

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2017 Hall of Fame Ceremony



The Woodbridge Community Center • October 8, 2017

Special Guest of Honor – William Kovacs



Congratulations to all inductees
to the 2017 Hall of Fame Class of the Woodbridge
Township Athletic Alumni Association

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**WTAAA 2017 Program
Hall of Fame Ceremony
October 8, 2017**

Welcome *Nick Sardone, WTAAA President*

Invocation *Maureen Clancy Harshman*

Opening Remarks *Mayor John E. McCormac*

Special Guest of Honor *William "Bill" Kovacs – WHS '54 – Introduced by Nick Sardone*

Dinner – Tables will be called

Group Photo – 2017 Class

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

- Dave Aprill, *Woodbridge High School, 1974*
- Joe Armeni, *Colonia High School, 1982*
- Danielle Barajas, *Woodbridge High School, 1995*
- Chris Buglovsky, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1997*
- Lisa Chin Stinziani, *Colonia High School, 1988*
- Amy Coppola Kroner, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1993*
- Leonard Dandridge, *Colonia High School, 1990*
- Robert Farrell, *Colonia High School, 1976*
- Michele Fowler, *Woodbridge High School, 1982*
- Tom Giordano, Jr., *Woodbridge High School, 1984*
- James Gordon, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1993*
- Andrèa Harris Lust, *Woodbridge High School, 1986*
- Denise Koury, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1988*
- L.T. Levine, *Colonia High School, 1992*
- David Marciniak, *Woodbridge High School, 1995*
- Suzanne Mergner, *Colonia High School, 1992*
- Cheryl Olah, *Colonia High School, 1981*
- Chris Pinter, *Woodbridge High School, 1978*
- David Tabon, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1989*
- Alfonzo Thomas, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1996*
- Robert Yesalonia, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1982*

Teams

- 1972-1973 – Colonia High School - Boys Basketball
- 1978 – John F. Kennedy Memorial High School- Football
- 1984 – Woodbridge High School – Girls Tennis

Benediction *Maureen Clancy Harshman*

Concluding Remarks *Nick Sardone*

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15th Induction Dinner

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

The WTAAA is very proud to welcome this incredible 2017 class to our Hall of Fame. The class has achieved tremendous success not only athletically, but also, academically and professionally. They represent not only the best from Woodbridge Township but many excellent colleges and universities. The new members were selected from a very strong field of nominees. Tonight, we celebrate their many accomplishments, and congratulate the 2017 Hall of Famers with gratitude for a job well done.

The WTAAA has started to organize a website. Just go to hall.maxmize.us. Here, you will see the biographies for the first five years of the fourteen previous Hall of Fame inductions. The remaining ten years plus tonight’s biographies will be added in the future.

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 writers and typists: namely Kyle Anderson, Ann Cyrana , Nancy Cuntala, Sharon Di Lonardo, Greg Ficarra, Ellen Pisano, Jenna Sardone, and Jennifer Sheedy. Finally, we wish to thank the many local businesses for their advertisements in our booklet. Please support these businesses. They support the WTAAA and our senior scholarship awards.

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

Finally, sincere thanks go to the entire WTAAA Hall of Fame Committee for their considerable effort and time in planning and organizing the dinner. Please Support Our Advertisers.

Special Guest of Honor: *A Tribute to a Gentleman—A Life of Professional Service* **William “Bill” Kovacs**

The dictionaries define the term “gentleman” in a variety of ways. Here are some examples from current times. Wikipedia refers to “gentleman” as good, courteous conduct. The Free Dictionary defines the term as a well-mannered and considerate man with high standards of proper behavior. Dictionary.com describes the term as a civilized, educated and sensitive man. Thesaurus.com refers to the term as a man of honor, a man of his word, and a refined man. By now, you should be starting to see that all of these definitions apply to our Special Guest of Honor William “Bill” Kovacs. A “life of professional service” can also apply to Bill since he devoted forty years of his life to the teaching and coaching professions right here in Woodbridge Township.

Young Bill grew up in Fords. He attended Our Lady of Peace School for kindergarten. He moved into School #7 on King George Road, Fords, for grades 1-8. Then, he traveled to Barron Avenue and Woodbridge High School for grades 9-12 in the class of '54. At WHS, Bill was a well-liked and popular classmate. He participated in a variety of school activities and was a contributing Barron athlete in two sports. In football (fb and lb), he played for coaches George Gerek and the legendary Nick Priscoe when the latter returned to coaching after a three year break. Bill’s most memorable gridiron moments came when he scored a touchdown vs. Hillside (38-13 victory) and another TD vs Carteret (37-6 victory). The most forgettable time was when he was “clipped” by a South River opponent and probably sustained a concussion and back injury. Bill scored two touchdowns in this game but both were called back due to unnecessary roughness by Barron star and WTAAA Hall of Famer Pat Lamberti. Pat starred later at Richmond University and was a member of the 1961 New York Titans and Denver Broncos. During his senior year in track, Bill was a member of a first place Middlesex County 440 yard relay team. Teammates were Robert Horning, Joe Limoli, and WTAAA Hall of Famer, Leroy Alexander.

Following high school graduation, Bill was off to Ithaca College where he majored in Health and Physical Education. He received his degree four years later in 1958. Bill’s first teaching assignment was at his old elementary School #7 in 1958-1959, in grade 6 for one year. He then served a six month tour of duty in the National Guard. The following year, Bill returned to teaching at School #7 in grade 5. The next two years he taught elementary physical education district wide in many different schools.

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
2016 – Harding William “Pete” Peterson

He moved to Colonia Junior High School where he taught Health/PE for two years and coached football with Ron Osborne. He also coached basketball. In 1964, he moved to JFK as a teacher, assistant football coach under Ron Osborne, and became the Mustangs first varsity head wrestling coach for three seasons. In 1972, the district placed Bill in charge of the

driver education program until 1992 where he serviced the driving needs of students at the three high schools. When hands on driving was eliminated, simulators were used in the final two years. In 1995, Bill joined the staff at Colonia High school as a full time PE teacher. Throughout the years, Bill was an assistant in a variety of coaching areas such as CHS football 1980-1997, assistant wrestling at JFK 1986-1989, CHS freshmen girls basketball at least four years and CHS girls track and field at least five years. He retired in 1998 but continued as a substitute teacher for another fifteen years, and he enjoyed Township sports as a “super fan.”

Today, Bill still lives in Colonia. He and his late wife Beverly have two children, William J. and Kim. They have four grandchildren – Courtney (22), Amber (20), Brianna (18) and Billy (18).

For William “Bill” Kovacs, the “perfect gentleman”, the long and winding road has taken him on a journey through many Woodbridge Township schools where he helped to meet the educational needs of perhaps a thousand(s) Township elementary, junior high and high school students.

For this well respected gentle man on a long well-traveled journey, the WTAAA is pleased and honored to present William “Bill” Kovacs as our Special Guest of Honor. We sincerely say thank you, coach, or thank you, Mr. Kovacs, so very much for your professional service in our school community and we wish you the very best in the future.



W



Dave Aprill

Class of 1974

first annual Middlesex County Relays, he and his teammates claimed first place in the 480 yard low shuttle hurdles relay.

Following graduation from W.H.S., Dave enrolled at Lehigh University. He played varsity football from 1975-1977. Here are his impressive college statistics.

Rushing	Attempts	Yards	TD's
1975 -	80	405	3
1976 -	120	546	6
1977 -	109	485	5
Totals -	309	1,436	14

Receiving	Attempts	Yards	TD's
1975 -	13	138	1
1976 -	13	149	2
1977 -	17	256	0
Totals -	43	543	3

(Source – Lehigh University Football Media Guide)

In 1975 and 1977, Lehigh was named Division II Lambert Cup Champions as the best small college team in the east. Lehigh was also named ECAC Team of the Year in 1977, when they captured the NCAA Division II National Championship with a 33-0 victory over Jacksonville State University. The team finished the regular season with a 9-2 record and a final 12-2 record. (Source – WBarrons – *The History and Traditions of Woodbridge High School Football – 1924-2013* By: Nick Sardone and George P. Ryan)

Dave lives in New Providence with his wife, Patricia, and children, Megan and David. He worked for U.P.S. for 25 years and would like to become a math teacher in the near future. Dave is still involved in sports by assisting in the New Providence PAL.

The 1973 season brought a changing of the guard at W.H.S. when veteran mentor and WTAAA Hall of Fame Coach Sam Lupo moved to the athletic director's position. He was succeeded by longtime assistant football coach (under Nick Priscoe) and head baseball Coach Frank Capraro, also a WTAAA Hall of Famer as an athlete and coach.

Coach Capraro, early in pre-season practices, began to notice the skills of a fleet footed all-purpose running back by the name of Dave Aprill. All Dave did was lead the Barrons to a 7-2 record, while leading his team in scoring and rushing yardage. At the conclusion of the season, Dave was named to The News Tribune First Team at running back. He scored twelve touchdowns now tied for 11th on the school's milestone list in a season. Dave was also Middlesex County's third leading rusher with 760 yards rushing on 156 carries. The News Tribune stated "Aprill was a constant threat to break away and a key man on third down situations." "Consistency was his keynote, Coach Capraro marveled. We always knew he was going to get yardage. When we had a third and five or six, we almost automatically went to Aprill and during the last half of the season he always seemed to get it." "An outstanding blocker as well, Aprill was quick to run interference for his mates."

In high school, Dave also ran track. At the





Joe Armeni

Class of 1982



Joe was a three-year starting shortstop for WTAAA Hall of Fame Coach, Mickey Kott.

As a sophomore, Joe batted .405 and earned 2nd team All County honors from The Star Ledger. This 1980 team won the Middlesex County Tournament behind starting pitcher, Bob Moore. As a junior, Joe batted .338 and earned 1st team All County honors from The News Tribune and 3rd team from The Star Ledger. As a senior, Joe batted .453 with 14 RBI and 24 stolen bases. He achieved 1st team All County honors from The Star Ledger and The News Tribune.

Joe was the male scholar athlete in the CHS class of '82 and also a two-year starter on the basketball team.

Following high school, Joe enrolled at Seton Hall University on a combination academic and athletic scholarship. He played for the legendary Seton Hall coach, Mike Sheppard SR. He was a four-year member of the varsity team and a three-year starter at shortstop. In 1985, Joe was awarded the Big East Tournament Jack Kaiser award as the Most Outstanding Player. He batted .375 with three

RBI. Joe joins fellow WTAAA baseball inductee David Marciniak (WHS), tonight, as recipients of the prestigious Jack Kaiser Award.

During Joe's four seasons on the Pirates baseball team, he helped them achieve a winning record each year. (1983: 34-15; 1984: 41-13; 1985: 44-19-1; 1986: 32-26). His senior year he was named as a Co-Captain. In 1985, the team reached the finals of the Big East Tournament and NCAA Eastern Regionals. (Source- Seton Hall baseball media guide on-line). At Seton Hall, Joe was a teammate of MLB Hall of Famer, Craig Biggio (Houston Astros) for two seasons and also John Valentin (Boston Red Sox) for one season.

