

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2015 Hall of Fame Ceremony



The Woodbridge Community Center • September 17, 2015

Special Guest of Honor – Mayor John E. McCormac



**Congratulations to all inductees
to the 2015 Hall of Fame Class of
the Woodbridge Township
Athletic Alumni Association**

John E. McCormac
Mayor, Woodbridge Township

**WTAAA 2015 Program
Hall of Fame Ceremony
September 17, 2015**

Welcome *Nick Sardone, WTAAA President*

Invocation *Maureen Clancy Harshman*

Opening Remarks *Nick Sardone*

Special Guest of Honor *Mayor John E. McCormac – introduced by Joe Ward*

Awards and Proclamations *introductions by Nancy Cuntala and Sharon Di Lonardo*

- Ron Allen, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1987*
- Twana Allen, Colonia High School, 1992*
- James Anderson, John F. Kennedy Memorial School, 1984*
- Gary Battle, Colonia High School, 1987*
- Dan Bertolami, Woodbridge High School, 1984*
- Michele Bressant, Woodbridge High School, 1974*
- Courtney Burton, John F. Kennedy Memorial School, 1990*
- Tom Chmiel, Coach, Colonia High School*
- Henri Chomicki, Coach, Woodbridge High School*
- Maureen Clancy (Harshman), John F. Kennedy Memorial School, 1981*
- Dr. Frank Corbo, Woodbridge High School, 1981*
- Lisa Da Cruz, John F. Kennedy Memorial School, 1983*
- Jennifer Egan (Bjorndahl), John F. Kennedy Memorial School, 1993*
- Kathleen Flanagan (Colon), John F. Kennedy Memorial School, 1988*
- Dr. Martine Gubernat, Colonia High School, 1980*
- Mike Helman, Colonia High School, 1973*

Dinner

Awards and Proclamations *introductions by Nancy Cuntala and Sharon Di Lonardo*

- Leonard “Buck” Jenkins, Woodbridge High School, 1989*
- Jeff Kipila, John F. Kennedy Memorial School, 1983*
- Paul Mallas, Woodbridge High School, 1960*
- Judi Martino, Colonia High School, 1983*
- Andrew McCray, Woodbridge High School, 1960*
- Robert J. Murphy, Woodbridge High School, 1988*
- Ray Newman, Coach, John F. Kennedy Memorial School*
- Ken Pace Sr., Coach, Colonia High School*
- Michael Payne, Colonia High School, 1980*
- William A. “Tony” Payne, Colonia High School, 1984*
- Tina Sabunas, Colonia High School, 1992*
- William “Bill” Schoenig, Woodbridge High School, 1977*
- Christine Stuppi (Chih), John F. Kennedy Memorial School, 1986*
- Mike Yannazzo, Coach, Woodbridge High School*
- Karen Youngman, Colonia High School, 1980*
- 1978 Woodbridge Softball Team, Coach Joan Wataha, Woodbridge High School*

Benediction *Courtney Burton*

Concluding Remarks *Nick Sardone*

**2015 Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association
Hall of Fame Committee
13th Induction Dinner**

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The WTAAA is very proud to welcome this incredible 2015 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. They will set a high standard for future inductions. Tonight, we celebrate their many accomplishments, and congratulate the 2015 Hall of Famers with gratitude for a job well done .

The WTAAA has started to organize a website. Just go to hall.maxmize.us. Here, you will see the biographies for the first five years of the twelve previous hall of fame inductions. The remaining seven years plus tonight's biographies will be added as soon as possible.

Special thanks are extended to Steven Steinberg and Steven C. Simzak at Stone Mountain Printing, Woodbridge, for printing the program. We also wish to thank our typists: namely Kyle Anderson, Ann Cyrana, Nancy Cuntala, Sharon Di Lonardo, Jenna Sardone, Jennifer Sheedy, and Aliah Sims. Finally, we wish to thank Central Jersey Federal Credit Union of Woodbridge for their generous financial support and the many local businesses for their advertisements in our booklet.

We extend our appreciation to Mayor McCormac, Senator Vitale, and Assemblyman Coughlin for their proclamations, T.V. 35/36 for taping the induction dinner, Debbie Meehan and Harry Bernstein of the *Woodbridge/Colonia Corner*, David Rubel for photography, Greg Tufaro sportswriter for the *Home News Tribune*, Vito Cimilluca and his staff at the Woodbridge Community Center, and John Haley of TheAuthoritySport.com.

Finally, thanks to the entire WTAAA Hall of Fame Committee's devotion for a considerable amount of time in planning and organizing the dinner.

Mayor McCormac was selected as our special guest of honor because of the many enhancements and upgrades to facilities in the Woodbridge Township Schools. They represent the most comprehensive improvements in over sixty years and provide Woodbridge Township citizens and students with state of the art amenities and facilities second to none. The WTAAA commends Mayor McCormac and his staff, the Town Council, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robert Zega, and Board of Education members for thinking creatively, for combining their efforts in a joint project, and for putting students first. The WTAAA thanks you very, very much.

Woodbridge School District Facilities Improvement Project 2014-2015

Colonia High School:

- Artificial Turf Football Field
- Artificial Turf Baseball Field (outfield & infield)
- Reconstruction and renovation of CHS Field House and Concession
- New indoor gym bleachers
- Fencing around perimeter of fields at CHS
- Construction of new Greenhouse and Classroom facility
- New multi-use gymnasium score board
- Installation of auditorium roof mounted air conditioning units
- Repave existing parking lot and construct Sycamore Avenue entrance

John F. Kennedy Memorial High School:

- Artificial Turf Football Field
- Artificial Turf Baseball Field (outfield & infield)
- Reconstruction and renovation of JFKHS Field House and Concession
- Installation of new Auditorium seats (600)
- New Varsity Girls' Softball Fields (field, fence, dugout and bleachers)
- New multi-use gymnasium score board
- Installation of auditorium roof mounted air conditioning units
- Reconstruction and paving of parking lots, curb, sidewalks and entrance areas

Woodbridge High School:

- New Stadium Field House, Bleachers, Press Box, Concession Stand and Public Facilities
- Tennis Courts – Install two new Tennis Courts and Three (3) Refurbished Courts
- Installation of new Auditorium seats (800)
- Two (2) Dugouts at WHS J.V. Softball Fields
- Indoor gym bleachers
- New multi-use gymnasium score board
- Installation of auditorium roof mounted air conditioning units
- Fifty (50) additional public parking spaces at WHS

Avenel Middle School:

- Install new natural turf Cricket fields with irrigation
- Parking lot expansion
- New multi-use gymnasium score board
- Install new gymnasium bleachers and divider panels

Woodbridge Middle School:

- Theatre at WMS – New auditorium seating, sound system, stage lighting
- Reconstruction and paving of WMS parking lot
- New multi-use gymnasium score board
- Install gymnasium divider panels

Iselin Middle School:

- Parking lot reconstruction and paving
- New multi-use gymnasium score board
- Install new gymnasium bleachers and divider panels

Fords Middle School:

- New multi-use gymnasium score board
- Install new gymnasium bleachers and divider panels

Colonia Middle School:

- Install new gymnasium bleachers and divider panels

Additional Public Parking @ Mawbey Street School

New Playgrounds at: Schools #1, #9, #20, #24, #25

New Basketball courts at Schools: #1, #23, #24, #25, #26, #28

Install new walking tracks at schools: #9, #19, #22, #23, #24, #25, #26, #28



Twana Allen

Class of 1992

Twana utilized her speed to achieve big results at Colonia High School including the best sprinter in school history.

Her greatest achievements were as follows:

1. 1990–New Jersey State Group II Champion
400 meter (indoor)
2. 1990–New Jersey State Group II Champion
200 meter (outdoor)
3. 1992–The News Tribune Girls Track and Field
Athlete of the Year
4. 1990–Central Jersey Sectional Group II Champion
100 and 200 meter
5. 1992–Central Jersey Sectional Group III Champion
200 meter
6. 1991 and 1992- GMC Indoor Champion
400 meter
7. GMC Outdoor Champion
100 meter—1991
200 meter—1990, 1991, 1992
400 meter—1989, 1990, 1991, 1992*
(*new meet and school record)

(Source: GMC Track Coaches Association Website)

8. All Area – 1989, 1990, 1991

9. 1990–Home News Female Athlete of the Year

Following high school, Twana received a track scholarship to Coppin State College, Maryland. (now a university). Twana had so much success at Coppin she was inducted into her college athletic Hall of Fame in 2014 and the college's conference (MEAC) Hall of Fame in 2008.

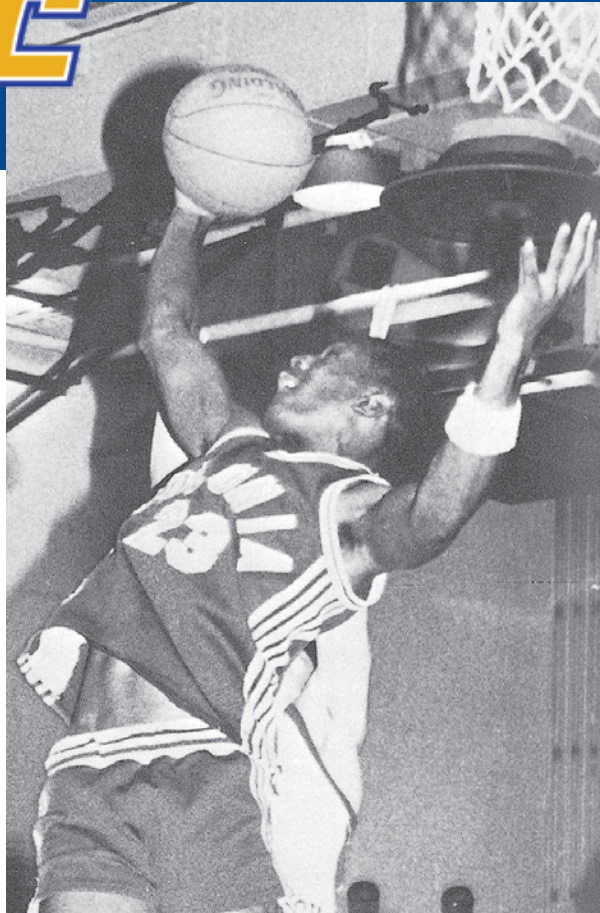
At the 1996 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championships, she set indoor school records in the 800 meter, 4X800 relay and distance medley. She set an outdoor record in the 4X800 relay and an individual cross country championship.

Other college highlights include:

1. 1996–NCAA Indoor All American
800 meter - Coppin State's first All American
2. ECAC Indoor Champion
800 meter
3. NCAA Championships Qualifier - Outdoors
4. MEAC Indoor and Outdoor Champion
800 meter, 1,500, 4x800, 4x400
5. MEAC Indoor Champion
3000 meter
6. Still holds Coppin State University record for indoor
800 meter
7. 1996–Olympic Trials qualifier - Jamaica
800m

(Source: Coppin State University Hall of Fame website)

Twana resides in Owings Mills, Maryland, with her adorable three year old daughter. She is a fire specialist with the Baltimore County Fire Department. Twana is the First African American Female Fire Specialist with the department. She expects to be promoted as the First African American Female Fire Lieutenant for the department. She has served the department for 14 ½ years. She was hired originally as an EMT/firefighter and promoted to paramedic/firefighter two years later. She was a paramedic for eight years before becoming a fire specialist.



Gary Battle

Class of 1987

Other college career highlights include:

1. Scored 1,959 points
3rd on the All Time List of Scorers
2. Scored 190 three point field goals
tied for 3rd of the All Time List
3. Made 325 free throws
tied for 5th on the All Time List
4. Scored 722 field goals
7th on the All Time List
5. Scored 631 points in one season
10th on the All Time List
6. Led team in scoring with 601 points in 1988-89
7. His teams made NCAA Division II Tournaments in
1987-88 and 1989-90
8. Gary was inducted into the New Haven University
Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999

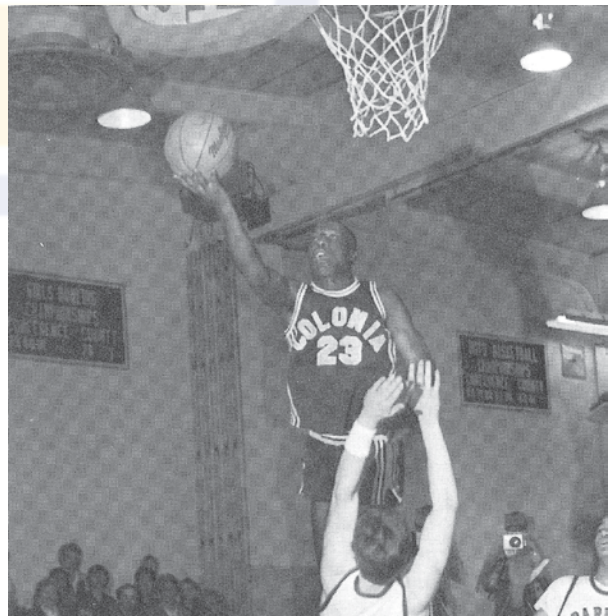
(Source-2015 New haven Basketball Media Guide online)

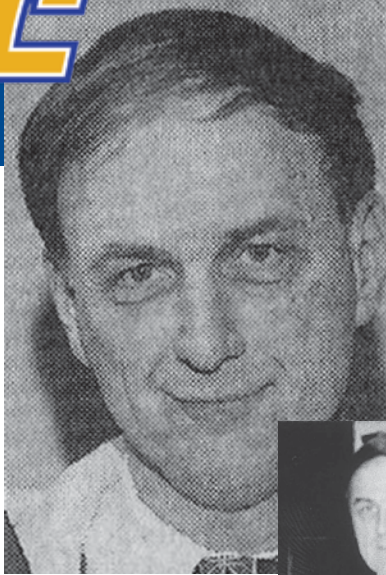
Gary lives in Edison with his wife, Tanya, two teenage boys, Tyus and Khalif, and daughter Gigi. Tyus will be playing Division I basketball at Syracuse University during the 2016-17 season.

