



# *Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association*

# 2018

## Hall of Fame Ceremony



*October 14, 2018*

The Woodbridge  
Community Center

*Special Guests of Honor*

Vincent & Frank Capraro



Congratulations to all inductees  
to the 2018 Hall of Fame Class of the Woodbridge  
Township Athletic Alumni Association

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**Welcome**

Nick Sardone, WTAAA President

**Invocation**

Deacon Peter Barcellona  
*St. Anthony of Padua, Port Reading*

**Opening Remarks**

Mayor John E. McCormac

**Special Guests of Honor**

Mr. Frank Capraro '1946 and Dr. Vincent Capraro '1956  
*Introduced by Nick Sardone*

**Dinner – Tables will be called**

**Group Photo – 2018 Class**

**Awards and Proclamations**

**Introductions by Nancy Cuntala and Sharon DiLonardo**

Edward Ackerman, *Woodbridge High School, 1963*  
Eric Allen, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1997*  
Charles Braden, *Colonia High School, 1983*  
Gerald Connell, *Colonia High School, 1995*  
Gene Derkack, *Colonia High School, 1995*  
Alyson Eberhardt, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1993*  
Don Ferraro, *Colonia High School, 1988*  
Eileen Jauch, *Woodbridge High School, 1963*  
Richard Kovack, *Woodbridge High School, 1960*  
Theodore Kujawski, *Woodbridge High School, 1952*  
Lou Mucardo, *Woodbridge High School, 1975*  
Andrew Munkacsi, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1990*  
Lorraine Smakula, *Colonia High School, 1978*  
Patrick Sheehan, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1994*  
Darran Simon, *John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 1994*

**Teams**

1957 Woodbridge High School – Baseball  
1988 John F. Kennedy Memorial High School – Softball  
1990 Colonia High School – Softball

**Benediction**

Deacon Peter Barcellona  
*St. Anthony of Padua, Port Reading*

**Concluding Remarks**

Nick Sardone



## Special Guest of Honor

### Mr. Frank Capraro

WHS 1946

### "A Legend in his TIME"



If anyone bled the red and black colors more than our special guest of honor, Frank Capraro, we would like to meet that person. Frank devoted 40 years of his life to WHS as a student athlete, physical education, health and driver ed. teacher, coach of three sports and athletic director.

Young Frank entered WHS in 1942 and graduated in 1946. He played football and baseball for the legendary Nick Priscoe and basketball for Lincoln Tambour. He was a teammate of Woodbridge legends and fellow WTAAA Hall of Famers, Tommy "Tucker" Thompson, Lou Creekmur, Harding Peterson, Artie Dunham, Donnie Anderson and Tommy Korczowski. Following graduation in '46, scholarship offers were limited. Frank decided to serve an Army stint. After two years of military service, he used the GI Bill to enroll at Rutgers University. There, he majored in physical education and played collegiate football for Coach Harvey J. Harman. Despite his small size, he became a starting linebacker in 1950 and '51. He graduated in 1952. According to our own Johnny Royle in his weekly sports column, "Frank was not a large man physically and he had to overcome this by being a tough, aggressive, and polished player. He had to out-think bigger opponents and learn about the finer points of the game. When he first reported for RU football with all the scholarship athletes, he was almost refused a uniform, but his competitive spirit soon caught the eyes of the Scarlet coaching staff. In a span of two seasons, he worked his way up to varsity and during his junior and senior years, he became one of the best linebackers in the East. Coach Harman once said, "because of his size, Frank had to make the team the hard way and from the manner in which he battled his way up, we knew once he made it, he would be up to stay."

After one year in a neighboring school district, Frank began his teaching and coaching career at WHS in 1953. He was coach Priscoe's right hand man in football from 1953-1962. The two enjoyed an amazing ten year run of success with a record of 56-28-6 including an undefeated season and Central Jersey Group IV sectional co-championship (with Union) in 1960, a Central Jersey Group IV conference title in 1960, four Middlesex County titles and eight winning seasons. It seemed like the Barrons were always in contention for some championship or another. As a result, many guys were scouted and went off to college football at various levels of play, including NCAA Division 1. Moreover, as the victories increased, the attendance soared (Woodbridge-Edison Thanksgiving morning 1960 and 61), the police estimated 10,000 and 12,000 respectively.<sup>2</sup>

Frank also served as coach Priscoe's assistant in baseball from 1954-1956 and the Barrons reached the Tri-County finals in 1955. Beginning in 1957 through 1967, Frank served as the head baseball coach at WHS. His 1957-1959 teams

all reached the Tri-County tournament finals. In 1957, the Barrons captured the championship with a 6-5 victory over Leonardo (Middletown). The Tri-County included teams from Middlesex, Somerset and Monmouth by invitation only. During these three seasons, the Barrons were also invited to play in the sixteen team statewide Greater Newark Tournament. Throughout the sixties, Frank continued to produce winning teams. His 1967 team reached the finals of the Middlesex County Tournament only to lose 0-1 to J.P. Stevens. His overall baseball record was 122-92-7.

From 1967 to 1973, Coach Capraro left WHS to be the head football coach at Trenton Central High School. In 1970, he led the Tornados to an undefeated season at 8-0-1.

When Sam Lupo became athletic director at WHS in 1973, coach Capraro returned home to teach and coach varsity football through 1987 with much success. His teams thrived on defense with a hard-hitting, physical approach and ran the wing T on offense. He compiled an 80-52-8 record, 60%. His 1980 team captured the first Central Jersey Group IV playoff championship in WHS history with a 7-6 comeback victory over Raritan (Hazlet). His 1983 team won the MCAC championship only to lose in the playoffs to Hunterdon Central and QB Tom Bill, 7-10. (Penn. St.) His 1986 team secured a rare four-way tie for the title in the first year of the GMC Red. His 1976 team (9-2) lost to Edison 0-19 in the CJ Group IV final after defeating the Eagles on Thanksgiving morning 7-0 just a few days earlier. Opponents knew that Frank's Barrons would be well prepared via thorough scouting reports, planning, and hard practices during the week. Coach Capraro was inducted into the New Jersey Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1993, the N.J. Scholastic Coaches Hall of Fame in 1975 and is a charter member (1989) of the WTAAA Hall of Fame.

In 1989, Frank was promoted to Athletic Director at JFK where he served through 1994. In August, 1994, he returned to WHS to lead the Barrons program through June, 2001. He was GMC Athletic Director of the Year in 1998. In July, 2001, he was invited to join JP Stevens High School as their AD. He accepted the offer and remained there until his retirement seven years later.

Frank lived the majority of his adult life in Fords. He and his late wife of 59 years, Rosemarie, raised two children, James and Patricia. They have three grandchildren, Frank, Chad and Sarah.

For Frank Capraro, his long journey in public high school education took him to a handful of schools. However, his heart always belonged to Woodbridge where he was able to mold and influence thousands of local students during his long, dedicated and distinguished career as teacher, coach and athletic director.

For this well respected educator on a long well traveled journey, the WTAAA is pleased and honored to present Frank Capraro as special guest of honor and wish him the absolute very best in the future. CONGRATULATIONS, COACH!

#### Previous Special Guests of Honor

**Ron Osborne** 1996

**Lou Creekmur** 1997

**Samuel A. Lupo** 1998

**Johnnie Royle** 1999

**Matt Fratterolo** 2000

**Mayor John E. McCormac** 2015

**Harding William "Pete" Peterson** 2016

**William "Bill" Kovacs** 2017

<sup>1</sup> Edison Township and Fords Beacon, Johnny Royle, June 19, 1958, p.13, online

<sup>2</sup> Woodbridge Independent Leader, December, 1960 and 1961, online



## Special Guest of Honor

### Dr. Vincent Capraro

### WHS 1956 – "A Founding Member of the WTAAA"

As the much younger brother of a local legend, Frank, the expectations were high when young Vince entered Woodbridge High School in 1952. However, the pressure may have been eased by Coach Priscoe due to their long family relationship. When the Capraro family lost their dad, Coach Priscoe became more than a coach. He was almost a "father figure" according to Vince. "He helped to get us summer jobs and helped my brother Frank to become an iron worker." He assisted a lot of guys with jobs and getting into college.

Vince played on the varsity football team as a junior in 1954. He was a starting guard and linebacker on one of Coach Priscoe's best teams, the 1955 edition. The team was in contention for the Central Jersey Group IV championship until a 6-6 tie with Asbury Park in the rain and mud on Thanksgiving morning ended the dream. Plainfield was awarded the trophy by the NJSIAA even though the Cardinals lost to Asbury Park and tied Woodbridge. According to our own Johnny Royle in his Sports Roundup Column,"the NJSIAA should have made the Cardinals and Barrons co-champions of Central Jersey based on their records and schedules."<sup>1</sup>

Following high school, Vince entered Upsala College in East Orange. He played for Coaches John Hooper and Art Pilch as a center and nose guard and he graduated in 1961. After college, Vince became a technician but went to Montclair State College for his teaching certificate. In 1963, he joined the Edison school district. He taught and coached one year at Edison High School and then joined Coach Joe Gutowski for three years at JP Stevens. In 1967, Vince was named head coach at Edison High School. Beginning in 1973, a rivalry developed with older brother Frank on Thanksgiving morning.

