

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2016 Hall of Fame Ceremony



The Woodbridge Community Center • October 30, 2016

Special Guest of Honor – Harding Peterson



**Congratulations to all inductees
to the 2016 Hall of Fame Class of the Woodbridge
Township Athletic Alumni Association**

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**WTAAA 2016 Program
Hall of Fame Ceremony
October 30, 2016**

Welcome *Nick Sardone, WTAAA President*

Invocation *Courtney Burton*

Opening Remarks *Mayor John E. McCormac*

Special Guest of Honor *Harding William "Pete" Peterson – WHS '46 - Introduced by Nick Sardone*

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

- Randy J. Adleman, *Woodbridge High School, 1975*
- Al Alvarez, *Colonia High School, 1975*
- Caesar Alvarez, *Colonia High School, 1975*
- Alex Bosch, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1995*
- Lorraine Bratton, *Colonia High school, 1983*
- John Eppensteiner, *Woodbridge High School, 1963*
- David Esposito, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1996*
- Matt Esposito, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1994*
- Darlene Francisco Matthews, *Woodbridge High School, 1985*
- Amy Hansen Thacker, *Woodbridge High School, 1980*
- Fred Herzog, *Colonia High School, 1987*
- J. Delvin Horsford, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1993*
- A. Kyle Johnson, *Woodbridge High School, 1996*
- Jennifer Kirby-Jeter, *Coach, Colonia High School*
- Jack Kreiger, *Coach, Colonia High School*

Dinner (Tables will be called)

Special Achievement Award *Dagmara Wozniak, Olympic Bronze Medal Winner - Introduced by Nick Sardone*

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

- Bill Lichtenstein, *Colonia High School, 1978*
- Mike Manfre, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1978*
- Diane Matelski Edmonds, *Woodbridge High school, 1981*
- Ricky Meyers, *Woodbridge High School, 1985*
- Michele Nelson Masino, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1992*
- John Picaroni, *Woodbridge High School, 1963*
- Lenny Reyes, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1990*
- Jerry Smith Sr., *Coach, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School*
- Steve Solop, *Colonia High School, 1972*
- Lynn Spirko, *Colonia High School, 1987*
- Sue Williams, *Coach, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School*

Teams

- 1957 – *Woodbridge High School - Track Mile Relay*
- 1970 – *Colonia High School - Track Relay*
- 1990 – *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School - Basketball*

Benediction *Courtney Burton*

Concluding Remarks *Nick Sardone*

**2016 Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association
Hall of Fame Committee
14th Induction Dinner**

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The WTAAA is very proud to welcome this incredible 2016 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 2016 Hall of Famers with gratitude for a job well done.

The WTAAA has started to organize a website. Just go to **hall.maximize.us**. Here, you will see the biographies for the first five years of the twelve previous Hall of Fame inductions. The remaining eight 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 Tom Chmiel, Ann Cyrana, Nancy Cuntala, Sharon Di Lonardo and Jennifer Sheedy. Finally, we wish to thank the many local businesses for their advertisements in our booklet. Please support these businesses.

We extend our appreciation to Mayor McCormac, Senator Vitale, and Assemblymen Coughlin and Wisniewski for their proclamations; TV 35/36 for taping the induction dinner; Debbie Meehan and Harry Bernstein of The Corner newspaper; David Rubel for photography; Greg Tufaro, sportwriter for the Home News Tribune; and Vito Cimilluca and his entire staff at the Woodbridge Community Center.

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

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Special Guest of Honor:

Harding William “Pete” Peterson – W.H.S. Class of 1946

When one thinks of the Mt. Rushmore of old time Barron athletes (pre 1950), many names come to mind. They include Frank Jost ('34), “Percy” Wukovets ('35), Albie Leffler ('39), John Korczowski ('39), Lou Creekmur ('44), Tommy Thompson ('44), and Tom Korczowski ('46). Tonight, we honor one more great athlete, Hardy “Pete” Peterson ('46).

Previous Special Guests of Honor

- 1996 – Ron Osborne
- 1997 – Lou Creekmur
- 1998 – Samuel A. Lupo
- 1999 – Johnnie Royle
- 2000 – Matt Fratterolo
- 2015 – Mayor John E. McCormac

Toward the end of the 1959 season, Hardy retired from the game due to continuous arm problems. He accepted a position in the Pirates farm system. He became a minor league manager from 1959-1967, farm director in 1968, and scouting director from 1968-1976. His greatest

self-proclaimed baseball accomplishment was to serve as executive vice president/general manager of the 1979 “we are family” World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates when they overcame a 1-3 deficit to defeat the Baltimore Orioles with Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Boog Powell, and Jim Palmer in seven games. The Pirates were led by Willie Stargell, Dave Parker, and Bill Madlock. Hardy ended his career as general manager of the Yankees in 1990 under George Steinbrenner and was special assistant to the GM in 1991.

Hardy played three high school sports and was All-State in baseball for Coach Priscoe. He enrolled in Rutgers University and was the starting catcher on the first RU team to play in the NCAA College World Series (1950). He is a member of the Scarlet Knights Olympic Sports Hall of Fame (1997) and a charter member of the WTAAA Hall of Fame (1989).

During his administrative career, Hardy was responsible for many draft signings including Barry Bonds (1985), and Andy Pettitte, Jorge Posada, and Shane Spencer. (1990). He signed Mariano Rivera as an amateur free agent in 1990. (Sources – BaseballReference.com and Wikipedia). He made many significant trades.

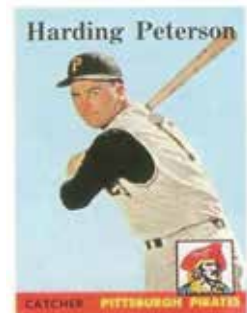
Following a two year military commitment in Korea, Hardy played minor league baseball in the Pittsburgh Pirates farm system. He reached the big league team in 1955 as a catcher with teammates like the O'Brien twins from South Amboy, Bob Friend, and Vernon Law. After a terrible home plate collision in which he sustained a broken arm, he was forced to miss the entire 1956 season but accepted a position in the Pirates front office. Hardy’s playing career resumed during the 1957-1959 seasons, but the previous arm injury limited his overall effectiveness. He is known for catching the final games at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, and the Polo Grounds, NY, before those teams left after the 1957 season for Los Angeles and San Francisco, respectively. He once caught 18 innings vs Kansas City. He played with Hall of Famers Roberto Clemente, Ralph Kiner, and Bill Mazeroski. He played against Hall of Famers such as Hank Aaron, Ernie Banks, Sandy Koufax, Willie Mays, Frank Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Duke Snider, and Warren Spahn among many other great ball players. The TOPPS card company produced his likeness in the 1958 set.

Harding William “Pete” Peterson enjoyed a long distinguished career as a MLB player, scout, farm director, minor league manager, and general manager/ vice president. Where did it all begin? Fords, N.J., and Woodbridge High School.

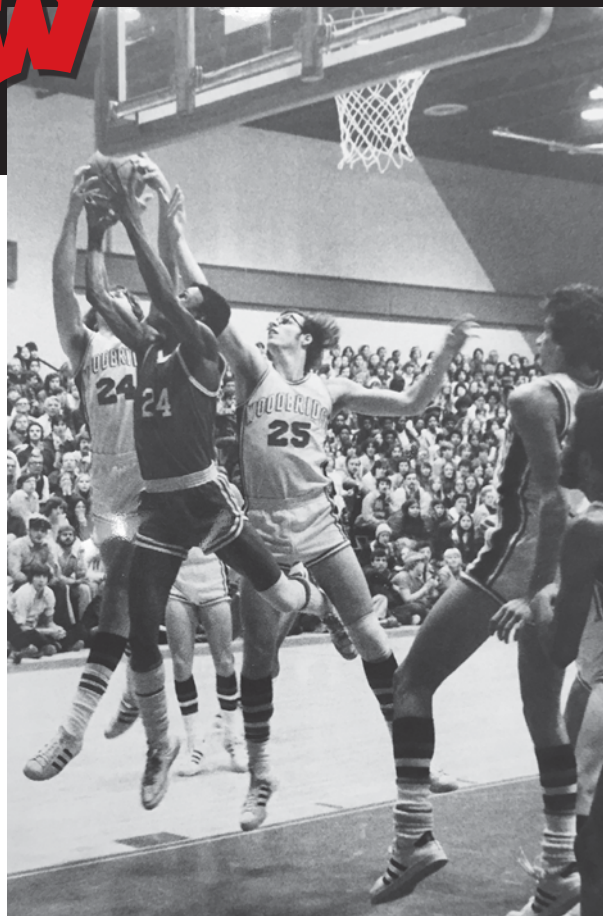
Today, he is retired and lives in Florida. He and his late wife, Gladys, have two children, Rick and Amy, with five grandchildren. Rick is the former pitching coach of the “money ball” Oakland A’s (1998-2003), the New York Mets (2004-2008) and Milwaukee (2010). He is now the director of pitching for the Orioles (2012 to present). (Source – Wikipedia)



#15 - Harding Peterson
(also pictured: #24 - Frank Capraro | #37 - Lou Creekmur | #29 - Tommy Thompson)



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Randy J. Adleman

Class of 1975

vs Eastside to earn first team All-State Tournament honors. He was, also, named first team All-County Tournament; first team overall All-County by The News Tribune, and third team All-County by The Star Ledger and Daily News. For his career, Randy scored 707 points (351 senior year) and had 190 rebounds. In addition to the State title, the Barrons won the Middlesex County Athletic Conference (16-0) and finished in The Star Ledger's final top ten rankings. All five starters continued their basketball careers in college including the fifth starter, Rick Kazimir. Randy Adleman who, also, played high school baseball, continued his career at Colgate University from 1975-1978 earning two basketball letters (1975-76 and 1976-77 seasons) and starting freshman season. At Colgate, Randy had the opportunity to play against some great coaches including Rollie Massimino, Jim Boeheim, John Thompson, Lou Carnesecca, and Mike Krzyzewski. He also, played against great players such as Marty Byrnes (Phoenix Suns).

In this day and age of high school recruiting and transfers from one season to the next, Randy and his teammates entered W.H. S. from Fords and Woodbridge Junior High Schools. They were home grown kids from Woodbridge Township and stayed together throughout their three high school years. Two years ago, the team was honored by school and Township officials for their 40th anniversary reunion. They have remained a close knit group. Players came from all around the country and enjoyed a great time. In 1975, they were told by Coaches Joe Flaherty, Harry Zmijewski and Tom Chmiel that they would never be forgotten by their home town. They were not as Randy and his teammates were greeted warmly by old time fans, friends and current Township officials. The Barrons of 1975 were a special team for the ages and will never be forgotten. Tonight, Randy J. Adleman takes his rightful individual place in our Hall of Fame alongside his teammates, Tim and Mark, and he will never be forgotten in local lore either.

The 1974-1975 winter season was an exciting, magical, and outstanding one for Woodbridge High School. Coach Joe Flaherty's Barrons returned five team oriented starters from a 20-6 squad a year earlier and several key reserves.

One of the starters was a 6' 7" much improved clutch player named Randy J. Adleman. It would be fair to say that Randy was overshadowed by WTAAA Hall of Fame teammates Tim Olah and Mark DiDonna. Both were great players, but the Barrons needed Randy's size, scoring ability in close, and rebounding to round out their amazing team and textbook zone defenses. The Barrons finished the season at 29-2 the best one season record in Township history. The team's only losses were to Essex Catholic (41-45) in a holiday tournament final and Perth Amboy (53-55 OT) in the Middlesex County Tournament final when another starting big man, Ed Etzold, 6' 7", was injured (ankle). Ed's defense was missed greatly in the middle of the zone defense. As the team moved forward to the New Jersey Group IV Championship, the Barrons defeated four teams to win Central Jersey Group IV, including the mighty Tornados of Trenton Central, 65-52. Next, they defeated perennial power Camden, 65-57, in the group IV semifinal and then Paterson Eastside 73-58 to win the overall State Championship. Randy scored twenty two points in the final (a season high)

Randy lived in Cedar Park, Texas, with his wife Cindy. The couple has three adult children. They are Tim, a pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds; Mike, an assistant sports information director at LaSalle University, and Lindsey, a human resource generalist with a District of Columbia non-profit group. Randy is vice president for commercial operations at Russelectric Corporation. Earlier in October, the family moved near Boston Massachusetts, for Randy's professional responsibilities. Randy gives much credit in life to his academic training at W.H.S., Colgate University, and at Fairleigh Dickinson University. (MBA degree)



Al Alvarez

Class of 1975



Al was an excellent athlete at Colonia High School (football, track and field) in the early to mid -1970's.

