holds multiple rushing records at Trenton State. Gregg's sophomore and junior seasons were particularly memorable as he played under Eric Hamilton, an All-American who became the youngest college football head coach in the nation at just 23 years old. In 1973, the team posted a 7-3-1 record—their first winning season in over 15 years. One of his most cherished memories came in 1975 with a hard-fought win over rival Montclair State. The

offensive line dominated so thoroughly that they ran the same dive play repeatedly, confidently announcing to defenders, "Here we come, boys!" before each snap. He also fondly recalls games at iconic venues like Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey City, and the thrill of facing future NFL players such as Felton Jones of Glassboro and even scrimmaging the legendary Billy "White Shoes" Johnson from Widener University.

After college, Gregg transitioned to teaching and coaching, beginning in the Edison Middle School system, where he coached girls basketball and football at Herbert Hoover Middle School. From 1979 to 1981, he coached defensive ends and linebackers at Kean University under Rich Murphy. In 1981, Gregg began teaching physical education in Perth Amboy and joined the high school football staff, working under Carl Grillo (HoF) and Athletic Director William Buglovsky*. His coaching career continued at Upsala College from 1985 to 1988, where he served as Offensive Coordinator and Middlesex County recruiter under Head Coach Vinnie Capraro* (HoF). During that time, Gregg worked directly with coaching legend Tubby Raymond* to install the renowned Delaware Wing-T offense.

Gregg's greatest legacy, however, may be his 24-year tenure as Athletic Director at Perth Amboy High School. Taking the reins in 1988, he transformed the athletic department. He expanded middle school sports, championed opportunities for girls—especially in basketball—and introduced new varsity programs including golf, volleyball, bowling, swimming, and sailing. Under his leadership, one of the first modern football fields in the region was installed, vastly improving athletic facilities. He played a pivotal role in helping student-athletes earn college scholarships, including standout Milton Hubbard, who went on to play at Yale University. Gregg's dedication to his students often meant long nights and sacrifices—sometimes missing his own children's games—but his commitment to their future never wavered.

While Gregg's parents* and younger brother Michael* (HoF) have all since passed, they were among his earliest supporters. Today, he finds his greatest joy and motivation in his wife Maritza, his children Cole, Casey, and Michelle, and his grandchildren Emily, Wyatt, Oliver, Riley, and Theo. He continues to believe deeply that the lessons learned through sports—discipline, teamwork, and resilience will determine the future of athletics in education.

For a lifetime spent giving to the game and to student-athletes across New Jersey, the WTAAA proudly welcomes Gregg Ficarra into its Hall of Fame.



HAROLD R. FORD CLASS OF 1957



Harry is being inducted posthumously tonight for his play in two sports, football and baseball, under WTAAA Hall of Fame coaches Nicholas A. Priscoe* and Frank Capraro*.

In 1957, Harry* played first base and batted .373. He was a leading contributor on his team's (HoF) drive to the Tri County Tournament Championship. The Tri County included eight teams from Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset counties by invitation only. The Barrons defeated South Plainfield (3-1), Perth Amboy (4-0) and Leonardo (Middletown) (6-5) to win the title under Coach Capraro. Despite a berth in several finals over the years, 1957 was Woodbridge High School's first baseball championship since Coach Priscoe's 1938 and 1939 teams were awarded Central Jersey Group IV Sectional titles by the NJSIAA. The Tri County final game was the schools fourth in a five year period as the Barrons also made it in 1955, '58 and '59.

The 1957 baseball team was also invited to the Greater Newark Tournament. The "GNT" was the state's official baseball tournament at that time. Sixteen top teams were invited annually to participate. The sectional tournaments we have today did not begin until 1961 and the group tournaments began in 1970. In the 1957 "GNT", Woodbridge High School was the eighth seed. The team defeated New Brunswick 5-4 but lost to Irvington 1-2 in the semi final. Both were state powers in those days. (Note: WHS also qualified for the "GNT" in 1958 and 1959 and lost in the 1939 State title game to Irvington 3-4.)

During the 1957 season (15-7), Coach Capraro was assisted by Walter Manaker* and Thomas Matisak*. Harry was named to WCTC's radio All Central Jersey baseball team and was a Second Team All County selection. His .373 batting average and 7 doubles led the team. Tonight, Harry will join several of his teammates in our Hall of Fame namely All State pitcher Randy Brooks*, Bart Brodtkin* and Jerry Gonyo. The Barrons were ranked second in CJ Group 1V to Trenton by the NJSIAA.

In football, Harry was the starting center on Coach Priscoe's 1956 team. He was also a contributor on the 1955 Middlesex County Championship

team (6-1-2). Former boyhood friend and high school baseball teammate, Ron Gasiorowski' 58, remembers their friendship. "Harry was part of all that was good about Woodbridge during that period (1950's). He was always a good friend and classmate. Despite losing his father at an early age, he went on to college as did his sister. It doesn't get any better than that- good American, good son, good friend, and terrific high school athlete." "Harry was an all-American boy who went to church, played sports, and was an all-around good guy."

Following high school, Harry entered Seton Hall University. He played on the freshmen baseball team. (Note: Back then, the NCAA did not permit freshmen to play varsity sports.) Unfortunately, due to commuting back and forth and working part time, Harry's baseball career ended after his first year (1958). He decided to concentrate on his collegiate studies. Harry graduated in 1961 with a degree in business. He worked for several companies in Connecticut, Atlanta, and East Orange, NJ, as a sales representative until his retirement at age 62.

Harry enjoyed playing golf as an adult. He coached his sons, Douglas and John, in Little League when the family lived in Little Silver, NJ. During his later years, Harry lived in Manchester Township, NJ, with his wife Mrs. Jacqueline C. Ford. In addition to their two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ford have four grandchildren. Mrs. Ford recently remembered her husband "as a great guy, very caring and very devoted to his family." She said he traveled a lot for his job. "One time, he was in Pennsylvania, but drove all the way back home to coach his son in a Little League game. Then, he drove back to Pennsylvania to his job." Sadly, Harry passed away in January, 2004, but he continues to play ball on the "Field of Dreams". Here, tonight to accept his awards posthumously are his wife, Mrs. Jacqueline C. Ford and their two sons, Douglas and John.

The WTAAA is honored and pleased to induct Harold "Harry" Ford, Woodbridge High School Class of 1957 into our Hall of Fame.



AJ HEROLD CLASS OF 1983



AJ played high school football for the Mustangs under long time coach Cary Hamrah* (HoF) at a high level.

His junior season, the team finished 6-4-0 and qualified for the Central Jersey Group III playoffs (Note: At that time only four teams per section made the playoffs). AJ was named first team All-County by The News Tribune, The Home News and The Star Ledger. Coach Hamrah stated, "He's the finest blocker on the line and the leader when we run the sweep." "He also doubled at defense and registered 57 tackles and recovered a fumble." (Source: The Star Ledger, All County Article, December, 1981)

Senior year, the Mustangs finished 6-2-1 including a Thanksgiving victory over Woodbridge 12 to 7 as the team won four of their last five games. AJ, #56, was a team captain. The Star Ledger named him second team All State All Groups at offensive guard. He was also recognized first team All-County by The News Tribune, The Home News and The Star Ledger. A senior year quote includes the following, "He is probably the toughest guy on our squad," said Coach Hamrah. "As an offensive guard, he used his quickness to lead our sweeps and was an excellent blocker." "He loves to hit," Hamrah said. "On defense, he was up among our tackle leaders and had 12 quarterback sacks." (Source: *The Home News Tribune, All Area Honors, December, 1982*). "The guard was selected All Middlesex County for the second year in a row. The 5'11" 185-pound senior also stood out at end on defense with 12 sacks." "He led us on all the sweeps," said Cary Hamrah. "Many times, he would make one block, get up, and make another." (Source: *The Star Ledger, All Middlesex County, December, 1982*)

AJ was selected to play in the prestigious 1983 spring North vs South game. His JFK teammate Jim Anderson (HoF) recently said the following. "AJ was one of the toughest players I had seen and a hard hitter. You made sure

you knew where he was on the field. He was a ball hawk, always in on every play. Off the field, he was one of the nicest guys I knew." Jim also told a story no one knows. "For three straight years, Rutgers had signed kids from Kennedy. Bob Yesalonia (HoF) was offered a scholarship in '82. I believe AJ was offered a scholarship in '83, and I was offered in '84. My scholarship was taken back after Frank Burns was fired. Dick Anderson called me and told me he was not honoring the scholarship. That's how I ended up in Delaware."

Tonight, AJ will join several former JFK teammates in our WTAAA Hall of Fame. They include Guy Jensen, Jason Sims, Jeff Kipila, Jim Anderson, Bob Yesalonia and Scott Jensen tonight.

Following high school, AJ accepted a "walk on" role at Rutgers University for the 1983 fall season. He became a scholarship player in 1984, 1985 and 1986. Frank Burns* was head coach in 1983. In 1984, Dick Anderson was named Head Coach through 1989. AJ remembered Coach Burns as a "king among kings."

A four-year varsity player at Rutgers University, AJ, #32, is listed as an official letter winner in 1986. (Source: Rutgers Football Media Guide on line). He graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in English Literature.

Today, AJ lives in Greenwich Village, New York. He has one son, Tristan, born in 1997. AJ wishes "to thank my mom and dad, family and friends for putting up with me all these years." Through the years, AJ has been a salesman, writer and motorcycle enthusiast.

AJ Herold was a star football player at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School and a member of the Rutgers University football team for four years. Tonight, we honor and welcome him to our WTAAA Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

Dear Carl,

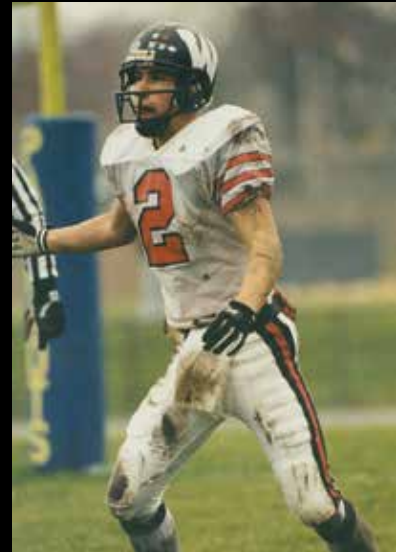
There is no greater compliment I could receive as a parent than when someone tells me, "What an amazing person your son is! You must have done something right along the way to deserve such a great gift."

I could not be more proud of the person and the father you have become.

The joy you have given me throughout your life, from attending your games, to working side-by-side with you, and more recently, watching you raise your own two boys is not something I can truly put into words.

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CARL GURNEY CLASS OF 2000



A 2000 graduate of Woodbridge High School, Carl was a two-sport varsity star who left a legacy on both the football field and baseball diamond. As a wide receiver and defensive back, Carl earned a multitude of honors – All-Division, All-Conference, All-GMC, All-Area, First Team All-County by the SL and HNT, and All-State Group 4. He was a two-time varsity letterman, team captain, team offensive MVP, and team MVP – a leader in every sense of the word. In the spring, Carl was selected to play in the North versus South game. He was also the school’s Bill Denny Scholar Athlete recipient.

During his senior season under HoF coach Bill Nyers, Carl had 52 pass receptions. To this day, he remains tied for 1st in pass receptions in a season with Frank Corbo (HoF). He is also 5th on the school’s milestone chart for most yards on pass receptions in a season (752). He had 7 TD receptions (tied for 7th.) On defense, he had 5 “ints”. He rushed six times on end arounds for 102 yards and returned 372 yards including an 89 yarder versus South Brunswick. “This kid has so much heart and energy,” said coach Nyers. (Source: HNT, 1999, 1st. Team All Area Honors, sports section). In a recent call, coach Nyers said the following: “Carl from day one was determined and motivated to be the best he could be as a wide receiver. He ran precise patterns and was just so reliable. It’s no wonder he caught a record 52 passes in one season. Think about that for a second and realize just how dependable and efficient Carl was. He had fantastic hands and was a fantastic team player whose work ethic set an example for the team. Every coach would be ecstatic to have had Carl on their team. I was privileged and honored to coach him and wish him and his family a heartfelt congratulations to a wonderful player and outstanding man.”