Playing for the legendary Coach Bob Tisdale, Gary remains to this day one of the leading point scorers in Colonia High School history (1,120 points) before the three pointer really became popular.

In 1987, Gary was named The New Tribune Co-Player of the Year in Middlesex County. He was named first team All-County by The Home News, The News Tribune and The Star Ledger. He was selected Second Team All-State by the Associated Press. Gary's 1985 team won the Central Jersey Group III Sectional Tournament. His 1986 and 1987 teams were Sectional Finalists and GMC White Division Champions. His three varsity teams were 22-5, 20-5 and 23-2 respectively for Coach Tisdale.

Following high school, Gary received an athletic scholarship to New Haven University where he played four varsity seasons. (1987-1991) His talent really developed while in college. In 1990, he was named third team All American, first team All East and first team New England College Conference. (Second team in 1991)





Tom Chmiel

Girls' Basketball Coach

Tom's best seasons at Woodbridge High School were 1988 and 1989 (16—9 and 17—8), when he had new WTAAA Hall of Fame inductee "Buck" Jenkins. All he needed in 1989 was a center and the team would have won even more.

Coach Chmiel was the GMC, Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger Coach of the Year in 1996-1997. His team was the GMC Sportsmanship Award Winner in 2003. He was selected the GMC White Division Coach of the Year in 2003-2004 and also in 2005-2006. He was selected as the Greater Middlesex County Coach of the Year in 2003-2004...all as Colonia's girls basketball coach.

Regarding the Raiders, Coach Chmiel organized and ran his own basketball program from 1968 until the mid-1980's. These teams won over 21 league and tournament titles. The boys traveled near and far to play throughout Central Jersey. He even convinced the recreation department to start a girl's winter league for 7th and 8th graders. The Lady Raiders traveled across the state to play in several tournaments.

Coach Chmiel worked and directed camps for over 25 years and was the first director of the Township-wide camps for boys and girls and the Colonia girls' camp. He and Richie Sambora sponsored girls' camps for over ten years.

At the state-level playground Olympics, Tom coached Woodbridge to a 3rd place finish in 1973 and a first place championship in 1974. It is the only time Woodbridge Township ever won a state Olympics.

Regarding high school JV basketball, in 11 years, Tom won 158 games and lost less than 80. His WHS teams made it to the County Tournament finals three times and won the championship once.

In conclusion, Tom taught elementary school for 15 years and was moved to the high school to teach Business and Cooperative Marketing Education. He was the DECA advisor, a high school business competition organization, for over twenty years. He is now retired and works as a consultant for NJ DECA. He was elected to the DECA Hall of Fame in 2013.

Tom lives in Woodbridge with his siblings Margaret and Richie and his nephew Mike.

Tonight, he joins the ranks of the WTAAA Hall of Fame coaches with Bob Sanislow(CHS), Bob Tisdale(CHS), Jim Lake(WHS), Joe Flaherty(WHS), and new inductees, Ray Newman(JFK), and Ken Pace, Sr.(CHS).

Tom is someone who coached all age groups and all levels in Woodbridge Township. From youth ball, to early teen-age, to high school and to young adult, Tom was your man. A "lifer", a "gym rat", Tom would play/coach anywhere/anytime. The age group didn't matter...just say "basketball" and off he went. Tom was dedicated to kids and did all he could to teach the game he loved. Whether it was the Raiders, youth camps, JV basketball, "play ground" Olympics or high school basketball...Tom was there.

At the high school level, Tom is best known for his 16 year career as Colonia High School's girls' basketball coach and his 8 seasons as Woodbridge High School's boys' basketball coach. He is Colonia High School's winningest girls' basketball coach with 163 wins. When Tom took over, the Patriots were suffering through ten losing seasons in a row. Within five seasons, Tom got them to 17 wins. Over his last 12 seasons there, the Patriots had eight .500 or better seasons including the last four with records of 14—10, 16—8, 17—9 and 14—11. Patriot girls' basketball was finally on the map! Had he not lost a couple of star players for a season...(they ultimately returned to Colonia High School)...to a non-public school via the transfer route,...his teams would have been bigger winners!



Dr. Martine Gubernat

Class of 1980

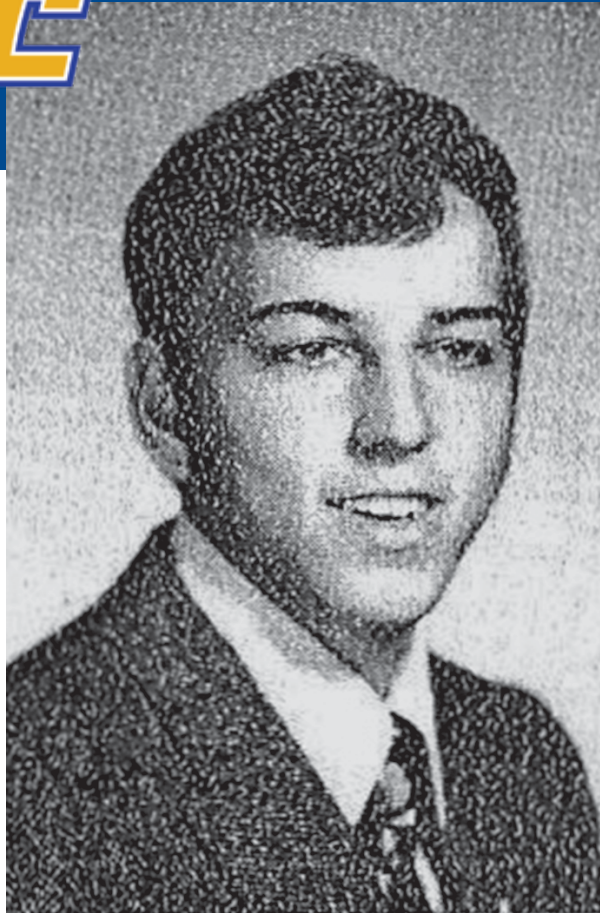
her junior year in college and was unable to compete as a discus thrower again. Although her athletic career ended, her academic career continued after she graduated from Seton Hall in 1984. She earned a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree from Dartmouth College in 1989 and a Doctor of Letters degree from Drew University in 2000.

Martine worked briefly after college as a fitness instructor at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and soon after began teaching English at Union Catholic High School. In addition to teaching, she coached the track & field team there for three years. For the last 25 years, Martine has taught English at St. Joseph High School in Metuchen; specifically, she teaches AP Literature, Accelerated English III, and Accelerated English I. In 2013 she was named the English Department Chair. At her home in Bridgewater, she maintains a fairly large organic garden that includes vegetables, herbs, fruit trees, and berry bushes. She is also a beekeeper who has 4 hives in her yard; she belongs to 2 local beekeeper associations. Martine keeps active by walking, cycling, kayaking, and snowshoeing. She is grateful for the life-long love and support of her parents, Frank and Carol Gubernat, both former teachers in Woodbridge Township.

Martine Gubernat participated in several sports during her three-year tenure at Colonia High School including cross-country, basketball, soccer, and track & field. In the latter sport, she was a three-year varsity athlete who excelled in the discus, shot put, and javelin. She had a 26-4 discus record in dual meets, having gone undefeated in both her junior and senior years. She also went undefeated in the shot put during her senior year. She won the County, Sectional, and Group discus titles. Thirty-five years later she still holds the school records in the discus and shot put. She qualified for the National AAU meet in both her junior and senior years. During the summers, she traveled throughout the tri-state area while competing in the discus both independently as well as for the Shore Athletic Club. Martine was coached by Mr. Frank Malardie, to whom she attributes her success.

Because of her academic and athletic achievements, she earned a Division I scholarship to Villanova University as a discus thrower, but after one semester she transferred to Seton Hall University, who picked up her athletic scholarship. Unfortunately, she had a career-ending injury at the beginning of





Michael Helman

Class of 1973

Mike is still regarded as one of Colonia High School's greatest baseball players.

In 1973, under the guidance of Coach Mickey Kott, Mike batted .352. He stole 29 bases and only made two errors. (.991 fielding percentage) His Patriot team (14-6-2) won the Middlesex County Tournament. (Source: The Star Ledger)

Mike was named to The Star Ledger All State/ All Groups First team at second base. He was, also, named first team All-County by The Star Ledger and The Daily News during his senior season. Academically, he was ranked third in his senior class.

Following high school graduation, Mike entered Rutgers University. He lettered for three seasons in baseball (1975, 1976, 1977)

(Source: Rutgers University Baseball website)



Judi Martino

Class of 1983

Judi comes from an athletic family. Her dad, Joe Martino, was an all-county lineman on one of Coach Priscoe's best teams (1955) at WHS. Joe later became Colonia High School's first football coach from 1967-1976 and is a WTAAA Hall of Famer. Judi's siblings, Lisa and Joe, also, played sports at Colonia High School.

Judi played three years of varsity softball for Coach Stew Jago. During her senior year she batted .479 with 34 hits and 16 extra base hits to establish several new school records. During her junior year, she batted .324 with 5 homeruns and 25 RBI. She was a starter on the 1981 Patriot's Middlesex County Championship team. (19-7) Judi was named to the All-County first team in 1982 and 1983 by The Star Ledger and The News Tribune. She was, also, selected by the Middlesex County Coaches to their All Star team three straight seasons and was a Star Ledger All State Group III selection in 1982 and 1983. According to Coach Jago, "Judi was an excellent defensive third baseman. She hit with great power. At the time, we played our games at School #27 and Judi could hit the ball into the basketball courts."

Judi was also an All State doubles tennis player with Laura Baureis and cheered her junior and senior seasons.

Following high school, Judi entered Rutgers University. She played three seasons of varsity softball in 1984, 1985 and 1986. Her team was Atlantic 10 Champions in 1984.

(Source: Rutgers University Softball Media Guide on Line)

Today, Judi resides in Port Reading. She is the principal at Robert Mascenik School #26 in Iselin.



Ken Pace, Sr.

Boys' Basketball Coach

Coach Pace takes his place among the great basketball coaches in Woodbridge Township history. He joins previous WTAAA inductees Bob Sanislow (CHS), Bob Tisdale (CHS), Jim Lake (WHS), Joe Flaherty (WHS) and tonight's other inductees Tom Chmiel (CHS) and Ray Newman (JFK).

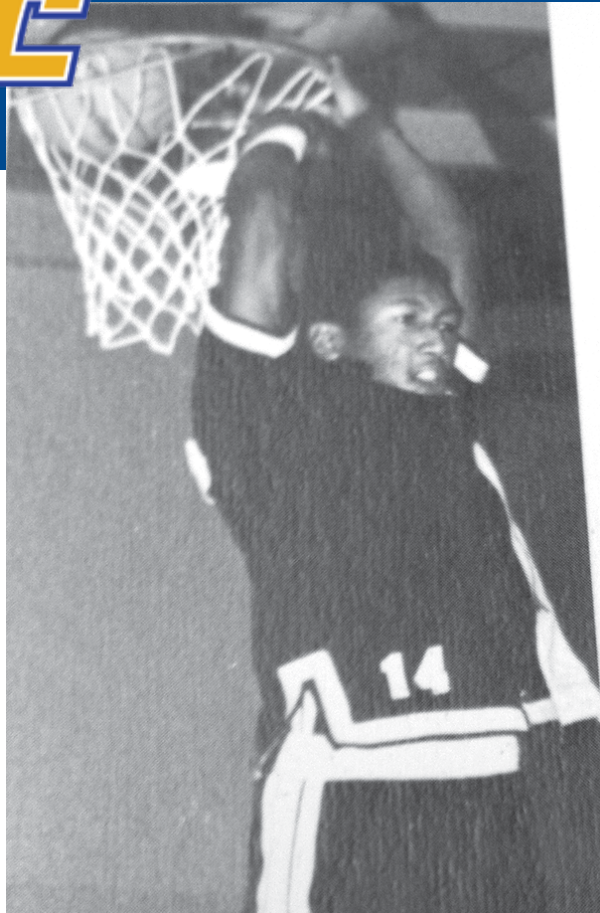
Coach Pace began his Township career at JFK Memorial from 1988-1992 (4 seasons). He recorded a 61-41 record including the outstanding 1990 season when his team went 28-3. They captured the GMC White Division, the GMC Tournament and the Central Jersey Group III Sectional Tournament.

Coach Pace left the district for one season before returning in 1993-94 at CHS. He produced immediately a championship season as his Patriots went 19-5 in 1993-94 and won the GMC White Division and Central Jersey Group III Sectional Title.

The team repeated as GMC White Division champs in 1995 with a 22-3 record. Three more White titles followed in 1999, 2000 and 2001 with records of 22-5, 20-5 and 20-5 respectively. His team captured the GMC tournament championship in 2001. In closing his coaching career, the Patriots won two more White

titles in 2005 and 2006 and another GMC Tournament championship in 2006. During his thirteen year career at CHS, Coach Pace went 240-87 with eight 19 plus win seasons and no losing seasons. He was inducted into the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2009. He was State Coach of the Year in 1990 and GMC Coach of the Year in 1990, 1998, 2001 and 2005. He was White division Coach of the Year in 1990, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2001 and 2005. However, he gives all the credit to his players, "they get all the wins".