In football, Al was named to the 1974 Middlesex County Coaches first team at offensive guard. The News Tribune (Mike Balint) said, "college coaches have drooled over this Colonia guard's techniques. His quickness helps him get out in front of outside running plays, and he seldom seemed bothered by playing two ways"(December, 1974). CHS was ranked #18 in The Star Ledger final top twenty poll. The team concluded an 8-2 season and won the Middlesex County Athletic Conference Title. After the season, Coach Joe Martino had the following to say about Al and his twin brother Caesar, "two fine kids who rate as high as any kids we've had." "They are top quality kids, and I'm sure they will find a job." (in reference to their college choice)

Following high school, Al was off, with his twin brother Caesar, to the University of Virginia where he lettered in Cavalier football during three seasons; 1976, 1977 and 1978. (Source: UVA football media guide—on line)

Tragically, Al passed away suddenly about eight years ago. Following law school at Boston College Law School (class of 1982), he worked for the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office. Later, Al owned his own law firm and was a corporate attorney. He handled many pro bono cases for needy people. Al had a "heart of gold" helping strangers, friends and family. He was married and enjoyed four Doberman pinchers. The family is here tonight to help honor his memory. Al's younger brother, Peter Alvarez, will be accepting the Hall of Fame Award for him. The WTAAA is very pleased and honored to induct Al Alvarez, posthumously, into our Hall of Fame.



Caesar Alvarez

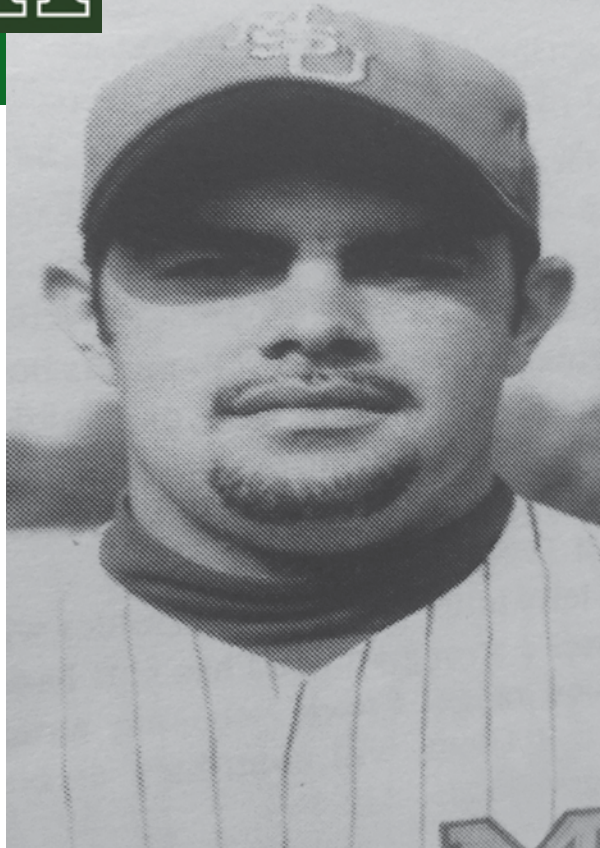
Class of 1975

Caesar was an excellent athlete (football, track and field) at Colonia High School in the early to mid -1970's.

In football, Caesar was named to The Star Ledger 1974 All State-All Groups First Team at offensive guard. He was also named to The Star Ledger All County First team at offensive guard and the Middlesex County Coaches All County First team at defensive tackle . In addition, he was voted the most valuable lineman in the County. The News Tribune said," Caesar is as fast as he is strong and plays the run and pass equally as well. His emotional psyche is expected to carry him to a great collegiate career."(December, 1974) Well, it certainly did at UVA!!! CHS finished the 1974 season ranked 18th in The Star Ledger final poll with an 8-2 record. The team was Middlesex County Athletic Conference Champions. After the season, Coach Joe Martino said the following about Caesar and his twin brother Al; "two fine kids who rate as high as any kids we've had." "They are top quality kids and I'm sure they'll find a job." (in reference to their college choice) Coach Martino also said that "Caesar was the most sought after junior he's ever coached."

Following high school, Caesar, with his twin brother, Al, was off to the University of Virginia where he lettered in Cavalier football during the 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978 seasons mainly at defensive tackle. He was named to the Atlantic Coast Conference All-Academic team in 1978. (Source: UVA football website on-line)

Today, Caesar is married to Conchetta. Together, they have three children: Taylor, Paige and Ashley. The family lives in Brielle. Caesar is the owner of E.R.S. General Contracting Company. Like his brother, Al, Caesar enjoys helping people in need. During storm Sandy, he went out of his way to help many families not expecting anything in return. Caesar's pride and joy are his three kids, building a home for his family, and being a family man first and foremost.



Alex Bosch

Class of 1995

third consecutive division championship while Alex was honored with two more All-Division awards and two All-Conference selections...concluding his career by being named First Team All-State. This was a year (1995) not likely to be duplicated as Woodbridge Township had three members on the First Team All-State squad (Bosch, Dave Marciniak and Jerry Connell).

Alex' career at JFK was unprecedented at the time from both a team and individual standpoint...a 75-23 record, three division titles, a State Sectional championship and three GMC Final Four appearances, including a final appearance in 1994 as a junior. Individually, he completed his career with three All-Division, two All-Conference and two All-County selections, culminating with the aforementioned First Team All-State honor. In his senior season, Alex batted .415 with 7 home runs and 33 runs batted in. For his career, he averaged .394 with 11 home runs while driving in 90. His 98 career hits were a school record (currently 5th all-time). Remember that total and consider that he missed over half of his sophomore season. Accumulating 42 stolen bases and 11 homeruns, Alex was a combination of speed and power. These totals still find him in the top five at JFK.

From the moment Alexander "Alex" Bosch IV stepped onto the campus of John F. Kennedy Memorial High School in the fall of 1991, he made an impact on its athletic programs. In his freshman season, he was elevated to the varsity level in three sports: football, basketball and baseball. Injuries sidelined him in both football (hamstring – freshmen year) and basketball (broken wrist – sophomore year) forcing him to place his total focus on baseball, where he truly excelled.

Alex enjoyed a career filled with individual and team success. In his first season, JFK completed a successful campaign with an 18-5 record, Blue Division championship and a State Sectional championship. In his freshmen season, he was immediately recognized around Middlesex County, earning All-Division honors as a catcher.

As a sophomore in 1993 and despite missing over half of the games recovering from his broken wrist, Alex hit an impressive .424. The team finished with a 23-3 record and another division championship. In fact, even the state began to take notice as JFK was ranked #12 in the final poll.

It was not until his junior year that Alex focused exclusively on baseball and when he did, there were none better. In those last two seasons, the team won a

After graduation, Alex declined an offer from the Philadelphia Phillies and attended Montclair State University where his winning ways followed. At MSU, Alex played in 150 out of a possible 174 games in which the team compiled a 114-60 record and made four appearances in the NCAA tournament. In his junior season of 1998, MSU made it to the National Championship game before succumbing to Eastern Connecticut State. Leading up to the College World Series, Alex was awarded the MVP of the Mid-Atlantic Regional, setting the stage for his team to advance. That season was also the first year that Montclair competed in its current home, Yogi Berra Stadium. Alex was the first MSU player to hit a homerun in that park!

Currently, Alex resides in Iselin with his wife Marisa and two sons, Alexander V ("AJ") and Jake. He gives back to the community by volunteering his time coaching his sons' teams for the Woodbridge Little League All-Stars as well as the Iselin Giants. Since earning his BA in Physical Education from Montclair State in 2001, Alex has taught in the Carteret School District. He is the varsity baseball assistant coach for the Ramblers as well as the head coach for their middle school basketball team.



Larraine Bratton

Class of 1983

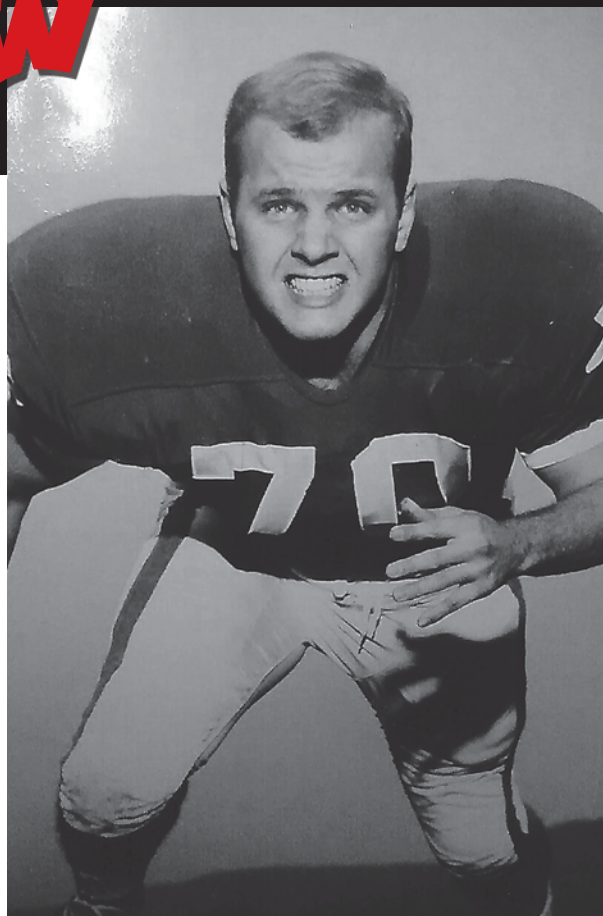
Larraine was a three sport athlete at Colonia High School playing soccer, basketball and softball. A three year varsity starter for all three sports (high school was only three years at the time) she was also the captain for all three. In basketball , she was an All-Conference player her junior year and an All County player her senior year. In soccer and softball, she was also named to the All-County teams her senior year.

She continued her athletic and academic career at Montclair State. A softball player for two seasons, she was an outfielder and participated in the College World Series. Her success however was on the basketball court. A four year player, she scored 882 points and had 722 rebounds in her career. In her senior year, where she was named captain, and led her team in both scoring and rebounding. In the 1986-87 season, she was 2nd team NJAC, a Kodak Regional All American and team MVP.

Following graduation, Larraine coached at Middlesex County College for seven seasons. In that time, the program was ranked nationally. She was named Coach of the Year and coached Player of the Year and All American Melissa Gromek. From there, she went to Bergen Community College where she revived the program and Coached Player of the Year and All American Angelika Baron from Poland.

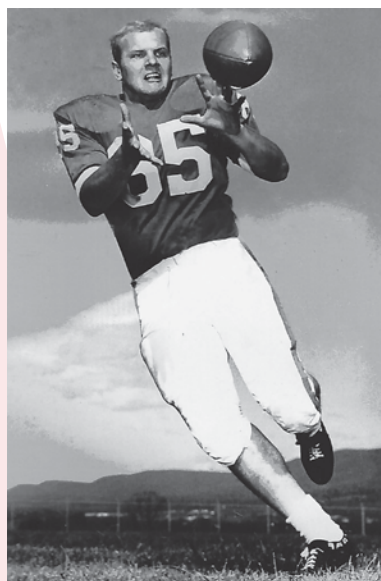
Larraine works for Advantage Solution as a Space Management Specialist for Unilever in Englewood Cliffs, NJ.

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John Eppensteiner

Class of 1963



During the late 1950's, John was a youth baseball player with a bright future in the diamond sport. However, after he entered high school, John's attention turned to football and track and field.