On the baseball field, Carl showcased his versatility playing shortstop, third base, and left field. He was a three-time varsity letterman, team captain, and earned All-Division, All-Conference, All-Area, and All-County honors. In 2000, he helped lead Woodbridge to a historic GMC County Championship – making school history as the lowest seed ever to win the title. Carl had seven hits, six RBI, and three game winning hits in the five games including two in the final inning. He played for long time coach Jim Lammers.

Carl’s athletic career continued at the collegiate level. He began playing football at Stony Brook University, but injuries cut that chapter short. Not one to give up, he shifted his focus back to baseball and played for Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham campus, where he helped lead the team to a 2002 ECAC Championship. That team would later be inducted into the FDU Athletics Hall of Fame – a testament to the impact Carl had at each level of play.

Carl wants to thank head football coach, Bill Nyers (HoF), assistant coach, Gary Kuzniak* (HoF), baseball head coach Jim Lammers, assistants Tom Marciniak (HoF) and Darin Nagy and all his coaches, staff, and teammates for helping him throughout his high school journey. He gives special thanks to his dad Carl Sr., his mom, Denise Haag, and his sister, Christine, for their support and encouragement.

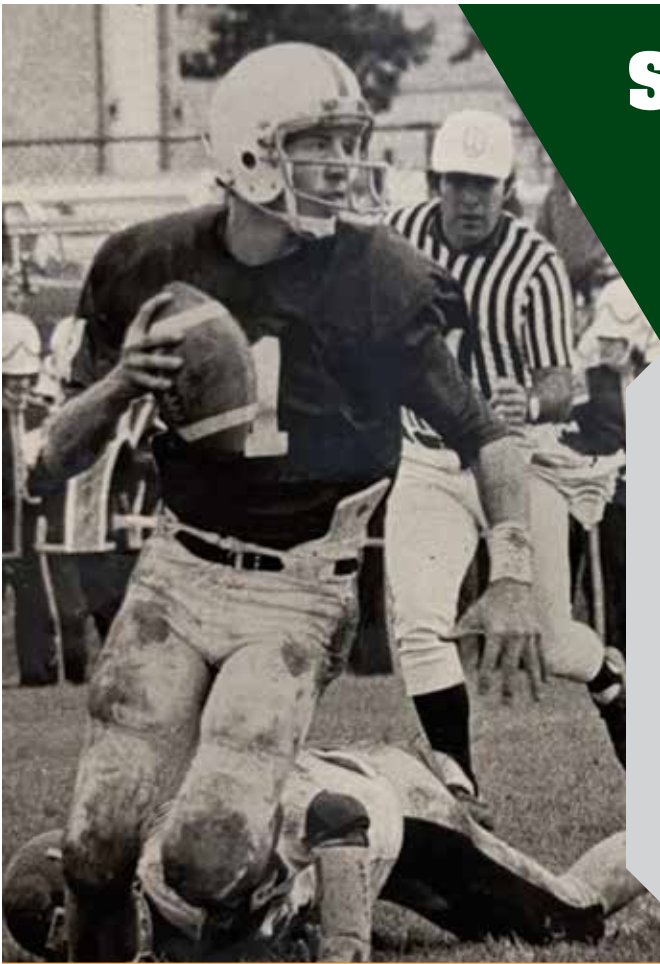
In terms of memories, Carl mentioned two. He said the GMCT baseball championship was a magical run. It was fun and everyone raised their level of play. In football, he actually cited double sessions. He said that team effort in practice is an important part of football. The games were just a bonus.

Perhaps the most meaningful impact has come after his playing days – right here in Woodbridge. Carl continues to pour his time and heart into the same fields where his journey began, coaching in the Woodbridge Rec Baseball League and shaping the next generation, including his sons Carl Jr. and Anthony. His commitment to giving back is as strong as his competitive spirit ever was.

Today, Carl resides in Woodbridge Proper with his wife Shelly and their sons. He proudly serves his hometown as an employee of the Woodbridge Department of Public Works – a true example of someone who never stopped representing the Barron spirit on and off the field.

Carl Gurney’s legacy is one of athletic excellence, perseverance, and community dedication. Tonight, we celebrate not only the accomplishments of a great athlete, but the lasting influence of a proud son of Woodbridge – we’d like to welcome Carl Gurney to the 2025 Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association Hall of Fame.





Scott Jensen #11 JFK

QB, FS, P • Class of 1980

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SCOTT JENSEN CLASS OF 1980



Scott played football, basketball and baseball at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School.

In football, Scott was the starting junior quarterback for Hall of Fame Coach Cary Hamrah* as the team (HoF) won the 1978 Central Jersey Group III State Sectional Championship. The Mustangs compiled an 8-3 record that season when they defeated Somerville 17-7 and North Hunterdon 23-6 to bring the title to JFK. "When JFK captured the Central Jersey Group III Sectional Championship in 1978 Scott played a big role at quarterback." "He fired a strike to wide receiver Marty Gill who caught the pass falling to his knees in the endzone with 1:15 left to go giving Kennedy an insurmountable 23-0 lead." "Another big play by Jensen was a 28-yard "hook in pass" to tight end Mike Ficarra* giving Kennedy a first down on the two-yard line. Two plays later, the Mustangs had their first lead at 7-0." "Jensen used a short but effective passing attack throughout the game." "He completed five of ten attempts for 65 yards and one touchdown, his tenth of the season. Jensen, who doubles as the team's punter enjoyed his best kicking day of the season and had a 48 yarder to his credit." (Source: Barry Levine, *The News Tribune*, December 4, 1978). Somerville had several Division I players on that team including All State running back Jonathan Williams, who later played at Penn State and was drafted by the New England Patriots. Scott also quarterbacked the 1979 Mustangs to a 6-2-1 record. He was named First Team News Tribune and Second Team Star Ledger at punter/defensive back. He had 62 tackles, over 1,000 passing yards, 300 rushing yards and scored 6 touchdowns. He played in the prestigious 1980 North-South game that spring.

In basketball, Scott was a two-year starter for Hall of Fame Coach Ray Newman. In baseball, Scott played varsity for two seasons at centerfield

and pitcher positions under Coach Lou "Buzzy" Estok.

Following high school graduation, he was awarded a full scholarship to Rutgers University by Head Coach Frank Burns*. He was a member of the Scarlet Knights football team for two seasons at defensive back-punter until a severe knee injury ended his career.

Tonight, Scott joins his high school teammate Frank Ruggiero as an individual HoF inductee. He also joins his brother, Guy Jensen, as the eighth brother combination in our WTAAA HoF from JFK.

Scott wants to thank a number of his high school coaches. They include Hall of Famers Ron Osborne*, Bob Lanigan, Ray Newman, Head Coach Cary Hamrah*, Gary Kuzniak*, Carl Grillo, Mike Cilento, Bob McLaughlin and Lou "Buzzy" Estok. Scott gives special thanks to his mom, Eleanor, and his brothers Robert and Guy (HoF).

In a recent phone call, Scott remembered three special events. They were the huge State Sectional Group III victory over North Hunterdon; the Thanksgiving game his junior year versus John P. Stevens before the largest crowd ever (3,000) as both teams were State Sectional Champions that season (1978); and being selected for the second annual North/South game in the spring of his senior season.

Career wise, Scott has worked for Charles Schwab Company for thirty-six years. He is a senior financial consultant and works with about four hundred families. Scott and his wife, Lori, have two children in Matthew and Michael, one grandson and one granddaughter.

Scott was a prominent high school three sport athlete at JFK and a two-year scholarship football player at Rutgers University. For these reasons, we are pleased to welcome Scott Jensen to our WTAAA Hall of Fame where he joins his brother Guy. Congratulations to our newest Jensen inductee!



JOSEPH "JOE" JAMES KRAUS CLASS OF 1973



Joe had an outstanding track career at Colonia High School, being coached by Harry Brett* (HoF), Mike Murphy* (HoF), and John Picaroni (HoF). Joe was an exemplary student-athlete and served as team captain during his 1973 senior season. His track accomplishments extended 12 years throughout his high school, college, and adult years. (*We Remember in Memoriam)

As a high school senior competing in the 120 yard high hurdles, Joe placed 4th in the Meet of Champions and 3rd in the Group IV State Outdoor Track Meet. At the Group IV Sectional Track Meet, Joe placed 2nd in both the 120 highs and 180 lows. He was the Middlesex County Athletic Conference Outdoor Meet champion in the 120 highs (14.3) and the 180 lows (20.3). In the Middlesex County Outdoor Track Meet he placed 2nd in highs and 4th in the lows. Joe was also the North Bergen Relays champion in the 330-yard intermediate hurdles (40.8).

Joe earned a 4-year track scholarship to Baptist College at Charleston (now Charleston Southern University/ CSU). Joe's high school accomplishments had drawn the attention of Coach James Settle who recruited Joe to South Carolina. Coach Settle said, "I always had a strong group of high school coach contacts from New Jersey, and I had a large number of Middlesex County athletes that I recruited. The academics were solid, and the athletes were always well-coached and were strong college prospects. Joe was one of those, and he performed well during his four years with us at CSU. When I think of Joe, I always found him to be extremely dependable and competitive. I could count on him to do his best."

In college Joe excelled in the 110m high hurdles, 400m intermediate hurdles, and the 440m shuttle hurdle relay. In his junior year, Joe was undefeated in dual and triangular meet competition in 400m intermediates. As a senior, he took first place in the highs (14.5) and second in the intermediates (52.8) at the 1977 Furman Invitational. He was first in highs (14.3) and third in intermediates (52.6) at the University of Georgia Townes Invitational. Further, he was the South Carolina College State Champ in the highs and second in the intermediates.

A New Jersey contingent of a dozen track athletes was at CSU when Joe was

there. Joe is now the sixth WTAAA track athlete joining Gary Cardinale* (JFK/ HoF), Tom Confer* (Colonia/HoF), Paul and Steven Ricciardi (JFK/ HoF), and Tom Ryall (Colonia/ HoF) who all competed for the university.

Paul Ricciardi reflected on Joe's career, "Joe's work ethic was exceptional, and he was a true example to others. As a fellow high hurdler, Joe and I teamed up during many dual and triangular meets to deliver a solid first and second place punch against many exceptional Division I college hurdlers." Teammate Steve Ricciardi remembers Joe as being "one of the first guys on the track for practice and one of the last ones off the track." Joe's work ethic was impeccable and respected by his teammates.

Joe graduated and returned in 1977 to Avenel to begin his profession and to continue his track career with the Shore Athletic Club of Belford, NJ. Overall, he was six-time New Jersey AAU champ for the 400m intermediate hurdles and was the 1981 Shore AC Athlete of the Year. He represented the Shore AC from 1974 to 1982 and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2003.

Joe "retired" after a career in finance and accounting, utilizing his B.S. degree in Mathematics. During the last twenty-five years of his career, he served as senior manager at Novo Nordisk Inc.

He and his wife of 44 years, Donna Ann, still reside in Avenel. They have two daughters, Deanne Pinckney and her husband C.J. and Nicole Curry and her husband Kevin. They have five grandchildren Colin, Ryan, Dylan, Stella, and Emersyn. Joe and Donna regularly travel to local athletic events to support and cheer on their grandchildren.

Reflecting on his lengthy athletic career, Joe said, "I always enjoyed the many friendships that I developed over the years." Joe thanks his parents for their encouragement and his many coaches for their expertise and confidence in him. Further, he thanks all his teammates, including Paul Ricciardi for this nomination and the WTAAA for creating the Hall of Fame to recognize all the worthy athletes in our township.

The WTAAA is pleased to induct Joe Kraus, a former Colonia Patriot and CSU Buccaneer into our Hall of Fame.



KRISTYN "KRISSI" KRESSLER CLASS OF 1989



Kristyn "Krissi" Kressler was a two-sport athlete for Colonia High School who made her mark in two programs. Krissi started bowling at the age of 4, the youngest sanctioned bowler in Union County, and never looked back. At Colonia High School, she was a three-peat (1987, 88, 89) All White Division and a Greater Middlesex County bowler. As a senior, she was named to the All NJSIAA team. She was also the captain all three years.