As a recruit, coach Sheppard said, "We recruited him as a shortstop but he could play anywhere in the infield. If you can throw from out of the hole in high school, you can play anywhere. He's a fine hitter, he's academically sound and he wants to play here. We like to see that. He's our type of kid." (Source- Frank Giase, The Star Ledger, May 17, 1982). Cedar Ridge AD and San Diego Padres scout, Bill McKeon said, "we would have been very interested in him after the season ended." (The Star Ledger, May 17, 1982)

Today, Joe lives in Florham Park, NJ, with his wife, Georgia, and children, Alexandra and Joey. He is a senior vice president for Telematics Business Development at CCC Information Services.

W



Danielle Barajas

Class of 1995



Danielle managed to play softball in 1992 and 1995, at first base and shortstop.

Coach Grasso had this to say. "I first noticed Danielle at the Woodbridge Township Middle School track meet. I convinced her to try cross country, and the rest is history as she became the only 3 time girls cross country county champ in the history of WHS.

Following high school, Danielle participated in cross country/track (1995-1999) all four years (3/4 scholarship) at Coastal Carolina University. According to the school's 2008-2009 media guide, she still ranks 10th on the school's all-time 5,000 meters list indoors – 17:54.24 – 1998. According to Coastal Carolina's women's Track and Field Record Book, pp. 7-8, online, Danielle achieved the following honors.

1. Big South cross country all conference – 1996 (meet - 5th place), 1997 and 1998.
2. Big South indoor track all conference – 1998.
3. Big South outdoor track all conference – 1996 (2nd place in 3,000 and 5,000 meters) and 1997.
4. In 1996, she qualified for the USA junior nationals and ran as an individual in the Penn Relays.
5. In 1997, she ran the 2nd fastest time – 5,000 meters outdoors in 17:27. This qualified her for the individual Penn relays.
6. Member of Big South cross country championship teams – 1995, 1996 and 1997.

Danielle graduated in 1999 with a major in elementary, physical education and health (K-12)

Today, Danielle resides in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, with her young children, Lillian and Miles. She is a teacher at St. James High School where she also coaches cross country and spring track and field. Previously, she taught high school in Louisiana and coached cross country, soccer, and track and field for three years.

Danielle, the leading member of two GMC Red Division Cross County Championship teams in 1991 and 1992, is one of the greatest long distance runners not only in W.H.S. history but, also, GMC history. In 1992 (20:13 time), 1993 (20:13 time), and 1994 (19:46), she captured three straight GMC Championships. Only two other girls ever won this title three or more times. (Nancy Fitzgerald-3- and Janet Smith-4) Source: GMC Track Coaches Association website. Several observers felt she would have won the meet as a freshman if it were not for a pre-race asthma attack.

In 1993, she was named The Home News and The News Tribune girls cross country Runner of the Year and All Area respectively. In 1994, she was The News Tribune Co-Runner of the Year. Her overall dual and tri meet career record was 40-0. Her coaches were WTAAA Hall of Famers Henry Chomicki and Norma Arneson Grasso.

In indoor track, Danielle won the GMC 3,200 meters in 1994 (12:22.4) and 1995 (12:09.2) Source: GMC Track Coaches Association website. During outdoor track, she won the 3,200 meters in 1994 (11:58.6). Finally, during her high school career,



Chris Buglovsky

Class of 1997

The College of New Jersey was the next stop and Chris would pitch for the Lions while studying for a degree in Health and Physical Education. He proved to be a valuable asset as TCNJ played in the NCAA tournament in each of Chris' three seasons. With a 9-3 record, 7 complete games and a 1.99 ERA, Chris helped the Lions win the NJ Athletic Conference championship in 2000. For his efforts, Chris was named to the 1st team and won Pitcher of the Year in both the NJAC and Region as well as receiving 1st team All-American honors. After 3 college seasons, Chris is still on 18 milestone lists at TCNJ, top 5 in eight categories (Career: strikeouts, complete games, ERA...Season: innings pitched, complete games, wins, decisions and strikeouts - #4 and #5) and #1 in career ERA at 2.00.

Next came "The Call"...the Colorado Rockies selected Chris with its 3rd round pick in the 2000 MLB draft. He was now off to see America! First in 2000, Portland in low-A; 2001, A-ball in Asheville; 2002, found Chris in high-A in Salem and 2003, Double-A in Tulsa. He was traded to Seattle and spent 2004 in Double-A in San Antonio. In 2005, Chris played in Triple-A for Tacoma in the Pacific Coast League. Despite being a Top-20 prospect for both Colorado and Seattle as well as an All-Star in A and Double-A, Chris chose to end his minor league career after the 2005 season. Having earned his degree, he began his teaching career as a Health and Physical Education teacher at Hopatcong HS, eventually coaching the baseball team.

But the "itch to pitch" was still there and in 2008, Chris signed on with the Somerset Patriots in the Atlantic League. Manager Sparky Lyle said of Chris: "He could throw strikes in his sleep." The team's pitching coach, Brett Jodie, called him a "triple-A or Big League caliber pitcher...a very true competitor. He'll take the ball on any day and in any situation." Chris pitched for the Patriots during their back to back Atlantic League championships in 2008 and 2009.

Having earned his Master's degree in administration from the University of Scranton, Chris was ready to accept the Hopatcong athletic director's position in 2014. Currently, he lives in Flanders with his wife Nicole, daughters Deandra and Mia and step-children Anthony, Daniella and Julia.

In 2008, Coach Jodie called Chris "a very humble guy, very fun to be around." If you asked his teachers at JFK to react to that quote, the consensus would be that Chris has not changed very much from his freshman year at Kennedy, except for one thing...now he's in the Hall of Fame.

Chris Buglovsky, the grandson, son, nephew and brother of ballplayers, grew up on the corner of Bloomfield Avenue and Green Street in Iselin. The significance? He was in shouting distance of Kennedy's baseball field. This proximity was noted by Hall of Fame Coach Jerry Smith Sr. who called Chris the original "throwback player...when Chris was in middle school, he would hang out by the fence surrounding the baseball field and watch every practice."

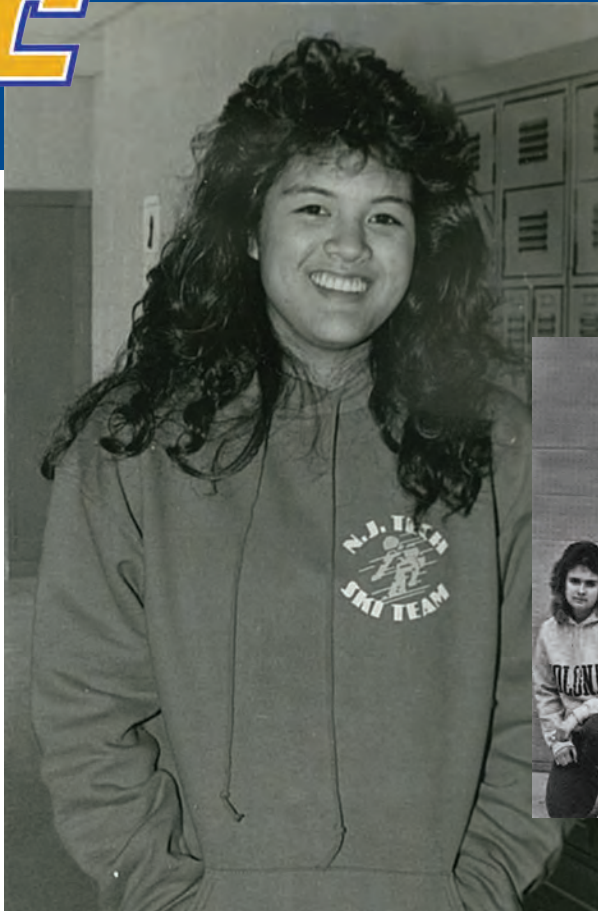
Another "throwback" quality...Chris played 3 varsity sports at JFK, earning 4 letters in soccer, 2 in baseball and one in basketball. Playing soccer for Coach Ed Bobal, Chris was 1st team in both the division and conference as well as honorable mention all-state.

Baseball was his best sport and Chris improved exponentially during his high school career. Plus, he grew! His breakout senior season helped the Mustangs on their fantastic run in 1997. The team went 22-9, repeated as Blue division champions, reached the GMCT final four and won the Central Jersey Group II sectional title before losing in the state final on a cold Saturday morning in June. As a senior, Chris hit .412 on 47 base hits with 26 RBIs and pitched to an 8-1 record with a 0.58 ERA. For that performance, Chris was the Blue division Player of the Year and 1st team all-division, all-GMC, all-county and all-state group II as well as 3rd team Star Ledger All-State-All Groups. He left JFK with a career .384 average.



Lisa Chin (Stinziano)

Class of 1988



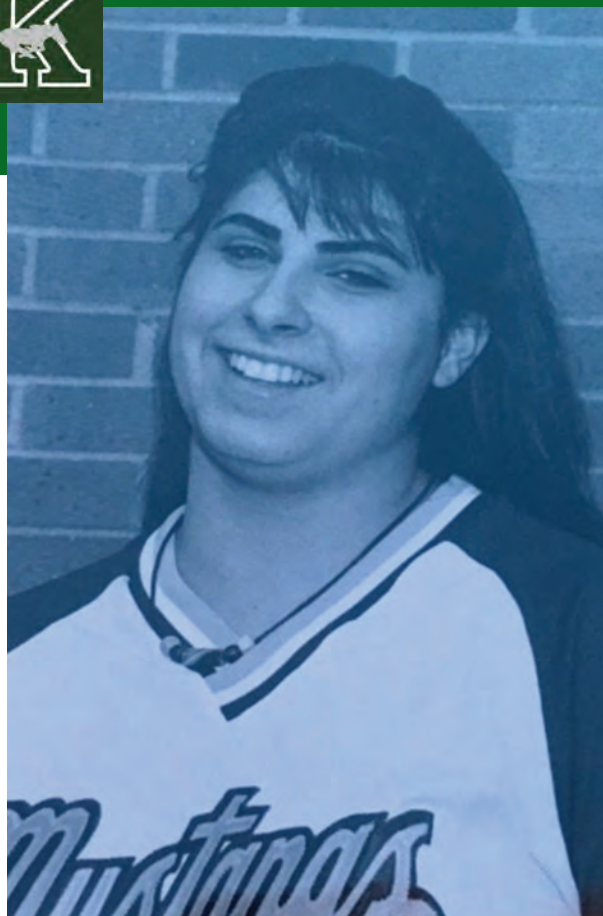
Lisa played four years varsity softball in center field for WTAAA Hall of Fame coach, Stu Jago. As such, she becomes the fifth Jago alumnae to be inducted into our Hall since the committee reorganized three years ago.

In 1986, Lisa was selected first team red division, second team all county by the News Tribune and third team all county by the Star Ledger. She batted .320 with 13 RBI. In 1987, her best season, she was named first team all county by the News Tribune, The Home News and The Star Ledger. She was first team all group III and third team Star Ledger All State- All Groups. She batted .352 with 20 RBI, 3 home runs and 3 triples. In 1988, she was a second team all county selection by the Home News. For her career, Lisa had 88 walks, 90 runs scored, 4 HR, 52 RBI and .302 batting average. *(Source- statistics –courtesy of coach Stu Jago)* An all around athlete, she also participated in soccer, three years; track, one year ; and basketball one year.

Coach Jago had this to say about Lisa. "She was one of the better softball players we had. She

possessed great speed and a great arm. She batted lefty and could hit, bunt and run. Lisa was one of the nicest people you could ever meet."