In football, he was one of the leading players on legendary coach Nick Priscoe's final teams. Following his senior year in 1962, he was named to the New Brunswick Home News All-County team at defensive end and punter. In track and field under the mentorship of WTAAA Hall of Fame coaches, Herb Hollowell and the late Lou Bartha, John reached great heights. He was the 1963 New Jersey State Group IV indoor shot put champion (55' 4.5"); the Middlesex County indoor shot put champion (56' 6 3/4" – a meet record); and the Middlesex County outdoor shot put champion (55' 8"). He also took third place in the javelin and discus at this meet. In addition, John was an important team point scorer as the Barrons captured the first Middlesex County Relays title. He also, contributed to team titles at the Seton Hall and Philadelphia Spike Shoe Club Indoor meets under Coach Hollowell. Perhaps, John's greatest team accomplishment occurred

when he and three teammates, John Picaroni, Ed Ackerman, and William Randolph, established a new USA National scholastic shot put relay record of 210'-1/2". At the conclusion of his senior year, John received a significant individual honor when he was named W.H.S.'s top athlete of the year. Also, he was recipient of the Boy Scout Silver Beaver Award.

Following high school, John was awarded a scholarship by Penn State University to play football. He was listed on the varsity roster from 1964-1966 and was a letter winner in 1966, coach Joe Paterno's first year as head coach. In 1964, he was the Penn State intramural shot put champion.

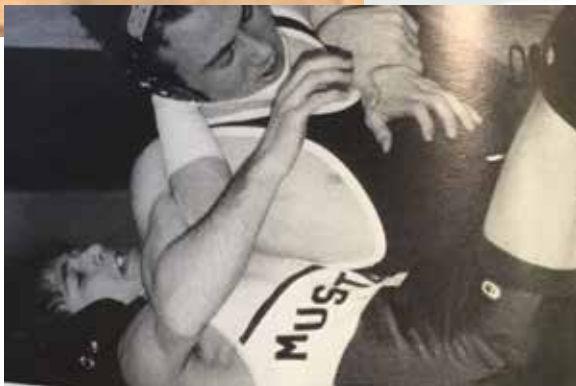
Today, John resides in Edison, N.J. with his wife Barbara Ann. He has been working as an electrical estimator since 1970. The Eppensteiners have three children; Lindsay, Lauren and John III; and two grandchildren; Katelin and Evelyn.

John wished to thank WTAAA Hall of Fame Coaches Nick Priscoe, Lou Bartha, Henry Chomicki, and, especially, Herb Hollowell for developing his athletic potential.



David Esposito

Class of 1996



One of the finest athletes to represent JFK on the mat, Dave is truly a wrestling lifer. He began wrestling in second grade and for the Espositos, it was a family affair. Dave joined his brothers Matt, Pete and Zack in creating a family dynasty. As a group and individually, their accomplishments are extraordinary.

Scholastically, Dave's career record for the Mustangs was 112-12 (91-3 in his sophomore, junior and senior years). As a 103 pound freshman, Dave had a 2nd, a 3rd and a 4th place finish in District-19, in the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament and in Region-5, respectively. However, for the next three years, it was nothing but firsts. Dave became a 3-time champion in District-19, in the GMCT and in Region-5. In the state tournament, he was a 2nd place finisher in 1995 and earned third places in 1994 and 1996. For his brilliant junior season (32-1 at 121 pounds), Dave was The News Tribune's Wrestler of the Year. He was also named three times to the first team All-Division, All-GMC and All-Middlesex squads.

Dave's next stop was on a scholarship to Lehigh University. He rewarded the Mountain Hawks with a career mark of 105-26. A 66-7 record in his final two

seasons included back-to-back championships at 149 pounds in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA). A third and then a second place finish in the NCAA tournament made him a two-time All-American. Dave was selected as Lehigh's Outstanding Wrestler in both 2000 and 2001. Also in 2001, he was the EIWA Wrestler of the Year and earned the John Fletcher Memorial trophy at the EIWA tournament - awarded for most career points. From the University, Dave received the Coaches' Trophy as its Outstanding Wrestler and was named Lehigh's Senior Male Athlete of the Year. Dave is still in the top ten on numerous milestone lists at Lehigh, including #1 for career takedowns.(377)

Dave graduated with a BA in Marketing and taught for a year at Avenel Middle School before landing a position as an assistant wrestling coach at Columbia University. While at Columbia, he also earned a Master's degree in Communications and Education.

After working for a time with his brothers, Matt and Pete, in Esposito Construction, Dave currently is a construction supervisor for a real estate development company. But this biography is about a wrestler and being true to his roots. Dave owns a mixed martial arts gym, The Edge, in Hoboken. To no one's surprise, his forte is wrestling...all the way from 5-year old beginners to professional MMA fighters. Recently married, Dave and his wife Lori reside in Hoboken with their two dogs, Chloe and Carmella.

Dave thanks the committee for this honor and making it even more special...to be inducted alongside his brother Matt. Thanks also go to his family, his JFK coaches, Joe Harrington and Scott Osborne, the late Joe DiMario and all who played a part in his success. The JFK family salutes you, David Esposito, for your accomplishments and for continuing to give back to your community.



Matt Esposito

Class of 1994

All dynasties, no matter how long they last, have a beginning. For the wrestling Espositos, their dynasty began with Matt in the 1990-1991 school year.

As a 103-pound freshman at JFK, Matt had a 22-3 record, first place finishes in the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament and District-19 and a third place in Region-5. His debut was so impressive that he was selected as the GMC Freshman of the Year as well as All-Division, All-GMC and All-Middlesex. There was no sophomore slump as Matt wrestled to a 19-2 record, competing at both 103 and 112 pounds. He had another first in the GMCT along with second place in District-19. Moving up to 135-pounds as a junior, Matt was injured for much of the season. He missed the GMCT but came back to parlay his 10-3 record into a first in District-19 and a third place finish in Region-5. Fittingly, Matt saved his best for last. In his third season as team captain and now wrestling at 145-pounds, Matt led the Mustangs to the Blue Division championship on the strength of his 32-1 record. He had a trifecta of first place finishes in the GMCT, District-19 and Region-5. All this culminated with a third place medal in the state tournament. Matt bookended his high school career by

once again being named All-Division, All-GMC and All-Middlesex.

His collegiate career took him to American University in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). Matt won 78 career matches for the Eagles while wrestling in four different weight classes – 157, 167, 177 and 184. He was third in the CAA Tournament in both his freshmen and sophomore (red-shirt) years. As a junior and senior, Matt won championships in the CAA Tournament as well as qualifying for the NCAA tournament where he had Top 20 finishes. Serving as co-captain in both 1998 and 1999, Matt was American University's Student-Athlete of the Year in 1999. At graduation, his career win total (78) placed him 4th all-time at American (currently #12).

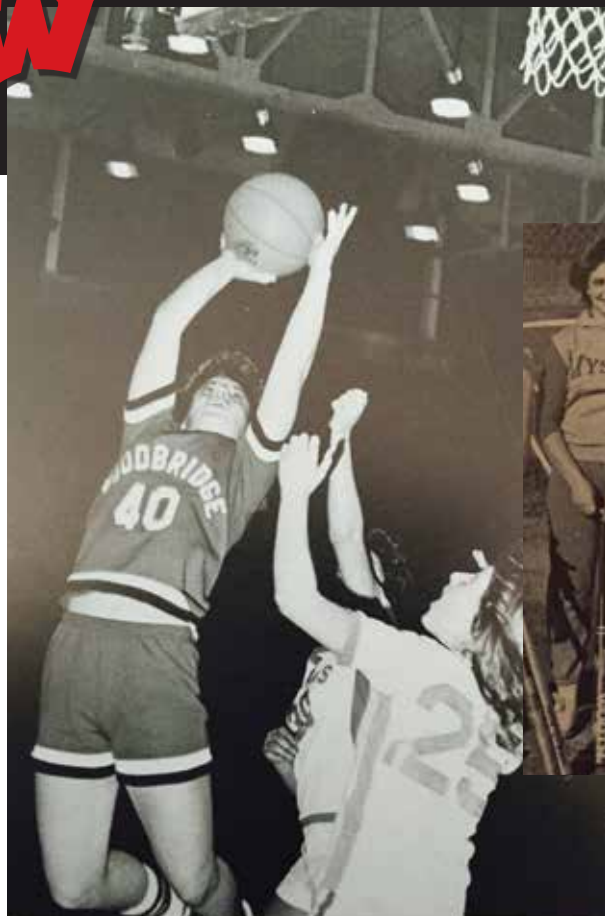
With a B.A. in Management, Matt worked for Morgan-Stanley from 1999-2001 as a financial advisor while simultaneously running his college business, Esposito Construction. In 2001 through the present, Matt has been the fulltime owner of Esposito Construction. He employs over 100 men and women throughout New Jersey.

Residing in Colts Neck, Matt and his wife, Heather, have two daughters, Lola and Luci.

In thanking the WTAAA for this honor, Matt is also grateful to everyone who helped in his development as a wrestler and as a person. Special thanks go to his JFK coaches Joe Harrington and Scott Osborne; the Woodbridge Recreation program and its coaches Joe Perez, Tim and Joe Flynn and Dave Barnhart; his teachers who pushed the importance of academics and naturally, his parents who supported Matt and his brothers and taught them right from wrong. Of course, there are three more people to acknowledge and thank. They are the rest of the "Esposito Dynasty" – Dave, Pete and Zack. Together with Matt, they were the first family of New Jersey high school wrestling for more than a decade. So, it is only fitting that the two Mustang teammates, Matt and Dave, enter the WTAAA Hall of Fame together. It is fitting, well-deserved and a great honor for Kennedy wrestling.

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Darlene Francisco (Matthews) *Class of 1985*



Darlene was a highly successful and honored three sport star at Woodbridge in the early to mid 1980's period. From the outside hard courts, to the hardwood, and to the diamond, she played tennis, basketball and softball at an All-County level.

In tennis, as a three year varsity starter, under Coach Ellen Baureis Pisano, a WTAAA Hall of Famer, Darlene was a Middlesex County doubles champion with partner Donna Vecchiarelli in 1982. The duo also made third team All-State and first team All County. Darlene started on three straight Middlesex County Athletic Conference Championship teams in 1982, 1983 and 1984. In addition, her 1984 team (21-1) won the Central Jersey Group IV Sectional Championship with a 5-0 victory over Middletown South. Prior tournament wins were over Hunterdon Central (5-0) and East Brunswick (3-2). Only a state semi-final loss (1-4) to Cherry Hill East blemished the record. Darlene played 1st. singles.

In basketball, under Coach Jim Sullivan, Darlene was a two year starter and a three year varsity team member. She was 2nd. team All County and First Team All MCAC.

Finally, in softball, under Hall of Fame coach, Joan Wataha, Darlene was named to the first team by The Home News Tribune, third team by the Star Ledger, and 1st. team All MCAC. She was a three year varsity starter and a four year varsity team member. Senior year, she batted .386 with 8 RBI's as a leadoff hitter. "She had wide range at shortstop and a strong accurate throwing arm". (HNT-1985)

Following high school, Darlene continued playing tennis, basketball, and softball at Middlesex County College. In 1986, she was presented with team MVP awards in basketball and softball. The latter team was GSAC co-champion with a 19-3 record. According to WHS coach Ellen Pisano, "Darlene was very coachable due to her outgoing personality and lighthearted demeanor. Her spirit was contagious to the rest of her teammates."

Tragically, Darlene passed at a young age. Her lasting legacy is with her husband, Rick, and children, Andrew, Carly, and Eric. The family resides in Port Reading, and they are here to join us tonight with many other family members and friends as we honor Darlene for her all around athletic achievements at W.H.S. The three children will be accepting Darlene's Hall of Fame Awards. The WTAAA is very pleased and honored to induct Darlene Francisco Matthews, posthumously, into our Hall of Fame.

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Amy Hansen (Thacker) *Class of 1980*



As a sophomore, Amy joined the W.H.S. track team to be a sprinter. Fortunately, she soon realized that distance running was her real strength, so much so that Amy is now regarded as the first outstanding long distance female runner in W.H.S. history.