After serving as an Assistant Principal at WHS for several years, Ken Pace is now the proud Principal of Colonia High School. He likes to say that, "we live in Monroe Township, but I call Colonia my home." The we includes his wife, Sandi, and children Ken Jr., twenty-three years old, and Zachary, twenty years old.



Michael Payne

Class of 1980



Mike is considered one of the greatest basketball players in the proud history of C.H.S.

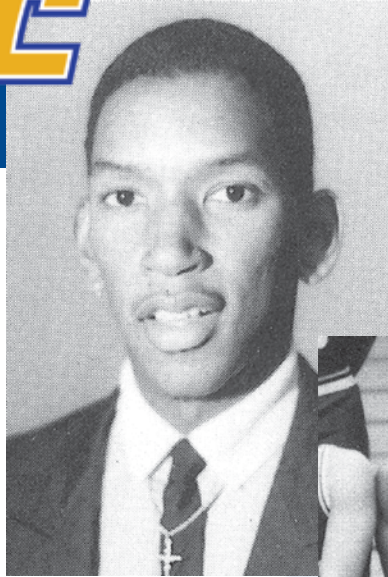
A three year varsity player for legendary Coach Bob Tisdale, Mike was a first team all county selection by *The Daily News*, *The Star Ledger*, and *The News Tribune* in both the 1978-79 and 1979-80 seasons. He was a *Star Ledger* third team all state choice in 1979-80 and a second team all state choice by the *Associated Press*. In 1980, Mike added first team *Elizabeth Daily Journal*, *The News Tribune* co-player of the year and *The Home News* player of the year to his personal list of honors. His team won the Middlesex County Tournament and tied for the MCAC title with Sayreville. Mike finished his career with 1,096 points. His team concluded the last two seasons with records of 19-6 and 23-4.

Mike played football at CHS for WTAAA Hall of Fame coach Pat Barbato. He was a first team all MCAC choice, a third team *Daily News* all county choice, and a second team all county *Star Ledger* pick.

Following high school, Mike received a full scholarship to Fairleigh Dickinson University. He played four varsity seasons and was a three year captain.

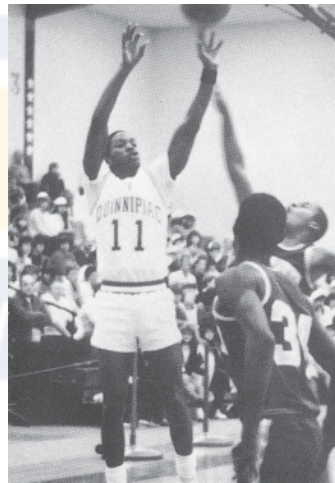
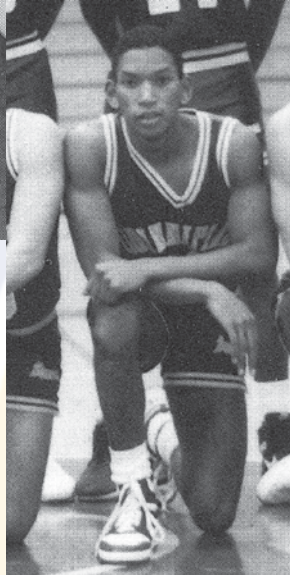
He was New Jersey freshman player of the year and received the Benjamin Johnson Memorial Award. For his career, Mike scored 1,541 points. He is still the school's second all time leading scorer and fourth all time leading rebounder. Mike received perhaps his greatest honor when he was inducted into the F.D.U. Hall of Fame in 2007.

Today, Mike works for Wakefern (37 years) as Supervisor of Shipping. He lives in South Brunswick, NJ, with his wife, Mary and children, Janelle and Kelly. He joins his brother, William A "Tony" Payne in the WTAAA Hall of Fame tonight, a very proud moment for the entire Payne family.



William A. Payne

Class of 1984



"Tony" joins his brother, Michael, tonight in the WTAAA Hall of Fame. It is believed that they are the first brothers inducted into the Hall in the same year.

At C.H.S, "Tony" was a four year varsity player and three year varsity starter for WTAAA Hall of Fame coach, Bob Tisdale. He scored 1, 099 career points. His junior season, "Tony" was named third team all county by The News Tribune and The Star Ledger and second team by The Home News. By the end of his senior season, "Tony" was a first team all county choice by The News Tribune and The Star Ledger and second team choice by The Home News. During his senior year, he scored 34 points versus Bishop George Ahr at the Meadowlands. He also led his team on a twenty game win streak. Finally, he earned athlete of the week honors from both The Star Ledger and The Elizabeth Daily Journal. His team finished 21-3 and won the M.C.A.C.

"Tony's" college career began at Keene State University in New Hampshire for one semester. He led the team in scoring at 18.4 points per game with highest games of 26 points versus both New Haven and Quinnipiac Colleges.

Quinnipiac and "Tony" were so impressed with each other that "Tony" transferred there. He scored 1, 014 career points there despite not playing in the first twelve games senior year due to injury. He earned Northeast Tourney MVP in the championship game. In 1988, he was a first team all regional selection. He graduated college in 1989. In 1996, "Tony" matched his older brother again by being named to the Quinnipiac College Hall of Fame.

Today "Tony" works for State Farm Insurance (twenty two years) as an underwriting team manager. He resides in Voorhees, N.J., with his wife, Jennifer, and children, Gabriella and Noah.



Tina Sabunas

Class of 1992

the best player I ever coached! She was unassuming and blended right into the team. Besides pitching, she led the team in hitting junior and senior year. (.431 with 20 RBI)". "Her first two seasons ,CHS was 41-2". Academically, Tina was a CHS scholar athlete, a GMC All Academic Team member and a member of the National Honor Society.

Following high school, Tina entered Villanova University. As a wildcat(1993-1996) ,she still ranks in the top three in seven different milestone categories.

1. Third- 65 wins- career
2. Second- 1.43 era- career
3. Third- 630 K's- career
4. Third- 53 complete games- career
5. Third- 15 shutouts- career
6. Second- 4 no hitters- career
7. Third- 11 saves- career

Source- Villanova athletic website. -softball

Big East All conference Honors:

1995- First team

1994- Second team

Source- Villanova softball media guide- 2015 on line

For four varsity seasons, Tina was as dominant in the circle at CHS as they come. She was a four time all division and all county/all area selection by The Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger, New York Daily News (all Central Jersey) and Elizabeth Daily Journal (All Metro). In 1990, The Star Ledger named Tina first team All State/All Groups. She was, also, a Star Ledger first team all group II and group III choice three times. In 1992 ,she was named second team All State/All Groups by The Associated Press and was The Home News Player of the Year.

With Tina in the circle, CHS was division winners all four years, GMC champs in 1989 and 1990, Central Jersey Group III sectional champs in 1989 and 1990 and State finalists,group III in 1990 where they lost 0-1 to Lenape Valley. Tina recorded a 69-13 record with 13- no hitters, 1 perfect game and an era of O .80. Over 533 1/3 innings, she only allowed 297 hits and 66 walks. She rung up 688 k's, 32 shut outs and nine one hitters. Her career totals included 8.3 strikeouts per game,O .8 walks per game and a 10.4 strikeouts to 1 walk ratio. (Statistics courtesy of coach Stew Jago).

Coach Jago had this comment to say, " Tina was

At Villanova, Tina excelled so much that she has already been inducted into the Villanova University Athletic Hall of Fame in February ,2015. She has been ranked nationally in the NCAA record book as a Division 1 individual leader in three categories: strikeouts per 7 innings- ranked 12th, ERA- ranked 30th and saves- ranked 20th. Upon graduation in 1996 ,Tina held every pitching record at Villanova including 17 individual game, season, career and team records.

Tina earned her BA degree in secondary mathematics education. She earned her Masters in curriculum and instruction- math and computer education at Kean University and in Educational Administration. She has been employed for the past 19 years by the Edison Township Public School District as a mathematics teacher at both the middle school and high school level. She also coached softball at J.P Stevens. Her teams won a Group IV title,a GMCT title and a GMC red title. Tina resides in South Plainfield.



Karen Youngman

Class of 1980

Softball championships. Karen was elected to the TSC/TCNJ Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997. Her career fielding percentage of .985 is still a record at TCNJ. (Source-TCNJ softball website and Hall of Fame website.)

Following graduations from Trenton State College, Ms. Youngman continued with her athletic career, playing softball in the ASA Women's Major Fastpitch Mid-Atlantic Region Coast League for the Budweiser Belles and Linden Majors. As part of the league, Karen played in three national tournaments, finishing in ninth place or above.

Ms. Youngman remains committed to softball at the College as evidenced by her participation in numerous alumni events and through her financial and fan support to the current softball program.

After graduation with a degree in Mathematics-Computer Science, Karen completed her masters in computer science at NJIT. She has worked as an Information Technology professional her entire career for AT&T, Lucent Technologies, IBM, Morgan Stanley, Novartis Pharmaceuticals and currently Payer Sciences.

Karen currently resides in Hillsborough with her partner of 29 years, Gail Johnson.

Karen was a four sport athlete at CHS playing Tennis, Soccer, Basketball and Softball and was a member of the National Honor Society and CHS Scholar Athlete. She was All County and All State in softball (1980). In her sophomore year, Karen was voted MVP and by her senior year (1980), the CHS players were County Champs in softball (21-7). CHS was on the "softball map". Coach Jago said that "Karen was the ultimate team player and was loved by all. She was as solid as one could be defensively, a clutch hitter, and a complete team leader." Karen was recruited by legendary softball coach Dr. June Walker at Trenton State College (The College of NJ) and had four very successful years there. This 1984 Division III Player of the Year earned four varsity letters and an NCAA Division III Broderick Cup Nomination in softball. Karen helped guide the Lions to the 1983 NCAA Championship title. During her career at TSC, Youngman earned membership on four consecutive Regional All-Tournament First Teams, three NCAA National Tournament First Teams and three All-American First teams. During her four years at TSC, the softball team finished fourth, second, first and second, respectively, in the NCAA Division III National





Ron Allen

Class of 1987

200M (Source – GMC Track Coaches website). This performance earned Ron a ticket to California to compete in the prestigious, national level Golden West Invitational Meet where Ron placed 2nd in the 200M and 4th in the 400m. Garnishing 1st Team All Division, 1st Team All County, 1st Team All Group and 1st Team All State honors, Ron was named 1986 *The News Tribune* Track & Field Male Athlete of the Year and *The News Tribune* 1987 Male Athlete of the Year.

Ron continued his Football career at Rutgers University earning varsity letters from 1988-1991. He was 1st team A.P. All East in 1990 and honorable mention ECAC in 1991. He was awarded The Fan-EEs award as the “most improved senior player “in 1991 and the 12th man award for “significant contributions to the enhancement of special teams “ in 1990. Among his many accomplishments, Ron still ranks 5th in RU history in kickoff returns and was inducted into the Rutgers University Football Hall of Fame in 2008. In 1992, Ron was signed as a free agent with the Philadelphia Eagles. (source-RU football media guide)

Earning varsity letters in Football (2), Basketball (2) and Track & Field (4), Ron “The Rocket” Allen is one of the most distinguished athletes in John F. Kennedy Memorial High School history.

In Football, between junior and senior year, Ron scored 20 career touchdowns and ran for 1,969 yards. In addition to being selected 1st Team All Division, 1st Team All County (TNT, HN, SL) 1st Team All Group 3 and 3rd Team All State, Ron was selected as *The News Tribune* 1986 Co-Player of the Year.

Along with excelling on the gridiron, Ron was an outstanding Track & Field athlete winning numerous championship titles. After playing basketball in 1987, he somehow won the GMC Indoor 55m. He was the 3-time GMC champion in the 200M in 1985, 1986, and 1987. Ron also ran for GMC 1st place titles in the 100M in 1987 and the 400M in 1986 and 1987. 1987 was a banner year for Ron as he went on to win the CJ Sectional 3 title in the 100M, 200M (also won in '86) and 400M events. Then, he advanced to claim the State Group 3 title in the 100M and 200M. This outstanding season culminated at the 1987 NJ Meet of Champions with victories in the 100M and

Ron continues to be involved with Woodbridge Township sports serving as the Vice-President of the Iselin Giants Pop Warner Football Organization. Ron is employed as a detective in the NJ Division of Criminal Justice in the Attorney General’s office. He currently resides in Avenel with his wife, Liana, and children, Ashley and Andrew.



Jim Anderson

Class of 1984

His 4 X 100m relay team also took 1st place in the Middlesex County Championships.

Jim earned a full athletic scholarship to the University of Delaware to play Wide Receiver for the Blue Hens. In 1987 Jim became the first Delaware WR to ever be named an Associated Press 1st Team All American and Football News 2nd Team All American he was also named 1st Team All Yankee Conference. A quote from offensive coordinator Ted Kempksi in a newspaper clipping about Jim saying he was "the biggest and most pleasant surprise in my 20 years here." In 1988 Jim was one of only a few Div 1AA players to be named to Eastern Football Magazine's Pre Season 1st Team alongside players from Penn State, Pittsburgh, Boston College, Rutgers and Army. In 1988 being double and triple covered much of the season Jim was named 2nd Team All Yankee Conference. At the conclusion of his college career Jim had set many single season and career marks:

- Consecutive games with a reception (23),
- Consecutive games scoring a touchdown (5),
- Consecutive 100 yard games (3),
- Most games over 100 yards in a season (6),
- Most catches in an 11 game season (54),
- Receiving yards in a season (1,067),
- Most games over 100 yards receiving in a career (8),
- Touchdown passes in a career (17).
- In 1988 his 1,749 yards ranked him 2nd All Time in Delaware's history.