In 1976, Vince's Eagles defeated Frank's Barrons 19-0 for the Central Jersey Group IV Championship just ten days after Woodbridge defeated Edison 7-0 on Thanksgiving morning. In response to my question about playing his big brother on Thanksgiving mornings and in the championship game, Vince stated, "at the end of the day, I still had my brother and I still looked up to him." From 1967-1981, Vince partnered with fellow WTAAA Hall of Famer Jerry Gonyo as owners of Gervins Sport Shop on Main Street and Rt. 18 Sports Shop in East Brunswick.

After leaving high school coaching, Vince assisted John Hooper at Upsala College for three years and served as a freshmen coach at Princeton University for two years. Vince eventually became Upsala's head coach for ten years under Athletic Director Ed Lyons.

Vince remained in the Edison School district for 42 years total as a teacher, coach, supervisor of business education, director of adult education, assistant superintendent, deputy superintendent, acting superintendent (1996), and finally superintendent of schools from 1996-2004.

Following retirement from Edison, Vince became an interim superintendent or acting principal for another nine years in several districts ending in 2013. To close his professional career, Vince joined the State Department of Education and evaluated Title I and Abbott School Districts.

Along the way, Vince also found the time to be a founding committee member of the WTAAA Hall of Fame in 1989 and demonstrated his continued loyalty to Woodbridge Township. He served as president from 1997-2000. He was inducted into the Hall with the eighth class in 1996.

From a personal standpoint, Vince lives in Red Bank with his wife Judy. They have three children, Suzanne, Joseph and Cynthia and two grandchildren. Dr. Vincent Capraro's journey was influenced in a positive manner by many people including Coach Priscoe, older brothers Frank and John, and older sisters Dolores, Rose and Lucille.

Education was always a core value in the Capraro household, and it served Vince well throughout his life. He has worn many hats and titles during his seven plus decades; son, brother, student-athlete, husband, father, assistant and head high school and college football coach, teacher, administrator and head boss. Yes, make no mistake about it. Dr. Vincent Capraro has seen it all during his personal educational and professional journey. As his home community, we appreciate and respect everything he has accomplished and achieved.

Tonight, we congratulate Dr. Vincent Capraro as our WTAAA co-special guest of honor and wish him the very best of happiness and good health in the future.

<sup>1</sup> Woodbridge Independent Leader, Dec. 8, 1955, p. 23, online

# Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association

## 2018 Hall of Fame Committee

### 16<sup>th</sup> 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 2018 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 2018 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 six years of the fifteen previous Hall of Fame inductions. The remaining 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 Bob Bingham, Ann Cyrana, Nancy Cuntala, Sharon DiLonardo, Michael Kaelber, Jenna Sardone, and Karen Stuppi. 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, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Vitale, Assemblywoman Lopez, and Assemblyman 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.

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# EDWARD ACKERMAN CLASS OF 1963



Ed participated in football and indoor and outdoor track and field. He was coached by WTAAA Hall of Fame coaches Nick Priscoe on the gridiron and Herb Hollowell and Lou Bartha in track and field.



In football, Ed was a 2<sup>nd</sup> team all county selection by the Perth Amboy Evening News in coach Priscoe's final year as head coach. The Barrons finished

11-6-1 in Ed's two seasons on varsity. In indoor track and field, Ed was a member of the Middlesex County shot put 1st place relay team-153' 10.5", and he placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the county individually at the 1963 indoor meet. In addition, Ed was an important team point scorer as the Barrons captured the first Middlesex County Relays team title in 1963. He also contributed to team titles at the Seton Hall and Philadelphia Spike Shoe Club indoor meets under coach Hollowell. Perhaps, Ed's greatest team accomplishment occurred when he and three team mates, including two WTAAA HoF members John Eppensteiner and John Picaroni, as well as William Randolph established a new USA National Scholastic four man shot put relay record of 210' 1/2". Ed also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the county outdoor shot put meet.



After graduating from WHS, Ed went off to the University of Bridgeport where he continued his athletic career and majored

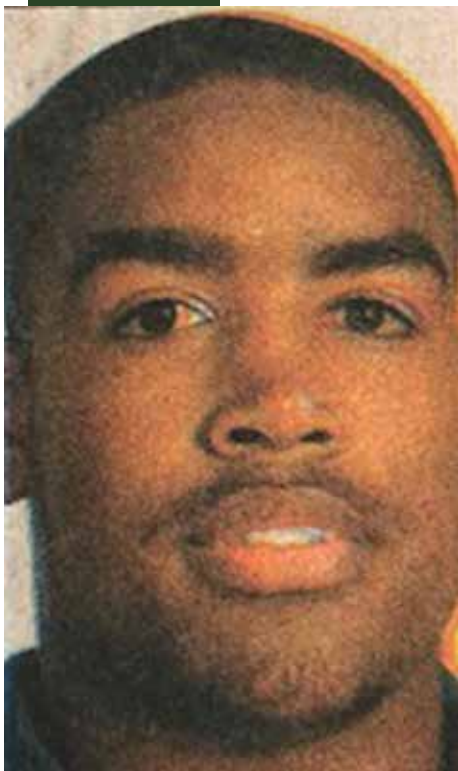
in health and physical education. In football (three year letter winner), Ed was named to the 1966 All East Conference first team and was a "Little All American" by the Associated Press. The A.P. also selected him as an honorable mention for their All New England Team composed of players from major and small college programs. He was also on ECAC weekly All Star for his performance versus Southern Connecticut. Finally, the United Press International named Ed to their All New England small college football 1<sup>st</sup> team. In track and field, he was a three-year letter winner in the weight events.

Ed graduated college in 1968. After teaching half of the school year in Connecticut, Ed returned home to begin a fifty and one-half year career as a physical education and health teacher in Woodbridge Township. His time was mainly spent at the elementary level. He was also an assistant football and track and field coach at JFK under Ron Osborne and Herb Hollowell respectively. He recently retired this past June from teaching.

Today, Ed is employed by Joe Canals in Iselin. He and his wife, Geralyn, live in Rahway. They have three children, David 32, Rachel 28, and Rebecca 27. Ed Ackerman, the WTAAA welcomes you to the Hall of Fame. Congratulations!



# ERIC ALLEN CLASS OF 1997



A three-sport letter winner in Football, Basketball, and Track, Eric Allen excelled in Football during his high school career. He made his mark on the gridiron starting in his sophomore year. During that season, Eric was a three-time All White Division Player of the Week and was named an All Division lineman.

Playing for then head coach, the late Joe DiMario, Eric's leadership on the field was recognized as he was selected Team Captain in his junior year. Eric continued to impress on the field, being named two-time All Division Player of the Week. Skilled on both sides of the ball, the accolades continued as he was named All Division Defensive Lineman and All Area Offensive Lineman.

Eric led the team in 1996 as a Senior team captain under new head coach Scott Osborne, racking up the stats that proved he was one of the best linemen in the county. He had a team leading 101 tackles including 78 solo tackles. He finished with five sacks, 22 tackles behind the line of scrimmage, one interception, five caused fumbles, and three fumble recoveries. Along the way, Eric was named two-time Division Player of the Week and All White Division defensive lineman. The Home News Tribune, Star Ledger, and The News Tribune named Eric a 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Area Offensive Lineman selection. Eric was also selected to the All State CJ Group 2 team as a lineman. Eric concluded his high school career proudly representing the JFK Mustangs as he played in the 1997 North vs South All Star game.

Coach Scott Osborne had these remarks about Eric, "You can't say enough about Eric...He did everything we asked of him defensively and we always ran behind

him offensively. He started at end but we moved him to inside linebacker because people were running away from him."<sup>1</sup>

Eric continued his football career at Tennessee Tech University on a full athletic scholarship and played there during the '98,'99,'00, and '01 seasons. Still dominating on the line, Eric was an All Conference Defensive tackle pick his junior year. Senior year saw Eric put up some impressive statistics. He holds the record for 3rd All Time tackles for a loss in a single game with 7. He led all defensive tackles in tackles with 50 solo and 35 assisted along with racking up 5 sacks. Eric graduated from Tennessee Tech in 2001, majoring in Education with a minor in Physical Education.

After graduation, Eric was signed as a free agent with the Saskatchewan Rough Riders of the Canadian Football League in 2002. He went on to play two seasons in the Arena Football League with the Albany Conquest from 2004-2006.

Eric came back to Woodbridge Township to start his teaching and coaching career. He has been a Physical Education teacher at Woodbine Avenue School #23 for the past five years. He also is an assistant Varsity Football coach at Woodbridge High School. Giving back to the community, Eric is also a volunteer Pop Warner football coach for the Woodbridge Broncos. Eric resides with his wife Teri in Fords, NJ. Between them, they have four boys.

Eric proudly joins his brother Ron Allen, JFK Class of 1987, who was inducted into the WTAAA Hall of Fame in 2015.