Today, Lisa is a certified retirement planning counselor for Merrill Lynch in Atlanta, Georgia. She has worked at the company for twenty nine years, advancing through the organization step by step after high school. Her family includes her parents and five siblings all of whom attended CHS and played sports.



Amy Coppola (Kroner) *Class of 1993*

Blue Division championship squads and finished her career by helping to lead the Mustangs to the Central Jersey Group II sectional title. Her softball coach, the legendary Bob McLaughlin had this to say about Amy.

“She was the backbone and leader of the Mustangs. She hit with power and drove in many runs in her illustrious career. She was also an excellent baserunner with better than average speed. One of the most memorable moments for me, in her career, occurred in the CJ Group II championship game against Allentown. With the bases loaded, Amy fielded a ball in front of home plate, stepped on home and fired to first to put an end to the rally. I think that gave us the momentum to lead us to the state championship! Amy was a dedicated player and teammate and a pleasure to coach.”

Amy matriculated at Husson College in Maine where she was a four-year starter. In her junior season of 1997, Amy was an All-Conference selection in the Maine Athletic Conference. She graduated in 1998 with a career batting average of .338. Upon graduation, Amy was in the top 25 on Husson's milestone lists in ten categories including #1 in sacrifice flies, #2 in putouts and #18 in hits. She continued her education at Centenary College, earning a master's degree in business.

Amy lives in Colonia with her husband Joe Kroner and their two sons J.T. (13) and Colin(9). She is employed by BASF in Florham Park as a Global Category manager. Keeping active and giving back to the community, Amy coached the Central Jersey Renegades' softball team for six years and then seamlessly switched to baseball for the past six seasons in the Colonia Little League. For the last 2 years, she managed Colin's travel all-star team. Recently, Amy found time to complete a “mud run” with son J.T. and in past years has finished a Richmond marathon as well as several half-marathons. Amy Coppola Kroner continues to use her time and talent to benefit the children that she coaches...always emphasizing good sportsmanship, teamwork and the joy of competition.

Amy Coppola not only earned seven varsity letters in basketball and softball at Kennedy but also helped her teams win championships.

Playing four varsity seasons for JFK, Amy was a 2-time Player of the Week as a junior while receiving All-Area honorable mention. Coach Sue Williams considered Amy to be the “consummate teammate who always had a smile and a laugh...a coach's dream. Her ability to handle pressure and compete with composure, desire and determination was a major factor” in the team's 1993 Blue Division championship. Coach Williams also added that Amy's “attitude and coachability made her the ideal point guard. She influenced a game without shooting, concerned more with assists than points.” Amy was subsequently named to the All-Division team as a senior.

Once spring arrived and with it softball season, both individual and team success grew exponentially. With career marks of 89 hits, a .389 batting average and a remarkable 44 walks to just 5 strikeouts, Amy was named to All-Division (2x), All-County (3x) and All-State Group II (2x) teams. She was a part of two



Leonard Dandridge

Class of 1990



With a combination of speed and power, Lenny burst onto the Patriot football scene in 1988. A grandson of Ray Dandridge, a Cooperstown Hall of Fame third baseman, Lenny knew what greatness looked like. When Lenny became a starting running back in 1988, it became clear to his coach, Patsy Barbato, that he was a special young man both in the classroom and on the playing field. Lenny was a three sport athlete all 4 years in high school earning 3 varsity letters in football; 3 varsity letters in winter track where he was the 60 meter champion. Lenny also earned 4 varsity letters in spring track, finishing 10th in the state in the 200 meters in 1989 and 3rd place in Middlesex County in the 100 meters.

In 1988, Lenny was All White Division, All GMC and First Team All Area kick returner by The News Tribune. He had 9 TDs, 1,026 yards averaging 9.5 yards per carry. He had a single game rushing effort of 303 yards and 3 TDs against Cedar Ridge. In 1989, Lenny was All White Division, All GMC, All Area Second Team by The Star Ledger and The News Tribune and 3rd Team All State – Group III with 13 TDs, 1,512 yards, with 11 yards per carry average.

Lenny did not limit his competitiveness to the playing field. He was a true student athlete, graduating 19th in his class and served as President and Vice President of the National Honor Society. Upon graduating from high school, Lenny received a full athletic scholarship to play football at the University of Connecticut. Lenny earned 4 varsity letters in 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994 starting at one point at tailback and cornerback. He was named an ECAC and Yankee Conference Rookie of the Week on September 7, 1991. Lenny enjoyed three 100 yard rushing games vs Villanova(121) on September 28, 1991; vs Furman (120) on September 7, 1991; and vs Boston University (107) on November 14, 1992. He was an academic All American from 1991- 1994. He was awarded the Donald Kinsman Award in 1994 as a top student – athlete leader. He was vice president of the Captain's Council from 1992-1994 a campus group that supports sick and under privileged children. As a senior, he started on both offense and defense. Lenny finished his career at UConn with 1013 total rushing yards, 3 TDs, 16 receptions, 120 receiving yards, and 1 TD reception. Lenny was named to the Dean's List for 7 semesters .

Today, Lenny lives in Somerset, NJ, and is a sales professional at Infu System, Inc. He is married to Nicole and is father to Brock and Cienna. Lenny is a devoted man, strong of faith and spends his time volunteering with the youth as a coach in the Franklin Warrior Pop Warner Program.



Robert Farrell

Class of 1976



Bob was one of the earliest star baseball players and a three-year varsity regular for WTAAA Hall of Fame coach, Mickey Kott.

Bob was a back to back Star Ledger First Team All State- All Groups selection in both 1975 and 1976, an extremely rare honor. The Star Ledger, New York Daily News (all metro), The Home News and The News Tribune also named him First Team All County both years.

During junior year (team record 18-7), Bob batted .487 and stole 44/45 bases. The latter is still believed to be a school record. Lloyd Glicken, The Star Ledger, June 22, 1975, stated that, "Farrell is the states most remarkable runner." Doug Picker, The Star Ledger, June 18, 1975, wrote that, "Bob stole 2nd and 3rd on successive pitches nine times." That season, Bob had 2 HR's, 4 doubles, 2 triples, 12 bunt singles, 26 RBI and 19 runs scored. As a senior, he batted .479 and stole 40 bases. He hit 2 HR's with 17 RBI. By early May, he was hitting .548 (17 for 31). He had already scored 11 runs and batted in 10 and had stolen home twice. (Source- Lloyd Glicken, The Star Ledger, May 2, 1976) (Note- final complete season statistics were not available)

In a 1976, News Tribune article, Coach Kott stated, "Bob goes from home to first in 3.6 seconds. Most MLB players travel that same distance in 4.0 seconds. Speed is the name of his game." Coach Kott also had this to say, "He's maturing, he used to do things with his body, speed and strength. Now, he's using his smarts to accomplish even more." (Source- Lloyd Glicken, The Star Ledger, May 2, 1976) A half dozen pro scouts had been to his games including Kansas City and Pittsburgh. An all around athlete, Bob earned three varsity letters in soccer. He played center- fullback and made 2nd team all county.

Following high school Bob worked. He enrolled a little later at Middlesex County College for one semester but did not play ball. He eventually transferred to St. Leos College in Florida, a D-2 school, on a baseball scholarship following a successful summer season with Woodbridge Recreation (49-2) where he was scouted. Bob batted over .400 both years at St. Leos College. He majored in education and following graduation, he taught for awhile in Woodbridge Township. He then went to Linden for three years to continue his teaching career.

Today, Bob still resides in Colonia with his wife Margherita and works as an independent financial consultant. Bob wanted to add that "he holds special memories for WTAAA Hall of Fame coaches, Mr. Kott and Mr. Kreiger, due to the lessons they taught and motivation they provided to go to college and later be successful in life. They were true role models on and off the field. They cared about their players not only as athletes but as young men and women".

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Michele Fowler

Class of 1982

ever coached and her attitude carried over in the classroom as she was named the scholar-athlete.”

An outstanding academic student (3rd in her class) Michele matriculated at Swarthmore College on an academic scholarship where, again, she played three varsity sports. In basketball, she earned four varsity letters from 1982-1986. In her final season (1985-1986), she was selected to the Middle Atlantic States All Conference Team, the southeast regional team and was named third team All American by the American Women's Sports Federation. Michele was the first female to score 1,000 career points at Swarthmore. She is still listed on the school's milestone list as of June, 2015.

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| 1. Career scoring | #2 | 1, 738 points |
| 2. Career field goals | #1 | 755 field goals |
| 3. Career steals | #5 | 209 steals |
| 4. Career free throw attempts | #9 | 341 attempts |
| 5. Career free throws made | #1 | 228 free throws |
| 6. Single season – points | #4 | 497 – 1985-1986 |
| 7. Field Goals | #2 | 214 – 1985-1986 |
| 8. Steals | #6 | 90 – 1985-1986 |

Source – Swarthmore College –basketball website

Michele also earned two varsity letters in softball and four in soccer. In the latter sport, she still ranks # 4 in career saves with 334 from 1982-1985 and # 4 in single season saves with 168 in 1985. Source- Swarthmore College – soccer website.

Today, Michele lives in New Hope, Pa. She is Director of New Business Development – Johnson and Johnson Medical Devices. She is also a board member at Woodlands Wildlife Rescue.

Michele was a four sport athlete at WHS (9 varsity letters). Her best sport was probably basketball where she played for the late Jim Sullivan. Michele was a three year varsity player and a two year starter in 1980-1981 and 1981-1982 (team captain). In the latter season, her senior year, she was named second team all-county by The News Tribune and The Star Ledger. She scored 341 points for a 16 per game average. She played in 44 straight games. In soccer (2 letters) for coach Greg Miller, Michele played the goalie position. She was also a team captain in soccer and track and field. In track and field (3 letters) she participated in the weight events, discuss throw, and was a record 400m hurdle holder 68.9. She also helped the 4 x 400 relay win a heat at the Penn Relays. She earned one letter in cross country.

WTAAA Hall of Fame athlete / coach, Norma Arnesen Grasso, and Michele's high school track and field coach said the following. “Michele is one of the most accomplished three sport athletes in the history of WHS soccer, basketball, and track and field. Her 400 meter hurdle record stood for 4 years until it was broken by Andrèa Harris in 1986. She was one of the most competitive determined athletes I have



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Tom Giordano, Jr.

Class of 1984

During Tom's junior year at Woodbridge High, he was bowling at Bowl-Mor Lanes with his friend Tom Coppola. Before bowling season, coach Mike Yannazzo noticed him and asked him to come out for the team. Tom complied and that was the start of a championship year for him and the Woodbridge High boys bowling team in 1983.

The team won the regular season championship with a 16-0 record and then went on to win the Middlesex County tournament, Central Jersey state sectional tournament and the State overall championship. Tom shot a 193, 223, 224 - 640 series to propel the team to the championship and himself to the State individual championship.

Tom's senior year the team went to the State championship again and finished second, nearly becoming the first boys bowling team in state history to win back to back state titles. Tom was named to the first team all county and all state teams by the Star Ledger and News Tribune for his efforts. Coupled with the team State Championship in 1981, Woodbridge was named the 1980's All-Decade team by the Star Ledger in 2000. Under coach Mike Yannazzo,

the Barrons won four straight Middlesex County championships from 1981 - 1984 with this group of bowlers.