Jim entered Kennedy High School in the Fall of '81. It was on the gridiron where he would see his first varsity action as a sophomore wide receiver and free safety. Jim would go on to earn his varsity letter in football in the '81, '82 and '83 seasons. In 1982 Jim made the News Tribune All County 2nd Team. In 1983 Jim made the *Star Ledger* and *News Tribune* All County 1st Team, Jim was also *News Tribune* 1st Team All Area and 3rd Team *Star Ledger* All Group III. Jim was also a participant on the South squad in the NJ North-South All Star Game. Jim was a two year letterman in basketball in 1981/82, 1982/83 making the All Bicentennial Conference Team in the 82/83 season averaging 14.1 ppg. Jim was a 4 year letterman in track and field, his events were the 100m, 200m, 400m, Long Jump, High Jump and the 4 X 100, 4 X 200, 4 x 400 meter relay teams. In 1983 Jim was named 1st Team All Conference and 2nd Team All County in the 200m and Finished 4th in the 200m for the Group 3 Championship qualifying him for the Meet of Champions. In 1984 he was named 1st Team All County and 2nd Team All Conference in the 200m. He also anchored the conference champion relay teams in the 4 X 100, 4 X 200 and 4 X 400 meters.

In 1989's celebration of 100 years of University of Delaware football, Jim was named to the University's All Century Team! In 1990, Jim signed a free agent contract with the Saskatchewan Roughriders! Jim spent several years as VP and Football Director with the Iselin Giants Pop Warner organization. Presently he helps develop young Wide Receivers and QB's with a fellow Blue Hen in a camp known as Elite QB. Jim works with All State insurance as a Sr. Field Appraiser. Jim resides in Avenel with his wife Marie and their two sons, Darin and Donovan who are both football players for Woodbridge High School.



Courtney Burton

Class of 1990

In Football, Courtney earned 2nd Team All Division honors as a wide receiver in 1987-88. During the 1989 season, Courtney led the team in interceptions. He received 2nd Team All County honors from the Star-Ledger and The News Tribune as a defensive back. Courtney continued his athletic pursuits on the basketball court as a key player on the 1990 JFK Boys' Basketball team. The team had a championship season, compiling a season record of 28-3 en route to winning the White Division, GMC County championship, the State Sectional Group III Championship, and finishing as the Group 3 State runner-up.

In college, Courtney was a 4-year starter from 1990-93 on the Ohio University Football and Track teams. As a player, Courtney earned many marks in the Ohio University record books. In 1992, he was ranked 8th Nationally in Kickoff returns and 16th in Punt returns. He ranks in the TOP 10 all time for the school record for Receiving Yards, Kickoff Returns, and Punt Returns. Some milestones include Receiving yards in a career – 9th place, 1,374 yards; Receptions in a career – 10th place, 102. Touchdowns in a career – tied for 10th place, 10, and Most kick returns in a game – 3rd place, 185 in 1992 (Source – Ohio University Media Guide).

During his track career at Ohio University, Courtney was the 3-time Conference Champion in the 4x100M relay. He also is the Conference and Meet record holder in the 4x100M relay.

Courtney graduated with a B.A. in History from Ohio University and went on to obtain an M.A. in Counseling from Marshall Graduate College. Courtney currently resides in New Orleans, Louisiana, and serves as a Minister at Holy Ghost Christian Center Life Changing Ministry. He is employed by the Department of Health and Hospital/Office of Aging and Adult services as a Title Adult Specialist III.

A 3-sport letter winner in Football, Basketball and Track, Courtney Burton excelled in Track during his high school career. Earning 3 varsity letters in Track, Courtney was the GMC Conference champion in the 100M in 1988, 1989 and 1990. He also claimed the 200M title in 1988 and 1989. Courtney was the first runner to win the 100M and 200M in the same year in consecutive years. In 1989, he was the champion in the 400M and also a member of the championship 4x400 relay team.

In 1989 and 1990, Courtney dominated state Track competitors, winning titles in the 100M and 200M as CJ Sectional champion, Group 3 State champion and also State champion at the Meet of Champions. (source: GMC Track coaches website). These championship performances earned Courtney a trip to compete on the national stage in California at the prestigious Golden West Invitational Meet. His outstanding Track accomplishments led Courtney to being named *The News Tribune* 1989 and 1990 Male Track Athlete of the Year and the 1990 Male Athlete of the Year. Perhaps, Courtney's greatest honor was being named one of *The Star Ledger's* Top Ten Track Athletes of the 1980's decade. (December 3, 2000)



Maureen Clancy (Harshman) *Class of 1981*

A leader on and off the field, Maureen was the first female to captain three teams in her senior year. In addition, she was elected Class President in both her junior and senior years, was President of the National Honor Society and wrapped up her high school career as valedictorian of her graduating class. For all of the above accomplishments, Middlesex County chose Maureen as their female scholar-athlete for 1981.

After graduation, Maureen matriculated at Bucknell University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with minors in Computer Science and Religion. Somehow, she also found the time to be a four-year starter for the Bison softball team – serving as captain in her senior year.

Currently residing in Hamilton Square, NJ, Maureen is married to Brian and they are the parents of Sean, Kelsey and Brendan. In 2013, she earned a certificate in Theology and Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary. Putting all of her education and training to work, Maureen is beginning her eleventh year as Director of Children and Family Ministry for the Allentown Presbyterian Church.

A three-sport star for JFK, Maureen becomes the fifth Clancy to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, joining siblings Elaine, Rosemary, James and Evelyn.

“Moe” earned nine varsity letters in tennis, basketball and softball during her three years of competition. In tennis, she played 3rd singles for two seasons, earning all-conference as a junior and moved up to first singles as a senior. On the basketball court, Maureen was a 3-year starter at guard for Coach Sue Williams.

However, her athletic abilities were most recognized and honored in the spring during softball season. As the Mustangs’ starting shortstop, Moe batted .400 or better for three seasons. Her performances earned her 1st team honors in the conference (MCAC), the county and the state (Group III) as both a junior and senior. County and state tournaments became “Moe-time” as she raised her game to another level. In eleven career post-season games, Moe hit at a whopping .515 clip while scoring 20 runs on 17 hits and 15 walks!

Tonight’s five female inductees from JFK share a unique connection. Maureen Clancy was a teammate of Lisa DaCruz who was a teammate of Christine Stuppi who was a teammate of Kate Flanagan. Jennifer Egan? No one’s teammate but she is Moe’s niece! And so the cycle returns to Maureen Clancy. Moe’s example of integrity, talent and leadership was noted by those who followed. Her mantle was carried on through these four women who share the spotlight with her this evening.



Lisa DaCruz

Class of 1983

to the First-Team All-State squad, becoming the first Mustang to earn that honor. She followed that up in her senior year by earning 2nd Team All-State. In addition, *The Home News* selected her as the Middlesex Player of the Year in 1983.

Lisa's individual accomplishments carried over to team success. The Mustangs were MCAC champions in 1982 and BAC-Liberty Division champs in 1983. Lisa capped a 22-2 senior year by helping JFK win the county tournament on a hot Sunday afternoon in June, defeating long-time rival Edison in 8-innings. She graduated with ten career offensive records (and is still #1 in triples-15, homeruns-18 and batting average-.480) as well as the single season homerun record (9). Lisa was the first JFK softball player to surpass the century mark in Runs, Hits and RBI's...a remarkable accomplishment in just three seasons. In fact after 41 seasons of Mustang softball, only one other player has equaled that feat and she had the luxury of four varsity years!

The University of South Carolina (and a full scholarship) was Lisa's next destination. She played four years for the Gamecocks earning 2nd team All-Region in 1984. At graduation, Lisa was the career leader in walks and sacrifices...showing the ability to adjust her game to meet the challenges of college ball. Her name still appears on the school's lists of milestones.

After graduation, Lisa spent ten years at FedEx and then returned to the diamond in 1998, working for the National Fastpitch Coaches Association in Missouri. During her time in the "show me state," Lisa served as the assistant softball coach at Columbia College for two seasons.

For the past twelve years, Lisa has been employed by US Customs and Border Protection at Newark Airport as a supervisory customs officer. She is still working hard but now it is for America's team!

As the 20th century concluded, *The Star-Ledger* selected "Teams of the Century" for every scholastic sport. The paper chose Lisa DaCruz as one of the state's Top 20 softball players for the decade of the 1980's. This recognition only just begins to explain Lisa's importance to Mustang softball during her career.

Affectionately known as "The Franchise," Lisa arrived amid great expectations in the spring of 1981. Three seasons and 74 games later, she did not disappoint her teammates or Coach Nancy Cuntala. From her first game (11 RBI's on 2 grand slams and a 3-run triple) to her last (a County tournament championship), Lisa led by setting an example of dedication to her sport. When the best player on the team continually works to improve her game, it sends a message to the entire squad. Lisa delivered her message loudly and clearly.

Each season, her individual honors included first team all-conference (MCAC twice and BAC once), First Team All-County/All-Area and First Team Group III. Lisa's junior season was so spectacular (.581 average, 9 home runs, 46 RBI's) that she was named



Jennifer Egan (Bjorndahl) *Class of 1993*

seasons. Always a catalyst, her play was instrumental in the team's back-to-back GMC-Blue division titles in '91 and '92. In turn, Jen was named All-GMC and All-Division. In true Hollywood fashion, Jen closed out her high school career by hitting .477 and helping the Mustangs win the Central Jersey Group II state championship. Not only did she repeat her division and conference honors but was also All-County, 1st team Group II and 2nd team All-State. In just three varsity seasons, Jen managed to join the exclusive Century Club in runs scored and hits.

For college, Jen traveled south on the Garden State Parkway to exit 105 and Monmouth University. There she earned 8 varsity letters, representing the Hawks in tennis and softball. Jen played 3 years at 1st singles before moving to 2nd singles as a senior. The move worked as Jen won the 1997 NEC Flight B Championship. On the diamond, Jen experienced even more individual success. At graduation, she held the NCAA Division-I record for triples (16) in a season. Jen still is ranked #4 or better on milestone lists at Monmouth for career hits, runs, triples and stolen bases as well as season marks for hits, runs, RBI's and triples. For her remarkable (there's that word again!) college career, Jen will be inducted into the Monmouth Hall of Fame in December.

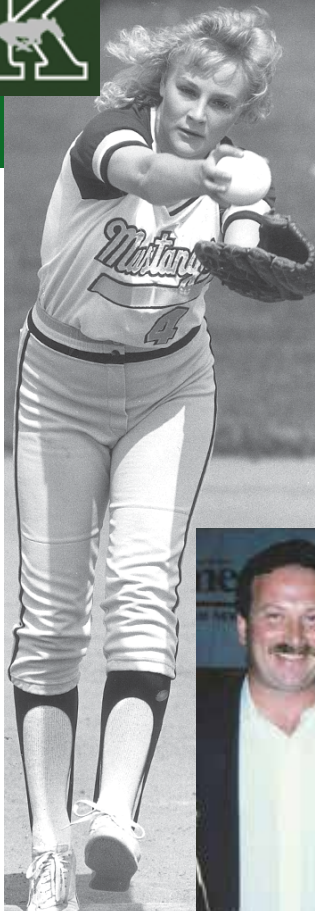
Proving that you "can go home again," Jen has taught in Woodbridge Township for the past 18 years...currently teaching in the mathematics and business departments at JFK. She also coached the Barron tennis team for nine years, earning Red Division Coach of the Year, and was an assistant softball coach for seven seasons at Kennedy. Now living in Point Pleasant, Jen and her husband Dave are always on the go...kept busy by Madison, Ava and Summer. What a great resource "Mom" will be for her daughters as they choose their own paths in sports and in life.

There's something to be said for DNA as Jen joins her mother, three aunts and two uncles in the Hall of Fame! "Remarkable" is a word that easily describes the high school and college careers of Jennifer.

At JFK, Jen earned 10 varsity letters – 4 in tennis and 3 each in basketball and softball. In tennis, playing for Coach Sharon DiLonardo, she began as a 2nd doubles player and finished with three seasons at 1st singles. As a junior, she was 20-0, finishing the season at 21-2. Her only losses came in the state tournament and the GMCT final. The honors piled up – *The News Tribune* Player of the Year, 3rd-team All-Group II, All-Area, All-County, All-GMC and All-Division. How do you follow a year like that? Easily... her 24 wins as a senior were tops in the GMC.

In basketball, Jen was a consistent performer and reliable scorer for Coach Sue Williams. For her career, she totaled 787 points. In her senior season, Jen helped the team win the GMC-Blue Division title and was subsequently named All-Division, All-Area and 3rd-team All-County.

Springtime found Jen leading off and playing a stellar shortstop for Coach Bob McLaughlin for three



Kathleen Flanagan (Colon) *Class of 1988*

named All-Division, All-Conference, All-County and All-Area. In 1988, she was 1st team Group III and 2nd team All-State. Also in 1988, she was a *Daily News All-Star* and both the *News Tribune* and the *Home News* chose her as their Player of the Year. Kate graduated from Kennedy holding all but two of the school's pitching records. Twenty-seven years later, her name still appears near the top of all the milestone lists.

On to college at Long Island University and the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference...Kate continued her pitching success for four more seasons. She warmed up by being named All-Conference in 1990. Next, she pitched the Blackbirds to back-to-back NYCAC championships in 1991 and 1992. Kate was the conference's Most Valuable Player both years as well as twice earning Academic All-American honors. As a senior, she concluded her career by winning the 1992 Scholar-Athlete Award for the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference.