In softball, Krissi's versatility was obvious. When she was nine years old, she started playing in the Colonia Softball League and because she was a bowler, the coach, her dad Howard, put her in as a pitcher. (smart move) In high school, she pitched an undefeated season for her freshmen team and as a sophomore was the starting varsity pitcher for Hall of Fame Coach Stew Jago*. As a sophomore and junior pitcher, she was named to the 1987 All Middlesex County Softball Team and the 1988 Greater Middlesex Conference All White Division and a Division All Star. In 1989, freshman pitcher Tina Sabunas (HoF) joined the team and Krissi moved into the outfield as well as pitching. Her senior year, Colonia won the Blue Division, were Greater Middlesex County Champs and Central Jersey Group III Champs. Krissi was a team captain that year and was also named to the All-County team as an outfielder. When talking about softball she remembered fondly, "before one of our games, Coach Jago wrote a message on the chalkboard in the fieldhouse: 'Win with dignity. Lose with dignity. Just be proud.' That statement left a lasting impression on me. I carried those words throughout my college career, and they still resonate with me to this day. "Coach Jago was more than just a fantastic coach, he was a teacher, a mentor and someone whose guidance truly shaped me. He inspired me to play in college and his influence is a

big reason why I have such fond and meaningful memories of my time at Colonia HS."

Krissi went to Middlesex County College and played both softball and tennis. She was named to the All-Region tennis team as a first singles/first doubles player. In softball, she made the All-Region team both years. After graduating, she continued her education and softball at Montclair State University for two seasons. The team went to the NCAA 1992 Division III World Series in Pella, Iowa, and finished third. She was named to the All-Regional Tournament Team as an outfielder.

When asked about her family memories, this is what she said. "My mom, dad and my sister Karyn were very supportive of my athletics throughout my life. My sister was there when we beat Edison in the GMC Tournament in 1987. When I struck out their clean-up hitter, it's a moment I will never forget. The catcher ran out for the 'catcher/pitcher' hug and the team piled on to celebrate! Mom and dad were also at all my softball games, bowling matches, tennis matches and even came out to Iowa when Montclair State was playing in the D-III tournament."

Krissi is currently the Regional Director of Life Enrichment for Brandywine by Monarch Communities overseeing the engagement program in 35 communities for senior residents and those with dementia. She is incredibly grateful to her wife, Carolyn, who has been her rock throughout many chapters of life including her athletic and coaching journey. She would also like to thank her family, coaches, fellow players and the WTAAA for this honor!

Kristyn "Krissi" Kressler, the WTAAA welcomes you into the Hall of Fame family! Congratulations on all you have accomplished and all you continue to do!

C Congratulations! Glenn Morgan #7



84 at Giants' tryout but only nine make it

By DAVE KLEIN

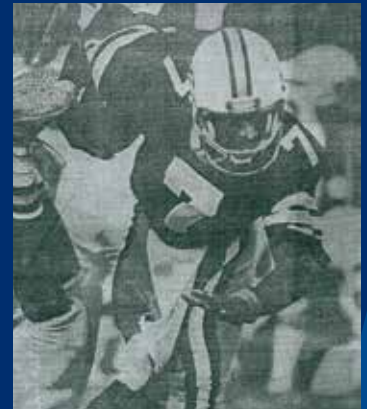
There were 84 of them, who showed up yesterday to dream the big dream and reach for the brass ring.

The Giants gave nine of them a "maybe," which was a far better alternative to "no."

The other five were WR Glen Morgan of Colonia, Florida A&M and the Jersey Oaks; safety Carl Hargrave of Upper Iowa College, cut by Oakland in '76 and Denver in '77; WR Tom Hayward from New York City and North Carolina A&T; PK-P Brian Massella of Penn State, who was with the Eagles through the fifth game last season, on their injured reserve squad; and QB Bob Mangione of C.W. Post, where the Giants hold training camp, and Toronto of the CFL.

During his career, some of his honors included:

- 1976 Honorable Mention. Mid-East Football Conference League
- 1977 M.V.P. Mid-East Football Conference League
- 1977 Jersey Oaks Team M.V.P.
- 1978 Mid-East Football Conference League, 1st Team Wide Receiver (Jersey Oaks)
- 1979 Mid-East Football Conference League, 1st Team Wide Receiver (Jersey Oaks)
- 1980 Jersey Oaks Team M.V.P.
- 1981 Jersey Oaks Team M.V.P.
- 1982 Mid-East Football Conference League Player of the Week
- 1986 Continental Interstate Football League "All-Pro Team"



QB slot looks strong for A&M

With the graduation of Kenny Holt, Florida A&M's quarterback picture seemed on shaky ground for the 1975 season. But it appears the Rattlers will be much stronger than Coach Rudy Hubbard had expected.

Spring practice has brought three new names into the picture and suddenly quarterback might be one of the Rattlers' strongest positions, according to Hubbard. Robert James, who has a 3.5 average in the classroom, is just as good on the field and is providing strong competition for Robert Patterson in the No. 1 slot. Ricky Pope and Glen Morgan also are making their presence felt and all three of the newcomers turned in fine performances in Saturday's scrimmage.

Hubbard also said the kicking game appears to be getting stronger. Regular kicker Greg Coleman is missing from spring drill because he is on the track team but two more new faces. Vichai Satanonchai, a strong-legged, soccer-style booter from Bangkok, Thailand, and Larry Mitchell of Ft. Pierce both looked good under pressure. Also, Herb Reinhard from Leon High will be out in the fall, giving the Rattlers four strong kickers.

Saturday's scrimmage clinaxed the first two weeks of drills for the Rattlers and Hubbard said he is pleased with the Rattlers' progress, but they are a little behind where he'd like them to be after the first eight days.

The Rattlers have 12 more days of drills before concluding with the spring game.





GLENN MORGAN CLASS OF 1974



The WTAAA welcomes Glenn Morgan to the Class of 2025 Hall of Fame! Glenn Morgan was born in Harlem, NY, and his family moved to the Colonia section of Woodbridge Township when he was three years old.

There, Glenn later began a distinguished athletic career, both as an outstanding athlete in the Woodbridge Township school system, later as a star semi-pro football player, and then as a long time coach and mentor in the Colonia and Woodbridge youth sports leagues.

Glenn attended Woodbridge High School as a sophomore, before transferring to Colonia for his junior year. He earned the starting quarterback position his senior year, starting all 9 games for the Patriots. He was the first starting African-American quarterback in Woodbridge Township, breaking the color barrier at that position of leadership. No small accomplishment in those turbulent times!

Glenn also played baseball under Head Coach Mickey Kott* (HoF), and Assistant Coach Jack Kreiger (HoF), where he was a starting outfielder.

As the Colonia Patriots starting quarterback, Glenn led the Class of 1974 football team to an 8-1 record during the 1973 season, which was also the best record for the Colonia Patriots since the school's inception. In addition to being the starting quarterback, Glenn also handled the team kicking duties. Since the NJSIAA had not yet instituted a statewide playoff system in 1973-1974 (it was instituted in the 1974-1975 season), Colonia finished second in Middlesex County to Cedar Ridge that season, their only blemish on a near perfect season.

After high school, Glenn attended Florida A&M University, where he practiced with the varsity his freshman year. Unfortunately, when his father James* Multiple Sclerosis progressed and took a turn for the worse, Glenn had to forego his college education and collegiate football career, in order to return to N.J and assist in his father's care. (**We Remember in Memoriam*)

Still, even while working and caring for his father, Glenn began a long and honored semi-pro football career in the North Eastern U.S. Semi-Pro Football Leagues. During those years, Glenn played the 1976-1982 seasons with the NJ Oaks and with the NJ Bears for the 1983-1988 season, before finishing his career with the NJ Cougars.

Oaks triumph
BROOKLYN -- Glenn Morgan fired four touch-down passes to brother Derek as the Jersey Oaks defeated the Brooklyn Mariners, 41-35, yesterday at Midwood Field. Glenn threw for over 500 yards in the contest.

During many of those Semi-Pro seasons, Glenn also played with his younger brother Derek, who was another fine Colonia athlete. In the years when Glenn was quarterback and Derek a wide receiver with the NJ Oaks and NJ Bears, they were known as "The Morgan to Morgan Connection". Or as famed sportswriter Jerry Izenberg stated in one of his Newark Star Ledger columns..."Despite the extra depth of the Oaks, the difference really came down to a highly professional quarterback named Glenn Morgan and his brother, Derek and another wide receiver named Reggie Beard."

Another career highlight for Glenn occurred in 1978, when he was asked by the NY Giants to attend a select team tryout. After that tryout, Glenn was one of only a few to be asked to return for a follow-up session. Unfortunately, a knee injury prevented Glenn from completing the tryouts. Nevertheless...he will always be a die-hard Giants fan!

However, even with all of the honors and accolades, Glenn stated that, "My most rewarding opportunity was to be able to play those years with my brother Derek on the NJ Oaks and NJ Bears teams."

Among many who positively affected his life, Glenn holds a special place in his heart for all the caring coaches who guided him over the years. In addition, Glenn would like to thank the Colonia First Aid Squad, who took it upon themselves to transport his ailing father to all of the Colonia Patriots home games during the 1973-1974 season, and also to Derek's home games during the 1975-1976 Patriot season.

Since Glenn's retirement from football, he has spent his life giving back to the Woodbridge Community, where he is known as "Mr. I'll do it". His interest in computers led him to a career with various computer companies over the years, mainly in the warehouse management and engineering field services, until his retirement.

More importantly to him, his love of sports led him to coach many years in the Patriots Pop Warner Football League, the Colonia Little Fellows League and All-Star teams, as well as the Colonia Girls Softball League. Glenn has also trained many athletes at the High School and Collegiate level.

Today, Glenn lives with his wife Clara in the Avenel section of Woodbridge and has four children: Cyeta, Tyrone, Royce (HoF) and Tiffany.

Even in retirement, Glenn is still extremely active in the Colonia and Woodbridge community. His current roles include Chairman of the Woodbridge Township Human Rights Commission. On a related note, Glenn's mother, Pauline (Bay Bay) Morgan*, was also one of the founders of the original Woodbridge Township Human Rights Commission, during the turbulent 1960's. In addition, he is a past President, Vice President, and current Treasurer of the Independent Club of Colonia. And Glenn is also one of the newest members of the WTAAA Hall of Fame Committee. As his wife and children say..."He is retired now, but seems to be busier the older he gets".

Congratulations on a storied athletic and public activist career Glenn, and welcome to the WTAAA Hall of Fame!



RUDY PETERSON CLASS OF 1961



Rudy was a state level track performer for the successful Barron track and field teams of the 1950's and 1960's. He participated from the 1958-1961 seasons under Head Coach Lou Bartha* (HoF) and Assistant Coach Herb Hollowell* (HoF). He earned four varsity letters and won many medals. Rudy said recently that, "he admired his coaches

Among his most important individual accomplishments are the following:

- 1959 Middlesex County Outdoor 880-yard run – 1st place in 2:04.7
- 1959 Central Jersey Group IV Sectional 880 yard – 1st place
- 1960 Middlesex County Outdoor – 880-yard run – 1st place in 2:01.4
- 1960 Middlesex County Indoor – 880-yard run – 1st place in 2:04.2
- 1960 Central Jersey Group IV Sectional – 880-yard – 1st place in 2:02.8
- 1960 NJ State Group IV – 880 yard – 2nd place
- 1961 NJ State Group IV Indoor – 1000-yard run – 1st place in 2:26.6
- 1961 Middlesex County Indoor – 880-yard – 2nd place
- 1961 Central Jersey Group IV Sectional – 880-yard – 2nd place
- 1961 Woodbridge Elks Winner In April

Team accomplishments:

- 1961 Middlesex County Indoor Champions – 1st place
- 1961 Middlesex County Outdoor Champions – 1st place
- 1961 Central Jersey Group IV Champions – 1st place
- 1960 Middlesex County Indoor Championship – 2nd place
- 1961 Middlesex County Outdoor Relay – 2nd place
- 1958 Middlesex County Outdoor Championship – 2nd place
- 1960 Central Jersey Group IV Sectional Championship – 2nd place

and they were a strong influence on him receiving an athletic scholarship to Rutgers University."

Unfortunately, Rudy battled through an illness during most of his senior outdoor season. (Sources: Middlesex County Track Association website and Woodbridge Independent Leader)

In terms of team accomplishments, Rudy was a major contributor on several Barron championship track and field teams.

Rudy's 1961 outdoor senior team finished undefeated at 7–0 versus Central Jersey Group IV and Middlesex County opponents. Tonight, this team also is being inducted in our Hall of Fame.