In 1980, Amy reached the top spot in New Jersey. She was the State Group IV indoor champion in the 3,000 meters with a time of 10:41. She next captured the indoor Meet of Champions overall State championship in the indoor 3,000 meters in a time of 10:25.5. Thirty five years later, her time remains as the current Middlesex County indoor record for that distance. Also, in outdoor track, Amy was the Central Jersey Group IV Sectional champion in the 3,000 with a time of 10:17. In 1979, she was named to the Middlesex County cross country team. In 1980, she was named to the county and All-State track team. Source: GMC Coaches Association website. She also placed second to a Highland Park runner at the Middlesex County Track and Field Championships in the 800, 1,500, and 3,000 meters. This fact may be disappointing to her but, remember, she placed second in three long distance events not just one or

two events as she attempted a rare triple. Overall, Amy's best high school times were:

- 3,000 meters – 10:01 (MC Outdoor meet)
- 1,500 meters – 4:47
- 800 meters – 2:18.18.

Following high school, Amy enrolled in Ohio University on a track scholarship full ride. To this day, she is still listed in the college's media guide online with the following school milestone records:

1. 1981 – indoor – 3,000 meters – 9:58.01
2. 1982 – indoor – 3,200 meters relay – 9:15.2 (although the event is no longer competed)
3. 1981 and 1983 – 1,600 meter relay – Mid American Conference Champions – Amy ran cross country and track all four years at Ohio University.

Amy graduated Ohio University in 1984 with a BS degree in nutrition. In 1986, she earned an MS degree in nutrition.

Today, Amy is a nutritionist. She lives in Alexandria, Ohio, with her husband, Todd and son, Ryan.



Fred Herzog

Class of 1987

Fred's basketball career started slowly at Colonia High School. After transferring to the school in 1984, he made the varsity team as a 6'1" sophomore. By senior year, he grew to 6'7". He was named to The Star Ledger All-County First Team and The Home News and The News Tribune Second teams. His senior year squad finished 23-2 as he teamed with previous WTAAA Hall of Fame inductee Gary Battle and three other senior starters for Hall of Fame coaches Bob Tisdale and Jack Kreiger. Fred averaged 17 points a game with 186 blocks and 281 rebounds.

Following graduation, Fred had several scholarship offers including Princeton and Fordham. He chose the Rams in Bronx, New York, where he played for Coach Nick Macarchuk.

His season by season statistics include:

	Games	Points	Average	Record
1987-88	32	55	1.7	18-15
1988-89		INJURED		
1989-90	30	318	10.6	20-13
1990-91	33	408	12.4	25-8
1991-92	31	554	17.9	18-13

Fred was co-captain in 1991-92 and led the team in scoring average, field goal % (53.9), 3 point field goal % (50.8) and free throw % (81.6).

On the Rams Milestone List Fred is also listed several times:

- Games Played – 126 Tied for #1 All Time
 - Career Points -- 1335 #12 All Time
 - Career Rebounds -- 637 #14 All Time
- (Source: Fordham Media Guide-on line)

Fred's 1990-91 Rams team qualified for the NIT and won the Patriot League regular season and tournament titles. His 1991-92 team won a second straight Patriot League title. Fred was named to the league's All Star First Team and All-Tournament Team. He was also MVP of the tournament. The Rams qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1971. He was selected by CBS as the Chevrolet MVP of the NCAA game vs. University of Massachusetts.

Fred was inducted into the Fordham University Athletics Hall of Fame in 1999. He played professional basketball with the Long Island (USBL) and Sioux Falls (CBA) from 1992-2004. He also had a tryout with the Chicago Bulls in 1996.

Fred Herzog currently lives in Florida.



J. Delvin Horsford

Class of 1993

with garnishing 1992 All County and All State honors. J. Delvin concluded his soccer career at JFK being a member of 3 division championship Mustang soccer teams. His scoring skills, along with his unselfish team play around the net, helped Coach Bobal and the Mustangs to a record of 56 – 15 – 3 during his playing tenure. Horsford racked up 13 multiple goal games en route to a career total of an impressive 63 goals and 43 assists.

In 1993, J. Delvin was a member of the Kearny N.J. Thistle Scottish Soccer Club. The team traveled to England and Scotland the summer of 1993, where Horsford caught the eye of top football academy coaches from Everton F.C. He received an offer to stay under a professional contract at the club while his team moved back on to New Jersey. He made a conscious decision to decline the offer (signing disagreement) and return to the USA in order to experience collegiate soccer.

In college, Horsford was a 4-year letter winner for the William Paterson University Men's Soccer team graduating in 1998. During his college career, he scored 36 goals and received numerous honors. He was named to the NJAC All Conference 2nd team in 1994 and 1997 and the NJAC All Conference 1st Team in 1995 and 1996. The National Soccer Coaches Association of America All Mid Atlantic Region selected J. Delvin to the 2nd team in 1994, 95, and 96 and he was named to the 3rd team in 1997. These outstanding soccer accomplishments led to Horsford being inducted into the William Paterson University Hall of Fame in 2006.

J. Delvin's soccer skills continued on the professional level, as Horsford was a member of the NJ Stallions. He played in the USL Pro league during 1998-99.

J. Delvin earned his Masters degree from Marygrove College in 2012. Today, J. Delvin is a teacher in the East Orange School District and remains actively involved in soccer, serving as the Technical Director of the Valencia Soccer Academy. He resides in Metuchen with his wife, Tiffany, and his children, London and Indira.

A 2-sport letter winner in Soccer and Basketball, J. Delvin Horsford excelled in Soccer during his high school career. His scoring prowess helped the Mustangs under the direction of Coach Ed Bobal garnish 2 GMC White Division titles along with a Blue Division Championship.

J. Delvin made his mark on the field starting in 1990 when he was selected to the GMC White Division team as a lineman. His aggressive offensive skills continued into the next season, leading him to being named to the 1991 Star-Ledger 1st Team All – Middlesex Boys' Soccer Team along with the 1st Team All – Area Team by the News Tribune.

1992 proved to be a banner year for Horsford as he dominated Boys' Soccer in the Greater Middlesex Conference. Leading the Mustangs to a division championship, he was a virtual goal-scoring machine. He once scored 6 goals in a single game, then notched two 5-goal games. He earned the distinction of being the top scorer in the GMC 1992 season with 32 goals and 22 assists. J. Delvin was honored with being selected to both the 1st Team Star Ledger and News Tribune Boys' Soccer teams along

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A. Kyle Johnson

Class of 1996

High School Football

- Led the 1995 team to a 7-2 record and barely missed the four team playoffs
- 1st team Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger
- 2nd team Star Ledger – Group IV
- Won the school's 1995 Nicholas A. Priscoe "Back of the Year" award
- Played in 1996 North-South Classic
- School milestone charts
 - 4th – Most Yards Rushing In A Season – 1,235 Yards
 - 3rd (tied – with two other players) Most Total Touchdowns In Season – 16 Touchdowns

Track and Field

- 1st – M.C. Outdoor Relays – 4 X 110m hurdles – 1996 - 1:03.9
- 1st – M.C. Outdoor T & F Champ – 110m hurdles – 1996 – 14.5
- 6th – Meet of Champions Outdoor

College – Syracuse University 1996-2002

- Letter winner – 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001 – Captain 2000 and 2001

Rushing Statistics	Att	Yards	Avg	Tds
Totals	101	446	4.6	8

Source: *Star Ledger* 8/20/2001

Receiving Statics	Rec	Yards	Avg	Tds
Totals	13	116	8.9	2

Source: *Sportsreference.com* (college football)

- Team Bowl Games – 1997 – Fiesta – lost to Kansas State 18-35
- 1998 – Orange – lost to Florida 10-31
- 1999 – Music City – win over Kentucky 20-13
- 2001 – Insight – win over Kansas State 26-3
- Won Big East Championship - 1997 and 1998
- Ranked #1 Fullback in the Country by *The Sporting News*
- Individual All-Star Bowl Game – 2002 – East-West Shrine

College Awards

- Arthur Ash Jr. Sports Scholar – (3.2 + and active in the community) 1998-1999; 1999-2000; 2000-2001
- The Solady Award – 2002
- Big East All Academic – (3.0 + GPA) 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2001
- Big East Scholar – Athlete of the Year – 2001
- AFCA Good Works Team – 2000
- Joseph Alexander Excellence in Football, Scholarship, and Citizenship – 2000 and 2001
- SU Athletic Director's Honor Roll – F'96, S' 97, F' 97, S' 98, F' 98, S'99, F'99, S'00, F'01
- Master Degree at Syracuse – 2002

Professional National Football League Career

- Drafted – 2002 – Round 5 – 10th by Carolina Panthers

Source: *Syracuse University Football Media Guide*

- Professional Statistics – Denver Broncos - 2002-2007 Fullback

NFL Rushing Totals	Att	Yards	Avg	Tds
45 Games	9	39	4.3	1

NFL Receiving Totals	Rec	Yards	Avg	Tds
45 Games	33	323	9.8	8

In 2004 after three starts, he suffered a season ending injury to his right ankle. Kyle also played on the kick return and defensive units during his five NFL seasons.

Source: *CareerStats@NFL.com* and *WBarrons: The History and Traditions of Woodbridge High School Football: 1924-2013*

In 2004, Kyle Johnson became the sixth former Barron to play in the National Football League. His team was the Denver Broncos under Coach Mike Shanahan.

Kyle's football career began at Woodbridge High School in 1992. Injuries limited his junior year playing time. However, by 1995, under coach Bill Nyers, he reported to camp healthy and remained that way through most of the season. Along the way, he posted some strong numbers including 1,235 yards rushing and sixteen touchdowns. Kyle was named to The Home News Tribune and Star Ledger All Area First Teams and was selected for the 1996 New Jersey north vs south summer All-Star classic.

Kyle's senior year attracted college scouts. He accepted a scholarship offer from Syracuse University and coach Paul Pasqualoni. Thus, he became the fourth former Barron to not only play for the Orangemen but to star there. He red shirted his freshman year (1996) and actually missed the 2000 season due to injury in game one. However, the NCAA allowed a medical red shirt. Kyle was granted another year of eligibility in 2001, and he did not disappoint. He put up some strong numbers, and NFL scouts took notice of his strong work ethic and positive attitude. He also earned his Master's Degree that season.

In 2002, Kyle was drafted by the Carolina Panthers in round five. He was also a practice squad member of the Giants, Lions and Broncos. By 2004, he played in fourteen games for the Broncos and started three. His best season statistically was 2005.

Albert "Kyle" Johnson enjoyed an outstanding football career at W.H.S., Syracuse University and with the NFL's Denver Broncos. He was also an excellent student academically and very much involved in social and community based projects. Without question, Kyle is one of the most honored student athletes in W.H.S. history.

Today, Kyle lives in Colorado with his wife Tobi and daughter Kirbi. Formerly a scout for the Arizona Cardinals, he now works for Lifetime Fitness as a personal trainer.



Jennifer Kirby-Jeter Coach



Jennifer Kay Kirby-Jeter is a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. She was a two sport athlete, field hockey and lacrosse. In her senior year, she won the MVP award in both sports from her teammates. Kay continued her education at Davidson-Elkins College, West Virginia, where she was the goalie for the field hockey team. Summers, she worked for the Scotch Plains Recreation Division where she was a park counselor and eventually directed the teen center in town.

Kay started her teaching and coaching career at Colonia High School in 1980. She was the boys JV/ Freshmen soccer coach for ten years and took over the reins of the girls program for the next ten years.

After leaving soccer, Kay moved to the girls' tennis program and built it into a winner. Her "threepeat" white division championship teams are the highlight of the tennis program, and she was named Coach of the Year two of those three years. Her dedication to her players is obvious as many of her former players have chosen education as their career.

Kay also has the distinction of being the only bowling coach to have the NJSIAA Individual State

Champion male and female in the same year (1998). Her success in bowling includes five division titles, two NJSIAA Central Jersey State Champion teams as well as the two individual state champions. For her efforts, she was named White Division Coach of the Year 4 times, GMC Coach of the Year, Home News and Tribune Coach of the Year and Star Ledger Coach of the Year 3 times.

Kay's impact in Colonia High School is far reaching. Not just a teacher and coach, she was an advocate for women's athletics and fought to ensure girls the same athletic opportunity as the boys. She was instrumental in getting a team room built for the girls, and like fellow inductee Sue Williams, wasn't afraid to speak up for the rights of women's athletics. She joins a distinguished group of women including WHS's Joan Wataha, JFK's Marie Gardner and CHS' Sandy Schmidtke who stood tall and fought for equality after Title IX.