Eric Allen, the WTAAA welcomes you to our Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

<sup>1</sup> The Home News and Tribune, December, 1996



# SGT. CHARLES "CHARLIE" BRADEN

CLASS OF 1983



Sergeant Charlie Braden was a 1983 graduate of Colonia High School where he competed athletically in football, basketball and track. It was on the Patriot gridiron where Charlie made his mark, playing for WTAAA Hall of Fame coach, Patsy Barbato. Charlie was a two-time letter winner in football and was a captain of the 1982 CHS football team. In 1982, Charlie was named to The Star Ledger All Middlesex County football team as a third team defensive end and The News Tribune All Middlesex County football team, as a second team defensive end.

Sergeant Braden continued his football career at Washburn University, where he played for coaches George Tardiff and Larry Elliott. Charlie was a four-time football letter winner for the Washburn Ichabods; three years as a defensive end and one year as a defensive tackle. During Charlie's tenure, the Ichabods were the 1983 champions of the Central States Intercollegiate Conference, posting an 8-2 record, 6-1 in conference play. The Ichabods competed against Mississippi Valley State with the great and incomparable NFL Hall of Famer, Jerry Rice, in 1985, Charlie's junior season. In Charlie's 1986 senior season, during which he served as team captain, the Ichabods qualified for the NAIA playoffs but lost to Pittsburgh State in the quarter finals, 58-24. The Ichabods went to their first bowl game in school history that year when they went to the Aztec Bowl in New Mexico, defeating the Mexican All Stars 27-8, finishing the season as the 7<sup>th</sup> ranked NAIA team in the country.

Sergeant Braden's personal athletic honors at Washburn University included being named to the 1985 and 1986 All NAIA District 10 1<sup>st</sup> teams, defensive end in 1985, defensive tackle in 1986; 1985 and 1986 All Central States Intercollegiate Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Teams and the 1985 and 1986 NAIA All American teams, honorable mention. He is

a member of the Washburn University All-Century Team. Charlie's career defensive stats: 1983 - 2 total tackles; 1984 - 13 total tackles and 1 sack; 1985 - 37 total tackles and 1 fumble recovery; 1986 - 58 total tackles, 4 sacks and 1 fumble recovery.

Following his graduation from Washburn University, B.A. Criminal Justice, Sergeant Braden had a five month tryout with the Kansas City Chiefs from April to August, 1987. Charlie was later called back to the team during the strike that season, but declined the offer for personal reasons.

Sergeant Braden began his law enforcement career with the East Brunswick police department in 1988. He relocated to Florida in 1991 to the Satellite Beach Police Department where he served for three and a half years. He transferred to the Melbourne Police Department where he served for six years before leaving law enforcement for an eleven year stint in the pharmaceutical industry. He returned to law enforcement, rejoining the Melbourne, Florida, police department in 2011 where he continues to serve with distinction and dedication. In 2014, he received the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum's two most prestigious awards, the Silver Star of Bravery and the Merit Award for Excellent Arrest. In 2015, he was honored by the Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce receiving a Valor Award from the City of Melbourne Police Department for his service in keeping an armed suicidal man from further hurting himself or his neighbors.

Sergeant Braden holds a Masters Degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University. Charlie's family includes his wife Barbara and children Charles Jr., Amanda, Heather, Jeff, and two grandchildren.

Sergeant Charlie Braden, the WTAAA welcomes you to our Hall of Fame. CONGRATULATIONS!



# GERALD THOMAS "JERRY" CONNELL

## CLASS OF 1995



The spring of 1995 was a magical season for Woodbridge Township High School baseball. Three players, including one from each high school, were named to The Star Ledger All State - All Groups First team. It is an extremely rare occurrence for one town to get three All State First Team selections. Alex Bosch, JFK, was inducted into our WTAAA Hall of Fame in 2016. David Marciniak, WHS, was inducted into the WTAAA Hall of Fame in 2017.



Tonight, we welcome Jerry Connell, CHS, into the WTAAA Hall of Fame. Jerry was a three-year starter for coaches Rich Strack (one season) and Lou Urbano (two seasons). In 1994, he was named to The Star Ledger All State - All Groups Third team. In 1995, Jerry was a Star Ledger First Team All-State-All Groups selection as an outfielder; an Associated Press First Team All-State pick for designated hitter; a First Team All-Area choice by The News Tribune and The Star Ledger; and finally, Jerry was named as The News Tribune "Player of the Year." During the 1995 season, he batted .554 with 13 homeruns and 39 RBI. He was 11-0 as a pitcher with a 1.43 era. For his three-year career, he batted .430 with 20 homeruns and 76 RBI.



Jerry once blasted homeruns in his first three at bats versus Edison. He led the Pats to the Central Jersey Group III final in 1995 with a 5-4 victory over Ewing only to lose to Wall 4-3 with the bases loaded in the seventh inning of the title game.

Ed Ford was the Cubs scout who signed Jerry. He said, "Jerry's got a Kirk Gibson

type body frame. Usually big kids like that are muscle bound with stiff swings, but Jerry has a very loose body. There's no doubt that he hasn't even tapped his full maturity strength wise. Jerry has upper deck power and the ball explodes off his bat." Coach Lou Urbano added, "Jerry's very confident as a baseball player. I don't think he is going to be in awe. I've told him to hustle all the time and let his ability take over."<sup>1</sup>

A recent personal call was made to Jerry's CHS coach, Lou Urbano, for his reflections about Jerry as a player. Coach said, "Jerry was the best hitter I ever coached. His high school numbers were off the charts offensively in every category, and he was a true five tool player."

In the 1995 June amateur draft, Jerry was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 16<sup>th</sup> round—pick #4 - 483 overall. Thus, Jerry joined many previous Woodbridge Township graduates in professional baseball. He played five seasons in the minors from rookie league to A+ level. Here are some of his minor league statistics.

Games Played: 238; AB: 812; R: 80; H: 192; D: 39; T: 9; HR's: 14; RBI: 86; SB: 20; BB:74; Batting Ave.: .236; OBP: .305.<sup>2</sup>

Today, Jerry lives in High Bridge, NJ. He works for NJ Transit Railroad.

Jerry Connell, the WTAAA welcomes you to our Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

<sup>1</sup> The News Tribune, Joseph Skrec, June 18, 1995

<sup>2</sup> Baseball Reference.com- Minor league section

# C GENE DERKACK CLASS OF 1995



Gene was a three-year starter for WTAAA Hall of Fame Coaches Jack Kreiger (one season) and Ken Pace, Sr. (two seasons). During his junior season, under Coach Pace, the Colonia High School Patriots (19-5) won the GMC White Division and the Central Jersey Group III Sectional Championship over Franklin (55-51) in overtime. Gene scored 16 points in the victory. Gene was a second team All-County selection by The Star Ledger, The News Tribune and the GMC Coaches. During his senior season, a veteran Pats team finished 22-3 and repeated as White Division winners. Gene was a first team All-County selection by The Star Ledger and the GMC Coaches and a second team pick by The News Tribune. He concluded his high school career with 1,134 points. Coach Pace said the following recently. "Gene Derkack is a tremendous example of a student athlete who was a driven competitor. Regardless of the moment, Gene was a leader on the 1993-95 teams that his team mates would rally behind and coaches could rely on. What we are most proud of is that drive and competitive nature Gene Derkack possesses has made him the tremendously successful husband, father, and businessman that we all can now rally behind and rely on."

After high school, Gene played four years of college basketball at D1 Florida International University for Coach Shakey Rodriguez on scholarship. He was a three-year team captain in 1995-96, 1997-98, 1998-99. FIU was a member of the Trans-America Athletic Conference and, then, the

Sun Belt Conference in 1999. Gene made the All-Tournament Team in 1997. FIU was a tournament finalist in 1996-97 and 1997-98. The Panthers enjoyed a 1998-99 season opening home victory over Michigan (69-62). Gene is still listed on the FIU milestone charts including:<sup>1</sup>

110 Games Played – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 1,146 Career Points – 5<sup>th</sup> (10.4 ppg)  
 479 Career Rebounds – 7<sup>th</sup> (tied)  
 296 Career Free Throws Made – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 388 Career Field Goals – 6<sup>th</sup>  
 140 Career Steals – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 286 Season Points (1995-96) – 10<sup>th</sup>

Coach Rodriguez once said "Gene has been a major part of the building program here at FIU since I've been head coach. He's played a prominent role as a freshman. This year, as a sophomore, he got off to a great start offensively before an injury set him back. He ended strong with a great finale and made the All-Tournament team. Most impressively, he might have been our best defender on the floor in the last tournament games. His game is becoming well-rounded."<sup>2</sup>

Today, Gene lives in Colonia with his wife, Jennifer, and children Jordan, Taylor, and Aiden. Gene works for the United States Olympic Committee. He has served as a volunteer assistant coach with the CHS basketball program. He enjoys coaching youth sports and running to keep in shape.

Gene Derkack, the WTAAA welcomes you to our Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

<sup>1</sup> FIU 2017 Basketball Media Guide online

<sup>2</sup> The Home News and Tribune, Emery Konick, Jr., March 9, 1997



# ALYSON EBERHARDT CLASS OF 1993



With the induction of Alyson Eberhardt, the WTAAA recognizes another 3-sport star and scholar-athlete from John F. Kennedy Memorial High School.

During her high school career, Alyson earned 11 varsity letters – 4 each in soccer and basketball and 3 in softball while playing for Hall of Fame coaches Marie Gardner, Sue Williams and Bob McLaughlin.