Following high school, Rudy entered Rutgers University. He ran track for four years. His best events were the 440 and

mile relay. He remembers running in all the big championship meets and at all the big venues such as MSG. He remembers winning a number of medals. "He still has some of them but the inscriptions are faded," he said with a laugh. In a 1964 RU Media Guide, it was reported, "Rudy and his teammates set a new school record for the mile relay of 3:20.9 against Columbia." Rudy is listed in the Rutgers University Track and Field Media Guide as a letter winner. His RU coach was Mr. Les Wallach*. Rudy said that his inspiration in track was a teammate named Harvey Kohn because he never gave up. Harvey became an orthopedic doctor. Rudy graduated from Rutgers in 1965 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering and a minor in Electrical Engineering. He is a retired electrical systems engineer at John Deere Horicon Works in Wisconsin where he worked for 31 years plus 2 years as a consultant.

On a personal level, Rudy and his loving wife, Kathy, have been married for sixty one years. They have two children in Karen and Eric, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Tonight, the WTAAA proudly recognizes and welcomes Rudy Peterson, a '61 Barron and '65 Scarlet Knight, into our Hall of Fame. Rudy said recently that "he was a slow starter but the gears kicked in at the end of the race." Well, Rudy, here you are. You made it across the finish line. CONGRATULATIONS!

W KATHRYN QUATTROCCHI GONZALES CLASS OF 1999



Kathryn joined the Woodbridge High School Girls Bowling team in the 1995–1996 season, averaging 134 as a freshman just months after taking up the sport. Her performance helped lead the team to an undefeated season, winning both the Red Division and NJSIAA State Sectional Championship.

Determined to improve, Kathryn spent the summer honing her skills and raised her average by 46 pins during the 1996–1997 season. Her consistency earned her third place in the GMC Individual Tournament. The team remained undefeated, winning the GMC White Division, Winter Classic, GMC County Team Championship and the NJSIAA State Sectional Championship. Kathryn's 630 series helped secure a second-place finish at the NJSIAA State Team Finals. She ended the season with the fourth highest average in the Greater Middlesex Conference and earned multiple honors, including GMC All White Division Team, Home News Tribune All-Area First Team, and All-Conference First Team.

In her junior year, Kathryn helped lead her team through another undefeated season, capturing the GMC White Division, GMC County Team Championship, the NJSIAA State Sectional Championship and the 1998 NJSIAA State Team Championship. Individually, she won the GMC Individual Tournament, held the second-highest average in the GMC, and placed second at the NJSIAA Individual State Finals. She also contributed to a first-place finish at the Joe Romer Mixed Team Tournament and a runner-up spot at the Central Jersey Winter Classic. Kathryn earned multiple honors, including GMC All White Division Team, All-GMC Team, Home News Tribune All-Area First Team, and was named Home News Tribune Bowler of the Year.

As a senior and a team captain, Kathryn once again helped lead Woodbridge through another dominant season. The team made history by becoming the first girls' program to break the 3000 series mark at the Central Jersey Winter Classic with a 3009 total. They extended their 147 match win streak and claimed first-place titles at the Bishop Ahr Tournament (where Kathryn bowled a 232), Brick Invitational, Joe Romer* Tournament (1st place high series), and Central Jersey Winter Classic. The team also won the GMC Red Division, the GMC County Team Championships, and captured another NJSIAA State Sectional Championship, where Kathryn posted the second-highest series. The team went on to win back-to-back NJSIAA State Team Championships. Individually, Kathryn placed 5th at the NJSIAA State Finals and earned honors including Home News Tribune All-Area First Team, Star Ledger Second Team All-State, and helped Woodbridge earn Star

Ledger Team of the Year.

Coach Michael Yannazzo (HoF) would like to add "Kathy was a key contributor on the back-to-back State Championship teams in 1997-1998 and 1998-1999. Besides individual achievements like being Home News Tribune All Area team both years, she showed a tremendous enthusiasm that 'picked up' the team at crucial times. She was an 'anchor' bowler in the truest sense and is an equally great person."

Kathryn said, "When I reflect on my high school bowling years, I'm instantly flooded with excitement. Our team was fiercely competitive—always in the running, always focused—and every shot, every pin truly mattered. The energy during matches was electric. I'll never forget the feeling of turning around after each shot and seeing a crowd of teammates, family, and friends cheering us on. That support meant everything.

What truly made those years unforgettable was the unwavering support of my parents. My mom and dad were at every match and tournament, no matter the distance or weather. My mom was my personal historian—she kept a book filled with scores, newspaper clippings, and notes. Her quiet pride continues to inspire me. Losing my dad* left a space in my heart that no one else can fill. His love, encouragement, and steady presence still guide me. I know he would have been incredibly proud to see me honored today—he would've arrived early, found the best seat, and cheered louder than anyone.

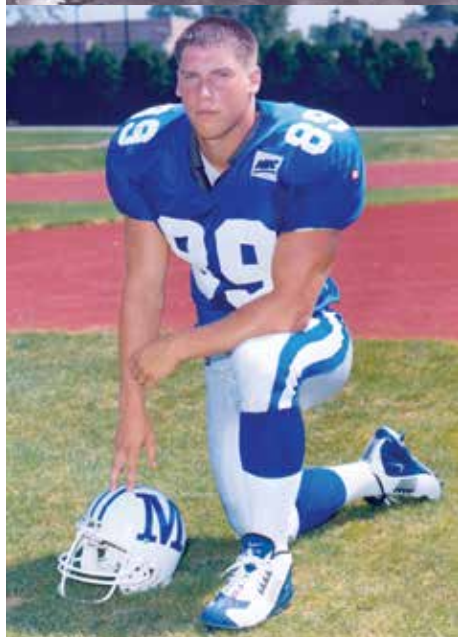
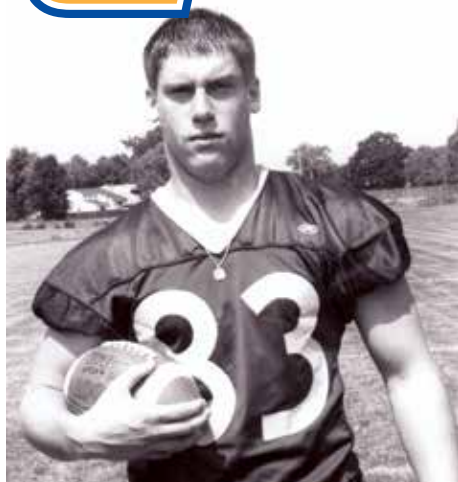
Bowling has always been more than a sport—it's the thread that's woven through my life. I met my husband, Manny Gonzales, through bowling in high school. Though we went our separate ways, the game kept us connected and eventually brought us back together. Now, 14 years into marriage, we're raising our daughter Giana, who will begin her own journey at WHS this year—and proudly carry on the tradition by joining the bowling team.

Watching Giana step into the sport that first brought Manny and I together fills me with joy. It's not just the next chapter of our journey—it's the continuation of a cherished legacy built on love, competition, and family.

The lessons I learned on the lanes—discipline, teamwork, and resilience—continue to shape who I am today. In my role as Associate Account Director at IQVIA, Inc., supporting healthcare through pharmaceutical education and life sciences advancement, I carry these values with me every day. Bowling and family laid the foundation for both my personal and professional journey."

Congratulations Kathryn and Welcome to the WTAAA Hall of Fame!

C PETER RASPITZI CLASS OF 2000



Usually, size means slow. Usually, big means clumsy. It's a good thing Pete Raspitzi never paid attention to those definitions. He played three sports at Colonia High School; football, basketball and baseball and was successful in each of them using his speed, agility and determination that "big guys" are not supposed to have!

He earned three varsity letters in football as a wide receiver, tight end and defensive end. His junior year saw him named Second Team Home News Tribune tight end and The Star Ledger First Team defensive end with 8.5 sacks. A quote from the Star Ledger says it all. "A blend of size and speed made Raspitzi an intimidating defensive end and a threat on offense at wide receiver. In a 19-18 victory over Piscataway, Raspitzi was Colonia's leading tackler and caught the game winning pass on a crossing route that covered 45 yards with :24 seconds left." (Source: The Star Ledger, Football All County, December, 1998)

Coach Ben LaSala (HoF) had this to say about Pete his senior year when he was named First Team Home News Tribune and Star Ledger and the Pats won the GMC White Division. "The senior end played as big as his imposing 6'4" size in the Patriots biggest games against Piscataway and JFK. Raspitzi led all Patriots with 30 receptions, 410 yards and five touchdown catches." "Peter is one of the best all around athletes in the county," LaSala continued. "He's also the starting center on one of the best basketball teams in the GMC and is also a very good baseball player." (Source: Home News Tribune, All Area first team, December, 1999)

In basketball, the two seasons Pete lettered, the Patriots won back-to-back White Division Championships and combined for a 42-10 record. In baseball, his senior year saw a 16-7 record and First Team Star Ledger at

first base with a .421 batting average, 7 homeruns and 22 RBI's.

At Monmouth University, he played football and lettered all four years, with each year getting better. He was a wide receiver and tight end and the Monmouth University Football website said this about his senior playing time (2003). "Pete Raspitzi posted the most prolific receiving season ever by a Hawks' tight end, logging 24 receptions for 274 yards and three touchdowns in 11 games as he earned All-Northeast Conference status." (Source: Monmouth University Football website.) The Hawks won the North East Conference and finished 10-2. They also played in the ECAC bowl versus Duquesne where Pete caught a ten yard TD pass.

Peter has been married to his college sweetheart, Elise, for 16 years and they reside in Tampa, Florida. They have three boys, who aspire to follow in their father's footsteps. Peter Rayden (14) plays on multiple basketball teams, including his middle school team and a competitive AAU team; Gavin (11) and Mason (9) both play on competitive travel baseball teams. Peter works for Fisher Investments as an Investment Counselor, and spends his free time giving back to his community by coaching youth sports. Peter has made an impact in the lives of over 100 children ranging from recreational to travel level youth sports, by not only teaching the fundamentals of the game, but how to display a good attitude, put forth maximum effort, and show great sportsmanship. Although his role has changed from "player" to "coach," Peter's love for the game is still evident today and lives on in all of the boys he has coached.

Peter, on behalf of the WTAAA Hall of Fame, we welcome you into our 2025 class.

W MARYLYNN SKARZENSKI CLASS OF 2005



MaryLynn is one of the most versatile student athletes that has ever walked through the halls of Woodbridge High School. In track and field, she earned multiple honors throughout her high school career. During the 2001-2002 season, she was named to the 1st Team All-Area, 1st Team All-County, and 2nd Team All-Group 4. In 2002-2003, she received 1st All-Division and All-Conference recognition, along with 2nd Team All-Area and 2nd Team All-County. The following year, 2003-2004, she repeated as 1st All-Division and All-Conference and once again earned 2nd All-Area honors. MaryLynn's accomplishments extended to cross country as well. In both the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 seasons, she was recognized as 1st All-Division and All-Conference, and 2nd team All-Area. In 2003-04, she was named 1st Team All-Division and 2nd Team All-Area. As a freshman, it was recorded that MaryLynn ran a school and freshmen record 5:11 mile time. She also held the records in the 800m and 3200m for the school and freshmen class.

During her high school basketball career, MaryLynn was named 1st All-Division her final three years. During her senior season MaryLynn also earned the following honors: 1st Team All-Conference, 2nd Team All-Area, 1st Team All-County, and was also recognized as 3rd Team All-Group 4. That year, she earned the prestigious Home News Tribune Haley Award for Top Female Athlete, was a Wendy's High School Heisman State Finalist, and received the Scholar Athlete Award, highlighting both her athletic and academic achievements. MaryLynn had set the school record for steals in a game and season during her time as a Barron.

During her senior year in 2004-2005, Skarzenski chose to participate in soccer and softball. On the soccer pitch she was named 1st Team All-Division, 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-Area, 1st Team All-County, and 3rd Team All-Group 4 as the starting goalkeeper, where she recorded 12 shutouts and only allowed 10 goals on the season, while helping the team reach the County Finals.

MaryLynn's memories from high school include Mr. Chomici* (HoF) telling her that there were coyotes in the woods that had eaten a runner in the bowl area of Holmdel Park, so she better run fast through that part. Penn State Basketball camp trips and the infamous ride at Hershey Park with her dad, Coach Moyer and Coach Miller where she received her everlasting nickname and greatest inside joke for Coach Moyer. Soccer season included the famous pasta dinners with the team and parents before games. The infamous red sweatpants from the 80's track team that her and Jess wore way too much and would continue to wear today (thanks to Deb doing the laundry). Let's not forget about winning the GMC soccer Semi-finals in PK's.