At LIU, Kate earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education, later adding a master's in special education. After graduation, Kate returned to Middlesex County to teach and to coach. She spent three seasons on the staff at Kennedy and two more at Edison. Currently, she is a member of the Child Study Team in Lower Township. Now living in Barnegat, Kate and her husband Joe are the parents of two sons, Joseph and Michael.

It has been a long time since Kathleen Flanagan stood in the circle for the Mustangs but for those who saw her pitch, Kate was truly Great!

In deciding how to refer to this inductee (Kathleen, Katey or Kate), it quickly became apparent that perhaps the most appropriate and accurate was simply ACE. In softball, no matter how good the lineup or how solid the defense, to compete consistently and to win championships requires pitching. The Mustangs were fortunate to have a strong, powerful and talented righty named Kate Flanagan in the circle for three varsity seasons.

Compiling a 51-10 career mark with 410 strikeouts and a 1.82 ERA, Kate pitched the Mustangs to GMC-White Division titles in '86 and '88. In the 1987 GMCT final, she retired the first 20 South River batters before issuing a 2-out walk in the seventh. Kate finished with a no-hitter as Kennedy won the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament. *The Star-Ledger* named her Girl Athlete of the Week.

For an encore, Kate was the unquestioned leader in 1988 as she pitched the Mustangs of Coach Bob McLaughlin to their first and only Group III State championship...a thrilling 1-0, 8-inning victory over Ramsey at TCNJ. With superb performances in both her junior and senior (0.65 ERA) seasons, Kate was



Jeff Kipila

Class of 1983

season in 1987 and then onto Elon College for one season in 1988.

In January, 1986, Jeff Kipila was selected in the second round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Oakland Athletics, but he decided to continue his career at Brookdale College. In June, 1988, Jeff was drafted by the California Angels in the 12th round. He was traded to Montreal in October of 1993. Jeff's minor league career spanned from 1988-1994 until age 29. He played 1st base and was also a designated hitter. Reaching "AAA" level play, his career stats include 95 homeruns, 12 triples, and 124 doubles. Jeff had 376 RBI's and finished his career with a .253 batting average on 549 hits (Source: BaseballReference.com "Minor Leagues").

Jeff played against Derek Jeter, Jorge Posada and Bo Jackson were among his teammates.

Today, Jeff lives in Oklahoma with his wife, Nicole. They have seven children: Alexis, Patrick, Kyle, Hayven, Garrett, Kelcey, and Nicholas. His mother, Mary, and siblings live in New Jersey. Jeff is General Manager of an automobile dealership.

Besides earning varsity letters in Football and Basketball at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, Jeff Kipila was a star on the baseball diamond. According to his JFK baseball coach at the time, Louis Estok, "I've been here 18 years and he is absolutely the best to ever play for me." Jeff had the stats to back up that comment – in 1982, his .409 batting average earned him The News Tribune All County 2nd Team honors. In 1983, he left his mark in the JFK record books, compiling a .423 batting average while racking up 21 RBI's, 30 hits, 3 homeruns, 2 triples, and 11 doubles. This outstanding season led to Jeff being named to *The News Tribune*, *Home News*, and *The Newark Star-Ledger* All County 1st Team along with *The Star-Ledger* All State 3rd Team.

Jeff's baseball career took him to Brookdale College where he earned 2 varsity letters. He had a successful Fall season in 1985 batting .460. In 1986, the Brookdale College team advanced to the Junior College World Series. Jeff continued to impress as he hit 6 homeruns at the tournament, setting a new record. He batted .545 and he also pitched. He moved onto South West Louisiana College for one



Raymond Newman

Boys' Basketball Coach

Ray Newman was the head Boys' Basketball coach for 18 years, compiling 200 wins, making him the basketball coach at JFK with the most career victories. In 1969, Ray took over a program that was in the midst of setting a dubious state record – the most consecutive losses (33). The two seasons prior to Ray, the Kennedy Mustangs were 1-38. Ray's first three seasons were below .500 seasons, but then the winning started and over the next 15 years, Ray had 8 winning seasons.

Ray is more than a coach; he truly is a “teacher” of the game, molding players with mastery of fundamentals along with a true knowledge and understanding of how the game is played. In five short years, Ray put together a team that went 24-3 in 1973-74 and ended the season ranked #6 in the state. In a five-year stretch he fielded 3 teams that had 20 win seasons. His teams won two conference championship (MCAC and BAC) and the 1973-74 Group 3 Sectional State title. In 1978, the Mustangs advanced to the Sectional Final before being defeated.

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

It is fair to say that when Coach Newman had some talent, he molded his teams into big winners. When he lacked talent, his teams, at the very least, were competitive. Tonight, Coach Newman takes his place among the great basketball coaches in Woodbridge Township history. He joins previous WTAAA Hall inductees Bob Sanislow (CHS), Bob Tisdale (CHS), Jim Lake (WHS), Joe Flaherty (WHS), and the evening's other new inductees, Tom Chmiel (CHS) and Ken Pace Sr. (CHS)(JFK).

Now retired from teaching in the Woodbridge Township School District, Ray continues his love of coaching and teaching the game while serving as an Assistant Basketball Coach at Metuchen High School. Ray resides in Metuchen with his wife, Annette. He enjoys spending family time with his sons, Jeffrey and Gary, and their wives along with his grandchildren, Ryan, Tanner, Patrick, and Daniel.

A graduate of Perth Amboy High School (1956) and Seton Hall University (1960), Ray Newman was an accomplished athlete of his own merit before earning recognition into the Hall of Fame for his stellar coaching career. At Perth Amboy, Ray was a 4-year letter winner in Baseball and 2-year letter winner in Basketball. In 1955, he was named to The Newark News All State Baseball team. He took his baseball prowess to Seton Hall University where he became a 4-year letter winner. In 1960, Ray earned MVP honors at Seton Hall along with being named as ALL East Selection. Not only an outstanding athlete, Ray also excelled in the classroom and was the 1960 recipient of the ECAC Scholar Athlete Award.

Ray began his physical education teaching and coaching career at Perth Amboy High School. From 1960-1968, Ray served as the Assistant Coach for Basketball, Baseball and Football. In 1969, Ray continued his career in the Woodbridge Township School District. First, he was teaching and coaching at Iselin Junior High (as it was then called), and then moved on to John F. Kennedy Memorial High School. Ray coached Softball, Cross Country, and Football, but it was on the basketball court that Ray would establish himself as a premier coach in Woodbridge Township.



Christine Stuppi (Chih) *Class of 1986*

1983–County Tournament
and BAC-Liberty Division Champions

1984–BAC-Liberty Division Champions

1985–Central Jersey Group III
and BAC-Liberty Division Champions

1986–GMC-White Division Champions

For her contributions to these title teams, Christine was selected to all-conference and all-county squads each year. She capped her brilliant career by earning 1st team All-State honors in 1986. She was also 2nd Team All-State in 1985 and 1st Team All-Group III in both 1985 and 1986. Stoops graduated with a .436 batting average and six career offensive records (games, at bats, runs scored, hits, total bases and walks). In fact, she is still #1 in four of those categories – runs (174), hits (tied at 136), total bases (284) and walks (90).

It is easy to understand her selection as Middlesex County's female scholar athlete in 1986.

Princeton University was Chris' next destination. While earning an A.B. in History, she started on three Ivy League championship teams and was also a 4-time 1st team all-Ivy infielder for the Tigers. Her name appears on the University's milestone lists in numerous categories including a 27-game hitting streak in 1988 (#1 at Princeton and tied for 19th in the Division I record book). Chris received the Patton-Poole softball award in 1990. The award is given annually to the Princeton player who "in play, sportsmanship and influence has been most valuable to the team." Those words have ALWAYS perfectly described Christine Stuppi.

Christine, who earned a Master's in Education from the University of Virginia, lives in Fairfax with her husband Mike, also a Princeton graduate, and son Michael. She coached and managed her son throughout his Little League career and serves on the League's Board of Directors. Michael plans to follow his parents to Princeton and hopes to play baseball for the Tigers. A fine plan indeed!

If you googled "storybook careers," it is likely that Christine Stuppi's name would be high on the list. "Stoops" earned 12 varsity letters in tennis, basketball and softball as well as individual honors in each sport while representing her school and family in the highest manner.

As a freshman tennis player, Christine was named all-county at third singles where she set a school record with 18 wins. Guided by Coach Sue Williams, she was an all-conference tennis player for all four years, finishing with a school record of 58 wins.

A four-year starter in basketball, Chris was all-county twice and all-conference three times. Here too, she left with school records for games played (career) and steals, assists, free throw attempts and free throws made (game, season and career).

In softball, Stoops played second base and shortstop on championship teams each and every season for Coaches Nancy Cuntala and Bob McLaughlin.

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Dan Bertolami

Class of 1984

Baseball's loss was actually track and field's gain as Dan took off to pole vaulting's greatest heights. Here are some of Dan's best high school accomplishments including the New Jersey Gr. IV State championship and Penn Relays championship.

1. 1/8/84 - Dartmouth Relays - 1st place - 14'6"
2. 1/14/84 - Princeton Big Mac - 1st place -15'0"
3. 1/29/84 - Greater Boston invitational - 1st place - 15'1" (Harvard)
4. 2/8/84 - Metro Championships - 1st place- 15'1" (West Point)
5. 3/6/84 - Eastern States - 1st place - 15'0"
6. 3/18/84 - National Scholastic Indoor Classic - 1st place - 15'3"
7. 3/31/84 - Florida Relays - 1st place-15'2"
8. 4/22/84 - Rutgers Relays - N/A- 15'0"
9. 4/28/84 - Penn Relays - 1st place- 15'0" (One of only seven M.C athletes to win here-HNT- 4/28/12) (Voted the outstanding high school athlete)
10. 5/19/84 - Middlesex County Championship - 1st place - 14'5½". Dan, also, took 1st place in 1983.

11. 5/26/84 - Central Jersey Group IV Sectional - 1st place - 13'6" Dan, also, took 1st place in 1983.
12. 5/27/84 - St John's Invitational - 1st place - 15'7"
13. 5/29/84 - Eastern States - 1st place - 14'0"
14. 6/3/84 - New Jersey State Group IV - 1st place - 14'0"
15. 6/7/84 - New Jersey Meet of Champions - 2nd place - 14'0"
16. 6/9/84 - Golden West National Invitational - 6th place-15' 0" (Sacramento, California.)
17. 6/16/84 - International Prep- 3rd. place - 15'9" (Elmhurst, Illinois.)

Dan's 15'9" in 1984 is still the highest pole vault in M.C. history. (Source- GMC Track Coaches Association.org)

It is ,also , the eleventh highest pole vault in New Jersey high school history. (Source - Jim Lambert, *The Star Ledger*, May 22, 2013.)

Finally, Dan still holds the all time MC outdoor meet record - 14'5½" - 1984 (Source - GMC Track Coaches Association.org)

Dan's high school coach was Henry Chomicki. Dan credits Henry for introducing him to pole vaulting and teaching the fundamentals. Dan's private coach when he got real experienced was Paul Richard.

Following high school, Dan received a full scholarship to Boston University. Due to injuries and a coaching change, he transferred to Rutgers University to complete his college eligibility. He helped the Scarlet Knights win the New Jersey College Indoor Track and Field Title by winning his pole vault event at 16' in 1988, a meet record jump smashing the old record by six inches.

Today, Dan is married to Grace Anne. They have a daughter named Chloe. Ironically, Dan works for the MLB television channel in their video department. The station has won two Emmy awards. Dan remains active in coaching with I pole vault LLC, in Tuckerton. The family resides in Point Pleasant, N.J.

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Michele Bressant

Class of 1974

Michele was the first great WHS female track and field star following the passage of Title IX in 1972.

Michele broke her own national high school girls record for the 110 meter low hurdles in 15.3. She held the previous national record at 15.4. She took 1st place in the first Middlesex County Track and Field Championships(1974) with her time of 15.4 in the 110 meter hurdles. One of her high school coaches was fellow new Hall inductee ,Henry Chomicki.

Michele was a leading rebounder and starter on WHS's first girls' Middlesex County Athletic Conference championship team (19-1) to win a league title.

Michele attended college at the University of Pittsburgh on a track and field scholarship where she ran successfully for four years. Today, she still resides in Woodbridge Proper.

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Henry Chomicki

*Cross Country, Indoor/Outdoor
Track & Field Coach*

Henry married his wife Patricia in 1960, and was blessed with two sons, Henry and Michael. Michael, an Accountant, graduated from Woodbridge Senior High School in 1983, and Rutgers University in 1988. Michael and his wife, Valerie, added to the delight of our family with two grandchildren, Amanda and Kevin.

He was hired by the Woodbridge Township Board of Education and taught General Science at Woodbridge Junior High School for 3 years, from 1957-1960.

In 1960, Henry accepted a position at Woodbridge Senior High School to teach Biology and Chemistry. He remained there for 46 years, retiring in 2006.

In 1961, Henry accepted the Assistant Coach position for the Boy's Indoor and Outdoor Track teams. He remained assistant coach for nine years. He was the first Boys Cross Country Coach at Woodbridge Senior High School.

In 1970, Henry assumed the Head Coach position for the Boy's Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track teams, when the position was vacated by Robert Kasko.

Henry continued as the Head Coach for the Boys and for a short time coached the Girls track teams until his retirement from the school district in 2006.