In soccer, Alyson was a team captain with 28 career goals and 20 assists. Three times, she earned All Division honors (1989, 1991, 1992) and was also All County and All Area in 1991. After her junior season, Alyson became the first Mustang to be named to the Star-Ledger All-State squad (2<sup>nd</sup> team). Coach Gardner told The News Tribune in 1992 that “in 14 years of coaching soccer, Alyson overall has been the outstanding player. She is a leader (not only) in terms of points but also in her effect on the rest of the team.” In addition, Alyson was named to the NJGSCA Central Jersey team and to the Central Jersey Top 17 squad. In non-interscholastic soccer, she was an All-State player and was a member of the Division One state champions in 1991.



On the hard court, while serving as a captain in her senior season, Alyson helped the Mustangs win the Blue Division championship in 1992-93.

Her softball career found her playing on Division champions in 1991 and 1992. Alyson’s .377 batting average and .984 fielding percentage helped her earn All-GMC honors in 1993. But more importantly, she closed out her athletic career as a member of JFK’s Central Jersey Group II State Sectional champions.



An exemplary leader and scholar, Alyson was a Lebanon Valley Youth Scholar, president of Kennedy’s National Honor

Society and a NJ Distinguished Scholar. She served on the “Captain’s Table” as an athlete-role model for elementary school students and through Vanguard, Alyson helped organize a symposium of future leaders. Ranked ninth in her graduating class, she was JFK’s Scholar Athlete and a Model U.N. delegate. Her extraordinary academic and athletic career resulted in a scholarship to Drew University.

At Drew, Alyson competed in both soccer and softball. In soccer, she earned 1<sup>st</sup> team All Freedom Conference in 1995 and at graduation, was on milestone lists for assists and goals scored. Her coach, Christa Aluotta, called Alyson “intense” and noted that “she gets the offense started from the back...and usually marks the other team’s strongest offender.” On the diamond, she was a plus .300 hitter and appears on milestone lists for slugging percentage and triples (in a season) and for career triples and home runs.

Today, Alyson lives in Exeter, NH where she is a Coastal Ecosystems Extension Specialist for the New Hampshire Sea Grant and UNH Cooperative Extension. She also serves on the Exeter Environmental Committee and is a GIS consultant. Alyson and her husband Kevin M. Baum, an environmental attorney, have two children, Max and Amelie. As a family, they enjoy all manner of outdoor sports and activities while Alyson continues to play league soccer.

The WTAAA welcomes you back to the Garden State and congratulates you on your induction into the Hall of Fame.

# C DON FERRARO CLASS OF 1988



Don was a three-sport athlete in the late '80's era. He participated in football, indoor track and baseball.

In football, he played for WTAAA Hall of Famer Patsy Barbato and earned three letters in the '85, '86, and '87 seasons at fullback and linebacker. In 1986, Don was named 2nd team All County at linebacker by The Star Ledger. In 1987, Don was named 3rd team Associated Press All State at linebacker and 1st team All County by The News Tribune, The Home News and The Star Ledger at linebacker. During his CHS career, he scored 13 touchdowns and rushed for over 700 yards his senior year. Don's 1985 team reached the finals of the Central Jersey Group III playoffs, but, unfortunately, lost a heartbreaker to Ewing 3-0. His 1987 team was GMC White Division Champions. Don kicked a 30-yard field goal with no time left on the clock to defeat Madison Central 10-7. After earning first team honors, Coach Barbato told The News Tribune, "he's just a heck of a linebacker. He's an all-around football player. Where ever you want him to play, he plays." (Source - The News Tribune, Dec., 1987) Coach Barbato told The Home News, "He loves football. He plays hurt and he plays with intensity. He's all over the place defensively. Donnie just loves to hit people and he has total disregard for his body. He gave punishment, he took it, he got up and played more."<sup>1</sup>

According to his CHS backfield coach and WTAAA Hall of Famer, Stew Jago,"he was one of the toughest kids I ever coached." I once said to him, "Don, it is okay to avoid people. You don't have to run over everybody all of the time." According to his linebacker coach and last year's WTAAA special guest of honor, Bill Kovacs, "Donnie showed up every Saturday to play football.

I called him "rough, tough", Sam Huff" a reference to the New York Giants famous linebacker.

During indoor track, he ran the 55-meter hurdles, 55-meter dash and the 4X400 meter relay. In baseball, Don was a 2nd team All County outfielder by The News Tribune. Colonia High School advanced to the GMCT final in 1987. Don batted .304 with three doubles, five triples, one homerun and he stole 21 bases. He earned three letters in baseball. He also made The News Tribune's first ever All-GMC Tournament team under WTAAA Hall of Fame coach Mickey Kott.

Following high school graduation, Don, an excellent student, entered the United States Naval Academy where he played 11 games and lettered in football. (1989) Prior to an injury, he was starting at fullback. Don transferred to Villanova and won football letters during the 1991 and 1992 seasons. In 1991, the Wildcats were Yankee Conference Co- Champions (10-2) but lost to Youngstown State in the NCAA Division 1AA playoffs 17-16. In 1992, the Wildcats (9-3) were Lambert Trophy winners and reached the NCAA Division 1AA playoffs only to lose again to Youngstown State 23-20. Don's coach was Andrew Talley. During the 1993 season, Don played centerfield for the Wildcat baseball team.<sup>2</sup>

Today, Don lives in Port Saint Lucie, Florida, with his children Sophia, 17, and Anthony, 13. He owns and publishes Florida Parenting Magazine and Treasure Coast Parenting Magazine. He coaches Under Armour Florida and Under Armour All American baseball.

To Don Ferraro, the all-around athlete, the WTAAA welcomes you to our Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

<sup>1</sup> The Home News, Dec., 1987

<sup>2</sup> Villanova Football Website online





# EILEEN JAUCH CLASS OF 1963



During the early 1960's, there were not too many opportunities for girls to compete in interscholastic sports. Title 1X was still ten years away (1972). However, under the excellent instruction of WHS physical education teacher, Rosemary McCarthy, Woodbridge fielded a highly competitive archery team. You read it correctly, archery, with a bow and arrow, and a popular Olympic sport to this day.

The star of the WHS team was a young lady named Eileen Jauch. In May, 1962, she won the New Jersey State High School archery championship at Brookdale Park in Bloomfield by scoring 1,325 points. She led her school to the team title with 4, 841 points.<sup>1</sup> In September, 1962, Eileen pulled off a major upset when she captured the Metropolitan Championship at Bear Mountain, NY, over the reigning New Jersey State champion by scoring 1,067 points to 1,040 points.<sup>2</sup> In May, 1963, she captured her second Metropolitan Championship with 1, 110 points and broke a thirty-five year record by hitting 36 consecutive arrows in the gold section of the target.<sup>3</sup> In late May, 1963, Eileen led her WHS team to its second straight New Jersey HS Championship.<sup>4</sup> In July, she placed third at the Eastern States National tournament and in 1964, she placed second. In September, 1963, she participated in the 35<sup>th</sup> New Jersey archery championship women's division despite the fact she was one year underage

at seventeen. She finished second, just four points behind the veteran leader.<sup>5</sup> In July, 1964, Eileen won the Double American Archery Tournament versus the top archers in the U.S.<sup>6</sup> In 1967, Eileen again won the Double American National Tournament in Linden.

Eileen's WHS teammates included Patricia Elliot, Diane Gambo, Elizabeth Bernstein, Patricia Walter, Joann Genovese, Carol Mallas, Gail Vrabel, H. Oneda Patterson, Janice Morris, Sally Kilby and Kathy Bersey. Following high school, Eileen attended Bethel College in Tennessee where she majored in Physical Education and graduated in 1968. Today, Eileen lives in New York State. Unfortunately, due to the recent passing of her mother, Eileen is unable to join us tonight.

Eileen was a trailblazer for young female athletes in the early 1960's. Archery gave her competitive inter scholastic opportunities that never existed outside of physical education class. The WTAAA salutes Eileen Jauch and wishes her good health and happiness in the future. Congratulations, Eileen, and welcome to the WTAAA Athletic Hall of Fame!

<sup>1</sup> Woodbridge Independent Leader, June 7, 1962, p.18, on line

<sup>2</sup> Woodbridge Independent Leader, Sept. 20, 1962, pg. 18

<sup>3</sup> Woodbridge Independent Leader, May 23, 1963, pg. 18

<sup>4</sup> Woodbridge Independent Leader, June 6, 1963, pg.18

<sup>5</sup> Woodbridge Independent Leader, Sept.12, 1963, pg.18

<sup>6</sup> Woodbridge Independent Leader, July 2, 1964, p.18



# RICHARD "RICHIE" KOVACK

CLASS OF 1960



Richie loved baseball and his New York Yankees. He made coach Frank Capraro's varsity team as the starting second baseman in 1959. As late as June 4, he was batting .308. Unfortunately, a late season batting slump dropped his average below .300. Still, Richie, a scrappy player, was a key member of another good Barron team (13-8). They reached the finals of the Tri-County Tournament (Middlesex, Somerset and Monmouth) for the third season in a row and fourth season in the last five. They also were selected for the Greater Newark Tournament, the official statewide New Jersey Tournament at that time. They lost a heartbreaker to Rahway, 0-1, in ten innings. Richie's teammate, WTAAA Hall of Famer, Jerry Miller, had a no hitter for nine innings.