A quote from former Coach John Moyer: "She was the smartest and hardest working athlete I ever coached. I would've died to have 10 more players like her. Her determination and drive to win is unmatched by anything or anyone. She is by far and will always be in my heart the greatest athlete I had the privilege to coach at WHS."

During her time at Nichols College, MaryLynn achieved numerous athletic honors and set multiple records, particularly in women's basketball. In the 2005-2006 season, she was named The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) Rookie of the Year and earned a spot on the TCCC First Team All-Conference. She followed that with additional First Team All-Conference selections in 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. That same 2007-2008 season, she was also recognized as the TCCC Defensive Player of the Year. Her senior year, 2008-2009, was especially noteworthy as she was honored as the TCCC Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year, and once again named to the First Team All-Conference. She also earned a place on the ECAC Second Team All-Conference while helping her team reach its first ever ECAC Championship game. Beyond

conference recognition, she was named to the Worcester City All-Tournament Team every year of her college career and was selected as MVP of the Key Largo Classic during the 2008-2009 season.

MaryLynn's career is highlighted by numerous records at Nichols. She became the tenth player in program history to score her 1,000th career point and holds the record for the best three-point shooting percentage in a game (100% on six-for-six against Ramapo in 2008-2009). She set records for assists in a game (15 in 2005-2006), in a season (195 in 2005-2006), and in a career (641). MaryLynn also tied the single-game steals record with 12 in 2007-2008 and set the career steals record with 409. Additionally, she tied the record for most games played in a season (30 in 2008-2009), while holding the all-time program records for most games played in a career (115), most games started (115), and most consecutive games with a scored point (115).

Throughout her career, MaryLynn recorded several standout performances. Her career highs included 27 points against Ramapo (2009), 12 rebounds in three separate games, 15 assists against Anna Maria (2006), and 12 steals against Curry (2008). She finished her career with 1,333 points, 670 rebounds, 641 assists, and 409 steals. She also tallied 11 career double-doubles, 71 double-figure scoring games, and eight double-figure assist games.

In addition to basketball, MaryLynn competed in women's soccer playing goalkeeper for a season where she earned a spot on the 2005 TCCC Second Team All-Conference. She was also honored across the athletic department, receiving the Outstanding Female Freshman Athlete award in 2005-2006, the Nancy Rossini Memorial Award for Outstanding Female Sophomore Athlete in 2006-2007, the Outstanding Female Junior Athlete award in 2007-2008, and the Hal Chalmers Memorial Award for Dedication and Sportsmanship in 2008-2009.

MaryLynn graduated from Nichols College in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts Major in Mathematics while Minor in Psychology. Upon graduation MaryLynn became the University of New England Assistant Women's Basketball Coach/Recruiting Coordinator/SAAC Co-Advisor. In 2011, she accepted the position at Daniel Webster College as Head Women's Basketball Coach. In 2013, MaryLynn served as Mitchell College Head Women's Basketball Coach as well as Men's and Women's Cross Country Coach while also being an Adjunct Faculty Member in the Sport and Fitness Management Department. While at Mitchell, MaryLynn also served as the Assistant Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator. In 2017 MaryLynn returned to her alma mater, Nichols College as Assistant Director of Athletics/ Head Women's Basketball Coach where she remained until 2021. MaryLynn was inducted into Nichols College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015 and inducted into New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2013.

MaryLynn would like to add: "Thank you to all of my teammates through the years, all of my coaches especially Mr. Chomici* (HoF), Coach Moyer, Coach Lottmann, Coach Jago* (HoF), Coach Daly, Coach Miller, and Coach Cinella, the administration at WHS especially Mr. Warren and Mr. Scarano and the athletic trainers that helped me never miss a game, meet or contest in my entire career.

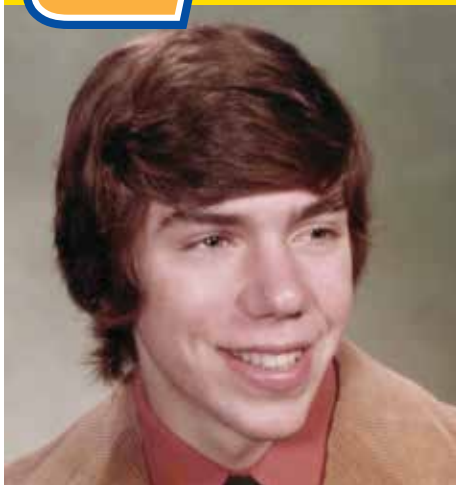
In addition, thank you to my family and closest friends, especially my dad who has always been my rock and biggest supporter I could ask for and my mom* who I know would give the world to be here with me. Finally, to my brother Steven who with the neighborhood boys made me into the tough, physical, competitor I am."

MaryLynn currently resides in Woodbridge, where she is a Financial Advisor with Capstone Financial Group.

Congratulations MaryLynn and welcome to the WTAAA Hall of Fame!



MICHAEL "MIKE" SZOSTAK CLASS OF 1975



Mike Szostak began his running career at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison, winning the Raritan Valley Conference outdoor championship one mile run as a freshman. Transferring to Colonia HS as a sophomore, Mike ran cross country, indoor and outdoor track under coaches Rich Mancini, John Picaroni (HoF), and Dennis Kuntz (HoF) from 1972 to 1975, earning nine varsity letters and six Colonia MVP awards: two each in Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track. In 1975, Mike established the Colonia, Middlesex County and Conference records in the indoor and outdoor one mile and indoor two-mile runs. He still holds the Colonia and Woodbridge Township records for these three events 50 years later. Mike's 1975 indoor mile time (4:17.6) is in the Top 50 NJ All-Time Meet of Champions (MOC) runs.

As a junior, Mike placed 3rd in the Middlesex County cross country (X-C) championship meet, 4th in the Conference X-C meet, and first in 10 X-C dual meets earning him selection to 1st Team All-County. During the Indoor Track season, he won the Conference two-mile run in record setting time and placed 2nd in the County two-mile and 2nd in the Group IV two-mile runs. Mike was a unanimous 1974 1st Team All-Conference selection for Winter Track (two-mile). During the Outdoor season, he was part of Colonia's first place finishing Two-Mile and Distance Medley relay teams at the Middlesex County Relays and was 3rd in the Central Jersey Group IV outdoor two-mile.

As a senior, Mike won the Conference X-C championship, finished first in 10 X-C dual meets leading the Colonia X-C team to an 11-1 team record, and placed 2nd in the County X-C meet, again earning selection to 1st Team All-County. That winter, Mike won the NJSIAA Invitational indoor two-mile run in record time (9:21.9) and won the County indoor two-mile run, also in record time (9:20.7). Running the mile, Mike won the Central Jersey Group IV and Group IV indoor championships and placed 2nd in the All-Groups MOC in 4:17.6, the County indoor record at that time. He earned selection to 2nd Team All-State and was the only runner to be named 1st Team All-Conference Indoor Track for two events (mile and two-mile). That spring, Mike won the County outdoor one mile run in record time (4:17.2), which has only been bested thrice since. Mike placed 3rd in the Penn Relays High School Invitational Mile (4:17.6) and 2nd in the Group IV and All-Groups MOC mile runs.

Mike was the 1975 male Colonia Scholar-

Athlete and attended the United States Naval Academy (USNA). He ran varsity X-C and track before being selected to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, as an exchange student at the start of his junior year. As a senior at USNA, Mike was player/coach for his company heavyweight flag football team, leading them over 36 companies to the Brigade championship. That spring, he was player/coach for the First Battalion lacrosse team, also leading them to the Brigade championship. After USNA, Mike played midfield for the Jacksonville Armadillos in the Florida Lacrosse League from 1983 - 1986.

Graduating with honors from USNA in 1979, Mike went on to flight school earning his Naval Flight Officer wings. Mike rose to be a P-3C Orion squadron Commanding Officer and later, a Wing Commander in charge of seven P-3C squadrons. He retired as a Navy Captain in 2007. Transitioning to industry, Mike worked for 16 years and retired from Science Applications International Corporation, where he was Vice President of Naval Aviation Programs overseeing the engineering efforts to modernize aviation platforms in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps.

Mike has been blessed with incredibly supportive parents, siblings, coaches and teammates. Older brother John (CHS 1971) was a multi-varsity letter winner in the 120-yard high hurdles and younger brother Bert (CHS 1977) was both a standout football player (All-County Center, All-Conference Linebacker) and a 170lb wrestler (District Champion/Regional Runner-up/State Qualifier). Bert went on to a stellar four-year wrestling career at 190lb at Susquehanna University with a 97-12 career record and was a 1981 NCAA Division III National Qualifier.

Mike has been married to the former Linda Rae Heinemann of Erie, PA for 42 years and they have two children, Joseph and Kari. Joseph was a standout attack lacrosse player for Harding University, earning GRLC Offensive MVP in his junior year, and second team MCLA All-America honors his senior year. Kari was a varsity middle distance runner at North Penn H.S. The Szostaks have six beautiful grandchildren! Mike Szostak has enjoyed an honorable and distinguished athletic, military, and corporate career, guided by his dedication to faith and family. The WTAAA thanks him for his service and welcomes this Colonia Patriot and United States Naval Academy graduate to the WTAAA Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Mike!



ED TOBIN CLASS OF 1981



During the long proud history (since 1924) of Woodbridge High School football, December 6, 1980, was a very special day. The Barrons won their first Central Jersey Group IV Sectional Playoff Championship with a dramatic come from behind 7-6 victory over Raritan High (Hazlet). That day will live forever in Woodbridge Football lore with great appreciation from Barron fans.

One of the leading contributors on the 1980 team (8-2-1) was Ed Tobin, a defensive back and wide receiver. Ed was named to The Star Ledger All State—All Groups Third team. He was also named First Team All-County by The Star Ledger and The News Tribune. During the season, Ed had 11 pass interceptions. It remains a school record to this day, forty-five years later. His 13 career interceptions are also a current school record.

In addition to the dramatic victory over Raritan in the championship playoff game, the Barrons won close games over J.P. Stevens, 8-7, and Sayreville, 7-0. In the J.P. Stevens game, quarterback Patrick Barbato (HoF) threw a 27-yard touchdown strike to Ed Tobin with just under two minutes remaining in the game. Barbato threw a two-point conversion to Frank Corbo (HoF) to win the game. In the championship victory over Raritan, Barbato engineered an eight play 83-yard drive late in the fourth quarter on clutch passes to Corbo, Nick DeMuro, and Tobin. The final drive included four completions for 67 yards by Barbato. Tobin caught a 34 yarder to the two-yard line. John Scutti scored the tying touchdown. After being "frozen" twice, Scutti kicked the extra point with 50 seconds left in the game, to win the school's first Central Jersey Group IV playoff championship before 4,100 fans. (Note: Playoffs began in 1974) (Source: Peter Wolf, Star Ledger, "Woodbridge Rally Trips Raritan, 7-6", December 7th, 1980). Raritan made one final run in the final seconds but were stopped by Tobin and the Barron defense.

Sportswriter Bob Cullinane of The News Tribune said it simply. "Tobin is like the calvary and again he showed up just when the Indians were able to pounce. Barbato lofted a high spiral and Tobin, looking over his shoulder made a finger tip catch on the Rocket two-yard line. From there fullback Scutti roared into the end zone tying the game." (Source: Bob Cullinane, The News Tribune, "Woodbridge Makes a Point to Win State Title", December 8th, 1980) Woodbridge Head Coach Frank Capraro understandably elated after the game

dished out some credit to his players. "That's the third game Tobin has won for us this season. Tobin, Corbo, Barbato...oh what kids." "And what about the two-minute drill?" "We've been using it in practice and all I can say is thank you to offensive Coach Mike Cilento (HoF) for making it work." (Source: All part of the Bob Cullinane quotes in The News Tribune)

Coach Frank Capraro* (HoF) was named Coach of the Year by The News Tribune and tonight Ed Tobin joins his teammates Pat Barbato, Frank Corbo and Patrick Margiatto in the WTAAA Hall of Fame. It should also be mentioned that Ed was a two-year starter for Coach Dick Miglecz* (HoF) on the '80 and '81 Barron's baseball team. He played second base as a junior and shortstop as a senior.