Kay retired in 2014... all 34 years in Colonia High School. She lives in Delaware with her husband Gary and her dogs Beau and Otis. In her free time, she still enjoys playing tennis and giving lessons!



Jack Kreiger

Coach



Jack Kreiger was born and raised in South Amboy and attended Saint Mary's High School. He was All-County and All State in basketball and was a member of the 1963 State Champion Baseball team. Jack is a member of the Saint Mary's Hall of Fame class of 2000.

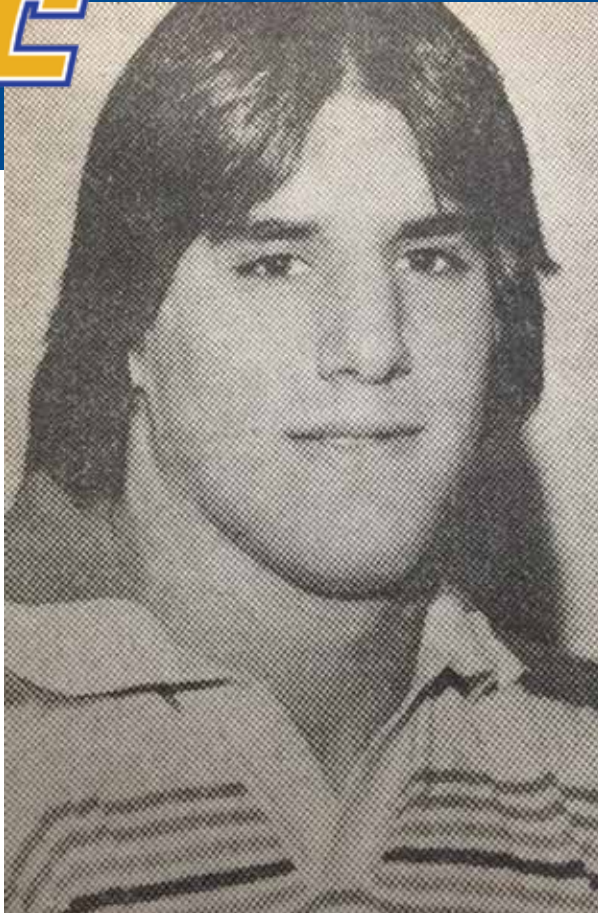
Jack received a full athletic scholarship from Seattle University. He lettered in basketball and baseball and played in two NCAA tournaments while earning his bachelor's degree. His freshman team is the only undefeated team in Seattle history. Jack was on the Seattle team that gave Texas Western its only loss in the year they won the National Championship vs Kentucky (1966). Texas Western was made famous in the movie "Glory Road."

Jack coached in Woodbridge Township from 1969 to 2008. He coached three sports and had major success in each. As a cross country coach, he was known for involving more than 30 runners a year while coaching many outstanding runners and winning teams. He coached two undefeated teams at CHS in 1986 and 1987. Both teams were GMC White Division Champions. He also was a three time Division Coach

of the Year. In basketball, he assisted in winning two Central Jersey Championships at CHS (1973 and 1985) and four division titles in 1979-80, 1983-84, 1985-86, and 1986-87 with WTAAA Hall of Fame coach ,the late Bob Tisdale. Jack's reputation for developing players' skills is well known. Many players credit Jack with giving them their fundamentals and confidence in their game. Aside from coaching in the high schools, he has worked basketball camps for over forty years. In baseball, Jack was an assistant on two County championships at CHS (1973 and 1980) with WTAAA Hall of Fame coach , the late Mickey Kott.

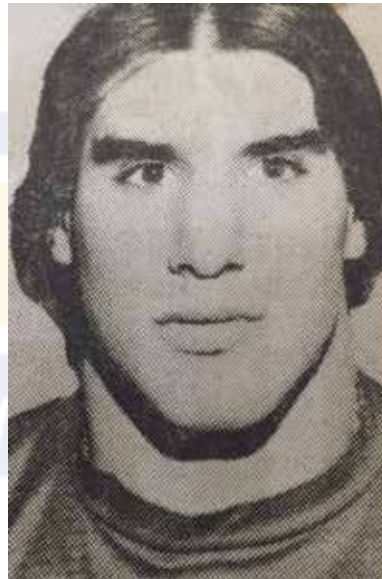
Jack has said his greatest joy has been that of working with so many fine young men and women athletes.

Jack has been married to his wife, Peggy, for 49 years. They have 2 sons, Matt and Keith, and 8 grandchildren.



William "Bill" Lichtenstein

Class of 1978



Bill was a great two sport athlete at Colonia High School in the mid to late 1970's era. In track and field, he was the Central Jersey Group IV discus champion in 1978 with a throw of 152'5". However, it was in the sport of football where Bill really made his reputation. In 1976 and 1977, Bill was named to The Star Ledger All State-All Groups First team on the defensive line as well as several scholastic All American teams. He was also named to the All-County First team both seasons by The News Tribune, Daily News and Star Ledger. In 1976, he was the Middlesex County Co-Lineman of the Year. His head coaches were WTAAA Hall of Famers, Joe Martino and the late Patsy Barbato.

Following high school, Bill accepted a scholarship to Tulane University. He lettered for four seasons there

in 1978, 1980, 1981 and 1982 at defensive tackle during the first three seasons and offensive tackle his senior year. He was named a team captain his senior year. Bill also was a member of the 1980 Tulane Hall of Fame Bowl team. (They were defeated by Arkansas 34-15) Source: Tulane University football media guide on-line)

Today, Bill lives in Weston, Florida, with his wife Gretchen and three children; Jake, Alisa and Sara. Jake is following in dad's footsteps as a highly recruited high school football player. Bill majored in accounting and finance at Tulane and is a CPA. He works in commercial real estate in the brokerage and sales arena.



**MIKE
MANFRE**
CEDAR RAPIDS REDS



Mike Manfre

Class of 1978

First Team in 1981. That season, his batting average was .416 with 7 homeruns, 13 stolen bases and 28 runs batted in. Major league scouts were always around and at the conclusion of Michael's junior year, "THE CALL" came.

In the Major League Baseball draft in June of 1981, Michael was selected by the Cincinnati Reds in the 20th round. This was the organization of "The Big Red Machine" whose dynasty spanned the years from 1970-1979. Now, they were looking to rebuild and their early eighties drafts included Danny Tartabull, Barry Larkin and Mike's teammates Eric Davis, Paul O'Neill, Rob Dibble and Chris Sabo.

Michael played in the Cincinnati organization for seven seasons, advancing up the ladder from Rookie league to A-ball to Double A and finally Triple A. He played all four infield positions and wound up his professional career as a centerfielder. Throughout his minor league career, Michael played 763 games, had 307 RBI's, scored 328 runs on 613 hits, including 115 doubles, 22 triples and 58 homeruns. He also drew 250 bases on balls and compiled a .256 batting average, an on base percentage of .327 and a slugging percentage of .395. While playing in the Reds' organization, Michael went to the Minor League World Series three times and won three World Series rings!

After the Minor Leagues, Michael returned to Kean to finish his degree in Health and Physical Education. Today, he teaches on the high school level in Perth Amboy and coaches football, basketball and baseball. He resides in Iselin and has four children, Michael Jr., Zachary, Chelsea and Tory, and three grandchildren, Meadow, Violet and Michael III.

Michael's selection makes this a family affair as he joins his sister, Donna Marie Gelesky, in the Hall of Fame.

If there is one phrase to describe Michael Manfre's play on both the basketball court and the baseball diamond, it would be "silky smooth." An outstanding athlete, Mike excelled in both sports playing for coaches Ray Newman and Buzzy Estok.

On the court, Michael was a standout during his two varsity seasons. As a senior, he earned first team honors in both the conference (MCAC) and the county; was named 2nd team all-area in the Daily News and 3rd team All-State Group III in the Star Ledger. Michael led the Mustangs to a 21-6 record before losing in the Central Jersey group III final. However, his first love was always baseball...he could never get enough. He played both second base and shortstop for the Mustangs during the 1977 and 1978 seasons and was both All-Conference and All-County as a senior. During the summers, Michael played for the Iselin American Legion team. Upon graduation from JFK, he took his baseball career to the collegiate level at Kean University.

While at Kean, Michael played shortstop for three seasons, making the Region 2 Division III All-American Team and the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC)

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Diane Matelski (Edmonds) *Class of 1981*



Diane is regarded as the first outstanding "mid" sprint female runner in Woodbridge High history.

In 1981, Diane won the Middlesex County title in the 400 meters. Her record time of 59.1 remained on the school charts until 2007. Her 4 x 400 relay team was County Champion (4:07.1) (The time held for over twenty five years) and was a Penn Relays medal winner. Diane also earned two varsity letters in cross country and two letters in basketball (23-3 season senior year). In track, she was undefeated in dual meets during her last two years in the 400 (20-0). She also set a school record in the 200. Her coaches were Mike Horbal, cross country; Jim Sullivan, basketball; and Gary Shambaugh, outdoor track.

Following high school, Diane enrolled at Middlesex County College where she participated in cross country and earned All American honors in outdoor track. She set a school record time of 58.6 in the 400 meters. In 1982, Diane finished fifth at the junior college nationals with a time of 56.2. She, also, played basketball at M.C.C. and averaged close to ten points per game. Diane concluded her college career at Missouri State College on a scholarship.

Today, Diane is a server administrator at J.F.K. health system in Edison. She is married to former Barron, Robert Edmonds. They have two children. Kristen is a professional soccer player with the Orlando Pride. She played at Rutgers for four years on a full scholarship. Kyle participated in track at U. Conn. for four years.



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Ricky "The Rock" Meyers

Class of 1985



Born on the Fourth of July in 1967, in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, perhaps the birth date explains the explosive nature of Ricky's style; a hard puncher who at the start of his professional career took out four foes in the first round and another four in the second! Raised in the Port Reading section of Woodbridge, with an older brother and younger sister, by his Mom and his beloved Grandma Meyers.

While still a fifth grader, Ricky was a frequent visitor to the old incinerator building turned local gym on Main Street in Woodbridge, run by Ronnie Jacques. There, he watched his uncle, Larry Esoldo, a former Golden Glover and professional boxer, train.

Although only 13 at the time, Ricky developed a keen interest in boxing and became a member of the Woodbridge Recreational Boxing Club. He started some light training with the help of neighbor George Hapstak.

Ricky fought an exhibition in 1981 at the Sheraton Hotel in Freehold, New Jersey, and at a 100 lbs. he put on quite a show against Pedro Salle of New Brunswick. At the end of the round, he threw up his hands and the crowd went wild. Ricky found the cheers of the crowd intoxicating. He decided boxing was for him.

He became a member of the Woodbridge Recreational Boxing Club and Derwin (Boney) Edmonds became his trainer. Later, George Wicke took on a share of the training duties. From that point on, the bouts were frequent as well as the wins.

He was the New Jersey Junior Olympic State Champion at 112 lbs. in 1982 claiming the title with a KO and repeated the feat in 1983 at 125 lbs. Also, in 1983, Ricky captured the 125 lb. Junior Olympic Regional Championship.

In 1984, Meyers began his string of four consecutive New Jersey Golden Gloves titles with the 125 lb. Novice Class Championship. Moving up to 132 lbs. later that year, he won the Gold Medal in the ABF State Box Off as well as at the Regional.

1985 saw him grab the 132 lb. Open Class Golden Gloves Championship and the National Sports Fest Trials Regional Title. The next experience remains one of Ricky's fondest memories. He competed in a dual meet for the USA vs. Ireland. in Atlantic City. The bouts were televised on ABC's Wide World of Sports.

At the 1986 Golden Gloves, he was again the 132 lb. Open Class Champion. He competed for the USA in dual meets against England, Scotland and Canada. He moved up to 139 lbs. and at the Quebec Cup International Tournament in December of 1986, he won his first title and a Gold Medal as a 139 lb. open fighter competing in a ten nation contest beating Asif Darr, a future Olympian.

Competing in his last Golden Gloves in 1987, Ricky won the 139 lb. Open Class Championship. International competition with the USA team included a dual meet against Canada and later Ricky suffered his only international loss in a controversial decision against Russia, held in Russia ("I was scared to death over there! This was immediately following the movie Rocky IV with the machine like character Russian fighter Drago.")