Tom also pitched for the Woodbridge baseball team for four years. He attended Glassboro State College but did not play sports due to an arm injury, graduating in 1990.

Today, Tom owns an environmental contracting company. He is married to Erin and has two sons, Thomas 3rd (baseball and bowling) and Justin (soccer), who continue the family athletic tradition. His mother Dorothy is a Carteret alumnus and his sisters Janet and Karen both attended Woodbridge High. Tom is exceedingly proud to follow his father, Tom Sr. (baseball) into the WTAAA Hall of Fame.



James Gordon

Class of 1993



James "Flash" Gordon earned six varsity letters in three sports while wearing the Kennedy "Dartmouth Green and White": football (2), basketball (1) and baseball (3).

Although he was talented enough in football to earn a Player of the Week honor from the GMC Football Coaches Association in 1992, it was in the spring and on the mound where Jim stood tallest for the Mustangs.

In the decade of the 1990s, the JFK baseball team had the most wins of any Middlesex county squad. The success began in Hall of Fame Coach Jerry Smith's 2nd year at the helm when he built a team around a talented sophomore class led by southpaw hurler Jim Gordon. In 1991, "Flash" came up to the varsity in mid-season, pitched to an earned run average of 2.33 and helped the team reach the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament final. A year later, behind Jim's 8-1 record with a 1.31 ERA, the Mustangs set a school record for wins (18), reached the GMCT final, won a division championship and captured JFK baseball's first state sectional title (CJ Group II). Jim was named to the 1st team in the division, conference, county and state (Group II). An impressive senior

season was highlighted by another team mark for wins as the Mustangs went 23-3. Jim finished with a 10-1 record and a stellar 0.95 ERA as he led the team to its third straight GMCT final. Unfortunately, "Flash" was unavailable to pitch in that game due to the chicken pox! In that 1993 season, the Gordon-led staff hurled 8 shutouts (including 55 consecutive scoreless innings). Once again, Jim stood out earning All-Division, Conference, County and State Group II honors, the same individual accolades as in his junior season, plus a 3rd team All-State- All Groups nod. Jim and his teammates finished 1993 ranked #12 in the state. For his career, Jim won 20 games and pitched to a 1.60 era with 199 strikeouts. Coach Smith called Jim "a pioneer...who would do his drills and conditioning and then go scout his next opponent." Hard work had its just rewards for Jim Gordon.

Continuing his baseball career with a scholarship to Rider University, Jim pitched for 4 years and helped the Broncs "three-peat" as Northeast Conference champions from 1994-96. During his sophomore season, he earned wins against two nationally ranked teams: #14 Ohio State University and #27 Delaware. Jim was named the Most Valuable Player in the NEC tournament in 1996 and a year later, was a 1st team All-Conference selection as well as 3rd team All-East region. At graduation, his 18 career victories placed him at #9 on the Rider milestone list. From 1995-97, Jim pitched for the Plainfield Pilots, a summer collegiate all-star team. Jim earned his degree from Rider in Marine Science.

Jim, his wife Jean and their daughter, Jenny (a JFK softball player, Class of 2020) live in Colonia. He is a manager for Ricciardi Brothers. "Flash" runs free clinics for Merrill Park Baseball and Softball and serves as the organization's treasurer.

A hometown boy who stayed home and continues to give generously to his community...The WTAAA welcomes James Gordon into the Hall of Fame.

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Andrèa holds the distinction of being the greatest female high jumper in WHS history. During indoor track and field, she captured individual GMC championships in 1985 (5' 4") and 1986 (5' 2"). She and her teammate, Patti Leusen, won the GMC relays championship in 1986 (9' 10"). Most importantly, the duo earned the big prize when they won the New Jersey State Group IV high jump relays with a combined effort of 10' 2" in 1986. Andrèa's height was 5' 6". At the Group IV indoor individual meet, she placed 4th at 5' 2". (Source-GMC Track Coaches Association website)

During the outdoor season, Andrèa added the 100 yard hurdles to her events list. She placed second at the GMC's in a time of 15.9. In a case of classic misfortune, Andrèa high jumped 5' 6" at the GMC and group IV sectional individual high jump meets. Unfortunately, she had to "settle" for the 2nd place medals after achieving the highest jump. The result was based on the number of misses to reach that height. A similar misfortune occurred at the State Group IV meet. Despite achieving the highest height, 5' 8", she had to "settle" for 3rd place based on

Andrèa Harris (Lust)

Class of 1986

number of misses. However, the luck changed when Andrèa participated in the Colgate Championships in NYC. For two years (1985 & 1986), she won the high jump by reaching 5' 8". Early in her career, she participated in the Region II Junior Olympics in a meet involving East Coast States (5' 4") and later at the long running and very popular Penn Relays in which she earned a 2nd place medal in the high jump.

At one point, Andrèa held the following Varsity school records.

1. 100M – hurdles – 15.3
2. 400M – hurdles – 68.7 (record remained until 2012 when it was broken by McKenna Coakley)
3. Long Jump – 16' 11"
4. High jump – 5' 8"
5. 4 x 400M – relay - 4:07 (record remained until 2010)
6. 3 female relay – long jump – 44' 8 ½"

WTAAA Hall of Fame athlete / coach and Andrèa's high school coach, Norma Arnesen Grasso, had this to say . "I remember Andrèa jumping 4'10" at her very first track meet as a freshman and asking me if that was good ? Three years later, 5'8" was good enough to be ranked 2nd in the nation by USA Today."

Following high school, Andrèa was awarded a full athletic scholarship to Temple University. She continued her track and field career there for three years (injured senior year). Her best high jump height was 5' 11 ¼". Her college coach was long time mentor, George Horne.

Today, Andrèa is married to Matthew Lust. The couple has two college aged children, Kathleen and Erin. The family resides in Pasadena, California. Andrèa earned her college degree in 1991 as a business major in marketing-corporate law with a minor in French. She earned a Masters Degree from California State University at Northridge, Ca, with a major in Deaf Studies and Interpreting. Andrèa has owned ASL Interpreting, an American Sign Language interpreting agency, for fifteen years. Previously, she coached track and field for eight years at La Canada High School.



Denise Koury

Class of 1988

Continuing her softball career at Trenton State College, she was a member of the 1989 National Championship team. She graduated from TSC with a bachelor's degree in Law & Justice, went on to obtain a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Joseph's University, and has spent the past nineteen years working as a Court Service Officer for the New Jersey Judiciary. While Denise has retired from softball, she has continued her athletic endeavors by challenging herself in endurance sports, and proving that the magnitude of her athleticism is exceeded only by her philanthropy. As a runner of 4 marathons, a century bicyclist, and a triathlete of innumerable events, including 2 Ironman 70.3 competitions, she has raised money for American Cancer Society, Sloan Kettering Hospital, Make Cures Happen, MS Society, and Ryan's Quest. She is a member of Team Ryan's Quest, which is a triathlon team that raises awareness for Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy.

In addition, as a resident of Seaside Park, she is continually finding ways to give back to the community. From 2013 through 2015, she served as president of Funtown Peers, a nonprofit organization established after Superstorm Sandy that distributed over \$175,000 to residents of Seaside Park. In 2011, she served as co-chair of the Seaside Park Beautification Committee, a volunteer organization created to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the September 11 attacks. Under her leadership, this organization raised funds to create a 9/11 memorial, replace trees lost in Superstorm Sandy, refurbish historical plaques, and install a new monument at the police station. Currently she is serving as a member of the Seaside Park Environmental Committee.

Finally, in accepting her induction to the Woodbridge Township Athletic Hall of Fame, Denise would like everyone to know that this day would not be possible without every teammate with whom she has worn the uniform. Her success has always been a product of those around her, most importantly her parents and sister. She has been fortunate, from the age of 6 playing in her neighborhood, through high school and college, and now as a triathlete, to be surrounded by teammates, coaches, and friends who knew how to play the game the right way and translate game lessons into dealing with life experiences. Today is about all of them as much as it is about her and her fellow inductees.

Denise Koury earned 12 varsity letters, playing an integral part on her soccer, basketball, and softball teams during her years at JFK. Serving as goalie for Coach Gardner's soccer team and playing power forward for Coach Williams' basketball team were great preparation for her main sport, softball.

As Coach McLaughlin's starting second baseman in her freshman year, she helped the team win the BAC Liberty Division Championship and the Central Jersey Group 3 Championship. Moving over to 3rd base her sophomore year, she earned All County 2nd Team honors with a .522 batting average and 47 RBI, while belting 12 doubles for the season, leading her team to the GMC White Division Championship. She repeated her All County 2nd Team honors in her junior year, again excelling at the plate, with a batting average of .347 and an on-base percentage of .470, knocking in 26 RBI, with 8 doubles, 5 triples, 1 homerun, and 20 walks. In addition, she continued her dependable defense with a .931 fielding average and ended her junior season with a GMC Championship. Denise moved to other side of the field during her senior year, playing first base in a season that culminated in JFK winning the Group 3 State Championship.



L.T. Levine

Class of 1992

51-30 in the Aloha Bowl.

L.T. finished his career at Kansas with 2,248 yards where he ranks 9th on the All-Time rushing list 3 spots behind NFL great, Gayle Sayers and 2 spots behind John Riggins. L.T. is tied for 8th in the rushing TD's category with 21. L.T.'s 221 yards from scrimmage against Missouri in 1994 still is a top 10 single game rushing stat at KU. According to the Associated Press, he was a Big 8 conference honorable mention selection in 1994 and 1995. Both years, he led Kansas in rushing yardage and scoring. For his four year career, he played in 35 games. He had 422 rushing attempts for the previously mentioned 2,248 net yards and 21 touch downs. He also recorded 41 pass receptions for a total of 194 receiving yards and 1 more TD. He still holds the record for most pass receptions (41) by a running back. KU coaches further utilized his running talents as a returner on kickoffs. L.T. was drafted 235th in the 7th round by the Denver Broncos. Unfortunately, a broken leg ended his NFL dreams. (Sources – Associated Press and www.sportsreference.com)

Colonia High School is a school known for their great running backs. The fall of 1990 began the career of another great running back named L.T. Levine. A three year letterman in football for Patsy Barbato, L.T. rushed for 1,395 yards with 15 TD's in 1990. Nine of his scoring runs exceeded 59 yards earning him 1st Team All-County and 1st Team All Area in The Star Ledger and The News Tribune.

Though L.T. was plagued with injuries in his senior year of 1991, his junior year campaign was enough to get the attention of a fellow Colonia Patriot named Glen Mason who was at the time the head coach at the University of Kansas. Mason offered L.T. a full athletic football scholarship.

L.T. Levine was the perfect mixture of speed and power. He was fast enough to beat you to the perimeter on a toss but strong enough to lower his shoulder and get the tough yards inside.

At Kansas University, L.T. did not disappoint. L.T. played in all four seasons of his eligibility and appeared in two bowl games defeating BYU in the 1992 Aloha Bowl 23-20, finishing the season with a #22 AP ranking. In 1995, L.T. and his teammates finished the season 10-2 and a #9 AP ranking defeating UCLA

Today, L.T. lives in Phoenix, Arizona, with his fiancée, Jennifer. The couple share five children; Julie, Jackson, Jo Jo, Jared, and Logan. Professionally, L.T. is a regional manager in the security industry. In his spare time, L.T. volunteers as a high school and Pop Warner coach.