Entering the 1960 season (9-8), the Barrons were decimated by graduation.

However, Richie, now a senior, enjoyed an all-star season and became the team's leader. He batted .444 and was named to both the Newark Star Ledger and Newark Evening News All State and All Groups 3rd team. To make All State is the ultimate honor and Richie was named by the state's two largest news papers. He was also named 1st team Group IV. The Woodbridge Elks awarded Richie their monthly athletic achievement award for May, 1960.

Following high school, Richie enrolled at Upsala College in N.J. He played some baseball there before he left college and

joined the work force. Later, he voluntarily joined the Navy in 1967. He served four years in the Navy honorably during the Vietnam War as a cryptologic technician and continued to play baseball. After leaving the Navy, Richie worked for Lockheed Martin for thirty years as a Quality Assurance Specialist on some of our nation's top strategic weapons programs. While in retirement, he enjoyed fishing, reading, and civil war history. He did volunteer work with the homeless. He helped to pick vegetables that went to the food bank. He read to school children to get them involved in reading and interested in school. He served as a mentor to boys without fathers.

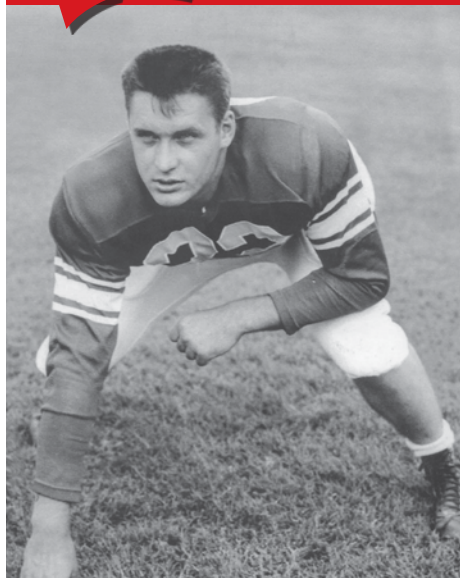
Richie was married to the love of his life, Margaret, for forty-four plus years. The couple raised three children, Kelly, Sean and Christopher, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and currently stationed on an aircraft carrier off the coast of Syria, and three grandchildren, Ocean, Keegan, and Campbell. Tragically, Richie passed away suddenly in March, 2017, but he continues to play ball on the Field of Dreams. According to his family, he was always thinking of others and was a great person. Here tonight to accept his awards are his wife, Maggie, daughter Kelly and son in law, David Barlow.

The WTAAA is honored and pleased to induct Richie Kovack, posthumously, into our Hall of Fame.



# THEODORE "TED" KUJAWSKI

## CLASS OF 1952



When Ted entered WHS in 1948, he was looking for a school activity. He was asked to join the color guard team where he would carry a flag in front of the cheerleaders and band. During the season, then head coach Nick Priscoe noticed the big, strapping kid, 6'1", 195, from Colonia. He said, "son, how come you are not playing football with the freshman team?" Ted replied, "coach, I don't know anything about football and never played the game in my life". Coach Priscoe replied, "son, I want you out for football. Turn in your color guard uniform for a football jersey and we will make you a football player". During his sophomore year, Ted became a lineman on the JV team under the direction of assistant coach and WTAAA Hall of Famer, Lou Bartha. Ted credits "Lou for teaching him how to block, tackle, and to totally focus on each and every play. Focus was the key to Ted's success."

By junior year, 1950 season, Ted was a starter on offense and defense for head coach George Gerek. He became one of the leading blockers, for WTAAA Hall of Famer Tommy "Ramrod" Williams, as the Barrons closed with a 6-3 season record. Ted was named to the Perth Amboy Evening News All County First Team.

Senior Year, 1951, the team was not nearly as successful due to an inexperienced varsity roster and injuries. However, Ted continued his great line play and was, once again, named to the PAEN All County First Team. Even by today's standards, it is highly unusual for a high school football lineman to be named First Team All County two years running. The Newark Star Ledger selected Ted to their All State Group IV 3<sup>rd</sup> team. Ted was also a team captain with Lou Kuhn.

Several scholarship offers arrived from

smaller schools and Ted accepted a partial offer from Albright College in Pennsylvania. At that time, Albright was a D2. They played schools such as Temple, Lafayette, Gettysburg, Muhlenberg, F and M, Moravian, Lebanon Valley, PMC (now Widener), and Scranton. The teams went 6-3 and 3-6, respectively, in Ted's two seasons there under Coach Ed Gulian. He was a starter on defense and received several awards for his line play.<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately, due to family obligations, Ted had to leave Albright after two seasons. He came home to work and assist his family. To satisfy his football fix, he played for the highly popular semi-pro Woodbridge Golden Bears in 1955 (rookie lineman of the year), 1956 and 1957. In 1956 he went to work for State Farm Insurance in Irvington. In 1963, he opened State Farm Insurance on Inman Avenue in Colonia. He owned and operated the business until his retirement in 1998 (35 years).

Today, Ted and his wife, Joan, a 1953 WHS graduate and high school sweetheart, live in Clinton Township, NJ, on an animal farm. They also own a shore house where Ted spends time fishing, crabbing, and clamming. Ted says, "life is good." The couple has been happily married for 63 years and they have three children, Cynthia, Pamela and Deanna, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Ted's path to the WTAAA Hall of Fame was a long and patient one, and he may have wondered "what happened to me?" However, make no mistake about it. Ted belongs in a hall of fame, and we are very pleased to finally welcome Ted Kujawski to our Woodbridge Township Athletic Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Ted. The long wait is over!

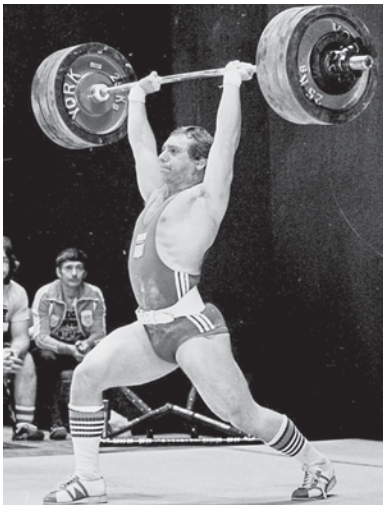
<sup>1</sup> Albright College football records, p.13, online

# LOU MUCARDO CLASS OF 1975



When Lou was a student at WHS, his sport of choice was weightlifting a non sponsored school sport. However, Woodbridge Township Recreation helped to support a highly successful program called the Keasby Eagles. The headman was James “Butch” Toth, a member of the USA weightlifting Hall of Fame.

following years : 1978-3rd, 1979- 2nd, 1980- 4th, 1981-2nd, 1984-6th. He was a member of the USA world championship team in 1981. Most importantly, in 1984, Lou placed 4th at the Olympic Trials and became an alternate member on the USA Olympic Team in the Los Angeles games at 100 kg.<sup>2</sup>



Lou competed at many statewide regional, national and international competitions. He won or placed in numerous events. One year, while in high school, he won the 165 pound weight class at the National Junior Olympics. The Woodbridge Elks, under Exalted Ruler, Dan Deveryn, organized a fundraising dinner to send Lou to California in order to participate. He was a three time National champion in 1976, 77, and 78. Beginning at the age of 18, he competed in the junior world championships for three years in Marseilles, France. In one of those years, 1976, Lou finished 4th, the highest any American had ever placed up to that point in time.<sup>1</sup>

One of Lou’s greatest accomplishments came last summer at the age of 60 in the triathlon. For sixty consecutive days, he swam one mile, biked 26 miles and ran 6.1 miles. This meant, he swam 60 miles, cycled 1560 miles and ran 360 miles over the sixty day period. Lou’s goal was to grow his Tri-4 Kids Foundation (732-714-7777), a child centric charity in Ocean County, NJ, for patients of cancer, cystic fibrosis and others health problems including lack of physical fitness. Lou said, “there are so many kids in need and I want to help them all”<sup>3</sup>



After graduating high school, Lou competed for the very successful Montclair State College weightlifting program where he won an individual title and helped his team to a National Collegiate Championship.

Today, Lou owns The Coal House, a coal fired pizza restaurant in Sea Girt, NJ. He also does public speaking for his Tri-4 Kids Foundation. Lou’s two children, Jenna, 21, and Michael, 13, join him tonight. To this national and world recognized athlete, the WTAAA welcomes Lou Mucardo to our Hall of Fame. CONGRATULATIONS!

While in college, Lou continued to compete inter-nationally. He was a member of the USA Pan American team in 1979 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he won a silver medal in the clean and jerk event at 90 kg. At the senior nationals, Lou placed in the

<sup>1</sup> Keasby Eagles website

<sup>2</sup> New Jersey weightlifting and USA weightlifting senior nationals websites

<sup>3</sup> Navesink, The Journal, Lou Draz, September 13, 2017



# DR. ANDREW MUNKACSI CLASS OF 1990



Andrew Munkacsi enters the WTAAA Hall of Fame as a one-sport STAR...emphasis on the word star!