As an amateur, Ricky finished with a stellar record of 63 wins and 12 losses. In 1988, he was the New Jersey Amateur Boxer of the Year and was inducted into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame.

The next stage of his career started under the management of Stan Hoffman and trainer John Davenport. He turned professional on November 29, 1988 with a KO win in San Antonio, Texas, as a Junior Welterweight at five feet seven inches and 140 lbs. Davenport trained Ricky through his first four professional wins, three of which were knock outs, and then left when he was offered a job to train Lennox Lewis in Canada.

Kevin Rooney, a Cus D'Amato disciple, took on Ricky's training with renowned cut man Eddie Aliano in the corner. Rooney called Ricky "a miniature Mike Tyson." Meyers proved Rooney prophetic as he went on to win eight more fights with seven knock outs for a total of 12 professional fights with 10 KOS.

With a come at you style, "The Rock" became a big draw in Atlantic City casinos with fights televised across the country on cable television and was a particular favorite of ESPN. "When I get into the ring I don't give my opponent a chance to breathe. I'm putting a lot of pressure on him right away in the first two rounds because I know the kind of shape I'm in. I'm trying to wear him down."

In 1991, the "Pride of Port Reading" fought in his hometown of Woodbridge, at the high school he attended, against IBC Junior Welterweight Champion Iledmar Paisan on the USA Network. Entering the ring to the pounding beat of Queen's "We Will Rock You", Ricky "The Rock" Meyers won a unanimous 10 round decision in a non-title fight to the delight of the local fans.

Ricky defeated Mickey Ward, the subject of the Academy Award winning movie "The Fighter" on October 15, 1991 by unanimous decision.

Meyers severed ties with Kevin Rooney after achieving a 12-2 record under his watch. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, the former Light Heavy Weight Champion of the World, replaced Rooney in April of 1992. Mustafa guided Ricky to two wins and a draw before the most memorable bout of his career. On October 21, 1992 in Atlantic City, Ricky won a televised 10 Round unanimous decision over former World Champion Livingstone Bramble. ESPN called the Meyers-Bramble bout one of the best of 1992.

Ricky was selected a Special Achievement Award Winner in 1993 by the New Jersey Sports Writers Association at the Pines Manor in Edison.

He moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1994 where he still resides with daughters Samantha and Amanda, the pride of his life.

His last fight came on September 8, 1995, after a 31 month layoff, at the Aladdin in Las Vegas when he needed less than three minutes to send his opponent to the canvas. He closed out his professional career as he started: with a KO of his opponent. "The Rock" finished his professional career with 20-3-1 record with 12 KO's.

Ricky loved the spotlight and the glory the ring brought and admits his experiences motivated him to excel. He is ever grateful to his fans for their unwavering support throughout the years. He is truly thankful for such a blessed life.



Michele Nelson (Masino) *Class of 1992*



"black and blue... she was a driver and a slasher... a tough kid." Averaging 18.4 points per game in her final season, Michele made 2nd team All-Middlesex, up from their 3rd team as a junior.

Come springtime, Michele was on the diamond at second base for Coach Bob McLaughlin. In her three varsity seasons, the Mustangs won or shared division championships in the White (1990) and Blue (1991-92) divisions. Overall the team was 56-14, an amazing .800 winning percentage. As a senior, on a team that was 22-4, Michele hit .435 out of the 3rd spot in the batting order while scoring 30 runs and driving in 29. For her career, she hit .373 with 75 runs batted in and 67 runs scored. Along the way, Michele was named All-Division (twice), All-GMC and 1st team All-Area in The News Tribune.

Georgian Court and four years of collegiate soccer came next. Michele played on four Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference champions, three Northeast Regional Champions and three NAIA national tournament qualifiers – which meant Thanksgivings in Missouri, Washington and Georgia. An Academic All-American candidate in 1995, Michele graduated with a BA in Elementary Education/sociology and is currently in her 18th year at Woodbine Avenue School #23.

Living in Bayville, Michele and her husband Michael (also a JFK graduate) have two sons, Michael Jr. and Dominic. Both boys have played Mom's three sports but their focus now is on baseball.

In conclusion, let's use the words of Coach Williams on Michele Nelson in 1992: "She has qualities that I don't think you can teach. She has an incredible desire to win, sets high goals for herself and reaches them." In 2016, nothing has changed.

In an era where athletes may tend to specialize, Michele's high school career was a throwback to the days of "three seasons, three sports." Plus, she happened to excel in each one...soccer, basketball and softball, earning nine varsity letters. Her success culminated in her being named as The News Tribune's Girl Athlete of the Year in 1992 as well as JFK's Scholar Athlete and the winner of the Gene Haley Memorial Award.

Playing for Coach Marie Gardner, Michele led the soccer team to back-to-back Blue Division titles in 1990 and 1991. She set six school records for both a season and a career for goals (37/74), assists (12/26) and hat tricks (7/13). In both her junior and senior years, she earned first team honors in the division and conference as well as All-Area in The News Tribune and TV-3. The Home News placed her on their 2nd team All-Area both years while the Star Ledger named her 2nd team All Middlesex as a junior and 1st team a year later.

In basketball, her "least" favorite sport, Michele made herself successful. As a senior, she captained the team to a 19-7 record and became only the second female at Kennedy to score 1000 points for her career (1064). Coach Sue Williams said that many of her points were



Dagmara Wozniak

Class of 2006

Special Achievement Award



Dagmara graduated Colonia High School in 2006 after growing up in Avenel, N.J. She began fencing at an early age under the guidance of her Polish immigrant hard working parents, Gregory and Irena. She was able to represent CHS in New Jersey State fencing meets. Following high school, she continued her education at St. Johns University and majored in biology. She continued her fencing career at the Manhattan Fencing Center with coach Yury Gelman.

Dagmara was a sabre alternate on the 2008 Olympic Team. She placed 8th individually at the 2012 Olympic Games in London despite a partially torn achilles tendon. At the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil, Dagmara and her sabre teammates won the BRONZE MEDAL.

Dagmara's other medal achievements are as follows:

1. Senior World Championship Teams: **2015-bronze**; **2014-Gold**; **2013-bronze**; **2012-bronze**; **2011-bronze**
2. Pan American Games Teams: **2015-Gold**— Individual and Team; **2011-Gold**—Team
3. Junior World Championship Teams: **2008-silver**; **2007-bronze**; **2006-Gold**

Woodbridge Township is very proud of Dagmara's accomplishments. She has worked diligently through all the years of training to achieve WORLD CLASS status. We salute you, Dagmara Wozniak, for achieving excellence and international recognition in your chosen sport. Tonight, the WTAAA is pleased and honored to recognize you with a Special Achievement Award.

(Source – USA Fencing Website)



The Iselin Giants Executive Board

proudly congratulates our

Jr. Pee Wee Head Coach,

Alex Bosch

on being inducted into

the WTAAA Hall of Fame.

We are honored to have you as a coach.

Congratulations to all the honorees!

Colonia High School

Al Alvarez, 1975

Caesar Alvarez, 1975

Lorraine Bratton, 1983

Fred Herzog, 1987

Jennifer Kirby-Jeter, Coach

Jack Kreiger, Coach

Bill Lichtenstein, 1978

Steve Solop, 1972

Lynn Spirko, 1987

1970 – Track Relay Team

John F. Kennedy Memorial High School

Alex Bosch, 1995

David Esposito, 1996

Matt Esposito, 1994

J. Delvin Horsford, 1993

Mike Manfre, 1978

Michele Nelson Masino, 1992

Lenny Reyes, 1990

Jerry Smith Sr., Coach

Sue Williams, Coach

1990 – Boys' Basketball Team

Woodbridge High School

Randy J. Adleman, 1975

John Eppensteiner, 1963

Darlene Francisco Matthews, 1985

Amy Hansen Thacker, 1980

A. Kyle Johnson, 1996

Diane Matelski Edmonds, 1981

Ricky Meyers, 1985

John Picaroni, 1963

1957 Track Mile Relay Team

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John Picaroni

Class of 1963



discus relay titles. At the 1963 Middlesex County Outdoor meet, he took first place in the discus with a new meet record throw of 158' 10". At the Central Jersey Sectional Group IV meet, he placed second with a W.H.S. record of 166' 9", a mark that still stands today, fifty three years later. John was, also, a major contributor on the shot put relay team that set a new National scholastic relay record of 210' 1 1/2". His teammates were fellow WTAAA Hall of Fame inductee, John Eppensteiner and Ed Ackerman and William Randolph.

Upon entering high school, John set his sights on playing football and participating in track and field.

In football, under legendary coach, Nick Priscoe, John was one of the few sophomores during that time to play varsity. Since 10th graders attended school in the afternoon due to split sessions, John's schedule had to be rearranged so he could practice with the varsity team. He was a member of the undefeated 1960 team (8-0-1). His junior year team finished 6-2-1; and his senior year team was 5-4-0 in coach Priscoe's final season before he became athletic director. John lettered two seasons and started all games during the last two seasons. At the conclusion of his senior year, he was named to the New Brunswick Home News and Perth Amboy Evening News All-County teams and was second team Central Jersey Group IV by the Elizabeth Daily Journal. In track and field under the mentorship of WTAAA Hall of Fame coaches, Lou Bartha and Herb Hollowell, John continued to excel. He earned six letters. He was the 1963 Seton Hall University winter shot put champion. He helped to lead his team to the first Middlesex County winter relays title when his team won the shot put and

Following high school graduation, John enrolled in Western Illinois University. There, he played football for one year and track and field for three years. In 1965, he was the Elmhurst, Illinois, invitational discus champ and the Illinois State Collegiate discus champ.

When John returned home, he became a physical education teacher in Woodbridge Township. He was also an assistant football coach at Colonia High School for 25 years. The Patriots were three time division champions during this period. John was, also, a track and field coach at Colonia for 28 years including 23 as head coach. He was a three time White Division Coach of the Year in 1987, 1988 and 1997. His Pats were GMC White Division spring champs in 1988, 1991 and 2001 and winter MCAC champs in 1973. In 1996, John received the Middlesex County Coaches Association Service Award for 25 years of meritorious service.

After a long and successful teaching and coaching career, John retired in 2001. He lives in Edison with his wife Arlene. He has three adult children; John Jr., Gina and Vincent.



Lenny Reyes

Class of 1990



In football, Lenny was a two-year starter, 1988 and 1989, on both offense and defense. In his junior year, he earned All-Middlesex County honors as a safety. As a senior, he was honored on offense as an All-Middlesex County tight end. Lenny was also given the distinction of Middlesex County "Big 36" honors in 1990. In addition to his basketball and football careers, he was also a starter on the Mustang baseball team during his junior year.

After high school, Lenny traveled to Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania to play collegiate basketball for the Susquehanna University Crusaders. He worked his way up the roster and cracked the starting line-up during his senior season. He also served as team captain for the 1994-1995 season.

After graduating from Susquehanna University in 1995 with dual degrees in Political Science and History, Lenny pursued a career playing basketball professionally in the Philippines. He was drafted in the second round of the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) by the team sponsored by Purefoods. He switched leagues to the upstart Manila Basketball Association (MBA) where he played four seasons. He played for the Cagayan de Oro Nuggets in 1998 and the Surigao Miners in 1999. He then earned a key role with the Batangas Blades in 2000 and 2001, where he was named All North Division for the final two seasons of his professional career.

Lenny then returned to the United States to pursue a career in teaching and coaching. He landed a position at Carteret High School where he is currently a teacher in the History Department. He has also served as a high school boys' basketball coach at numerous stops within Middlesex County. A longtime resident of Woodbridge Township, Lenny and his wife, Jhingki, have raised their three children, Mariele, Trace, and Ysabel, within the Fords section.

On January 24, 1990, 4-year basketball starter Lenny Reyes hit a baseline jumper to become the second 1000 point scorer in Mustang Boys' Basketball history. Lenny, as a sophomore, was an integral part of the 1987-88 team which won the White Division. As a junior, he led the team in scoring and received both All-Division and All-Middlesex County recognition. He again earned All-Division and All-Middlesex honors as a senior, while finishing his career with 1,232 points and the opportunity to participate in the 1990 GMC All-Star game. However, Lenny's most significant contribution to JFK's Boys' Basketball history came during his senior year when he was a starter for their championship team.