Some of his statistics from his coaching career:

- 45 years coaching Track and Field at Woodbridge Senior High School; 36 years as Head Track Coach
- Over 40 Penn Relays
- Over 150 State and County Championships
- Over 600 meets; winning nearly twice as many as he's lost
- Best Winning Streak – Indoor Track – 1963 thru 1978; 103 wins, 10 losses, 1 tie.
- Undefeated dual meet seasons- boys cross country - 1966 and Greater Jersey Conference Champions; boys indoor track-1967 and 1970; girls cross country-1992 and GMC Division Champions State Champions coached during his tenure:
- Dan Bertolami, Pole Vault, Indoor & Outdoor State Champion – 1984
- Joe Fonseca, Pole Vault, Indoor and Outdoor State Sectional Champion – 1982

Group IV All-Time Champions:

- Darak Rozier, Hurdles – 1995

Greater Middlesex Conference Champions:

- Danielle Barajas, Cross Country - 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1994 GMC Outdoor Champion 3,200m
- 1995-1996 High Hurdles Relay Team

Henry coached many other outstanding athletes (both girls and boys - too numerous to mention) that became Champions at the County level.

Henry considers it a privilege to have had the opportunity to teach and to coach at Woodbridge Senior High School for many years. "The opportunity to teach and coach so many talented student athletes was the icing on the cake of my career."

Henry is pleased to see that many of his student athletes attended fine universities and continued to participate in Track and Field at the collegiate level.

Henry's coaching career has been a long run, and has been filled with many interesting stories and memories.

"I would like to thank Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association for this honor."

Coach Henry Chomicki, son of Henry and Blanche, was born in November, 1934 in Carteret, NJ. Henry's family moved to Woodbridge in 1942.

He attended Woodbridge Grammar School #11 and then Woodbridge High School.

While in high school, he had a short stint on the Football team (#22). He soon realized that being short and thin did not help. He had to find another sport.

A trip to the library and reading a book on pole vaulting sparked his interest. He decided to join the Woodbridge High School Track team under the guidance of Coach Lou Gabriel and Coach Lou Bartha.

Pole vaulting in those days was much different than today. Steel poles were used, which gave very little flex. Once you cleared the bar, you had to fall into sawdust. There weren't any thick mats in those days. This was very tough on your knees and legs.

By his senior year in High School, Henry was pole vaulting 12 ft.

After graduating Woodbridge High School in 1952, Henry was accepted into Rutgers University in New Brunswick. He majored in Biology and his ambition was to be a veterinarian. However, he decided to get his teaching certificate and become a school teacher instead.

While at Rutgers University he joined the track team and was undefeated in the pole vault during his Freshman year. Henry continued to pole vault on the Rutgers team throughout his college days, vaulting 12 ft with the familiar steel pole (fiberglass poles weren't in use until a few years later).

Henry graduated from Rutgers University in 1957 with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. In 1966, he attended Newark State College (later Kean University) to earn a Master's Degree in Education.

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Dr. Frank Corbo

Class of 1981

3. Most yards on pass receptions in a season -980- (2nd highest on the schools milestone chart)
4. Most yards on pass receptions in a career -1,025- (4th highest on the schools milestone charts)

Source: W. Barrons: The History and Tradition of Woodbridge High School Football By: Nick Sardone and George P. Ryan.

Following high school, Frank moved on to an excellent four year career at Lafayette College. His totals include the following statistics prior to the 2014 season.

1. Total career pass receptions -136- (8th on milestone chart)
2. Total per game pass receptions -11- (3rd tied on milestone chart)
3. Total career yards -1,970- (6th on milestone chart)
4. Total career average yards per catch -14.4-
5. Total career touchdown receptions -14- (8th on milestone chart)

Franks 55 receptions in 1983 and 29 receptions in 1984 were team highs. He was team captain in 1984. Prior to the 2014 season, Frank was still listed on six of Lafayette College's milestone receiving charts' He ended his four year career as the leading receiver in college history. Source: Lafayette College Football Media Guide – online-2014

Today Dr. Frank Corbo lives in Frisco, Texas, with his wife, Wynnie and three daughters, Mikayla, 20, Tori 18, and Nicole, 14. He is the CEO of Edu Care Publishing. The Corbos have been married for twenty four years, and met while working for Sandoz Pharmaceuticals in Milan, Italy.

During the 1980 season, the Barrons of head coach, Frank Capraro and assistant Michael Cilento, current JFK principal, enjoyed one of their magical runs to the Central Jersey GR. IV championship. Frank played a major role from his wide receiver position. He was blessed with gifted hands and good leaping ability. He was able to run excellent pass patterns and separate himself from the defender(s).

As the team marched through the schedule, Frank scored game winning late touchdowns vs. J.P. Stevens (8-7) including the two point conversion, and Sayreville (7-0). He made outstanding catches vs. Raritan in the title game fourth quarter rally. By the end of the season, he was named First Team All-State/ All Groups by The Star Ledger, and first team all county by The News Tribune, The Star Ledger, Daily News Frank's final high school statistics are as follows with his current school rank through 2014, 34 years later.

1. Most touchdown receptions in a season -8- (4th highest on the schools milestone charts)
2. Most pass receptions in a season -52- (Tied for 1st on the schools milestone charts)

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Leonard Jenkins

Class of 1989

Ivy history.

2. He was the team's leading scorer all three final seasons and, also, the Ivy League leading scorer three times. (1990-1991- 19.7 points), (1991-1992-18.6 points),(1992-1993-22.8 points). His 1,767 points is still the 10th highest total in Ivy League history.
3. Senior year, he averaged 22 points per game and was named First Team All-Metropolitan in addition to Ivy League Player of the Year..
4. His name still appears on four of the Lion's scoring milestone charts.
5. He was named to the ECAC All East Team in 1992 and 1993.
6. He received the Raymond J. Fullerton Memorial Award at Columbia in 1991, 1992 and 1993 and the Walter H. Bernson Memorial Award in 1993.

Source: Columbia University Basketball Media Guide Online-2014

After graduating from Columbia in 1993, he spent two seasons in Portugal playing for Immortal Desportivo Clube. While in Portugal, he averaged 20 points per game while leading the team to a winning season and playoff berth in 1994. Halfway through his second season in Portugal, he was offered a position as the assistant basketball coach at his alma mater. Buck returned to New York and coached at Columbia for the 1995-96 and the 1996-97 seasons. In 1998, he relocated to Atlanta GA and began working as the program director at Suwanee Sports Academy for several years before establishing and operating Inner Strength, Inc. Inner Strength was a youth development program whose aim was to use basketball as the vehicle to help young people stay on track and achieve their academic, athletic and personal goals. As the director of the program, he was hands on and instrumental in assisting over 100 young men secure opportunities to play basketball on the college level. In 2008 Jenkins began a career as an educator at Riverwood International Charter School. As the AVID elective teacher and coordinator, he has been able to continue following his passion of helping students achieve their academic and personal goals. As the head boys coach at Riverwood, Coach Jenkins lead the program to a 21-8 record last year while being named region 7-AAAAA coach of the year. Buck received his Masters of Education in 2012 from University of West Georgia. Buck and his wife, Lydia Francis-Jenkins have been married for 17 years and they have two children. Elijah is 16 and in his junior year at Riverwood where he is the point guard on the basketball team. Nailah is 14 and in her first year at Riverwood and is a member of the varsity volleyball team.

What do Woodbridge High School and Columbia University have in common? The answer is "Buck." He graduated from both institutions and to this day, he is still the all-time leading basketball scorer at both schools.

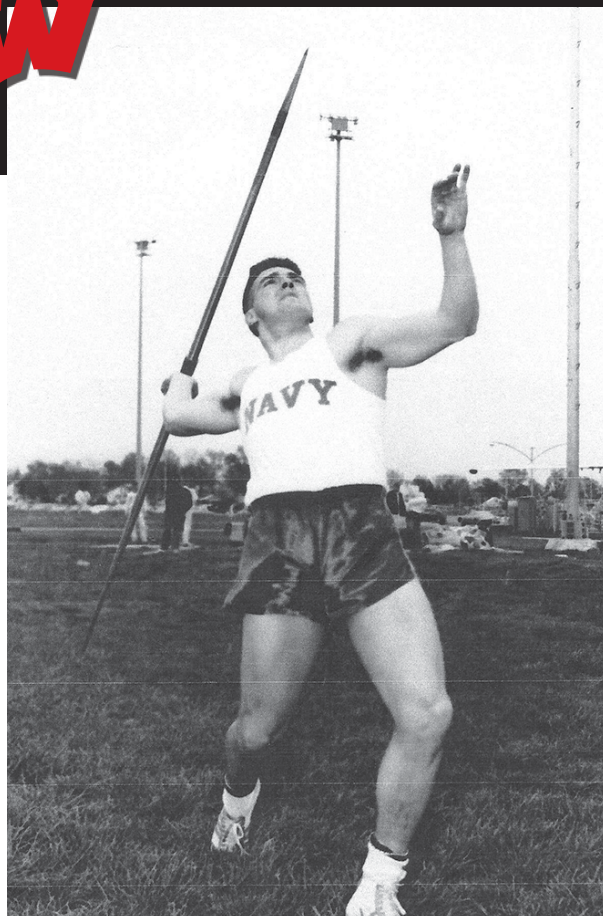
At WHS, "Buck" scored 1,769 points from the 1986-1989 seasons. In 1988 and 1989, he was named all-county first team by The Home News, The News Tribune, and The Star Ledger. In 1989, he was a Third Team selection on The Star Ledger's All State/ All Groups team. He led Coach Tom Chmiel's, Barrons to records of 16-9 and 17-8 in his last two seasons. Coach Chmiel said, "that Buck was as hard a worker as any one especially in the off season. He was an all-round player. He could handle the ball against presses, rebound and, of course, score. He had a great attitude and was a pleasure to coach."

At Columbia University, "Buck" scored 1,767 points to become the Lions leading career scorer from the 1990-1993 seasons. He was team captain in 1993. "Buck" was named to the All-IVY First Team for three straight years. He was Ivy League Player of the Year after the 1992-1993 seasons. Perhaps, "Buck's" greatest accomplishment was his induction into the Columbia University Athletics' Hall of Fame in 2008.

Some of "Bucks" other career highlights at Columbia include:

1. During his sophomore season, he "torched" rival Harvard for 47 points, a school record, and still the 7th highest in

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Paul Andrew Mallas

Class of 1960

Following high school, Paul received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy and received his degree in 1964. At the Academy, he participated in football for two years until injuries ended his career there. He was a teammate of Heissman Trophy winner, Joe Bellino. (note: following his career at Navy and while stationed at Pensacola, Florida, he returned to football with a team called the Goshawks.) Despite the football injuries, Paul was still able to continue in track and field at the U.S.N.A. His specialty was the javelin.

Here are some of Paul's track and field college accomplishments as a Midshipman.

1. Paul finished first in the javelin in eight of the sixteen dual meets he competed.
2. His first place dual meet victories came against Penn State twice, Maryland twice, Army once, Pittsburgh once, St. Johns once, and Villanova once.
3. His career best throw was 224'-11.5" at the 1964 Penn Relays- 2nd place.
4. He placed first in the Army -Navy meet with a throw of 207'11.5" on June 2, 1962.
5. He finished fifth at the 1963 and 1964 Heptagonal Championships with throws of 193'1" and 204'6.5"
6. He did hold the USNA javelin record at one time

Source: John Gasparoni@usnaedu- assistant sports information director -4/21/2015-email-

When Paul graduated from the Naval Academy, he was commissioned an ensign and went to flight school in Pensacola, Florida. He flew helicopters at the time of the Vietnam War but did not see combat. He was stationed on an air craft carrier.

Tragically and sadly, Paul passed away at a young age. His passing left a huge void and personal loss in the lives of his wife, Lynn; children, Paul and Kyle; and siblings, Frank, Carol, and Claire. They are all here tonight with other family members from out of state to honor Paul's memory.

The WTAAA is very pleased and honored to induct Paul Andrew Mallas, posthumously, into our Hall of Fame.

Paul was a two year letter winner for the 1958 (7-2) and 1959 (5-3-1) Barron football teams of legendary coach, Nick Priscoe, and chief assistant, Frank Capraro. Paul played fullback and linebacker mostly. During his senior season, he scored touchdowns vs. Thomas Jefferson (Elizabeth), New Brunswick, and Perth Amboy all victories. He was a captain in 1959.

In track and field, Paul was a three year letter winner in the weight events and a two year captain. His most impressive accomplishment was winning the New Jersey Group IV indoor shot put championship in 1960 with a throw of 50'.25". He also took second place in the shot put at the NJ group IV outdoor, central jersey GR. IV sectionals, shot put and discus, and the Middlesex County indoor shot. In dual and triangular meets, Paul scored many valuable team points during an era when WHS was always in contention for team titles. At the end of the school year, he was recognized with WHS's co-best athlete of the year award.

Source: -Woodbridge Independent Leader- Johnnie Royle- "Now Hear This"

Paul's high school track coaches were WTAAA Hall of Famers Lou Bartha and Herb Hollowell.