Ed remembers all the games very well. In a recent phone call, he credited Raritan for "being the hardest hitting team." He remembers his end game interception at the goal line and his final tackle. His favorite memory of high school was the championship game victory and the celebrations afterwards with his coaches, teammates and fans. He also remembers the victory over JFK when he and Pat Barbato split the MVP award for the game. In addition to the eleven "int's", Ed caught 18 passes for 412 yards and five touchdowns. (Source: *The Star Ledger All County write up*)

Ed wishes to give special thanks to his parents, Barbara and Patrick*, for their support. He wishes to thank all his coaches, especially Head Coach Frank Capraro (HoF), offensive coordinator Mike Cilento (HoF) and Jim Lammers for their knowledge and leadership.

During high school summers, Ed played baseball with the Carteret American Legion team under Coach Nelson. Following high school, he played semi pro baseball with the Union Jayhawks.

Careerwise, Ed entered the NJ State Police Academy and became a state trooper in 1986. He retired 27½ years later as Captain Ed Tobin. Today, Ed is still working professionally in the Office of Investigation for the NJ Department of Health.

Ed and his wife, Christina, have three children, Matthew, Michael, and James. Ed coached Jackson Township Pop Warner football for ten years.

Ed was a major contributor on the 1980 Barron football championship team. Tonight, we honor him as a WTAAA Hall of Fame inductee, and we thank him for his years of service as a New Jersey State Trooper and Officer. Congratulations and welcome, Ed.

W 1961 TRACK AND FIELD TEAM



Jerry Hall



Rudy Peterson, Mr. Ted Debrowski, Jerry Hall



Walter Christensen



Bob Seip



Frank Keleman



Mike Schwiner



Joe Fazzari, Rudy Peterson, Walt Kilby



Coaches Herb Hollowell & Lou Bartha

During the middle 1950's, head Coach Lou Gabriel* (HoF) was building a highly competitive track and field program. The teams were winning dual meets and placing high in Middlesex County and Central Jersey Group IV Sectional meets. Many athletes were winning first place medals in the championships. They included Hall of Famers Henry Chomicki*, Ed Adams*, Herb Hollowell*,

Lee Roy Alexander*, Lou Hagler*, Bob Kasko, Pat Cunningham, Andrew McCray and Paul Mallas* among many others.

However, first place team titles were still unachieved. That all changed in 1961 when the Woodbridge Outdoor Track and Field team won the Middlesex County and Central Jersey Group IV Championships under the direction of coaches Lou Bartha* (HoF) and Herb Hollowell* (HoF). At the County Championships, Walt Christensen (HoF) won the shot put with a 53'11 1/4" throw. Frank Kelemen won the discus with a 140'6 3/4" heave. Jerry Hall (HoF) took the high hurdles in 14.9. Bob Seip* won the low hurdles in 21.1. Joe Figliolino, a junior, took third in the pole vault. The Barrons finally secured their first outdoor team championship.

A couple of weeks later, Woodbridge

celebrated their second major title when they captured the Central Jersey Group IV State Sectional Title. Walt Christensen (HoF) won the shot put with a new meet record throw of 55'3". Jerry Hall (HoF) finished second in the high hurdles. Rudy Peterson (HoF), returning from illness, finished second in the 880. Frank Kelemen took second in the discus. Third place medal winners included Bob Seip* in the high and low hurdles. Mike Schwiner and Joe Figliolino tied for third place in the pole vault. There were several point scorers in fourth and fifth place.

To conclude the 1961 season, Woodbridge finished in seventh place in the final New Jersey Statewide Group IV scoring totals. Walt Christensen (HoF) won the New Jersey State Shot Put Title with a throw of 55' 5/4". Jerry Hall (HoF) took the second-place medal in the 120-yard-high hurdles. Bob Seip* earned a fifth place in the 180-yard-high hurdles. George Fair (HoF) placed fourth in the high jump. The team set a standard of excellence that remains today at Woodbridge High School sixty-four years later.

It should also be noted that at the NJ State Indoor meet in 1961, Rudy Peterson (HoF) won the 1,000-yard race in 2:26.6 and Walt Christensen (HoF) won the shot put with a

54' 4 1/2" throw. The Barrons finished fourth in Group IV team scoring. At the Middlesex County relays, the team finished second.

Some additional point scorers on the 1961 Woodbridge Barron track and field team included seniors Bill Sparks (HoF), Richie Regan, and Walt Kilby. Juniors included Joe Fazzari*, Russ Applegate, George Fair (HoF), Bob "Needles" Floersch, Wesley Scott, Fred Sutter, Roger and Bob Kenny, Fred Huth, and Robert Zullo. Sophomores were John Picaroni (HoF), Henry Brown*, Pete Shukis, Ed Suple, "Randy" Randolph*, Ed Ackerman (HoF), Ken Bareford, Bill Collier, and Pete Engleson*.

Coach Lou Bartha* (HoF) was honored as Coach of the Year by the Middlesex County Track Coaches Association. Coach Herb Hollowell* (HoF) assisted him. The Barrons finished with an undefeated 7-0 dual meet record vs. Central Jersey Group IV conference and Middlesex County opponents.

The WTAAA salutes the 1961 Barron Track and Field team for establishing a standard of excellence that remains to this day. Congratulations Barrons and welcome to the WTAAA Hall of Fame!



1963 TRACK & FIELD SHOT PUT RELAY TEAM



Left-to-right: John Picaroni, Ed Ackerman, William Randolph, John Eppensteiner



William "Randy" Randolph



Ken Bareford

In May 1963, the Woodbridge shot put relay team established a truly historic feat on a national level.

At the 13th annual Middlesex County Relays, the four-man team broke the existing national record by $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". The old record was 208 feet by a west coast quartet. The four-man Barron team tossed the shot put a total of $210\frac{1}{2}$ ". The team consisted of Ed Ackerman (HoF), John Eppensteiner (HoF), John Picaroni (HoF) and William Randolph*. Ken Bareford was the alternate on that day. The new record remained in existence for over twenty years.

Since all five athletes were also accomplished football players under head coach Nick Priscoe* (HoF) and Frank Capraro* (HoF), they were deluged with college offers. Ed Ackerman later participated in both football and track and field at Bridgeport University. John Eppensteiner was on the football team

at Penn State University under long time coaches Charles "Rip" Engle* and Joe Paterno*. John Picaroni participated in track and field and some football at Western Illinois University. William "Randy" Randolph was on the football and track and field teams at Davidson College. Ken Bareford was a contributing member of the football team at Lehigh University.

Individually, the following should also be noted. John Eppensteiner won the Middlesex County Indoor shot put with a throw of $56'6\frac{3}{4}$ ", a new meet record. Ed Ackerman took second. At the County Outdoor Meet, John Eppensteiner won the shot put again with a throw of $55'8$ ". Ed Ackerman took second in the shot again. John Picaroni won the discus with a heave of $158'10$ ", a new meet record. At the Central Jersey Group IV Sectional Meet, John Picaroni set a new county discus record of $166'9$ ".

The coaches for this great group of athletes were Lou Bartha* (HoF) and Herb Hollowell* (HoF).

John Picaroni recently stated "that we owe our success to Coach Hollowell. He motivated us to set a new record. He found the old record of 208' somewhere and said we could break it. Our early season best throws were not that close to the record, but he provided the incentive to work hard."

Ken Bareford recently stated "being on the team was a wonderful experience for me. I was never going to be the best shot putter, but we were together—teammates who supported each other."

The WTAAA congratulates the 1963 Woodbridge Barron shot put relay team for their extraordinary and rare accomplishment. Welcome, gentlemen, to the WTAAA Hall of Fame!



1969 SPRING TRACK RELAY TEAM



Kenneth Engle, James Cimaglia, Thomas Burke, Steven Ricciardi, Coach Herb Hollowell



Kenneth Engle, Thomas Burke, James Cimaglia, Steven Ricciardi

Records are made to be broken. The 1969 JFK Mile Relay Team held onto their school record for 47 years. The team consisted of seniors James Cimaglia (HoF) and Kenneth Engle along with juniors Thomas Burke and Steven Ricciardi (HoF). These athletes accomplished something that most athletes can only dream to be true by holding their high school record for nearly half a century.

However, this feat did not come as a surprise. According to sports writer Charles J. Read, Jr.* reporting in an April, 1969, News Tribune article, "Kennedy is loaded with quarter milers, good ones, and naturally that is the basis of a swift relay team. The depth in 440-yard runners is no accident."

In the article, Mr. Reed expanded on the coaches' overall team strategy that was deliberately built by Coach Herbert Hollowell* (HoF). Mr. Read quoted the Coach "I look for good quarter milers, then I look for hurdlers and distance men. I feel if you can develop good quarter milers, you can move them up to half milers or down to sprinters, depending on their performances."

The strategy enabled this mile relay team to win the Greater Jersey Group IV Conference Central Division I and the Greater Jersey Conference Relays. They took 4th place in their high school division of the Penn Relays. They were 3rd place in Group IV State Sectionals Meet and they moved forward to the Group IV State Meet earning 2nd place while setting the JFK school mile relay record at 3:23.3. The relay splits were as follows: 53.0 for Ken Engle, 50.0 Jim Cimaglia, 51.4 Tommy Burke, and 48.9 Steve Ricciardi. Wrapping up the

season, they placed 4th in the state's Meet of Champions.

Several team members also excelled in individual 440-yard and 220-yard dashes that year. Jim Cimaglia placed 2nd in both the Middlesex County Track Meet (50.0) and the Greater Jersey Group IV Conference Central Division I Meet. He also placed 4th in the Group IV Sectionals. Steve Ricciardi took 1st place in the 440-yard dash at both the Middlesex County Track Meet (48.8) and the Greater Jersey Group IV Conference Central Division I Meet (50.1). In the same meets, Steve also earned 2nd place in the 220-yard dash. In Group IV Sectionals, Steve placed 1st in the 440-yard dash (49.8) and then placed 4th in the 440-yard dash (48.7) at the Group IV State Meet.

As the spring track co-captain, Jim Cimaglia remembers, "The mile relay team that I was on was a brotherhood and still is. Coach Hollowell was a friend, a rudder, an inspiration, and a terrific coach." With respect for the race's demands, Jim talks about the grueling nature of the "Rigor mortis turn" when reflecting on the final 110 yards of the 440-yard dash. Currently, Jim lives in East Brunswick, NJ, with his wife Nancy. Both are retired Teamsters Local 701 where Nancy worked as clerk and Jim was a driver.

As Ken Engle reflects, "Before Coach Hollowell's tenure at Kennedy, Coach was a great high school and college athlete. His expertise in track and field was a reason why our team had such a great winning record. I was also privileged to be among talented teammates that allowed our team to achieve our success. Coach often mentioned that what we accomplished

during our high school years will stay with us for the rest of our lives. So true!" Ken Engle lives in Brick, NJ, with his wife Mary Ann. They purchased a school and office furniture business in 1989. They operated it successfully for 30 years, and in 2019 sold the business and retired.

Steve Ricciardi talked about Coach Hollowell as being an "anchor" who kept him and other athletes grounded in performing well on the track and also in the classroom. Steve said, "I couldn't have imagined a better group of teammates as we had each other's backs." Steve earned a track scholarship at Baptist College at Charleston (now Charleston Southern University/CSU), where he had a successful college career as a 400m/ 1600m relay specialist. After graduating, he worked as a physical education teacher for 34 years in the Charleston, SC area where he still resides.

We were unable to locate Tom Burke for information, but the team agrees that Tom was a solid track performer and an important part of the team's success and he was also known as an exceptional half-back on the football team.

As stated in the June 2016 JFK School Newsletter, the 1969 team's 47-year school record was broken by the 2016 JFK 4 X 400m relay team of Anthony Del Popolo, Thambu Jisnu, Nate Brown, and A.J. Moore (3:22.86). The 1969 team's time was adjusted to 1600 meters which converted to a time of 3:23.2 which is 0:00.34 difference from the 2016 team.

WTAAA congratulates this exceptional Mustang Relay Team and welcomes them to the WTAAA Hall of Fame.

C 1980 BASEBALL TEAM



Kneeling, left-to-right: John Citarella, Lou Pasculli, Joe Innamorato, Jim Szpara, Glenn Higgins, Ray Gonzalez, Tony Mantone, Bobby Medina, Peter Kranz
Standing, left-to-right: Coach Mickey Kott, Rob Melchionna, Joe Armeni, Tony Nigro, Victor Angelo, Bob Moore, Ray Zafian, George Kaiser, Tim Pangborn, Coach Jackie Kreiger

The 1980 Colonia Patriots Baseball Team won the 1980 Greater Middlesex County Baseball Tournament, defeating the J.P. Stevens Hawks in a hard fought 4-3 championship game. This was the second time the Patriots had earned a Middlesex County Championship crown, having previously won in 1973.