The 1990 Boys' Basketball team finished with a record of 28-3 enroute to winning the White Division, the GMC county championship, the State Sectional Group III championship, and finishing as the Group III State runner-up. The team finished as the #1 team in both The News Tribune and The Home News, while also being recognized as the #12 team in The Star Ledger's final poll. Lenny was one of Coach Ken Pace's five seniors and earned the title of Team Captain.



Jerry Smith, Sr.

Coach

seasons, his teams compiled a record of 248 wins and 119 losses for a .676 winning percentage. Jerry's coaching philosophy was simple...Come ready to play every game and schedule the best opponents. Under his tutelage, the Mustangs were the winningest team in the county for that decade with 178 victories. His teams won eight division championships (1992-1994, 1996-1997, 1999-2001), reached the GMC Tournament final six times, and won two State Sectional titles (1992 and 1997). The 1997 team was the state runner-up. In only his first season were Coach Smith's teams below .500. On four occasions, his teams had 20 plus win seasons and deservedly, Jerry was named either division or county Coach of the Year eleven times. His players also earned numerous honors with 26 of them making various All Conference, All County and All State teams. Buoyed by personal phone calls and letters of recommendation, twenty-one players continued their academic and baseball pursuits in college with a few making it to the professional ranks. At the time (and today too), this was quite an accomplishment for a small Group II school.

Currently, Coach Smith is the Athletic Director at Saint Joseph High School in Metuchen. There, he has continued that winning attitude as several of the school's varsity teams have garnered top honors for their high level of academic achievement and athletic excellence. Combine those two tenets of Jerry's bedrock beliefs and success will follow.

A longtime resident of Iselin, Jerry has been married to his lovely wife Jane for 45 years. They have three children, Jason, Jessica and Jerry, and seven grandchildren. Everyone who knows Coach Smith, friends and foes alike, can attest to his energy, intensity, heart and commitment to excellence. Mix those ingredients with a keen sense of humor and you have the recipe for a Hall of Fame coaching career! Jerry was previously inducted into the New Jersey State Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame from JFK and Hoboken High Schools in 2012.

Jerry has always considered his players and their ongoing pursuit of academic and athletic excellence as his biggest challenge and passion. As a coach and educator for over 50 years in several different public and parochial settings, his teaching, coaching, advising and helping players reach their full potential has been his hallmark.

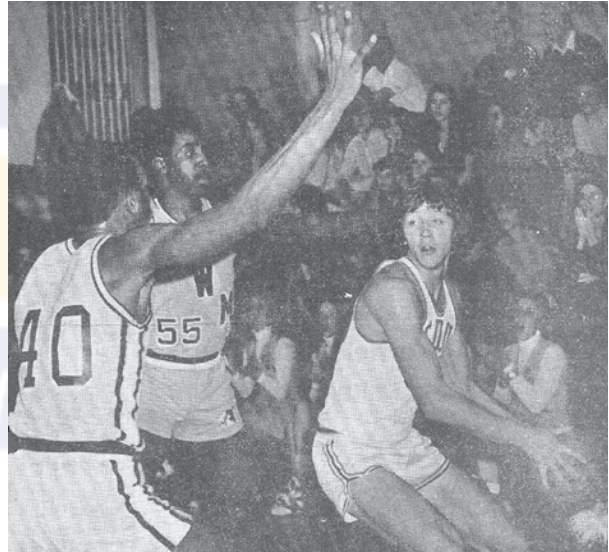
After graduating high school in 1964, Jerry received a baseball scholarship to Bellarmine College where he played four positions during his collegiate career. Upon graduation, he was hired as a teacher in the Hoboken School District. However this career was sidetracked by "Uncle Sam" and a stint in the U.S. Army. After serving a decorated tour of duty in Viet Nam where he was awarded the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart, Jerry returned to Hoboken and continued his teaching career for the next 38 years. In addition to his love of teaching, he coached the track team for 14 seasons while his teams amassed 11 championships. In recognition of these accomplishments, he was inducted into the Hoboken Hall of Fame in 1995.

From 1990 through 2004, Jerry was the head coach at JFK High School. During those fifteen



Steve Solop

Class of 1972



Steve's basketball career began with several setbacks. He missed large parts of his high school career due to injuries. However, this did not prevent him from becoming successful in both high school and college. Steve led Colonia in rebounds and blocked shots, while recording a double/double (points and rebounds) every game his senior year. He was named to several 1st and 2nd team All-County lists in 1972. Steve indicated that he may still hold the Colonia season rebounding record set in 1972 with 266. His team won the Middlesex County Conference and finished the season 18 and 9. In the states, Colonia defeated JP Stevens with Steve scoring 19 with 12 rebounds and hitting the clinching free throws. They lost to unbeaten Ewing in the next game, unfortunately.

Steve was Colonia's first Division 1 basketball player and was recruited by, among others, Temple, Randolph Macon, Rutgers, North Dakota, Mount St. Mary's, Rhode Island and Fairleigh Dickinson. He chose FDU where he played on a team that was among the top defenses in the nation (as high as 3rd). In his first college game, Steve had 21 points and 16 rebounds vs. Buffalo. Steve averaged 10 points a game in the 75-76 season while playing both forward

and center against many top Division 1 teams. During his senior season, he led FDU in field goal percentage (.500%) and free throw percentage (.627%). Source: FDU Media Guide Online

After finishing his college career, Steve received offers to play in Venezuela and Belgium and letters to attend NBA evaluation camps. He did play shortly in the Eastern League for the NY Pros and Larson Ford in the Jersey Shore League. He still participates in the National Senior games, placing 7th in Kentucky and 13th in California.

Steve and his wife Patricia (Baier) are lifelong residents of Colonia. They have 2 children, Elliot, an attorney practicing in NJ, and Liam Ryan, currently serving in the United States Navy.

Steve is the owner of Red Finch Consulting, EZcustomshirts.com and Steve Solop Custom Dress Shirts and Clothing, located in the Highlands of New Jersey.

Steve was the first male student in the state of New Jersey to be enrolled in a public school home economics class (sewing). He has enjoyed a rewarding career in the apparel industry.



Lynn Spirko

Class of 1987

Lynn was a three sport athlete at Colonia High School; soccer, basketball and softball. However, softball was Lynn's most successful sport. In 1984, as a freshman catcher, she was named to The News Tribune All-County team. She batted .438 with 24 rbi. In 1986, on the strength of a .427 batting average with 24 rbi. , she was named first team All-County in The Star Ledger and The News Tribune. In 1987, she moved to shortstop and was named first team All-County in both The News Tribune and The Star Ledger and second team Home News. She was named Star Ledger All Group 3, 2nd team by batting .456 with 25 rbi. According to Hall of Fame Coach Stew Jago, Lynn was "the best all-around athlete I have coached here", and "she had a cannon for an arm".

Lynn continued her career at Trenton State, now The College of New Jersey. Under Hall of Fame Coach June Walker, she played all four years and helped her team win the National Division III Championship in 1989. In 1988, she was named to the NJAC first team as a utility player. In 1990 and 1991, she was named first team NJAC at 2nd base. She was also named an All-American in 1990 and 91. (Source: TCNJ softball website)

Lynn is currently working at Princeton Regional Schools as a teacher and therapist.



Sue Williams

Coach

the 1,000 point scoring milestone - a current member of the Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Hall of Fame, Barbara Shissias, and one of tonight's inductees, Michele Nelson.

The "tennis coaching bug" bit Sue again as she moved on to coach the JFK Boys' Tennis team from 1989-1992. Sue molded the program into a dominant powerhouse with a record of 54 wins -10 losses en route to winning three GMC division championships and a Central Jersey Group III Sectional State Championship. Sue was also recognized as the 1992 GMC Boys' Tennis Coach of the Year.

Sue Williams' coaching career extended past the high school level. Sue was at the helm of the Middlesex County College Women's Tennis team from 1981-1985. In 1983, that team qualified for the National Junior College Tennis Tournament in Ocala, Florida.

Her successful coaching career was recognized throughout the years. In 1992, Sue Williams was inducted into the prestigious NJSIAA Hall of Fame.

Over the years, Sue has been a positive influence and role model for countless students and athletes. Sue has the distinction of having coached 15 of the 17 female athletes from JFK that are members of the Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Hall of Fame.

A lot changed in the world of physical education and girls' sports during the 38 years that Sue Williams was involved with JFK Memorial High School. But through the years, the one thing that remained constant was Sue's dedication and enthusiasm towards her students and players. One of her biggest thrills as a teacher and coach has been seeing former students become teachers and former players become coaches.

Now retired from teaching in the Woodbridge Township School District, Sue currently resides in Las Cruces, New Mexico, with her partner Pattie Gipson. Still involved in sports, Sue is now recognized for her own athletic accomplishments. Enjoying many days on the links honing her golf game, Sue now competes in Senior Olympic Golf events. She earned a silver medal in 2013 and 2014 and took home the gold medal in 2015 and 2016. Sue qualified for the National Senior Olympics in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. Teacher, coach and now an athlete in her own right, Sue Williams has always been a winner!

Sue Williams left the mountains of, as the singer John Denver would say, "almost heaven, West Virginia" to come to scenic New Jersey in 1967. A graduate of West Virginia University, she started teaching physical education and health at what was then Avenel Jr. High School.

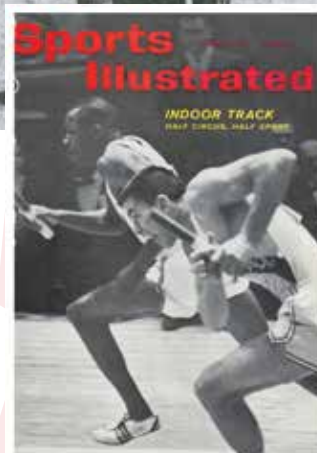
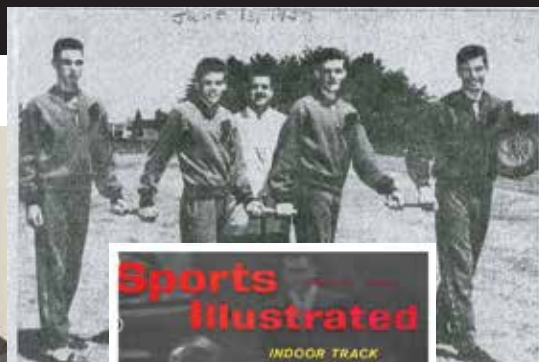
In 1971, Sue moved on to JFK Memorial High School. Sue went on to spend 35 happy years at JFK - teaching, coaching, and wearing the many hats of a dedicated educator.

One of the biggest events to impact Sue's career was the 1972 Title IX Education Amendment, which provided gender equity and opened the doors for girls in sports. Sue's career as one of the most successful coaches in JFK Memorial High School history was about to begin.

Sue served as the Girls' Tennis coach for 17 years from 1969-1987, compiling a record of 223 wins - 103 losses. She was the first Girls' Basketball coach beginning in 1971. She stayed on until 2000, holding that position and becoming one of the most respected basketball coaches in the county for 28 years. During the 1992-1993 season, Sue guided the Mustangs to the GMC Blue Division Championship. Sue was named the GMC Division Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1993. During her tenure as Girls' Basketball coach, Sue saw two players achieve

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1957 Track Mile Relay Team



During the early 1950's, under the direction of head coach and WTAAA Hall of Famer, Lou Gabriel, the W.H.S. track and field program, steadily developed into a serious medal contender in Central Jersey Group IV.

The program's championship level status actually began in the winter of 1957 when the Barrons shocked the area by winning the very first indoor Middlesex County track and field title. As the seasons moved from winter into spring, hopes were high for a successful outdoor season. The team did not disappoint. The "cindermen" concluded a 6-0 dual meet season versus the best schools in Central Jersey IV. The squad finished second at the Central Jersey Group IV sectional meet and the Middlesex County outdoor meet. Pat Cunningham, Karl Gross, Joe Fritsche, Bob Kasko, Andy Liscinski and Pete Zych were all medal winners during the various championship meets. Woodbridge High School had emerged on the scholastic track and field map, and the program remained that way for a long time.