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David Marciniak

Class of 1995

First, he was intentionally walked with the bases loaded and no outs as a sign of respect by the opposing coach and secondly, in his final high school baseball game, Dave finished up his career by slugging three homeruns. These were just two instances that helped secured his place among the greats of Woodbridge High School baseball.”

At Rutgers University, David joined several earlier Woodbridge Township graduates to play baseball for the Scarlet Knights. He played for legendary coach, Fred Hill Sr., and was a three year letter winner in 1996, 1997 and 1998. He was named to the All Big East First Team at 2nd base in 1998, when Rutgers was the Big East Tournament Champion. David was presented with the Jack Kaiser “Most Outstanding Player Award” for his all-around play. Rutgers advanced to the NCAA South Regional where they defeated Auburn, 17-15, but lost to Oklahoma, 7-9, and Auburn, 4-7. His three RU teams were: 1996 – 32-21-1; 1997 – 28-24; 1998 – 33-16. Source – Rutgers baseball website. Here are David’s impressive statistics at Rutgers.

	G	AB	R	H	D	T	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO	B.AVG	OBP	SLG
1996 -	54	177	31	49	7	0	1	28	5	42	19	.277	.416	.333
1997 -	52	210	48	77	20	4	2	52	3	24	18	.367	.432	.529
1998 -	46	188	58	77	24	4	6	50	5	20	26	.410	.466	.676
Totals	152	575	137	203	51	8	9	130	13	86	63	.353	.437	.517

Source – TheBaseballCube.com

According to the RU baseball media guide (2014), David was still ranked on various school milestone lists.

1. Single season doubles – 24 – in 1998 – ranks 1st – tied
2. Career doubles – 51 -- ranks 5th – tied
3. Single season walks – 42 – in 1996 – ranks 5th – tied
4. Single season slugging % - .676 – in 1998 – ranks 8th

David led the team in hits in 1997 with 77 and tied for the team lead in 1998 also with 77. He led the team in RBI in 1997 with 52. He led the team in total bases in 1998 with 84 and at bats in 1997 with 210. David was the team leader in doubles in 1997, tied with 20 and 1998 with 24. He tied for the lead in triples, 4, with three others in 1998. He led the team in walks in 1996 with 42. Source – Rutgers baseball website.

Following the 1998 season, David was drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 28th round (829 overall). He was now ready to add his name to the long list of Woodbridge Township high school graduates to play professional baseball in the minor leagues of America’s greatest past time.

He played three seasons of minor league ball, at Elizabethton (rookie league), Quad Cities (A), and Fort Meyers (At).

His totals included 105 games, 369 at bats, 68 runs, 104 hits, 15 doubles, 1 triple, 7 homeruns, and 48 RBI. He had a .282 batting average, a .401 OBP, and a .385 SLG. Source – The Baseball Cube.com and Baseball Reference.com

Tonight, David joins his dad, Tom Marciniak (WHS '65/Seton Hall University '69), as a rare father/son combo in our WTAAA Hall of Fame. David resides in Pennsylvania with his wife, Brooke, and daughters, Lila (8) and Ellie (5). He is a senior loan officer for Pinnacle Mortgage Company.

David is regarded as one of the greatest baseball players in the history of W.H.S. He was a four year starter at shortstop under Coach Jim Lammers. In 1994, he was named The Home News Tribune Player of the Year and First Team All-County by The Home News, The News Tribune (All Area), and The Star Ledger. He batted .419 with 5 homeruns and 27 RBI. In 1995, David was named First Team All-State by The Associated Press and First Team All-State/All Groups by The Star Ledger. He was also First Team All-County by The Home News, The News Tribune (All Area), and The Star Ledger. He batted .545 with 10 home runs and 38 RBI. His career batting average was .440. David was scouted heavily senior year by MLB scouts and was drafted out of high school by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 8th round (216th overall) of the 1995 MLB June amateur draft. David declined the Toronto offer and chose to attend Rutgers University. (Note: 1995 was a special year for Woodbridge Township baseball. In addition to David, Jerry Connell (CHS) and WTAAA Hall of Famer (2016) Alex Bosch (JFK) also made The Star Ledger All-State/All Groups First Team.) To show his overall athletic abilities, David was also a three year starter on the basketball team for coach Bill Leahy.

WHS baseball coach, Jim Lammers, said the following about David. “Like all athletes and coaches being honored today, Dave had special talents as a baseball player. Before the onset of saber metrics in the sport, Dave was a very patient hitter who worked every at bat into a deep count and then took advantage of the mistakes by the pitcher. A throw back ball player who hustled on every play and was well respected by opposing coaches and players, Dave has truly earned this honor. Two memories of Dave’s career at WHS stand out.



Suzanne Mergner

Class of 1992

qualified for the NCAA championships as a team . She was also honored as a cross-country coaches All American. In 1995, Suzanne was named Rowan's female athlete of the year.

During outdoor track season, she competed in the 1,500, 3,000 and 5,000 meters. In 1994, she won the NJAC 5,000m in 19:32 and was an NCAA qualifier in the 1,500.

Perhaps, Suzanne's greatest honor, in addition to tonight, came in 2004 when she was inducted into the Rowan University Athletic Hall of Fame.(Sources –Rowan athletic Hall of Fame and NJAC websites.)

Today, Suzanne is a health and physical education teacher in Matawan where she also organizes a special instructional peer buddy program called, "Challenger". Suzanne was an assistant track and field coach there since 1999. She became head coach of girls track and field for indoor and outdoor in 2006. Her 2007 outdoor team won the Group II State Championship and she was named Asbury Park Press Coach of the Year. Her 2016 and 2017 teams were Group II Sectional Champions. Some of her graduates are now competing at prestigious academic universities. Suzanne wishes to thank CHS coach Mrs. Joan Gonda for coaching, inspiring and helping with college recruitment and Rowan coach Derrick Adamson for helping not only on the track but off as well.

Suzanne was a championship track athlete at CHS in the early 1990's. She secured the first place medal at the 1992 GMC indoor meet in the 800 meters (2:32.4). She won both the 1991 and 1992 outdoor GMC 800 meters in 2:24.9 and 2:24.7 respectively. Suzanne was also an NJSIAA 1990 outdoor Central Jersey Sectional group II winner in the 800 meters (2:26.1). (Source –GMC Track Coaches Association website) .She qualified for the meet of champions twice placing 7th in the 800 meters. She contributed to several CHS relay wins.

Following graduation from CHS, Suzanne was off to Rowan University where she continued to develop her excellent track career from 1993-1995 and cross country career from 1992-1994. In 1993, she was the NJAC cross-country champion (18:17) as Rowan won the team title. After finishing seventh at the eastern regionals , she became an NCAA qualifier. In 1994, she captured titles at the Wagner and Hunter Invitationals and NJIAW (19:32). Also, in 1994, she repeated as the NJAC champion (19:18) as Rowan won the team title again and won the NCAA Mideast regional. This was the first time that Rowan women





Cheryl Olah

Class of 1981

Playing for WTAAA Hall of Fame athlete and coach, Stu Jago, Cheryl was a three-year varsity starter. In 1979, she pitched (3-2, 2.69 era) and played shortstop (.328, 1 HR, 15 RBI) for a 14-8-1 team. In 1980, she led the Patriots to a 21-7 record and their first ever MCT championship (2-1 over Sayreville). Cheryl pitched to a 1.84 era and 9-0 record. She was named First Team All Conference and All County as a pitcher. She batted .345 with 1 HR and 17 RBI.

In 1981, the Patriots (19-7) repeated as MCT champions. Cheryl pitched to a 1.17 era and a 12-2 record. She was named to The Star Ledger All State-All Groups Second Team as a pitcher and was also a First Team All County selection by The Home News and The Star Ledger as well as All Coaches and All Conference. She batted .315 with 9 RBI. The Patriots upset undefeated Edison, 3-1, to win the championship.

For her three-year high school career Cheryl had an era of 1.89 with 121 strikeouts and a 24-4 record. Her batting average was a .330 with 2 homeruns and 41 RBI. (Source- statistics- courtesy of Coach Jago)

To demonstrate her versatility as an all around athlete, Cheryl was selected to The Star Ledger All State- All Groups Third team in soccer. As of October 30, 1980, Cheryl had scored 17 goals, a school record for boys and girls and contributed eight assists. She was named The Star Ledger "Girl Athlete of the Week". Cheryl was also the starting point guard on the basketball team and was a co-captain. A National Honor Society Student, she ranked 12th in her class with a straight A average. (Source- *Melinda Leach, The Star Ledger*, p.56, October 30, 1980.)

According to coach Stu Jago, "Cheryl was the first high caliber pitcher at CHS. She carried us to two MCT Championships. She played shortstop when she wasn't in the circle. She was a great all around athlete and very intelligent."

Following graduation from CHS, Cheryl received a full athletic scholarship to Texas Tech University to play softball. After 1 year there, she transferred back home to New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) to play basketball.

Tragically, Cheryl passed at a relatively young age. The WTAAA is very pleased and honored to induct Cheryl Olah, posthumously, into our Hall of Fame.

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Chris Pinter

Class of 1978

games he played, the Barrons gave up a total of 48 points. Chris finished his senior year with 151 tackles - 69 unassisted with 4 Q.B. sacks, 9 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, and 2 interceptions in only 6 ½ games. (TNT) He rushed for 762 yards on 189 carries with 6 touchdowns. In 6 full games, he rushed for 100 plus yards each time. At the conclusion of the season, Chris was named to The Star Ledger All State/All Groups First Team at linebacker. He was also named First Team All-County/All Area by The News Tribune, Elizabeth Daily Journal (All Metro), The Star Ledger, the Middlesex County Coaches, and New York Daily News All Stars. Chris completed his Barron career with 1,462 rushing yards – still # 10 on the school's milestone list. Source – WBarrons – The History and Traditions of Woodbridge High School Football 1924-2013 by: Nick Sardone and George P. Ryan

Chris is considered to be one of the greatest all around football players in the history of W.H.S. He was tough, hard-nosed, and totally committed to his favorite sport. He played linebacker and fullback. He also wrestled.