The 1980 Patriots came into the tournament with an 11-13 record, seeded 22nd out of 28 teams. To reach the championship game, Colonia battled for upset wins over East Brunswick (6-4), South Plainfield (6-3), Cedar Ridge (2-1 in 8 innings) and Spotswood (5-1).

All season long, under Head Coach Mickey Kott* (HoF) and Assistant Coach Jack Kreiger (HoF), the Patriots were known for their hustle and use of speed to keep their adversaries off balance. Colonia's run to the County Championship would be no different.

Coach Kott* had decided early in the season that a State Championship was not a realistic goal. So, he concentrated on a Middlesex County championship by holding his best pitcher in reserve for the county tournament games. That pitcher was Bob Moore, who had an overall record of 6-3 at that point, but would go 5-0 in the tournament. In addition, the Patriots had "... also played excellent defense behind Moore and the rest of the staff ... only committing 16 errors all season ..." (Bob Henn- NY Daily

News, 6/1/80)

Entering the championship game, Colonia's starting lineup consisted of:

P - Bob Moore, 6-3 record

C - Ray Gonzalez, 17 RBI's

1B - Victor Angelo

2B - Glenn Higgins, batting .373

3B - Tony Nigro, batting .293

SS - Joe Armeni (HoF), batting .392 with 26 stolen bases

LF - Ray Zafian, batting .295

CF - Tim Pangborn, batting .333

RF - Jim Szpara, batting .370

DH - Rob Melchionna

(stats courtesy of Bob Henn, NY Daily News 6/1/80)

Coach Kott* also had strong backups in reserve, with Louis Pasculli, John Citarella, Bob Medina, Tony Mantone, Joe Innamorato, George Kaiser and Peter Kranz* to call on as necessary.

Entering the championship game against the 9th seeded/heavily favored Hawks, Colonia would need to "... rely on its speed and unpredictability "... as well as a liberal sprinkling of luck - to defeat the ninth-seeded Hawks." (John Wooding, The News Tribune 6/80)

After 6 innings, Colonia was in a 3-3 tie with the Hawks, their runs coming on RBI hits by Melchionna, Nigro and Angelo.

After Colonia held the Hawks scoreless in the top of the 7th, Szpara led off the bottom

of the seventh with a walk, advancing to second base on a wild pickoff attempt. Melchionna then sacrifice bunted Szpara to third. On the next pitch, with one out and Ray Zafian at the plate, the Hawks 3rd baseman charged the batter, "... hoping to lure Szpara down the line, while the shortstop was to cover third and take the pickoff attempt ..." (John Wooding, News Tribune 6/80)

However, the pickoff attempt was wide, allowing Szpara to race home with the winning run, mobbed by his jubilant teammates already celebrating the 4-3 win!

Coach Kott stated, "It was a typical Middlesex County Athletic Conference game... I think we have the toughest baseball conference in the state, and you have to scrap to win every game". (Gene Haley, The Home News 6-80)

Left fielder Ray Zafian remembered ... "The team decided to take a different uniform combination for all of our tournament games that year. Traditionally, Home was white shirt, white pants, while Away was navy shirts with light blue pants. For this run, we went with our Away shirts (navy) and Home pants (white)." Which just goes to show, we never know where that little sprinkle of luck may come from in baseball!

To the 1980 Middlesex County Champion Colonia Baseball team ... Welcome to the Class of 2025 WTAAA Hall of Fame!

K 1983 SOFTBALL TEAM



Top Row, left-to-right: Jill Osborne, Kerri Mastrangelo, Michelle Koury, Cindy Rogers, Coach Nancy Cuntala

Coach Nancy Cuntala

Middle Row, left-to-right: Chris Stuppi, Holly Tomlinson, Patty Wrabel, Donna Cecere, Karen Wojton, Diane Yesalonia

Kneeling, left-to-right: Lisa Galvin, Ann Cyrana, Sandy Brechka, Lisa DaCruz, Karen O'Droniec

On the 50th anniversary of varsity softball in Woodbridge Township, it is fitting to induct one of its finest squads...the 1983 JFK softball team. This group compiled a 22-2 record for a .917 winning percentage (still the school record). They won the mythical Township championship by defeating both Woodbridge and Colonia and made their initial appearance on cable TV. The team put together back to back 20 win seasons. The coaching staff was comprised of Nancy Cuntala (HoF), Murna Tyrrell, Mike Buggy and Ray Newman (HoF).

After winning the Middlesex County Athletic Conference in 1982, JFK moved to the Bicentennial Athletic Conference. Despite needing to replace ¾ of their infield and their catcher, the Mustangs were ranked #1 in the county in preseason polls. Why? Returning to the lineup were All-State SS Lisa DaCruz (HoF), Sandy Brechka, Ann Cyrana (HoF), Donna Cecere (HoF) and Patty Wrabel. The rookie starters [Diane Yesalonia, Karen Wojton, Holly Tomlinson and Chris Stuppi (HoF)] proved to be perfect fits and Karen O'Droniec and Lisa Galvin added experience from the bench. The team was unbeaten in conference play, coasting to the Liberty Division title. In 13 league games, they outscored the opposition 199 to 26.

It was a season of streaks. Starting the year with 9 consecutive wins, the Mustangs traveled to Edison for a non-league game.

They were greeted by the Edison coach who said "welcome to the real world." Had she forgotten that the core of this group defeated them a year earlier to be MCAC champs? JFK lost that game 3-2. They were no longer ranked #1 but the "real world" comment would not be forgotten. The team hoped for another shot at the Eagles.

The Mustangs had another 9-game win streak and were seeded #1 in both the Middlesex County Tournament and the State Sectional (CJIII). At one point, the Star Ledger ranked them as high as #2 in New Jersey. However, JFK needed additional bench strength for the tournaments. This was provided by Michelle Koury, Jill Osborne, Cindy Rogers and Kerri Mastrangelo.

The roster was set and then another glitch. In the sectional semi, the Mustangs lost 5-4 to Voorhees and future Olympic star and gold medalist Michele Smith. The state dream was over and ALL the focus now shifted to the Counties. If the seeding was accurate, the #1 Mustangs were on a collision course to meet #2 Edison in the final. In order, the team defeated South Brunswick 13-4, East Brunswick 7-5 and in the semis, South Plainfield 15-6. Waiting for them was Edison, unscored upon in their three county games. This was the opponent that JFK wanted to face...GAME ON!

Down 2-0 in the 6th, the Mustangs took advantage of mental errors to tie the game. The

tying run scored on a "broiling controversy" (TNT) and an "odd and controversial play" (Home News)...an infield fly. Most of the spectators that day still do not know what exactly happened. Tied after 7, the Mustangs took a one run lead when Patty Wrabel scored on a wild pitch. It was not pretty but it was enough. Three outs later and the celebration began. The Mustangs had conquered the "Real World" and it was so gratifying. Season over and JFK softball had its second county championship.

Lisa DaCruz, Sandy Brechka and Ann Cyrana were named to All-State teams by the Star Ledger.

The same trio (in the Star Ledger, Home News and TNT) were joined by Chris Stuppi (TNT) and Karen Wojton (Home News) on All-County teams. Lisa DaCruz was the Home News Player of the Year while Coach Cuntala was named Coach of the Year by the Home News and the Daily News.

Individual honors are nice but sometimes subjective. Team championships are won on the playing field and those memories are forever shared with each other. The bar was high for Mustang softball and raised even higher in 1983. The WTAA is proud to welcome a remarkable team who can now add Hall of Fame to their list of honors and accomplishments.

C 1999-2000 COLONIA BOYS BOWLING



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In 1998-1999, Colonia Bowling had the honor of having two NJSIAA State Individual Champions in Laura Zollo (HoF) and Frank Wagner (HoF). The boys team continued that legacy with a GMC White Division Championship, Greater Middlesex County Conference Champions and NJSIAA Central Jersey Sectional Champions the following year.

Frank was the lone senior on the ten-man squad. Juniors included Derek Scheurman, Wayne Zsamba, Dan Mizerak, Mike Mattioli and Justin Kilichowski. Sophomores Ken Anderson, Cliff Jessop, Nick Hammond and

freshman Joe Winters rounded out the team. Honors were many for these men as they cruised to an undefeated White Division season on the way to the Conference Championship. Senior Frank Wagner was named All Division and All Conference, and was named Bowler of the Year for both the Home News Tribune and the Star Ledger and the Star Ledger All State Team. Derek Scheurman was an All-White Division selection and 2nd team on the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger teams. Coach Jennifer Kirby-Jeter (HoF) was named both White Division Coach of the

Year and Middlesex Conference Coach of the Year. Looking back fondly, Coach Kirby-Jeter said, "Yes, the games and the championships are great memories, but the fondest was the bus driving by Cook College (Rutgers University) and looking for the cows in the field. If the cows were out, we KNEW we were going to win. And they were out often that year!"

The Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament was one of revenge for the Patriots. The year before, St. Joseph's Metuchen beat Colonia in three games to take the title and Colonia wasn't going to let that happen again. "This was about revenge and it was about winning a title. We were not going to let them get away this time." These were the words from senior Frank Wagner as they won the first game by four pins (910-906) and took the title in the second game 989-962. Coach Kirby-Jeter had this to say, "Ever since last year, Wayne (Zsamba) has talked of nothing else. A lot of people doubted we could do it. We were definitely the underdogs today, but this was a total team effort." (Source: Home News Tribune, "Colonia Boys, Woodbridge Girls take home championships", Feb. 11th, 2000)

Two days later the Patriots won the Central Jersey Sectional Title with a 3038 series to come out on top of a 32-team field. Frank Wagner rolled a career high 731 series that day. Joe Winters finished with a 602 series, Wayne Zsamba's 599, and Dan Mizerak's 577 sealed the victory. Again, Coach Kirby-Jeter kept saying the same thing, "Everybody keeps counting us out except us. This is something we knew we could do." (Source: Home News Tribune, "Wagner, Colonia roll", Feb. 13th, 2000) And they certainly did!

The WTAAA Hall of Fame welcomes the 1999-2000 Colonia Boys Bowling Team. Ten bowlers and one coach who believed in each other and took the chance and took it all. Congratulations and welcome!



Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association 2025 Scholarship Awards 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 \$1,000 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.



[L to R] Daniel Latkowski, Ms. Cyrana & Marisel Cardona



[L to R] Dylan Driz, Sharon Couch DiLorenzo & Lorelei Lorentzen

Previous Scholarship Recipients

2017

Jessica Malinchok & Jarred Ruiz CHS
Maura Farley & Alexander "AJ" Moore JFK
Sierra Twomey & Keshawn "Scoobie" Henry WHS

2018

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

2019

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

2020

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

2021

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 WHS

2023

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

2024

Matthew McSorley & Myiah Sutton CHS
Omotola Oyinkolade & Eric Pietrzak JFK
Alexander "AJ" Bosch & Taylor Pezulich WHS



[L to R] Bryan Anderson, Mr. Chmiel & Derek Anderson



Tatiana Camilo

These three new awards began this year in remembrance of long term faculty members

**Sandy Schmidtke (CHS)
Memorial Award**



[L to R] Lynn Sheehan & Sophia Grasso

**Herb Hollowell (JFK)
Coaches Award**



Nicholas Heim

**Harry R. Bernstein (WHS)
Humanitarian Award**



[L to R] Pat Bernstein & Kylie Rackett



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Adams, Robert "Ace"
Alexander, Leroy
Anacker, Mel
Anderson, Don
Aquila, 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'Aprile, 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
Korzowski, John
Korzowski, 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
Pocheck, 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
Wieczerek, 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
Moyer, 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

Soporowski, Ray
Stanley, Lori (Sustak)
Stevens, Jim
Sylvernal, Robin (Surma)
Ullrich, Richard
Volker, Mike
Wahl, Kenneth
Wiggins, Rich
Wrabel, Cathy (Syssock)
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
Cilento, Steve

Comito, Frank
Confer, Tom
Confer, Pat
Couch, Sharon (DiLionardo)
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
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Janowski, Deborah
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1960	Woodbridge Football Team	Coach Nick Priscoe
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1963-1964	Woodbridge Boys Basketball Team	Coach James Lake
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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



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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
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1978	Woodbridge Softball Team	Coach Joan Wataha
1979-1980	Colonia High School Boys Basketball Team	Coach Bob Tisdale
1979-1980	Woodbridge High School Girls Basketball Team	Coach Jim Sullivan
1980	Colonia Softball Team	Coach Stew Jago
1980-1981	Colonia High School Girls Bowling Team	Coach Richard Clark
1984	Woodbridge Girls Tennis Team	Coach Ellen Baureis Pisano
1988	JFK Softball Team	Coach Robert McLaughlin
1988-1989	John F. Kennedy Memorial High School Girls Bowling Team	Coach Peter Rounds
1989-1990	John F. Kennedy Memorial High School Girls Bowling Team	Coach Peter Rounds
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.
1992-1993	Woodbridge High School Girls Bowling Team	Coach Michael Yannazzo
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2015



SITTING- left to right: Coach Joan Wataha, Kathleen Flanagan Colon, Christine Stuppi Chih, Lisa Da Cruz, Judi Martino, Maureen Clancy Harshman, Jennifer Egan Bjorndahl, Twana Allen, Tina Sabunas, Michele Bressant, Dr. Martine Gubernat, Karen Youngman.