The 1957 Woodbridge High School Mile Relay team established a school record at 3:25.2 which stood for 52 years. During that 1957 spring track season, the team placed first (setting a new class record) at the Iona College Relays in New York; won first place at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia; and placed second at the Eastern States Championships in New York (setting a record for a New Jersey Scholastic Relay team). The four members for the relay team were Pat Cunningham, Joe Fritsche, Karl Gross and Bob Kasko. During the regular dual meet season and in championship meets, Cunningham competed in the 100, 220, 180 LH and long jump; Fritsche in the 440 and 880; gross in the 880 and mile; and Kasko in the 100, 220, 440, and long jump. As individuals, they won various county and state championships during their careers at Woodbridge High School. Three members of the team received track scholarships to college; Cunningham to Penn State, Gross

and Kasko to Seton Hall. The team was coached by Louis Gabriel. The new school record of 3:24.4 was set in 2009 on an all-weather rubber track, while the old record of 3:25.2 was run on a cinder track. It's estimated that the 3:25.2 time established in 1957 would be equivalent to a time of 3:22 or better if run on a similar all-weather rubber track.

Bob Kasko, an individual WTAAA Hall of Famer, became a physical education teacher, track coach at W.H.S., athletic director at C.H.S., vice principal at C.H.S. and, finally, principal at J.F.K. Memorial for many years. He and his late wife, Joan, had three children, Jeff, Greg, and Nancy and eight grandchildren. He currently lives in Iselin. Bob was the first New Jersey athlete to appear on a Sports Illustrated cover, February 6, 1961, as he ran for Seton Hall University. Pat Cunningham is also an individual WTAAA Hall of Famer. He was commissioned a 1st. Lieutenant in the US Marine Corp. Later, he was trained to pilot and navigate the F-4 Phantom Jet. He was sent to Vietnam and promoted to Captain. He held the record for the number of combat missions flown over North Vietnam for an F-4 pilot (over 200). During his professional career, Pat became president of Narco Avionics in Philadelphia and later Dover Corporation in Chicago where he worked on many deals with China's government... He lives in suburban Chicago with his wife, Jean, near their four children and nine grandchildren. He walks actively for Relay for Life. Karl Gross was a fundraising professional in California, but we were unable to gather more information. Joe Fritsche is deceased. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate a family member for further information regarding Joe's life.

It is fair to say that Pat Cunningham, Joe Fritsche, Karl Gross, and Bob Kasko, under the mentorship of Lou Gabriel, were individual "winners on the cinders" and brought the first team track championships to W.H.S. They helped to establish consistent Barron county and state contenders for many years to come.

C 1970 Track Relay Team



During the 1970 season, Colonia High School produced its first great track team. Under the guidance of WTAAA Hall of Fame coaches, Harry Brett and the late Mike Murphy, the school won championships in many relay events.

1. Eastern States indoor sprint medley relay (3:35.9)
Best high school time in the US in 1969-70 and a state indoor record. Team member were Steve Felton, John Mahr, Bob Sneadeker and Dave Kuntz.
2. Middlesex County indoor 4X400 relay (3:32.3)
3. Middlesex County outdoor 4X400 relay (3:29.9)
4. Middlesex County outdoor Championships 4X400 relay (3:24.4)
5. Greater Jersey Conference sprint medley relay (3:31.5)
(this was the fastest time ever for this event by a New Jersey Public School. and the time stood for over 20 years)
6. New Jersey State Gr. IV mile relay outdoor champions (3:27.4)
Team members were Dennis Kuntz, Joe Papernik, Steve Felton and Dave Kuntz.
7. 1969- Cross country team was 15-0 in dual meets.

The team also won spring mile relay titles at the Highland Park Relays, Penn Relays and Colonial Relays in Williamsburg, Virginia. Those members were Dave Kurtz, Joe Papernik, Steve Felton, Steve Kordos, John Mahr, and Dennis Kuntz. Meet rules were a lot different than today. This could determine the runners in a particular meet.

Several of the team members also won individual events.

1. Dennis Kuntz – outdoor Greater Jersey Conference 800 yard Champion
2. Steve Felton – outdoor Greater Jersey Conference 400 yard Champion
3. Joe Papernik – Colonial Relays Hurdle Champion
4. Dave Kuntz – County Indoor 880 yard Champion
5. Dennis Kuntz - County Indoor 1600 yard Champion
6. Dave and Dennis both finished in the top eight in the N.J Gr. 1V cross country Meet of Champions.

Source: CHS Spring Awards Program and GMC Coaches Association website

Following high school, Dennis Kuntz and twin brother David, attended NYU under full athletic scholarships. Both lettered in cross country and track and field for four years. They ran on several teams that won college relay titles at major meets such as the Wanamaker Milrose Games and the US Olympic Invitational. Dennis graduated with a degree in education and returned to teach history at CHS for two years before entering the corporate work force. He joined IBM in 1977 and has held a variety of senior sales and management positions. He is currently a financial sales executive with the IBM credit corporation. He is married to the former Linda Eberhardt, who was a manager for the CHS cross country and track teams. Together, they have three daughters and three grandchildren. They live in Colonia.

David Kuntz graduated NYU with a degree in anthropology. He is currently employed at Panasonic Aviation Systems where he serves as the lead education and training manager for their in-flight entertainment systems. His position enables him to travel the world. David is married to the former Cindy Becker, also of Colonia High School. They live in Southern California. Together, they have three children and three grandchildren. Both David and Dennis remain avid runners. They have completed over fifty marathons throughout the years.

Steve Kordos was a history teacher at Buena Regional High School and an award winning track coach. Sadly, Steve suffered a stroke about eleven years ago. He cannot speak and has minimal use of his right side. He did teach himself to paint again using his non-dominant hand. Nearly ten years later, he is able to walk with a cane. Steve is a 2002 inductee into the South Jersey Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Joe Papernik attended West Chester State College ,Pa., where he ran track for three seasons. He taught health and physical education in Barnegat, N.J, for 38 years mostly at the middle school level and served as high school head track coach for 5 years. Joe is now retired and lives in Florida with his wife, Margaret. They have one son, Jonathon, a police officer in Lakehurst, N.J.



1990 Boys' Basketball Team

★★★★★ **STATE CHAMPS** ★★★★★
JOHN F. KENNEDY BASKETBALL TEAM



COACH-KEN PACE JASON SMITH RAY MULERO JAMISON PANKO LENNY REYES COURTNEY BURTON



The 1989-1990 boys' basketball season was an outstanding one for the JFK Mustangs. The squad carved out a 13-13 record the previous year and returned four starters. Expectations were high as they entered the preseason, yet what the team eventually accomplished probably exceeded everyone's expectations.

The team started the season with a 4-1 record during the month of December, while hoisting the Championship Trophy in the Dickinson Holiday Tournament. All players contributed to this early success. The starters included All-County players Lenny Reyes and Jamie Panko, while Jason Smith, Ray Mulero and Courtney Burton rounded out the first five. Contributors off the bench included Kendall Green, Jim Grady, Chris Mangan, Lou James and John Brennan. Ken Pace was the head coach while Lou Urbano and Jerry Smith Sr. were the assistants.

In January, the victories continued to accumulate as the squad was a perfect 12-0 and finished the month with an overall record of 16-1. The team was built on tenacious defense, smart offense and team basketball. Many individuals shined in these victories, but no one stole the spotlight. The team's winning ways helped it earn a 20-2 record as it entered the GMC Tournament as the third seed.

After two victories, the Mustangs took on crosstown rival, Colonia, in the GMCT semi-finals at the Louis Brown Athletic Center on the Livingston Campus of Rutgers University. Led by senior Courtney Burton, the Mustangs held off the Patriots in a classic rivalry matchup with a 50-46 win. The finals of the 1990 GMCT proved even more exciting as the underdog Mustangs faced the top-seeded Panthers of Perth Amboy. Down by nine in the fourth quarter, the Mustangs staged a furious comeback to tie the game with 52 seconds left. A late steal by Courtney Burton set up one last play in regulation. Coach Pace had the team hold the ball for one last shot, but that shot was short. However, Ray Mulero grabbed the rebound and was fouled. With no time left on the clock, the junior forward stepped to the line and sank a free throw to give the team a 54-53 victory and JFK's first GMC Tournament Championship.

The winning streak continued as the team entered the Central Jersey Group 3 state tournament. Senior Lenny Reyes, a 1000 point scorer and 4-year starter, led the team in its full-court zone press as it notched a first round victory over North Brunswick, 71-53. Things got tougher in the 2nd round when they took on Ocean. Senior Jamie Panko sank a jumper from the foul line with seven seconds on the clock to help JFK advance by a score of 65-63. Next up was the Green Wave of Long Branch. Late in the game, the team found itself in an all too familiar

spot. This time, they were down by 9 points early in the fourth quarter. Once again, the team found another player to lead the comeback. Senior Jason Smith rallied the team in the final minutes, and it went on to win, 62-59, earning the Central Jersey Group 3 Championship. In the State Group 3 semi-final against Highland Regional, all five starters scored in double figures as the team stormed back from a 17-point third quarter deficit, using its full court zone press to win 73-65. The Mustangs were headed back to LBAC at Rutgers to play for the Group 3 state title against Snyder. Unfortunately, the last comeback fell short and the team closed out the season as the Group 3 runner-up.

Head coach Pace recently reflected on the team, "The 1990 JFK Boys Basketball team was made up of a group of young men that displayed an unprecedented work ethic and an incredible desire to compete at the highest level...every second of every game...they were inspirational. They inspired each other...they inspired their school, their district and their community. They also inspired Middlesex County by the way they played together, played unselfishly, and NEVER gave up. This group of young men came back from countless deficits to win big games in the final minutes, final seconds and even on one occasion, won with no time left on the clock. This team did everything together and pulled for each other in what can only be called a once in a lifetime team. There were no players an opponent could say, "We stop him, we win" because they truly fed off each other which almost made them unstoppable. They shared the responsibility, they shared the leadership and now they are still sharing in lifelong memories that can never be taken away and other teams can only be compared to."

The Mustangs of John F. Kennedy ended the year with the

- #1 ranking in The News Tribune
- #1 ranking in The Home News
- #1 ranking in the WCTC Area
- #12 ranking in the State of New Jersey by The Star Ledger

The 1990 JFK basketball team is legendary. Both JFK and Woodbridge Township basketball fans will always remember the thrills and excitement that the team brought to each game during its magical run to prominence. At the news of his team's induction, Coach Pace stated, "An induction into the WTAAA Hall of Fame is not only a tremendous honor, but it will always remind us that one of the greatest teams in Middlesex County and possibly Central Jersey was born and bred in Woodbridge Township." This induction into the Hall of Fame is a fitting honor for an unselfish group of high school teenagers who have become accomplished adults.

WTAAA Hall of Fame Inductees

From 1989 – March 2000

WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL INDUCTEES

Adams, Edward	Dubay, Ernie	Konick, Dr. Emery	Peterson, Bernard Jr.
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Alexander, Leroy	Dunda, James	Koperwhats, Donna	Petrie, Tom
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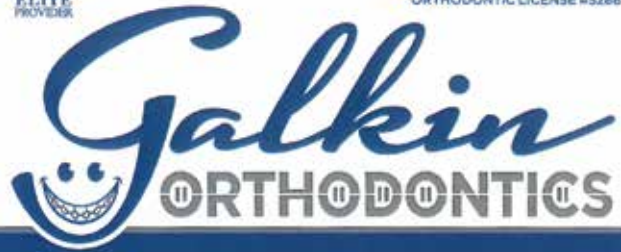
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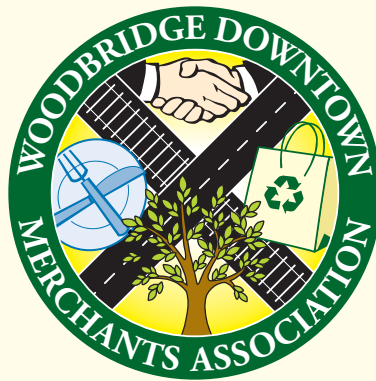
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