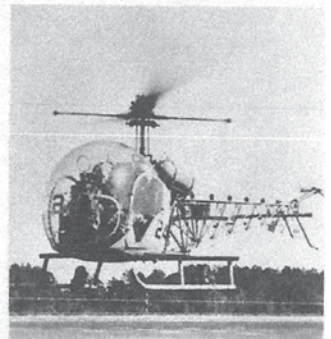
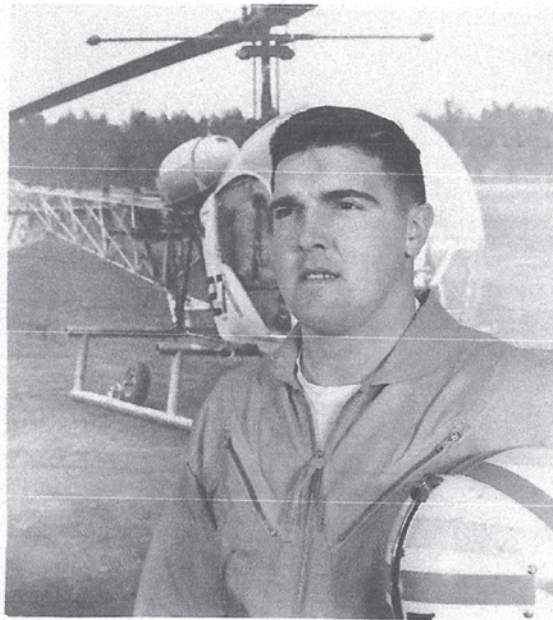
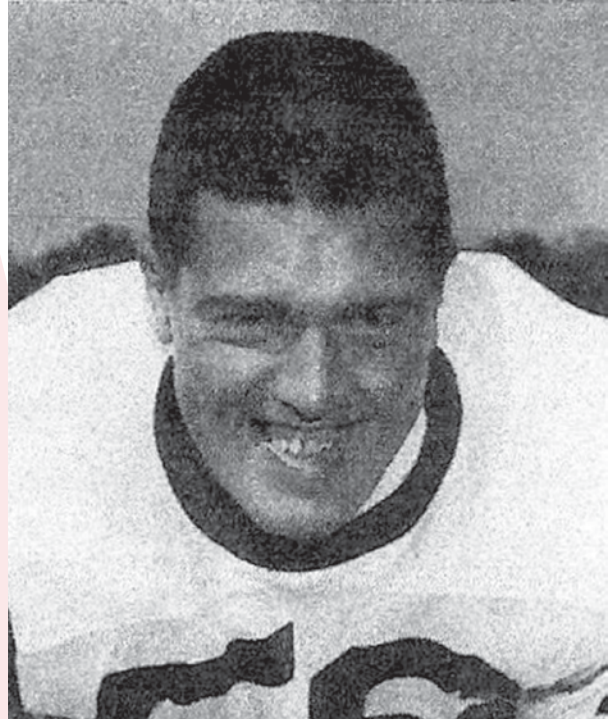
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Paul MALLAS

WENT TO ELEM. SCHOOL AND JR. H.S. IN ELIZABETH, THEN FAMILY MOVED TO COLONIA, PART OF WOODBRIDGE. JEFFERSONS (WOODBRIDGE'S OLD GROUP IV RIVAL), LOSS WAS BARRON'S GAIN!



Paul Andrew Mallas Class of 1960



ELLYSON FIELD

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Andrew McCray

Class of 1960



Under the tutelage of Coach Herb Hollowell, Andrew McCray was inspired, encouraged, and persuaded to join the WHS Track Team where his performances in his junior and senior years in both the 400 and 800 races so impressed Coach Hollowell that he was very instrumental in Andrew's attending North Carolina College, now North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C.

While attending NCC under U.S. Olympic Coach Dr. LeRoy Walker on a track scholarship, Andrew excelled nationally with outstanding performances in the 400 meters and 800 meters in doors and out, and as an intermediate hurdler for which he achieved the coveted honor as an All American in 1964.

Andrew's impressive individual performances and relay team performances in the CIAA Conference, the NCAA, Penn Relays, Quantico Marine Relays, and AAU resulted in his competing in the 1964 Olympic Trials in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles and ultimately inducted in the NCCU Hall of Fame. At one point, he had the ninth best all time United States ranking in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 50.8.

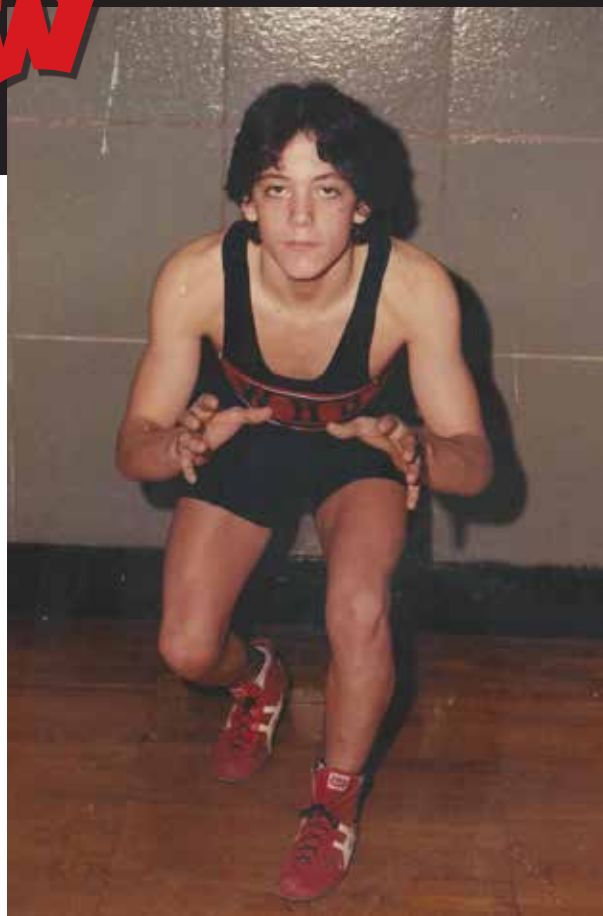
Immediately after graduation, Andrew was selected by the AAU as a member of the U.S. Track Team serving as Goodwill Ambassadors for the United States to the Far East. Later, Andrew was selected by Rotary International to serve on a goodwill tour to the Philippine Is.

Through the years, Andrew received a Master of Public Health from The University of California at Berkeley, a Master of Social Science from Bryn Mawr College, and a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall Law School.

Parents are a given, but a priceless debt of gratitude that can never be over stated goes to Coach Herb Hollowell. "Life for me ain't been no crystal stair." 'But for Coach Hollowell,' life would be a lot different.

With the utmost appreciation for this recognition and honor, he is incessantly grateful.

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Robert J. Murphy

Class of 1988



Bob can be credited with helping to put WHS wrestling "back on the map". He said that he was "very proud of the growth of the wrestling program during his high school years".

"Murph" started varsity four seasons and was team captain during the last three. He won 1st place District 19 honors in 1986 at 101 lbs and 1988 at 112 lbs. He was also the school's first Region 5 winner in 1986 at 101lbs and the school's first County Champion in 1988 at 112 lbs. In addition to these outstanding achievements, Bob was a state qualifier in 1986 and 1987. (top 16 one year and top 8 the next.) He took first place at the Woodbridge Holiday Classic three times and was named "outstanding wrestler" twice. He also, took first place honors at the Elizabeth Invitational in 1987 and 1988 where he was also, voted "outstanding wrestler".

Bob was a GMC all division first teamer in '86, '87 and '88 and an all county first teamer in '87 and '88. From 1988-2004, he had the most career wins in WHS history (88). From 1988-2001, he had the most wins in a season (26). "Murph's" school record of 19 pins in a season remained on the books until this past season when current star, Brian McLaughlin,

surpassed it (26). After high school, Bob was awarded a scholarship to Middlesex County College. With all of these achievements, Bob becomes the first wrestler from WHS in the WTAAA Hall of Fame.

After Middlesex C.C., Bob joined the United States Marine Corp Reserve and served in Kuwait during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He earned two National Defense Service Medals, a Southwest Asia - Service Medal, a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and a Combat Action Ribbon.

Today, Bob resides in Port Reading, NJ, with his wife Kelly and children, Kaitlin and Emily where he strives to be "the best husband and father he can be". He is a general manager for a cosmetics manufacturer and a packaging supervisor for a candy manufacturing company. He is also an assistant wrestling coach at Bishop George Ahr H.S..

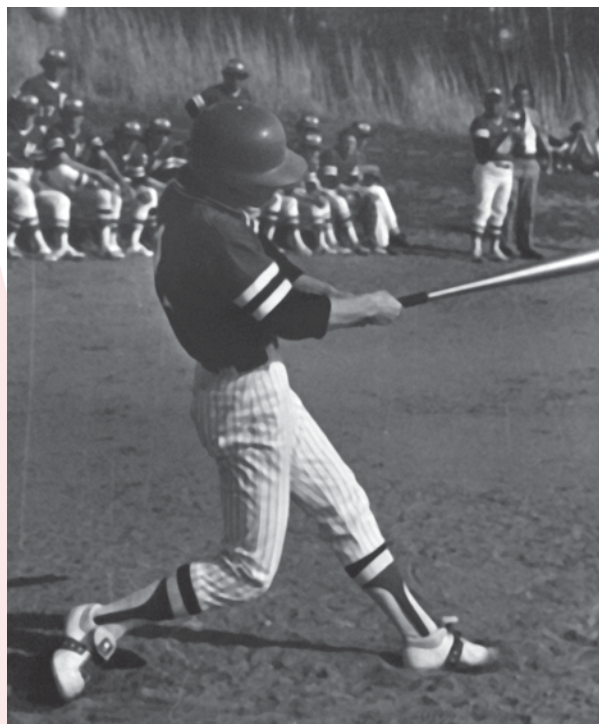
Bob wishes to thank his coaches, Ben La Sala, Bob Zega, John Harrington, Caesar Samaniego, his practice partners and his mom, Penny, for all the support that they have given him.

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William Schoenig

Class of 1977



Bill was the starting second baseman for Coach Dick Miglec. In 1977, the Barrons reached the final of the Central Jersey Group IV sectional tournament only to suffer a heartbreaking 1-2 loss to Piscataway. For the season, Bill batted above .400. The team finished 19-7. Bill was named to The Star Ledger All State- All Groups First Team. He was, also, named first team all county by The Star Ledger and Daily News (all-metro). He was team captain and MVP and received the school's "Mickey Mantle" award. In 1976 (13-10) his junior season, he was a second team all county selection by the The Star Ledger, when he batted .328. He was again presented with the school's "Mickey Mantle" award.

After graduating WHS, Bill enrolled at Montclair State College where he started three varsity seasons for coach Fred Hill Sr. (injured sophomore year) He was team captain and MVP senior year. He was named to the New Jersey State College Athletic Conference All Star First Team in 1980 and 1981 at second base. He was ,also ,a first team New Jersey College and University All Star selection in 1980 and 1981. The New Jersey College baseball writers and coaches voted Bill as their 1981 All Star game MVP.

In 1980, he was selected by the Cleveland Indians but decided not to sign. In 1981, he was offered to sign professionally by the Indians and Cincinnati Reds but again decided to pass on a professional career.

At Montclair State, Bill had a career average of .363. This is still the 15th highest career batting average at the school. He is, also, still ranked on four other school milestone charts including stolen base percentage, most doubles in a single game (3), tied for first, and career doubles (27). (Source-MSC baseball website).

Bill grew up in Port Reading. He currently lives in Glen Gardner, NJ, with his wife of 29 years, Kelly. They have two children, Kristen Schoenig Thorsen and Corey Schoenig. Bill's family includes his parents, Karen and William, and siblings Jim Schoenig and Lisa Thomas.

Bill has been employed by Veolia for 31 years as transportation logistics manager.

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Mike Yannazzo

Boys and Girls Bowling Coach

Coach Yannazzo's Coaching History

Girls Bowling

Record - 603-115-37 with 10 undefeated seasons. The team began in the late seventies.

Division titles- 19

County Championships- 17

Central Jersey Sectional Championships- 14

State Championships- 7- 1989, 1993, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2006 (all groups), and group III-2007.

Tournament of Champions- 1- 2007(first year held)

Boys Bowling

Record- 602-175-59 with at least three undefeated seasons

Division titles- 16

County Championships- 12

Central Jersey Sectional Championships- 10

State Championships - 4 - 1981, 1983, 1992 (all groups) and group III-2007

Coach Yannazzo was assistant softball coach for 15 years including the 1978 group IV State Championship season. He was also assistant boys soccer coach for 30 years. The coaching journey for the coach with limited knowledge of some sports lasted 38 outstanding years.

Coach Yannazzo retired from teaching math in 2010. His personal family includes Nancy Mendoza, his significant other for twenty years and brothers, Gary (WHS class of 1971), and Bob (WHS class of 1974). Coach Yannazzo resides in North Brunswick NJ.

When coach Yannazzo joined the WHS faculty, he asked about coaching vacancies in sports such as football, basketball and baseball. Mr. Priscoe, the athletic director in the early seventies, said he had no vacancies. However, the school was starting boys bowling and he offered assistant soccer and softball. He offered the coaching positions with this comment, "Find a book. Read about soccer, softball and bowling and start the program. 'What?' Who was going to argue with Coach Priscoe?"

From that early beginning, one of the greatest journeys in New Jersey High School coaching history in any sport began and coach Mike Yannazzo became a legend. He was named Coach of the Year 23 times in Middlesex County and 3 times in the State of N.J. His boys and girls teams were regularly ranked in The Star Ledger final year end polls. He was elected to the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1998. Perhaps, coach Yannazzo's greatest honor was being named Coach of the Decade (1990's) by The Star Ledger. (Dec 3, 2000).



1978 Woodbridge Softball Team



Only four seasons removed from the beginning of softball (1975), the 1978 Lady Barrons enjoyed a very special season and tonight we recognize their outstanding accomplishments.

Coach Joan Wataha's team started quickly as they won eighteen of their first twenty games prior to the year end tournaments. In the Central Jersey Group IV tournament, the team defeated Edison 3-2 and Middletown South, 9-7, behind senior pitcher Betty White. In the championship game, they defeated Sayreville 3-2 behind sophomore pitcher Maura DiLeo. Next, came Rancocas Valley in the state group semi. Once again, the team won a one run game. This time, the score was 5-4 behind Betty White. The stage was set for the New Jersey Group IV championship game and 'the team of destiny' defeated an undefeated Westfield team 3-1 to support Betty White. The Lady Barrons were Group 1V New Jersey State Champions.