Playing his freshman season for Coach John Marlin and three years for Hall of Fame Coach Sue Williams, Andy played during the “heyday” of high school tennis and he was one of the very best. He was the undisputed leader of the Kennedy tennis team. Parlaying his exceptional ability and confidence, he was the foundation for an amazing four years of Mustang tennis. Andy amassed a personal record of 88 wins and 0 losses (Yes...zero) in conference matches. He was a two-time GMC Tournament finalist whose only career defeats came in the state and conference tournaments.

During the 1990 season, Andy led the Mustangs in their “banner year” to an undefeated regular season, a fourth consecutive division title and the Central Jersey Group III State Sectional championship...a 5-0 defeat of North Brunswick. This accomplishment is both historic and remarkable, since at this time, it is JFK’s only tennis state title and only the second in Woodbridge Township. The other championship belongs to the 1984 Woodbridge Girls’ team – a 2017 HOF inductee. During Andy’s tenure, the team won over 90% of its division matches and over 80% overall.

Andy was also a trend setter in tennis fashion as he designed the team’s tennis shirts. These were the first tee shirts worn as a uniform in the conference and this style was soon to be copied by the rest of

the county. As the team leader, he was also responsible for the music on the bus. The Grateful Dead provided inspiration and were an ever-present force.

Never wavering in his love for the game, Andy continued his career on a full tennis scholarship at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. While playing singles and doubles for the Cougars in both Fall and Spring tennis, Andy earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1994. It was at this point that his career as scientist, researcher and teacher took off. He went on to earn a Master of Science in Biology from the University of Illinois in 1999 and his doctorate in Plant Biology from the University of Minnesota in 2005. From 2005-2012, Andy was a Postdoctoral Fellow and Associate Research Scientist at Columbia University. Since 2012, Andy has been a professor of Chemical Genetics in the School of Biological Sciences at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. As a translational scientist, teacher and mentor, he has established an interactive classroom and laboratory,

Andy remains active and competitive in tennis at the senior level in the game he loves. A true champion, Andy also helps New Zealanders, both boys and girls, get college scholarships to the United States.

The WTAAA congratulates and welcomes to the HOF Andrew Munkacsi, forever a Kennedy Mustang, who has taken his love of tennis and science from Iselin to another hemisphere!



# LORRAINE SMAKULA MOCHNACZ

## CLASS OF 1978



Lorraine Smakula Mochnacz was a 1978 graduate of Colonia High School where she competed athletically in cross country, winter and spring track, earning seven varsity letters; two in cross country, two in winter track and three in spring track, where she was a captain in her senior year.

It was in track and field where Lorraine made her most significant mark, competing for legendary Patriot girls track and field coach Frank Malardie. She was a regular point scorer in the high jump, long jump and 110 hurdles, contributing to Colonia's success in dual and regional meets during her career. Upon her graduation, Lorraine held the Colonia High School girls track school records in the high jump, 5'6", and the 110 hurdles, 15.4 seconds. During that period, Colonia's girls track team captured both the Middlesex County Athletic Conference and Middlesex County Relays championship, in no small part due to Lorraine's contributions.

Lorraine had numerous individual track and field achievements including, as a junior, the following:

- Middlesex County Track and Field Championships - 4<sup>th</sup> Place in the high jump at 5'1" as Colonia won the Girls Team Championship
- NJSIAA Central Jersey Group IV Sectional Championships - 1<sup>st</sup> place in the high jump at 5'2"
- NJSIAA Girls Track and Field Championships - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Group IV in the high jump at 5'0"
- NJSIAA All Groups Girls Track and Field Meet (Meet of Champions) - 2<sup>nd</sup> place high jump at 5'5" (Lorraine tied for the highest jump of the day, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> based on total misses)

Lorraine also garnered first place honors in the high jump and second place honors in the long jump at the 1977 Middlesex County Relays.

Lorraine excelled in 1977 on the AAU track and field circuit, garnering first place honors in the high jump at the AAU District and Essex County Park Commission meets, and second place in the long jump at the AAU District meet. She garnered second place honors in the high jump at the AAU National Junior Olympics Regional Meet at Boston University, jumping 5'5". She

qualified for and participated in the National Junior Olympics Track and Field Meet at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the high jump.

Lorraine continued her path of excellence in 1978, where she achieved the following honors:

- Middlesex County Track and Field Championships - 1<sup>st</sup> place in the high jump with a jump of 5'5", a meet record; 5<sup>th</sup> place 110 low hurdles - 16.0
- NJSIAA Central Jersey Group IV Sectional Championships - 1<sup>st</sup> place in the high jump with a jump of 5'4"; 5<sup>th</sup> place 110 low hurdles - 15.8
- NJSIAA Girls Track and Field Championships - 1<sup>st</sup> place Group IV in the high jump at 5'6"; a new state Group IV record. Lorraine out-jumped, among others, the legendary Carol Lewis from Willingboro High School
- NJSIAA Girls Track and Field Meet of Champions - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the high jump with a jump of 5'6"
- Lorraine still holds the CHS high jump record

Lorraine continued to compete in the high jump at the collegiate level at Rutgers University where she lettered in Women's Track and Field. At the 1979 Iona College Relays, she placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the high jump at 5'4". Also, that spring, Rutgers edged Princeton for the New Jersey College Women's title. Lorraine won the 100 m hurdles and high jump at 5'5-7/8" for a new meet record.

Lorraine was a true student athlete at Colonia High School, being named the 1978 Middlesex County Scholar Athlete female representative from Colonia High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society and president of the Spanish Honor Society in both her junior and senior years. She was a student council representative in grades 10, 11 and 12 and a member of the Arch Yearbook staff. She won CHS's Outstanding Athlete Award as a senior.

Lorraine resides in Somerset, New Jersey with her husband Robert. She is an IT Project Manager for HSBC Bank.

Lorraine Smakula Mochnacz, the WTAAA welcomes you to our Hall of Fame. CONGRATULATIONS!



# PATRICK SHEEHAN CLASS OF 1994



Long before Pat Sheehan donned #76 for the Mustang Football team, he wore a different uniform as he performed at Lou Bartha Stadium. During his freshman and sophomore years, Pat was playing saxophone as a proud member of the Mustang Marching Band. By the end of sophomore year, Pat's size and athletic build caught the attention of then JFK Head Football coach Bob Lanigan and Offensive Line Coach Gary Kuzniak.

According to Pat, "While attending JFK, I, of course, had a lot of attention due to my size and the coaches at the time would talk to me every so often to see if I had any interest in playing football. It was somewhat of a new idea because while I was a fan of the sport (Go Giants!), I never thought about playing at that time. Making the decision to try out was one of the best things I ever did as it became such a huge part of my life, taught me many skills for on and off the field, paid for my higher education, made friendships for life, and was such a rewarding thing." Pat continues, "Once my senior year rolled around, I was introduced to the new head coach, the late Joe DiMario, who played an enormous part in molding me into the player I became and was an amazing coach."

Pat was co-captain of the Mustangs his senior year, leading the team to a division title and then onto a state title game which ended in a loss to Manasquan. He was named to the 1993 Home News and Star Ledger 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-County and The News Tribune 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-County. Pat also was selected to the GMC All-Division squad. Senior year brought additional accolades as Pat was named GMC player of the week. Pat has the distinction of being the first JFK Football player to play in the inaugural Snapple Bowl All Star game.

Coach Joe DiMario commented in a discussion with staff writer Warren Hynes of The News Tribune on the eve of the first Snapple Bowl about Pat someday playing in the NFL due to his current size (6'7", 310 pounds). Coach DiMario stated, "Pat has NFL size right now. You never know. He's the kind of kid that all of a sudden, they just get better and better. He's very strong. He's got good ability, and he's very bright."<sup>1</sup>

Pat's athletic prowess continued in Track & Field where he dominated in the throwing events. He won the 1993 NJSIAA CJ Group II

state sectional title in discus with a throw of 135'9" and shot put with a throw of 44'3". He was also was part of the JFK power lifting team, taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in an event.

Athletics was not all Pat excelled in while in school at JFK. A model student-athlete, he participated in many other activities, including the school plays and the marching band. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and class vice-president. Pat was honored to be selected as the recipient of the Cary Hamrah Memorial Scholarship.

Patrick was highly recruited by many schools including UMass, Northeastern, Rutgers, Bucknell, and UConn. He accepted a full athletic scholarship to the University of Maine. Patrick continued to excel as #78 of the Black Bears Football Team, earning four varsity letters. He was a 1997 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Atlantic 10 All-Conference selection at Offensive Line. In 1998 during his senior year, Pat was a unanimous 1<sup>st</sup> Team Atlantic 10 All-Conference selection as well as a New England Football Writers Association All-Star team selection.<sup>2</sup> While at the University of Maine, Pat majored in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Marketing.

After graduating college in Maine, Pat came back to coach football at JFK under then head coach Scott Osborne. He coached O-line and D-line on the varsity team and also helped run the JV squad. According to Pat, "That was a great experience and I loved the chance to give back to the school that did so much for me. Being able to pass along the skills I learned in both high school and college and then watch the athletes compete on the field and see them achieve success was a very rewarding and fulfilling feeling."