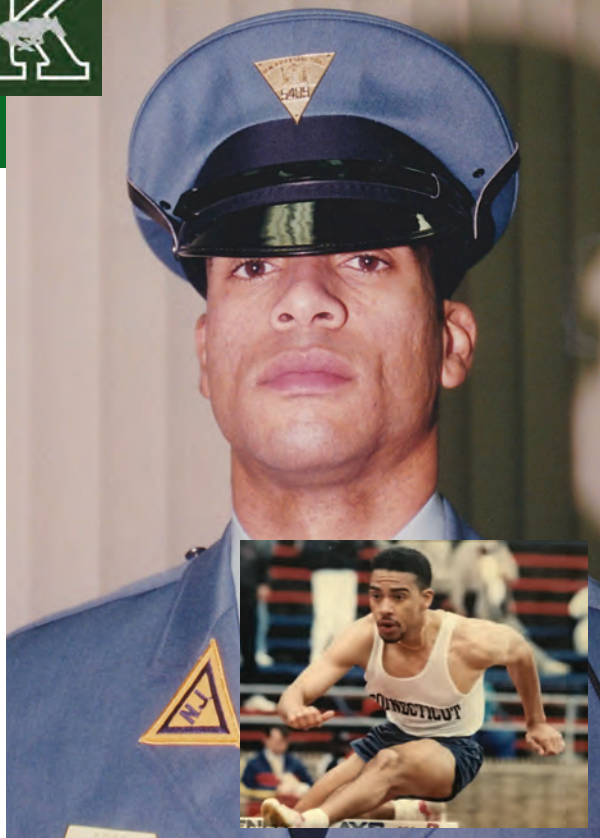
In 1975, Chris lettered as a sophomore (generally unheard of back then) for a 6-2-1 team under head coach Frank Capraro. In 1976, he was a leading player on a 9-2 team (final Star Ledger poll ranked 18th in the state of N.J.) that lost in the Central Jersey Group IV championship game to rival Edison after the Barrons defeated the Eagles just ten days earlier on Thanksgiving morning. Chris was named First Team All-County and All Area as a junior by The News Tribune, The Star Ledger, Elizabeth Daily Journal ("All Metro"), New York Daily News, and was a State of New Jersey top 100. "Coaches felt that Chris could play any position on the team. As a linebacker, he was always around double figures in tackles and the leading ground gainer." (The News Tribune)

In 1977, following a pre-season injury to Chris, the Barrons fell to 4-4-1. Chris missed the first two games. In these games, the Barrons gave up 48 points. To show you how important Chris was, during the seven

Coach Capraro stated that "Chris is the toughest and best linebacker I've coached." "His impact was too obvious to overlook." In the opinion of Art Notchey, WHS class of 1952 and longtime Barron fan, "Chris was one of the top ten all around football players ever at WHS. As a defensive player, he was one of the top five linebackers of all time." An excellent student, Chris received a Young Man of the Year Award from B'Nai B'rith, and a scholar athlete award from the Middlesex County Coaches Association. He was recruited heavily by several schools most notably Yale University and admitted there.

Following high school, Chris selected a four year full athletic scholarship to the University of New Hampshire (1978-1982). He was a letter winner in 1978 and 1979 at fullback and 1981 at linebacker. He was injured parts of 1980 and 1981. However, in 1981, he posted 15 tackles unassisted, 20 assisted tackles, and had one fumble recovery from his linebacker position.

Today, Chris lives in Colorado with his wife, Melissa and two sons, Michael and Travis. As a sub-contractor, Chris installs spas, hot tubs, and saunas for Colorado Spa Sales and service. His favorite hobby is fishing.



David Tabon

Class of 1989

Huskies. While competing on the UConn track team and earning three varsity letters, Dave had a first place finish at the New England Indoor Track Championships and was also a member of the record setting 220 meter indoor shuttle hurdles relay team. The four man team had a time of 30.5 seconds which is still a Huskie record. David graduated in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. His UConn coach, Gregory Roy, related a story of Dave during the 1993 Big East Track and Field Championships. In Coach Roy's words:

"The starting gun went off and so did Dave; he looked great. Unfortunately, the excitement took over and he clipped the 8th or 9th hurdle and went down. Dave's best friend and training partner, Charlie Werner, was the beneficiary of Dave's fall. Charlie was able to score in that race, which made him the only hurdler in UConn history to score points in one Big East championship meet in both hurdle events. The story doesn't end there; Dave got up and congratulated his best friend and teammate on his accomplishment. That was Dave...gracious even when things did not go his way. That is the Dave Tabon I knew."

David Tabon enters the WTAAA Hall of Fame as another standout track performer in a long line of Kennedy track stars.

In the Fall, while competing for the Mustang soccer team under the direction of Coach Ed Bobal, David earned four varsity letters. He began his career by earning All-division honorable mention as a freshman and closed it by garnering 1st team All-division honors as a senior.

However, it is for his significant successes in track for Coach Bob Bingham that David moves into the Hall of Fame. With four varsity letters in spring track, David stood out... particularly in his junior and senior seasons for the Mustangs. David prepared for that success by competing in the AAU Junior Olympics in the summer of 1987. In the National Championships held in Syracuse, he sent a message back to the NJ track community with a first place finish in the 400meter intermediate hurdles. As a junior in 1988, David was the Central Jersey Group III state sectional champion in the 400m IH. He then went on to capture the Group III state championship in the same event. One year later, as a senior, Dave went "back to back"...successfully defending his state sectional championship and finishing 2nd in the Meet of Champions. In addition, he was the Greater Middlesex Conference champion in the 400m IH and was one leg on Kennedy's 4x400 meter relay team – also GMC champions!

Next stop...Storrs and the University of Connecticut

In December of 1995, David graduated from the Police Academy's 116th class and became a New Jersey state trooper. A model recruit, he managed the academics well and stood apart in the physical regimens. Needing to complete a 1.5 mile qualification run in 13 minutes, Dave finished in 7 minutes 30 seconds! Participating in a variety of field operations, including cargo theft, narcotics and street gangs, during the course of his seventeen years of service, he was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2011.State Police Superintendent, Colonel Rick Fuentes, was quoted as saying, "although this is a hard and consuming lifestyle to live, there is no greater sense of accomplishment than carrying out this particular and dangerous mission in law enforcement. This is where Dave plied his trade. And, he was very good at it ; perhaps one of the best."

Tragically, David passed away in 2013. Members of his family are here tonight to honor his memory. Accepting David's induction into the WTAAA Hall of Fame is his father Linwood, his wife Alane and his two oldest children, Darin and Donovan. He is also survived by his other children, Daniel and Diana Tabon and Kathleen and Fernando Nunes. The WTAAA is honored to induct David Tabon, posthumously, into our Hall of Fame.



Alfonzo Thomas

Class of 1996

Alfonzo was a master shooter behind the 3-point arc. He left his mark in the Kean University record books and holds the school record for MOST 3pt FG's in a career at 276. To this day, he is still listed with the following school milestone records:

Single Game Stats:

Most 3pt FG's – 9 (2/9/97 vs. Rutgers-Camden)

Most 3pt FG's (half) – 5 (2/9/97)

Single Season Stats:

Most 3pt FG's – 77 (1998-99 season – Ranks 1st)

75 (1999-00 season – Ranks 2nd)

64 (1996-97 season – Ranks 4th)

Career Stats:

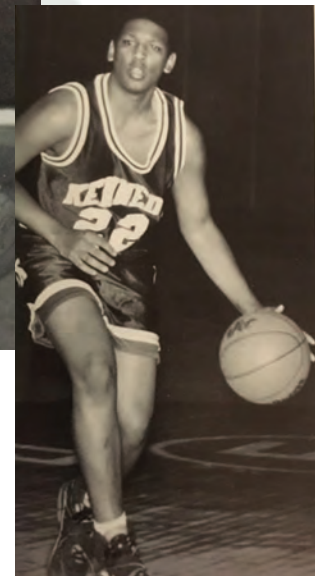
Most 3pt FG's – 276* (1996-2001)

Alfonzo concluded his career at Kean University as a member of the 1,000 Point Club and is ranked as the 3rd All-Time Leading Scorer with 1,483 points. (Source: Kean University Basketball website)

Alfonzo currently resides in Avenel and works for US Foods as a Night Supervisor. We welcome him tonight as one of the WTAAA's newest Hall of Famers.

Alfonzo Thomas was a four-year starter on the Mustang Boys' Basketball Team. As a junior, under coach Chuck Buzzi, he led the team in scoring and received 2nd Team All County honors by The News Tribune and The Star Ledger. His prolific scoring continued into 1996. Playing for coach Pat Kiernan in his senior year, he was named by the Middlesex County coaches to the All County 1st Team. He also earned 1st Team recognition by The News Tribune and The Star Ledger. Alfonzo made his mark at JFK, concluding his career with 1,317 points. Alfonzo ranks 2nd in the record books as an all-time leading scorer for the John F. Kennedy Memorial High School Boys' Basketball Team.

In college, Alfonzo was a four-year starter for the Kean University Men's Basketball team, graduating in 2001. He proved to be impressive from the moment he stepped on the Kean University court. During the 1996-97 season, he was named the NJSCAC/NJAC Rookie of the Year. Honors and recognition continued through his college career. Alfonzo was selected to the NJAC All Conference 1st Team in 1999, the 2nd Team in 2000 and 2001, and the ECAC 3rd Team in 1999. He played for veteran coach Bruce Hamburger.





Robert Yesalonia

Class of 1982

caught 25 passes for 550 yards and 4 touchdowns. Add those statistics to his 81 tackles, 35 assists and 6 interceptions as a defensive back and it is easy to understand an important reason as to why and how the Mustangs qualified for the State playoffs in 1981. Bob was the Middlesex County Player of the Week in week 5 as JFK defeated Edison 13-12. He scored twice on pass plays of 60yds and 76yds to give the Mustangs the lead. After a late Eagles' touchdown pulled them within a point, Bob knocked away a 2-pt conversion pass attempt to preserve the win. As "The Eraser" on defense, Bob did just what the name implies...he cleaned up any broken plays. As a defensive back, he was 1st team All-Metro in the Daily Journal, 1st team All-County in the Star Ledger, The News Tribune and the Home News, 2nd team Star Ledger All-State Group III and was selected to play in the North-South Classic.

After high school, Bob played three seasons of semi-pro football for the New Jersey Oaks, whose history dated from the pre-World War II days until the end of the 20th century. The team played its home games at Plainfield's Seidler Field. What kind of men played in this league? Let the answer be in the words of the legendary Star Ledger writer Jerry Izenberg. "They didn't play the game for glory...they didn't play the game for money. For them, the game was an incurable 100-yard itch that had to be scratched. This was football played for the pure love of the game, and it was a damned good game." Those words define the connection between Yaz and football.

Today, Bob lives in Center Valley, Pennsylvania with his wife Jill and their two daughters, Chelsea (19) and Cassie (16). He has been employed by PSE&G for the past 29 years.

So, whether you refer to him as Bob, Yaz, Robbo or "The Eraser," it is time to add another name to that list: HALL OF FAMER.

Thirty-five years after his high school graduation, Robert Yesalonia is still regarded by those in the know as one of the finest athletes in Kennedy history. While representing the Mustangs, Bob won nine varsity letters: three each in football, basketball and baseball.

On the diamond and playing three positions (first, third and outfield) for Coach Buzzy Estok, Yaz earned Honorable Mention on The News Tribune's All-Middlesex team in 1981. On the court, while the Mustang team may have struggled at times, Bob excelled. A three-year starter for Hall of Fame coach Ray Newman, Bob scored 991 career points...highlighted by a 40-point effort vs. Highland Park. In 1982, Bob was named 2nd team All-Middlesex County by both the Star Ledger and The News Tribune.

However, Bob achieved the most and performed the best on the gridiron for the late Hall of Fame Coach Cary Hamrah. As a junior, he was named 1st team All-Conference as an offensive end in the Middlesex County Athletic Conference and 2nd team All-County in the Star Ledger. Assistant Coach Newman characterized Bob as a "big-time hitter" on defense and a tight end who had "really good hands." Yaz was often put in motion to create space on passing plays. The strategy worked well because, as a senior, he



C 1972-1973 CHS Boys Basketball



Following the 1971-72 (18-9) season, WTAAA Hall of Fame coach, Bob Tisdale returned two starters in John Franken and Vin Skarajunsky. Bob and his assistants, Jack Kreiger and Tom Chmiel, were cautiously optimistic. However, what they ultimately accomplished could never have been imagined during pre-season for this still young program.