Overall, the Lady Barrons finished 24-4. They lost in the GMCT to Sayreville 1-4, and finished second in the MCAC behind Sayreville with a 17-3 record. The team's star players were juniors, Donna Koperwhats, short stop, and Jo Ann Matusz, catcher, both individual WTAAA Hall of Famers with Coach

Wataha. Remaining starters were Maura DiLeo, Cathy Ballance, Laura Martelli, Kathy Weir, Sharron Duffy, Mary Powers and Betty White. Role players were Jean Spangler, Patty Blume, Shari Chartier, Carol Resetar, Mary Jean Herterich, Sue Pischetola, Vicky Lubatos and Jeanette Anger, manager. Mike Yannazzo was the assistant coach.

In 1979, a veteran Lady Barron squad returned many letter winners. They achieved another 24-4 record, won a second consecutive Central Jersey Group IV tournament championship and captured the MCAC title with a 17-1 record. The only tournament losses were to Piscataway 4-5 in the MCT final and Ridgewood 2-4 in the New Jersey Group IV final. It was the third consecutive season of 21 or more victories for Lady Barron softball under Coach Wataha.

Title IX was created to give females the same opportunities in sports as their male counterparts. Little did we know in the early seventies that this group of talented athletes would accomplish and achieve so much so quickly. It was an amazing era for Woodbridge High School softball and virtually all sports. Winning teams and championship teams were common throughout the 1970's and early 1980's.

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1978 Woodbridge Softball Team

Woodbridge Girls Just Super Enroute to State Title

"They believed in themselves."
That's the way Coach Joan Wataha views the super season of the Woodbridge Senior High School girls softball team which startled the New Jersey sports scene by capturing the state softball championship.

The Woodbridge girls accomplished what many considered to be an impossible mission late in June when they won the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Group IV state softball title.

For a varsity sport in existence only four years in the district, that was a truly remarkable accomplishment.

But the wonder of it all was that Woodbridge defeated previously unbeaten Westfield, 3-1, to gain the crown. Westfield had won 25 games and the best pitcher in New Jersey on the firing line.

Coach Wataha's Young Woodbridge team compiled an overall record of 24 wins and only four losses enroute to winning the Central Jersey Group IV title and the state championship.

Looking back, Wataha observed, "I think the mark of this team was the ability to come from behind. There were plenty of games when we fell behind but the girls never gave up and managed to fight back and win."

"They believed in themselves."

Coach Wataha also cited the team's defensive play.

"We worked very hard all year on defense," Wataha stated. "If your defense is sound, you can be very hard to beat in girls softball."

Woodbridge bowed to Sayreville, 4-1, in the championship round of the Middlesex County Conference Tournament, in a bid for another crown.

Bette White was the No. 1 hurler for Woodbridge, recording a record of 13 wins and three losses including the win over Westfield. Maura DiLeo won four games without a loss as did Donna Koperwhats. Jean Spangler was 3-1.

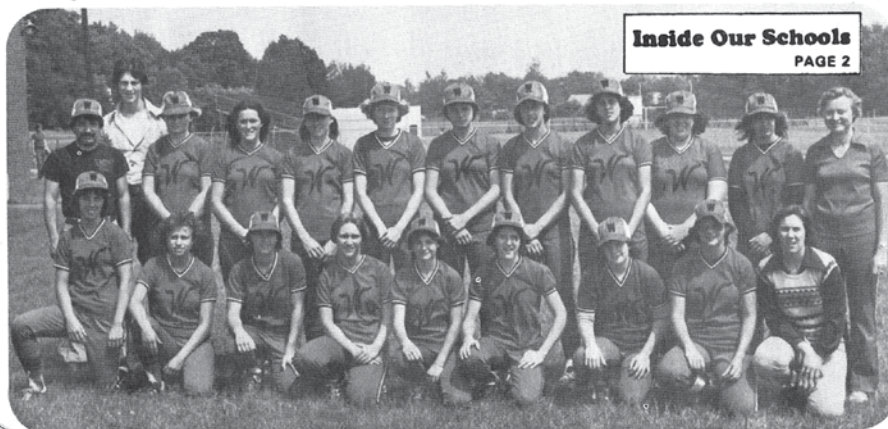
Koperwhats was named to the first team all-state squad at shortstop. As a result of her efforts in molding the

players into such an outstanding unit, Mrs. Wataha was named "Coach of the Year" in Middlesex County.

Michael Yannazzo was assistant coach.

The girls and staff were honored at a year-end banquet at which time they received numerous awards including picture plaques from the Board of Education.

P.S. Most of the team members will be back next season.



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HAIL THE STATE CHAMPS!— Meet the Woodbridge Senior High School girls softball team which stunned the interscholastic athletic world by capturing the state Group IV championship.

Defeat Westfield in softball

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Woodbridge girls win state title

By FRANK BOURKE
News Tribune Sports Writer

WEST WINDSOR — They said she couldn't be beaten. Jacki Booth of Westfield - reportedly the best high school girls softball pitcher in the state - seldom yielded as much as a foul ball, or so they said. She was 21-0 with five no-hitters, and rumor had it all the rest were one-hitters.

This was to be the end of the line for Woodbridge. No question about it.

"Garbage," declared Woodbridge coach Joan Wataha. And her team went out Saturday and backed her up, beating the unbeatable, 3-1, to win the NJSIAA Group IV state championship for the first time in the school's history.

The Barrons, 24-3, clawed and scratched their way to the crown, capitalizing on four timely (for Woodbridge) errors and combining some alert base running with great defensive play. They managed only two hits off Booth, who did little to tarnish her reputation, striking out eight Woodbridge batters with her now-fabled fastball.

The script of the game made Wataha, who is the only coach Woodbridge has ever had or needed, look like the master strategist.

"We heard she was fast, and we haven't faced many fast pitchers this year," said Wataha. "We had only one day of practice to prepare for this game, and we worked on our hitting. We knew it would be tough to get many hits off Booth, but we figured if we could just hit the ball and get it on the ground we'd have a chance, especially if we played good defense."

"And you know what?" she laughed, "That is exactly

what happened."

And how.

Except for two minor miscues, the Woodbridge defense was as tight as it has been all season. The Barrons, on the other hand, were able to hit Booth's blazer just enough to uncover what is probably the only weakness in the previously unbeaten Westfielders - lack of defense.

Booth herself gave Westfield a 1-0 lead in the second inning when she singled, stole a pair of bases and raced home on a pitch that got by Woodbridge catcher Joanne Matusz for a passed ball. Then the Barrons began nitpicking at Booth.

In the home third, Cathy Ballance cracked a single to right center for the first Barron hit. The blow turned out to be as good as a home run as she raced around the bases while the Blue Devils staged a comedy act in the field with two consecutive errors.

Suddenly it was 1-1, and the Barrons began to sense that perhaps Booth would not go the remainder of her life without a defeat.

Booth breezed through the Woodbridge lineup in the fourth and notched two quick outs in the fifth. She then struck out Barron centerfielder Sharon Duffy for the apparent third out, but when the ball got by the Blue Devils catcher, Duffy raced safely to first.

The break turned out to be the one the Barrons needed. Booth appeared disturbed and issued a walk to Bette White. The Westfield hurler seemed out of trouble when the next pitch was grounded to shortstop, but the throw to first sailed off into space allowing both Duffy and White to score.

White, who along with Duffy and Patti Blume make up the entire senior delegation from the Woodbridge state champions, was every bit as impressive as Booth as a pitcher. She gave up only three hits in hiking her record to 13-2, striking out three and walking three. Westfield, an offensive powerhouse that brought a 26-0 mark into the contest, was stymied at the plate all afternoon.

"Our problem was simple," said Carol Donner, the Blue Devils coach. "We just couldn't hit the ball."

Wataha said winning the state championship was "without a doubt my biggest thrill as a coach."

The East Stroudsburg State College graduate stressed defense and fundamentals in molding the team. She began the season with an extremely young team she originally thought might need some maturing to become state contenders. But with juniors Matusz and Koperwhats hitting over .500 and Koperwhats, Maura DiLeo and White providing strong pitching, the young Barrons came along fast.

"I think the mark of this team was the ability to come from behind," observed Wataha. "There were plenty of games we fell behind, but the girls never gave up and managed to fight back and win. They believed in themselves."

"Also, we worked very hard all year on defense, because if your defense is sound you can be very hard to beat in girls softball."

Woodbridge should be just as hard to beat next season, as Wataha will welcome back virtually the entire squad. That's "hard to beat", not "unbeatable."

Just ask Westfield and Jacki Booth.

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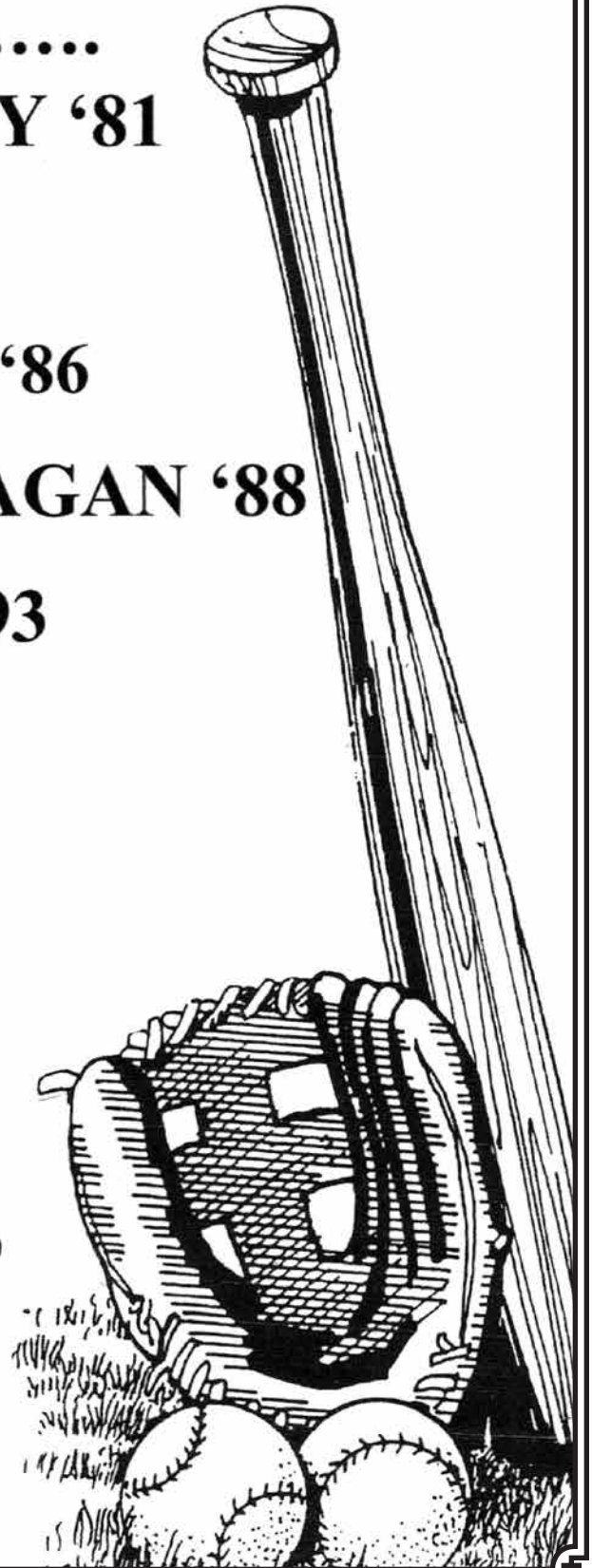
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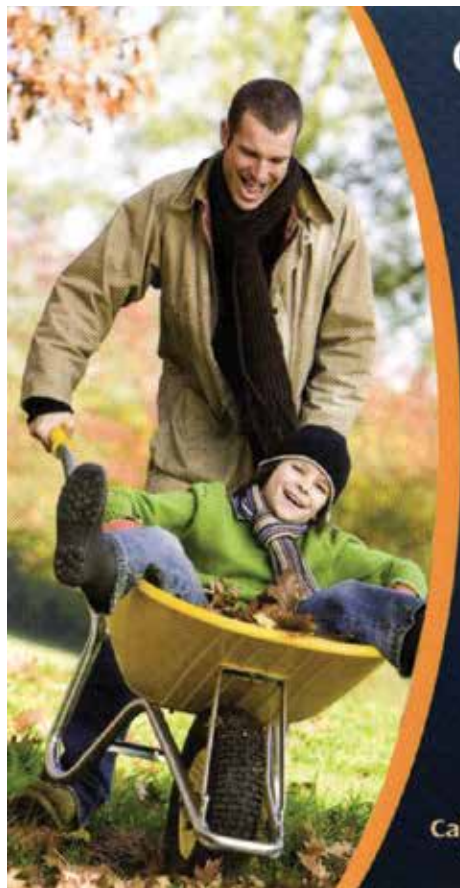
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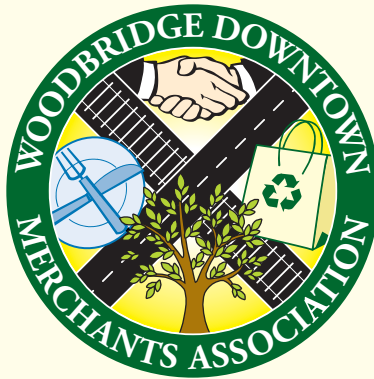


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