Patrick is honored to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Pat currently resides in Brick, NJ, with his wife, Amy. He is a Business Operations Manager for the Smith Group, a hospitality firm that has properties in New Jersey and Pennsylvania (Asbury Park, Jersey City, Burlington, and Philadelphia).

Patrick Sheehan, the WTAAA welcomes you to our Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

<sup>1</sup> The News Tribune, Warren Hynes, staff writer, "These days he makes music in the trenches," July 13, 1994

<sup>2</sup> Maine Football Website



# DARRAN SIMON CLASS OF 1994



If Kennedy had a Mount Rushmore for track athletes, who would be the candidates for enshrinement? Certainly, Courtney Burton, Ronnie Allen, and Paul Ricciardi (all WTAAA Hall of Famers) would be three of the most obvious choices, but who else would deserve a place? One athlete who certainly should get consideration is Darran Simon from the class of 1994. During his career at JFK, Darran won two Group II state championships, three Central Jersey Sectional championships and two GMC championships. He is the school record holder in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:54.3. He was also Kennedy's scholar-athlete for the 1993-94 school year.



Darran's career started somewhat inauspiciously as a 400 meter runner. Because he was a year younger than the rest of his classmates, he had a difficult time adjusting to the strenuous workouts of a 400 runner. At the end of his freshman year, he decided to practice all summer to get stronger and try to improve his times. At the Junior Olympics after being disqualified for a false start in the 400 meter race, Darran entered the 800 meter race and won his age group to qualify for the regionals. After winning the regionals, he went on to finish third in his age group at the national Junior Olympics in North Carolina.



Darran ran cross country for three years using these seasons to build a strong base for winter and spring track. In his junior year in winter track, he won both the GMC 800 title as well as the Group 2 championship. In his senior year, Darran experimented with a change in tactics and finished second in both the GMC and Group 2 races. His high school coach Bob Bingham writes that "Darran was a talented runner, as all great athletes must be, but no athlete worked harder or longer

to make himself into a state champion." He trained hard in the summer and ran in the Junior Olympics every year. In the winter during snow storms, he traveled down to Princeton to run in Jadwin Gym. Although he had early success as a sophomore, he made little progress as a junior. Then after a change in his training during his senior year, Darran improved his times and won the GMC and Group 2 titles in Spring Track, setting the school record in the Group 2 final.

After graduation, Darran attended the University of Rhode Island where he was on the track team for four years. During that time, he was part of the record setting 4x800 meter relay team. He focused on academics in college and in 1998 was a recipient of the William Gould All Around Award for Achievement, the Arthur Ashe Scholar Athlete Award and the A. Robert Rainville Leadership Award. After graduation, Darran earned a Master's Degree from Northwestern University's prestigious Medill School of Journalism.

Since graduation, Darran has worked for several newspapers including the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Miami Herald and the New Orleans Times-Picayune. He is currently living in Atlanta where he works for CNN as a senior reporter covering many social problems that have developed during the last few decades.

Darran has represented his family, school and community with style and class. His successes have been fueled by hard work and dedication. Tonight, the WTAAA Hall of Fame welcomes another Kennedy track star to an already impressive list of fellow inductees. Congratulations Darran Simon.

# 1957 BASEBALL TEAM



Photo from Woodbridge Independent Leader  
May 29, 1957, pp. 7



(L-R) Bart Brodtkin, Bruce Younger, and Jim King

Jerry Gonyo

(L-R) Bobby Filarowicz, Dave Peterson, Allan Koperwhats, and Ron Gasiorowski

In 1957, Coach Frank Capraro succeeded Coach Nick Priscoe after the latter retired following eighteen successful seasons at the helm. All Coach Frank did in his first season was lead his Barrons to the Tri-County Tournament Championship. The Tri-County included teams from Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset counties by invitation only. Woodbridge defeated South Plainfield 3-1, Perth Amboy 4-0 and Leonardo (Middletown) 6-5 to win the title. Despite a berth in several finals over the years, 1957 was WHS's first championship since Coach Priscoe's 1938 and 1939 teams were awarded Central Jersey Group IV sectional titles by the NJSIAA. The Tri-County final in 1957 was the schools fourth in a five-year period as the Barrons also made it in 1955, 58 and 59.

Coach Capraro's squad was also invited to the Greater Newark Tournament. The GNT was the states official baseball tournament at the time. Sixteen teams were invited state wide to participate. The sectional tournaments that we have today did not begin until 1961,

and the group tournaments began in 1970. In the 1957 "GNT", WHS was the eighth seed. The Barrons defeated New Brunswick 5-4, but they lost to Irvington 1-2. Note, WHS also qualified for the "GNT" in 1958 and 59 and lost in the 1939 final to Irvington 3-4.

During the 1957 season, Coach Capraro was assisted by Walter Manaker and Thomas Matisak. The roster included four pitchers; Randy Brooks\* All State- All Groups at 9-2, .085 era; Bob Filarowicz (3-3); Ken Kosloski (2-0); and Jim Sutherlin (1-2). Team members included Harold Ford\* (.373, 1<sup>st</sup> Base); Stuart Meyers (.297, OF); Ron Gasiorowski (.294, 17 RBI-Team Leader, OF); Jim King\* (.283, Catcher); Allan Koperwhats\* (.276, SS); Randy Brooks\* (.254); Bart Brodtkin\* (.238, IF); Bruce Younger (.238, OF); Larry Wolpin\* (.200, OF); Ron Hoyda\* (.177, IF); Jerry Gonyo (.170, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base), Don Lucas\* (.167, OF), and Dave Peterson (.066, Catcher). James Sabo and Stephen Stumpf were student trainers/managers. Additional members included JV players, Dick Tyrrell, Jerry Baluha, Rich

Nagy\*, Dick Barlund, Matt Fratterollo\*, Doug Bohrer, Bruce Tobias\*, Joe Brown\*, Jack Nagy, Joe Juhasz, and Howard Van Ness.

(\* - We remember these players In Memoriam)

Team Record - 15-7  
Cranford (2-1), Sayreville (1-0), St. Mary's (13-1), Somerville (0-4), Somerville (10-2), Carteret (3-4), Thomas Jefferson-Elizabeth (3-0), Asbury Park (3-0), Perth Amboy (6-5), Rutgers Prep (14-2), New Brunswick (3-1), Plainfield (6-0), Perth Amboy (4-5), St. Mary's PA (2-3), Carteret (0-1), Sayreville (3-1), New Brunswick (x 5-4), South River (4-14), South Plainfield (^3-1), Irvington (x 1-2), Perth Amboy (^4-0), and Middletown (^6-5).  
x - "GNT"; ^ Tri-County

Based on the final record and schedule, the team felt it should be awarded the CJ Group IV championship, but the NJSIAA presented a trophy to Trenton. Still, 1957 was a great WHS baseball season. Congratulations Barrons and welcome to the WTAAA Hall of Fame.

<sup>1</sup> Woodbridge Independent Leader, June 13, 1957, pp. 23-24 on line



# 1988 SOFTBALL TEAM



The 1988 JFK softball team was led by WTAAA Hall of Fame coach Robert McLaughlin and assistants Sue Zega, Gary Kuzniak and Rita Saylor. The starting 9 included two more Hall of Famers, Kate Flanagan (P) and Denise Koury (1B), as well as Moira Forbes (C), Karen Stuppi (2B), Amy Matisa (3B), Lynne Dowd (SS), Tina Kole (LF), Sheryl Fornoff (CF) and Kelly Swelgin (RF). Providing additional support off the bench were Pam Wojton (DH/OF), Kim Piasta (SS), Heather Lucas (1B), Stacy Latin (P), Tracy Latin (C), Karen Davis (2B), Patricia Fitzgerald (LF), Deana Kreher (1B) and statistician Kelly Mulhall.

After winning the 1987 GMC Tournament, Coach McLaughlin was confident at the start of the 1988 season: "We're going to hopefully start where we left off. Not only is Kate back, but my whole starting team is back." Coach Mac's main concern seemed to be catcher Moira Forbes' "literally black and blue glove hand" as a result of Flanagan's fastballs! In addition to Flanagan's pitching, the team also relied on Denise Koury's experience and leadership. As a 4-year starter, Koury helped the Mustangs win the BAC Liberty Division and Central Jersey Group III Championship as a freshman in 1985, followed by the GMC White Division title in 1986.

JFK had a strong regular season performance, compiling a 13-2 record, heading into

the conference and state tournaments. While the team suffered a tough 2-1 loss to Sayreville in the opening round of the GMCT, they went on a dominating run in the states. Traveling to Monmouth County to face Red Bank in the Central Jersey Group III semifinal, the Mustangs emerged with a 3-1 win. Flanagan threw a 2-hitter and also doubled to score Lynne Dowd. Kelly Swelgin and Amy Matisa also played significant roles with RBI singles. Next up...a trip to Matawan. With Flanagan tossing a 1-hitter and Koury belting a 2-run double, JFK was once again Central Jersey Group III champions.