The Patriots concluded a 23-5 season. They captured the Colonia Classic Holiday Tournament and eventually won the very first Central Jersey Group IV sectional championship in CHS history. In this tournament, the Pats defeated Cedar Ridge, Neptune, Piscataway and Sayreville at Rutgers. Unfortunately, the win streak ended in a 56-62 hard fought loss to Atlantic City in the group IV State Semi Finals at Brookdale Community College.

In addition to Franken (Clemson University and European pro ball- nine years) and Skarajunsky, the senior starters were Greg McNelis, Mike Cilento, now the Principal at JFK, and Chris Solop. Key reserves were Wayne Loretezen, Nick Yankowicz and Pete Fenton. Remaining members of this great team were Bob Thaner, Jeff Helman, Jim O'Brien, Joe Stawinski, Dave Schaber, John DeAngelis and Joe Inmamorati.

After the sectional victory over Sayreville, Coach Tisdale praised his bench especially Yankowicz and O'Brien because several starters had foul

problems. He also praised his defense for blanketing the Bombers long range attack. (Source-The News Tribune, March 12, 1973). In the loss to Atlantic City, "the Pats were badly "out-sized", but they kept battling and scrapping right down to the final buzzer." (Source- Mike Balint, *The News Tribune*, March 15, 1973)

Recently, assistant coaches, Tom Chmiel and Jack Kreiger had this to say. "The team was composed of players that were fundamentally sound but worked hard to get better every practice. They pushed each other in drills and scrimmages so that whoever was in the game could succeed. Coach Tisdale constantly stressed, "there is no shortcut to success" and "you never have an off game on defense". This team was smart, unselfish, talented and tough. They were a real pleasure to coach individually and as a team".

Congratulations to the 1972-1973 Patriots. You were CHS's first sectional champions and now you are WTAAA Hall of Famers. The team will live forever in school and township basketball history.



1978 JFKMHS Football Team



First year Kennedy coach Cary Hamrah's Mustangs stunned North Hunterdon 23-7 to capture the Central Jersey Group III Championship. News Tribune sports writer Barry Levine wrote, "The victory was fashioned in typical Kennedy style... a ball-control scoring march, blocked punt, turnover and field goal." On the way to the title game, the Mustangs upset the defending CJ Group III champions, the Somerville Pioneers, 17-7. The News Tribune stated that the "Stangs" combined a defense that throttled the explosive Pioneers with an effective ball-control attack to earn the right to play North Hunterdon in the championship game.

Coach Hamrah's 1978 Mustangs remain the only team in JFK football history to win a state championship on the field. The assistants that year were Ray Newman, Bob Lanigan, Robert "Buzz" Estok, Carl Grillo and Mike Cilento, the current JFK principal. Sporting a final record of 8-3, JFK's three losses were to Woodbridge 12-0, Madison Central 13-3 and J.P. Stevens 26-21 in a Thanksgiving thriller.

Throughout the season, the Mustangs demonstrated the true meaning of teamwork with so many players coming up with big plays in bigger games on the biggest stages. Linebacker Dave Gretskey, defensive back Marty Gill, kicker Mike Rizzolo and defensive end Mike Ficarra were all named to the 1978 All Metro Team. Gretskey along with quarterback Scott Jensen and running back Jim Petroski were named to the All-Middlesex County team.

But it takes contributions from many to win a championship. Linebacker Carmen Mastrangelo led the team with an astonishing 6 blocked punts. Place kicker Mike Rizzolo tied a state record when he kicked a 37 yard field goal in the championship game...giving him a total of 8 for the season. Scott Jensen doubled as the team's punter and was known for his accuracy and effectiveness. As for the men in the trenches, Coach Hamrah said throughout the season, "I give all the credit in the world to our offensive line: center Mike Amarando, guards Jay Strauss and Jim Winship, tackles Larry Stack, Bob Chase and Bob Smyth and tight end Mike Ficarra." Running back Brian McMahon was considered to be the Mustangs' breakaway threat but his season was cut short by an injury. That void was filled by fullback

Jim Petroski and tailback Frank Ruggiero who pounded the defense game in and game out.

In a 28-6 victory over Sayreville, Kennedy went to the air with QB Jensen throwing three touchdowns: two to Joe Saliceti and one to Marty Gill. Early in the season, the Mustangs battled with crosstown rival Colonia and emerged with a 10-0 victory. In that game, Coach Hamrah credited linebackers Dave Gretskey and Gary Lampasona with outstanding efforts. Defensive back Rick Jakubowski not only was in on many tackles but intercepted three Colonia passes. DB Marty Gill had a huge deflected pass in the end zone during the second half.

In the stunning first round playoff victory by a 17-7 score over Somerville, Hamrah lauded the play of defensive ends Mike Ficarra and Bill Melchione, linebackers Dave Gretskey and Fred Dixon and his secondary of safety Marty Gill and defensive backs Ray Eckel, Joe Saliceti and Rich Jakubowski. Since Ruggiero, Dixon and Gill all registered an interception in the game, it was easy to agree with Coach Hamrah's assertion that "as far as I'm concerned, we've got the best secondary in Middlesex County." Ruggiero led the offensive attack with 117 yards on 12 carries, while Petroski carried 17 times for 85 yards. Jensen made excellent use of the slant pass to his tight end Ficarra, completing 3 of 6. In typical Mustang fashion the O-line of Amarando, Strauss, Winship, Stack and Evangelista controlled the line of scrimmage.

In the tumultuous JFK locker room after the 23-7 championship victory over North Hunterdon, Coach Hamrah said, "That was probably the hardest thing that the kids had to do all season." He was not referring to the hard earned victory but rather the effort the team needed to carry him off the field and into the locker room. Coach Hamrah weighed in at 350 pounds!

Congratulations to the 1978 Mustang football team. Freddy Mercury penned "We are the Champions" just in time! You now join your football brothers, the 1967 and 1971 Mustangs, in school and Township lore as you add the title WTAAA Hall of Famers to your resume.



1984 WHS Girls Tennis



In 1984, the Woodbridge Girls Tennis Team etched their name in the school's record book as the first ever team to capture the Central Jersey Group 4 Championship with a 5-0 win over defending champion Middletown South. What makes this feat even more impressive is the fact that, to this day, it still stands as the only Women's Tennis Sectional Title in Woodbridge Township history.

During that magical year of 1984, the Lady Barrons, led by WTAAA Hall of Fame coach Ellen Pisano, compiled a record of 21-1 which helped them on their way to a #1 ranking in the county, as well as a respectable #17 ranking in the state. The team also added three MCAC Conference Championships to their resume in '82, '83, and '84, boasting an astounding, 3-year, overall record of 59-4.

Coach Pisano credits her team's success to the compelling contrast between their "fun-loving, silliness" off the court, and their "all-business mentality" while on the court. After coming up short two years in a row in the State Sectional Semifinals, this "silly bunch" made up of six seniors and two juniors put all jokes aside as they traveled to Middletown South as the lower-seeded team in hopes of making school history.

Megan Clarke, second singles, gave a pep talk before they took the court, and soon realized she needed to reflect on her own speech to overcome a 1-4 deficit in the second set. Meanwhile, the first doubles team of Gail Casterlin and Robin Schmidt won 6-1; 6-2, and the second doubles team of Nancy Anness and Jennifer Fratterolo finished right after with a 6-2; 6-3 win giving the Barrons a 2-0 lead. The score remained at 2-0 for over an hour until Megan Clarke forced a tiebreak and won her match 6-2; 7-6 (7-5), thus sealing the deciding point of the match. The icing on the cake was when third singles, Nancy Logan, finished with a 7-6; 6-4 victory, and first singles WTAAA Hall of Famer, Darlene Francisco, with a bruised rib and broken finger, finished off her opponent with a 4-6; 6-4; 6-2 victory!

The team not only made school history, but all went home elated with the 5-0 win. The team would then face Cherry Hill East in the Group IV Semi's. Unfortunately, their season came to an end

with a 1-4 loss. Nancy Logan at third singles was the lone winner on the day. Listed below is the 1984 Lady Barrons Championship lineup that paved their way into the 2017 WTAA Hall of Fame.

1st Singles: Darlene Francisco Matthews: posthumously inducted into WTAAA Hall of Honor in 2016; 4-year Varsity, All-Conference, 1st doubles County Champion, 3rd team All-State Group IV with partner Donna Vecchiarelli ('83) as a sophomore, 2nd singles as a junior, 1st singles as a senior (12-5).

2nd Singles: Megan Clarke Hollywood: 4-year Varsity, 2nd Singles (sophomore); 3rd Singles Champion (15-1), All-Conference, All-County as a junior; 2nd Singles, All-Conference (17-2) senior year.

3rd Singles: Nancy Logan: 3-year Varsity, All-Conference as a sophomore at 2nd doubles with Robin Schmidt, 1st doubles with Schmidt (junior); 2nd team All-Conference, 3rd Team All-State Group IV at 3rd Singles senior year (16-4).

1st Doubles: Robin Schmidt Clevestine: 4-year Varsity, County Champion at 1st doubles with partner Linda Lehr as a freshman; All-Conference at 2nd Doubles with Nancy Logan as sophomore; 1st doubles with Logan in junior year; 1st Doubles County Champion with Gail Casterlin (24-1) for the season senior year.

Gail Casterlin Gibbs: 3-year Varsity; 2nd doubles sophomore and junior year; 2nd team All-Conference, 1st Doubles County Champion with partner Robin Schmidt (24-1) senior year.

2nd Doubles: Nancy Anness Vitello: 3-year Varsity, 2nd doubles sophomore and junior year: (16-4) All-Conference senior year with Jennifer Fratterolo. Biggest accomplishment is being a cancer survivor!

Jennifer Fratterolo Nemeth: 3-year Varsity, 2nd doubles sophomore and junior year. All-Conference (16-4) with Nancy Anness.

Mary Zuliani Wiczerak: rotated at 2nd doubles as a junior in '84. 2nd singles after all seniors graduated in '85.

Coach Ellen Baureis Pisano: MCAC Coach of the Year '82, '84. Continues to coach Boys and Girls Tennis at J.P. Stevens where she has recorded five GMC Championships, two State Sectional Titles (girls), and eight GMC championships (boys).

Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association

The Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association presented six awards for a total of \$1,500.00 at the June, 2017, senior graduation awards programs. The athletes must represent their sport(s) in both performance and leadership. The recipients demonstrate a competitive spirit, great enthusiasm, a sense of fair play, and exhibit good sportsmanship and pride in their activities. The WTAAA gives special thanks to the Woodbridge Township business community for supporting the scholarship program.