STANDING: left to right: Paul Mallas sons, Paul and Kyle, Andrew McCray, Coach Mike Yannazzo, Courtney Burton, Coach Ken Pace Sr., Coach Ray Newman, Leonard "Buck" Jenkins, Michael Payne, Coach Henry Chomicki, James Anderson, William A. "Tony" Payne, Dan Bertolami, Ron Allen, Dr. Frank Corbo, William "Bill" Schoenig, Coach Tom Chmiel, Robert J. Murphy, Gary Battle. Absent from picture – Mike Helman and Jeff Kipila

2016



1st row – L to R – The children of Darlene Francisco Matthews- Andrew, Carly, Erik; coach Sue Williams; coach Jennifer Kirby – Jeter; Diane Matełski Edmonds; Lorraine Bratton
 2nd. row- L to R – Pat Cunningham; Bob Kasko; Steve Solop; John Eppensteinser; Randy Adleman; John Picaroni; Lenny Reyes; Jason Smith; coach Jerry Smith Sr.; John Bretnan; Alex Bosch; Chris Mangan; Courtney Burton; Kendal Green; J. Delvin Horsford; Matt Esposito; Dave Esposito; coach Jack Kreiger; Caesar Alvarez; coach Ken Pace Sr.; Jamie Panko

Absent from picture - deceased inductees – Al Alvarez; Darlene Francisco Matthews

Living inductees - Fred Herzog; A. Kyle Johnson; Bill Lichtenstein; Mike Manfre; Lynn Spirko; Amy Hansen-Thacker

2017



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SEATED – FIRST ROW - Dr. Robert "Bud" Kovacs (brother of Bill Kovacs- guest of honor), Kim Franks (Bill's daughter), and Tara Fairbanks (Bill's niece)

SEATED- SECOND ROW- Danielle Barajas, Ellen Baureis Pisano, coach of 1964 WHS girls tennis team and seven members of this team , Lisa Chin Stinziani, Amy Coppola Kroner, Denise Koury, Suzanne Mergner, Andra Harris Lust, Michele Fowler, and two members of 1976 JFK football team

STANDING –THIRD ROW – Leonard Dandridge, Mike Cileto, member of 1972-1973 CHS basketball team and assistant coach of 1978 JFK football team and ten members of 1978 JFK football team, Ray Newman, assistant coach at JFK, L.T. Levine, and Bob Lanigan , assistant coach of 1976 JFK football team.

STANDING – FOURTH ROW- Dave April, Tom Chmiel, assistant coach of 1972-1973 CHS basketball team , four members of this team, and Jack Kreiger, assistant coach, at CHS, James Gordon, Dave Marciniak, Chris Buglovsky, Bob Yesalonia, Joe Armeni, Robert Farrell, 1976 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 Tabor, honored posthumously, and Alfonso Thomas.

2018



L to R – front row – seated- 1988 JFK softball team members- Denise Koury, Tracy Latin, Sheryl Fornoff, Stacy Latin, Amy Malisa Moyer, Karen Stupp, Mrs. Munkacsi;
1990 Colonia softball team members – Donna Sisco –McBarron, Colleen Nersisa, Tara Molloy, Claudine Caro, Michele Ferragamo- Murtha, Tina Sabunas, Jennifer Fabbo, Jennifer Weller, Stu Jago- head co

L to R - top row – standing - Gerry Gonyo- WHS- 1957 baseball team ; 1988 JFK softball team members – Moira Forbes Zapata, Tina Kole Frost, Bob McLaughlin- head coach , Rita Saylor- assistant coach, Patricia Fitzgerald, Pam Wojton Barnhard, Katy Flanagan Colon ; Sgt. Charles Braden , Gene Derkaak, Ed Ackerman, Eric Allen, Ted Kujawski, Patrick Sheehan , Darran Simon, Alyson Eberhardt, and Special Guests of Honor- Dr. Vincent Capraro and Mr. Frank Capraro.

Absent from picture - deceased inductee – Richard Kovack; and living inductees- Gerald Connell, Don Ferraro, Eileen Jauch, Lou Mucardo, Dr. Andrew Munkacsi, Lorraine Smakula, and 1957 WHS baseball team members – Ron Gasiorowski and Dave Peterson.

2019



STANDING-left to right- Scott Carney -son of Tom Carney, Steve and Paul Ricciardi, Two JFK -1970 winter Track and Field teammates ; Roger Barnhard and Caesar Alvarez flanked by seven more CHS -1974 football team mates; Frank Ruggiero, Ed Ezold, Andy Barcellona, Keith Hemmings, Jr., Brian Russo, Robert Urbanik, David Cassella, Gary Cardinale, flanked by two more 1970 JFK track men.

SEATED-left to right- JFK track 70 teammate, assist. Coach Bob Taylor flanked by six more CHS 1974 football players; assist. Coach John Picaroni, Bob Peters, and Steve Chleno ; Carrie Huzar Brown, Ann Cyrana, Kathy Flicek Demlein, Vincent Abene, Robert Timinski, Ed Paladino, John W. Novak, Jr., Coach Robert Bingham, Dr. Robert Burlege.

ABSENT from PICTURE- Head coach Herb Hollowell of JFK- 1970 winter track and field team; Judi, Lisa, Joey- children of late head coach Joe Martino- CHS -1974 football team; David Kuntz, Jim McDonald.

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

2022



2022 Individual Inductees

SEATED: Dr. Patrick Barbato, Coach Bill Nyers, Mrs. Lukabu (Tembue), Kristin Composto Slater, Sandra Schmidtko (Guest of Honor), Laura Zollo Calabrese, Adrienne Lyman Woodhull, Michele Kuzniak (Gary*), and Bill Matusz Jr.
 STANDING: Anthony Caffiero, 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



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



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



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

*We remember IN MEMORIAM.



2023 Individual Inductees

[L to R] SEATED: Jennifer Hoerner's mother Lynn, Jeffrey M. Grose, Ed Gutnik, Laurie Martelli Solomon, Michelle Spraford-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 Cliento's father Mike, Ives Viola Sr, Frank Beckhorn, Gregg McGuire, Joseph Bergondo, Nichole Spraford-Opasnick, 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



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



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

2024



2024 Individual Inductees

[L to R] SEATED: Arkadiusz Jodelka, Anthony Palombo, Mark C. Smith, Patrick Margiatto, Donna Cecere Falcone, Vicki Spratford, Gerald Foglia, Eugene Bradley
 [L to R] STANDING: Nicole LeGrand Harrigan, William Fairchild, Tim Kosuda, Christopher Chiera, Ray Newman (Guest of Honor), Mike Cruickshank,
 Louis "Lou" Hegyes, Michael J. Grippo, Shawn McGrath
 ABSENT FROM PHOTO: Robert E. Haines Jr.



1979-1980 Colonia High School Boys Basketball Team
 [L to R] Robert Moore, Nick Sardone - WTAAA President,
 Dakar Ross, Glenn O'Brien, Lou Dryka,
 Clark Payne III, and Michael Payne.



1979-1980 Woodbridge High School Girls Basketball Team
 [L to R] Diane Matelski, Joann Fleming, Kathy Weir, Sharon
 Black, Fran Fazzari, Michele Fowler, Mike Stawicki and Anne
 Sullivan (wife of Head Coach Jim Sullivan)



1980-1981 Colonia High School Girls Bowling Team
 [L to R] Nick Sardone WTAAA - President, Michael Alencewicz &
 Frances Alencewicz (accepting for Veronica Alencewicz),
 Karyn Kressler Follis (Captain), Cynthia Parker Terranova,
 Pamela Bezner Ali, Suzanne Piasta Kozub.



**1988-1989 & 1989-1990 John F. Kennedy Memorial High
 School Girls Bowling Team**
 [L to R] Nick Sardone - WTAAA President,
 Lori-Ann Suchak-Krawczyk, Karen Suchak-Connelly,
 Amy Matisa-Moyer, and Marie Ward-Anderson



1992-1993 Woodbridge High School Girls Bowling Team
 [L to R] Nick Sardone - WTAAA President, Beth Mohr,
 Kelly Mohr-Joy, Beth Porcellana-Kawas,
 Nichole Spratford, and Mike Yannazzo - Coach



1997 John F. Kennedy Memorial High School Baseball Team
 [L to R] BACK: Christopher Buglovsky, Fabio Jimenez, Tim
 Simonitis, Tom Johnson, HIDDEN, Joe Massimino
 [L to R] FRONT: Rich Maddock, Rob Castellucci, Matt Buglovsky,
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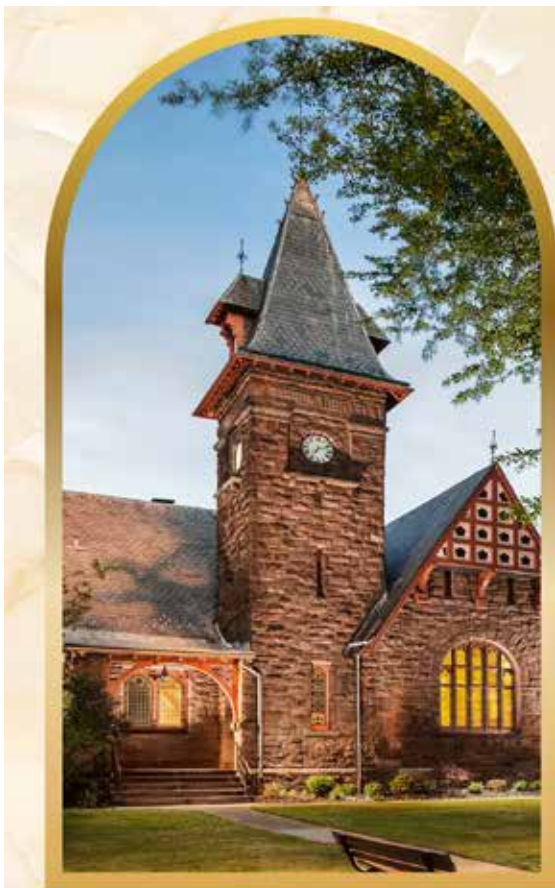
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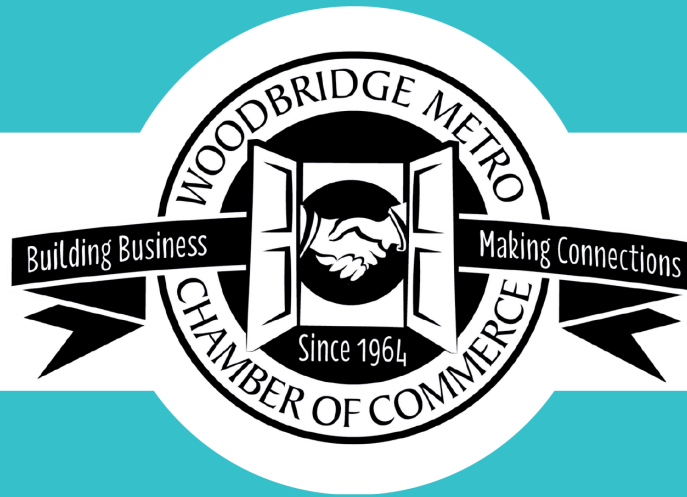


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