*WHS - (left to right)
Keshawn "Scoobie" Henry, Coach Mike Yannazzo,
Coach Tom Chmiel, Sierra Twomey*

*CHS - (left to right)
Jessica Malinchok, V.P. Sandra Schmidke,
Coach Tom Chmiel, Jarred Ruiz*



*JFK
Maura Farley and
Alexander "AJ" Moore*

WTAAA Hall of Fame Inductees

From 1989 – March 2000

WOODBRIIDGE HIGH SCHOOL INDUCTEES

Adams, Edward	Dubay, Ernie	Konick, Dr. Emery	Peterson, Bernard Jr.
Adams, Robert "Ace"	Dubay, John	Koperwhats, Bob	Peterson, Hardy
Alexander, Leroy	Dunda, James	Koperwhats, Donna	Petrie, Tom
Anacker, Mel	Dunfee, Al	Korzowski, John	Pirnik, Robert
Anderson, Don	Dunham, Bonnie	Korzowski, Tom	Pochek, Steve
Aquila, Anthony	Dunham, Art	Kostecky, T.J.	Priscoe, Nick
Aquila, Dominick	Etzold, Edmund	Kovacs, Stephen	Protz, John "Jack"
Aquila, John "Jack"	Fair, Dr. George	Kirkleski, Frank	Rice, Orville
Aquila, Warren	Fair, Robert	Kumpa, Tom	Rothfuss, Charles
Archdeacon, Richard	Farr, Charles	Kuzniak, Richard	Royle, John
Barany, Ernie	Finn, Bob	Lake, James	Russo, James
Barbato, Patsy	Finn, William J.	Lamberti, Pat	Russomano, Anthony
Barcellona, Andrew	Flaherty, Joseph	Launhardt, Walt	Santoro, Anthony
Barcellona, Tony Sr.	Fratferolo, Matt	Lawrence, Roy	Schmidt, Peter
Barlund, Richard	Furdock, Don	Leahy, Eugene	Schundler, Peter
Basarab, Michael	Gabriel, Lou	Leffler, Al "Albie"	Schundler, Russell
Beleski, Al	Gerek, George	Leffler, Fred "Fritz"	Schwartz, Vic
Benkert, Heinie	Gerns, Owen	Lockie, Tom	Scutti, Dominick
Benzelski, Dr. Robert	Giordano, Tom	Luhrs, Warren	Semak, Nick
Bixel, Claire	Gioffre, Vince	Lupo, Sam	Smith, Earl
Boland, Bob	Gluchoski, Al	Marciniak, Tom	Solecki, Kay (McAuliffe)
Boland, Jim	Goglas, Kenny	Markous, Tom	Sparks, Bill
Bosze, Joseph	Gonyo, Gerry	Markovics, Frank	Stanko, Steve
Brey, Bill (Novo)	Hackett, Lee	Markulin, Steve	Stillman, Walter
Brodkin, Bart	Hagler, Lou	Marshall, Sam	Straube, Lee
Brooks, Randy	Handerhan, William	Mascenik, Robert	Tambour, Lincoln
Buonocore, Dr. Fred	Higgins, Joe	Matusz, Joann (McMillian)	Thompson, Thomas "Tucker"
Buonocore, Vinnie	Hladik, John	Mazza, Anthony	Toth, Paul
Burke, Jackie	Hoagland, Eddie "Sully"	McAuliffe, Tom	Toth, Rudy
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Christensen, Erik	Jago, Matthew	Molnar, Charles	Wasilek, George
Christensen, Walter	Jago, Stew	Montague, Dr. Don	Wataha, Joan
Cipo, John	Johannson, George	Montecalvo, Fran	Webb, Richard
Creekmur, Lou	Johnson, Arthur "Buster"	Moskowitz, Jack	Wieczerek, Tom
Cunningham, Pat	Johnston, Ed	Mueller, Dr. Fred	Williams, Tom "Ramrod"
D'Aprile, Nick	Jost, Frank	Nagy, Joe	Wukovets, Percy
Dalina, Pete	Juhasz, Joe	Olah, Dr. Tim	Zambo, Steve "Buddy"
Deryn, John	Karnas, Michael	Parrott, Bob	Zapoticzny, Ronald
DiDonna, Mark	Kasko, Robert	Pellegrino, Angelo	Zilai, Jimmy
DiMock, James	Kish, John	Peterson, Bernard	Zullo, John
Drummond, Spencer	Kondryk, John		

WTAAA Hall of Fame Inductees From 1989 – March 2000

JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL INDUCTEES

Acquisto, Robert	Croasdale, Joseph	Lyons, Mike	Scarola, William
Arnesen, Norma (Grasso)	Connolly, Mary P.	Manfre, Donna (Geleski)	Schramm, Robert
Aromando, Tom	Cuntala, Nancy	Mathews, Kathy	Shissias, Barbara
Barnikow, Larry	Curran, Terry	McDonald, James	Smythe, John
Bartha, Lou	Duda, Joan	McIntyre, James	Soporowski, Ray
Burbella, George	Egan, Dennis	Miller, Bill	Stanley, Lori (Sustak)
Caleca, Bob	Fairchild, Vincent	Moyer, Roy	Stevens, Jim
Campana, Al	Gardner, Marie	O'Brien, Michael	Sylvernal, Robin (Surma)
Campana, Tom	Garley, Thomas "Skip"	Osborne, Dan	Ullrich, Richard
Carbonaro, Tom	Grillo, Carl	Osborne, Ron	Volker, Mike
Cardinale, Gary	Handerhan, Paul	Petroski, Jeff	Wahl, Kenneth
Cimaglia, James	Howard, John	Petty, Jack	Wiggins, Rich
Clancy, Elaine (Oleck)	Hamrah, Cary	Pope, Al	Wrabel, Cathy (Syssock)
Clancy, Evelyn (Mars)	Jorgensen, Jay	Price, Les	Zapotocky, Adrian
Clancy, James	Knoth, Joseph	Ricciardi, Paul	
Clancy, Rosemary (Egan)	Lanigan, Bob	Ricciardi, Steve	

WTAAA Hall of Fame Inductees From 1989 – March 2000

COLONIA HIGH SCHOOL INDUCTEES

Baldante, John	Confer, Pat	Helman, Dr. Jeff	Nardone, James
Barnhard, David	Couch, Sharon	Higgins, Susan F. (Lyster)	Oshiro, Don
Barnhard, Roger S.	(DiLonardo)	Higgins, Tom	Perez, Bill
Baureis, Ellen (Pisano)	Crilly, James	Hyland, Ken	Peters, Joseph
Baureis, Nancy	Draina, Joseph	Janowski, Deborah	Peters, Robert
(McDonald)	Evanko, Kevin	Kott, Mickey	Prongay, Tom
Blackman, Scott	Evanko, Mark	Levandowski, Tom	Ryall, Tom
Boris, Paul	Fenton, Peter	Loprete, Robert	Sanislow, Robert
Brett, Harry	Frank, Craig	Lyness, Mike	Schmidtke, Sandra
Buzzi, Charles	Franken, John	Martino, Joseph	Siracusa, Pat
Cilento, Michael	Gaytas, William	Mason, Glen	Tisdale, Robert
Cilento, Steve	Grose, Harry	McMahon, Dan	Zarsky, Cindy
Comito, Frank	Grose, Jeff	Merkler, Ed	Zullo, Maria (Mantak)
Confer, Tom	Hannon, David	Murphy, Mike	

WTAAA Hall of Fame Inductees As of September 17, 2015

Colonia High School

Twana Allen
Gary Battle
Tom Chmiel – Coach
Dr. Martine Gubernat
Mike Helman
Judi Martino
Ken Pace Sr. – Coach
Michael Payne
William A. “Tony” Payne
Tina Sabunas
Karen Youngman

John F. Kennedy Memorial High School

Ron Allen
James Anderson
Courtney Burton
Maureen Clancy (Harshman)
Lisa Da Cruz
Jennifer Egan (Bjorndahl)
Kathleen Flanagan (Colon)
Jeff Kipila
Ray Newman – coach
Christine Stuppi (Chih)

Woodbridge High School

Dan Bertolami
Michele Bressant
Henri Chomicki – coach
Dr. Frank Corbo
Leonard “Buck” Jenkins
Paul Mallas
Andrew McCray
Robert Murphy
William “Bill” Schoenig
Mike Yannazzo – coach
1978 Softball Team

WTAAA Hall of Fame Inductees As of October 30, 2016

Colonia High School

Al Alvarez
Caesar Alvarez
Lorraine Bratton
Fred Herzog
Jennifer Kirby-Jeter- Coach
Jack Kreiger- Coach
Bill Lichtenstein
Steve Solop
Lynn Spirko

John F. Kennedy Memorial High School

Alex Bosch
David Esposito
Matt Esposito
J. Delvin Horsford
Mike Manfre
Michele Nelson (Masino)
Lenny Reyes
Jerry Smith Sr. –Coach
Sue Williams- Coach

Woodbridge High School

Randy J. Adleman
John Eppensteiner
Darlene Francisco (Matthews)
Amy Hansen (Thacker)
A. Kyle Johnson
Diane Matelski (Edmonds)
Ricky Meyers
John Picaroni

WTAAA Hall of Fame “Team” Inductees From 1995 – 2000

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

WTAAA Hall of Fame “Team” Inductees From 2015 and 2016

1957	Woodbridge Boys Track Mile Relay Team	Coach Lou Gabriel
1970	Colonia Boys Track Relay Team	Coaches Harry Brett and Mike Murphy
1978	Woodbridge Softball Team	Coach Joan Wataha
1990	JFK Boys Basketball Team	Coach Ken Pace



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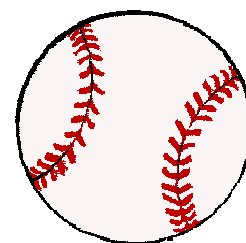
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Bob Yesalonia

1978 Football Team



Robert Kasko
WTAAA Inductee



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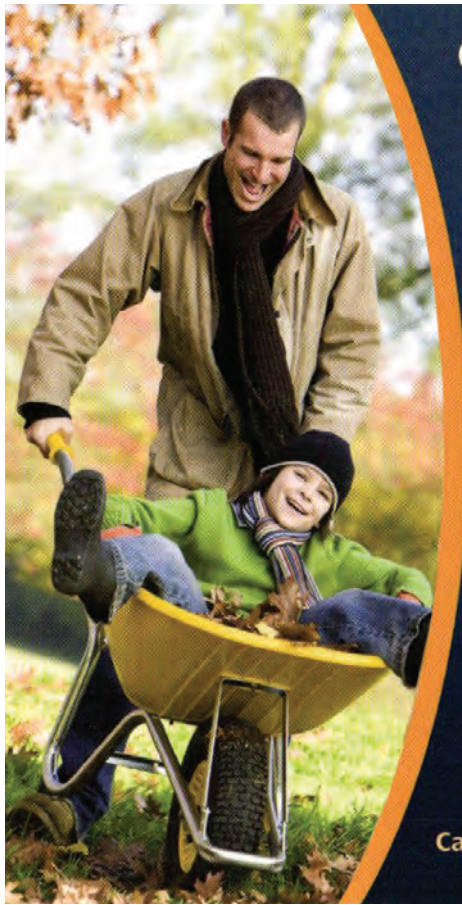
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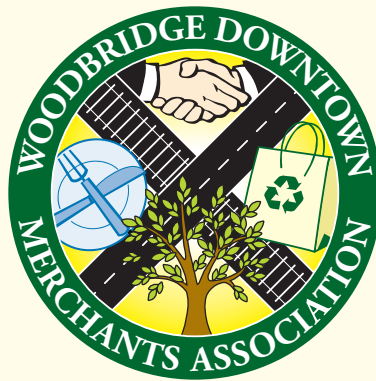
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