Heading southbound again, the Mustangs traveled to face Central Regional in Lakewood for the Group III semifinal match-up. This time Flanagan allowed four hits while pitching JFK to a 4-1 victory. Sheryl Fornoff went 2 for 4 with 3 RBIs, while Pam Wojton scored an insurance run on a suicide squeeze (remember this play!). The Mustangs were on their way to the Group III championship game to be played at Trenton State College in Ewing. They locked up in an extra-inning pitchers' duel with

North Jersey champ Ramsey. With stellar performances from both pitchers, the game was scoreless after 7 innings of play. Flanagan had allowed 4 hits while walking two and striking out 6. Her Ramsey counterpart was equally effective: 7 strikeouts, 5 hits and 2 walks. But in the home 8th, JFK loaded the bases with no outs. Lynne Dowd, a speedster with 19 stolen bases for the season, was on third. Up to the plate marched the clean-up hitter Sheryl Fornoff, with her .460 batting average. Coach Mac again gave the suicide squeeze signal; Dowd flew off the base, while Fornoff laid down the bunt. The throw was not in time as Dowd slid home safely. The Mustangs were 1-0 winners, bringing home JFK's first and only Group III state championship.

Ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the final Star-Ledger Top 20 and first in the area by both the Home News and The News Tribune, the 1988 team finished the season with a record of 19-3. Kate Flanagan and Sheryl Fornoff both received 1<sup>st</sup> Team Group III honors in the Ledger, with Kate also named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-State, All Groups squad. Coach Mac recently reflected upon this historic season: "What a fantastic voyage with a group of compatible, enthusiastic, committed and skilled young ladies." Thirty years later, they still exhibit those same qualities as accomplished adults. Their cohesiveness as a team remains evident as they gather to celebrate their team's induction into the WTAAA Hall of Fame...the first girls' team from Kennedy to be so honored.



# 1990 SOFTBALL TEAM



The 1990 CHS softball team started the season by winning twenty straight games. During that run, they won the GMC Blue Division going 11-0 and captured the Central Jersey Group II State Sectional Championship. In the state tournament, they defeated Delaware Valley, Bridgewater Raritan East and number one seed Shore Regional, 3-2. In the state semifinal, the Patriots defeated Buena to reach the State Group II final vs. Lenape Valley. The Patriots lost 1-0 when Lenape Valley scored the lone run in the seventh inning. After this devastating loss, the team came back three days later and finished their amazing season by defeating #1 seed Edison 1-0 in 11 innings to win the GMCT Championship. The final record was 21-1.

In an article by Joe Hofman of The News Tribune, Coach Jago said, "We were just lucky enough to win today (after the GMCT final) unlike Saturday. What else can you

say? We've just got a great team." (Source: The News Tribune, June 6, 1990) When it was over, there was dancing, bear hugs, and yes, tears too, Hofman described. "We feel 100% better," said third baseman Jen Fabbo.

The 1990 CHS squad is the only softball team in school history to reach a state final. The team ended the season number one in The Home News, Elizabeth Daily Journal, The News Tribune, The Star Ledger, Suburban Cablevision, WCTC radio and was ranked number two in the final statewide Star Ledger rankings.

The roster included four seniors; Renay Farbaniec, Michelle Ferragamo, Kelly Hoerner, Edie Scarfone; seven juniors; Claudine Caro, Jennifer Fabbo, Tara Molloy, Dawn Morgan, Colleen Nersita, Donna Sisco and Jennifer Weller; and one sophomore, WTAAA Hall of Famer Tina Sabunas. The head coach was WTAAA Hall of Famer

Stew Jago. The assistant coach was Ken Palczewski.

Almost thirty years later, Coach Jago was asked what he remembered most about his 1990 team. "When we lost in the state final it was devastating, but we came back to defeat Edison in the GMCT final. Their heart was just unbelievable. At the end of the season, we had a team picnic at my house. The girls were so close, tight, and like a big family. This is the best feeling I have. They were unselfish. Everything was for the team."

In the history of Colonia High School athletics, the accomplishments of the 1990 Lady Patriots Softball team have to rank among the greatest in school lore. This is why we celebrate their achievements tonight and welcome the 1990 Colonia High School Lady Patriots to our WTAAA Hall of Fame. CONGRATULATIONS to all!

# Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association

## 2018 Scholarship Recipients

The Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association presented six awards for a total of \$1,500.00 at the May 2018 Senior Graduation Awards Programs, and donated \$250.00 to the new Marisa Tufaro Foundation for Middlesex County children in need of assistance. 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.



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Alexander, Leroy	Cunningham, Pat	Hollowell, Herb	Marciniak, Tom	Russomano, Anthony
Anacker, Mel	D'Aprile, Nick	Houseman, Walter	Markous, Tom	Santoro, Anthony
Anderson, Don	Dalina, Pete	Howell, John	Markovics, Frank	Schmidt, Peter
Aquila, Anthony	Deryn, John	Huttenberger, John	Markulin, Steve	Schundler, Peter
Aquila, Dominick	DiDonna, Mark	Jackson, Ray	Marshall, Sam	Schundler, Russell
Aquila, John "Jack"	DiMock, James	Jago, Matthew	Mascenik, Robert	Schwartz, Vic
Aquila, Warren	Drummond, Spencer	Jago, Stew	Matusz, Joann (McMillian)	Scutti, Dominick
Archdeacon, Richard	Dubay, Ernie	Johannson, George	Mazza, Anthony	Semak, Nick
Barany, Ernie	Dubay, John	Johnson, Arthur "Buster"	McAuliffe, Tom	Smith, Earl
Barbato, Patsy	Dunda, James	Johnston, Ed	McCallen, Howie	Solecki, Kay (McAuliffe)
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Cimaglia, James	Garley, Thomas "Skip"	Miller, Bill	Shissias, Barbara	
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1969	Woodbridge Football Team	Coach Sam Lupo
1971	JFK Football Team	Coach Ron Osborne
1973-1974	JFK Boys Basketball Team	Coach Ray Newman
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Lisa Chin (Stanziani)	Jennifer Kirby-Jeter- Coach	Ken Pace Sr. – Coach	

# 2015



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

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



**Seated - L to R -** The children of Darlene Francisco Matthews- Andrew, Carly, Erik; coach Sue Williams; coach Jennifer Kirby - Ajar; Diane Matchiki Edmonds; Lorraine Drutten  
**2nd row L to R -** Pat Cunningham; Bob Koeko; Steve Selop; John Epponaciator; Randy Adams; John Pizzani; Larry Reyes; Jason Smith; coach Jerry Smith Sr.; John Hyman; Alex Bosch; Chris Mangani; Courtney Burton; Kendall Green; J. Davin Hartford; Matt Toppino; Dave Esposito; coach Jack Kreiger; Caesar Alvarez; coach Ken Pace Sr.; Jamie Panko

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

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

# 2016

# 2017



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**SEATED - FIRST ROW -** Dr. Robert "Bud" Kovacs (brother of Bill Kovacs, guest of honor), Kim Franks (Bill's daughter), and Tara Fairbanks (Bill's niece)  
**SEATED - SECOND ROW -** Danielle Barajas, Ellen Baures Pisano, coach of 1984 WHS girls tennis team and seven members of this team, Lisa Chin Sinciani, Amy Coppola Kronat, Denise Acary, Suzanne Margner, Andrea Harris LaL, Michele Fornier, and two members of 1978 JFK football team  
**STANDING - THIRD ROW -** Leonard Dandridge, Mike Cienko, member of 1972-1973 CHS basketball team and assistant coach of 1978 JFK football team and ten members of 1978 JFK football team, Ray Newman, assistant coach at JFK, L.T. Levine, and Bob Langran, assistant coach of 1978 JFK football team  
**STANDING - FOURTH ROW -** Dave April, Tom Chmie, assistant coach of 1972-1973 CHS basketball team, four members of this team, and Jack Kreiger, assistant coach, at CHS, James Gordon, Dave Marciano, Chris Buglowski, Bob Yesabonis, Joe Armenti, Robert Farrell, 1978 JFK football team member, and Carl Grilo, assistant coach of 1978 JFK football team.  
 Absent from picture are Tom Giordano Jr., Cheryl Dobb, honored posthumously, Chris Pinter, David Tiboon, honored posthumously, and Alfonso Thomas.

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1972-1973	Colonia Boys Basketball Team	Coach Bob Tisdale
1978	JFK Football Team	Coach Cary Hamrah
1978	Woodbridge Softball Team	Coach Joan Wataha
1984	Woodbridge Girls Tennis Team	Coach Ellen Baureis Pisano
1990	JFK Boys Basketball Team	Coach Ken Pace




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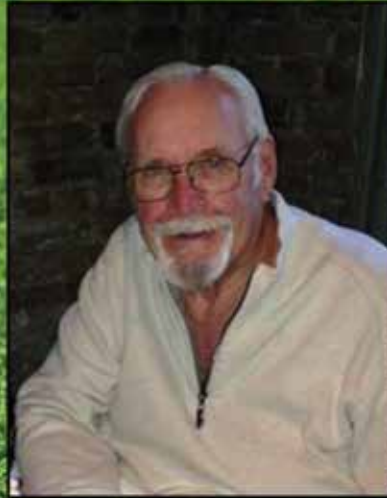
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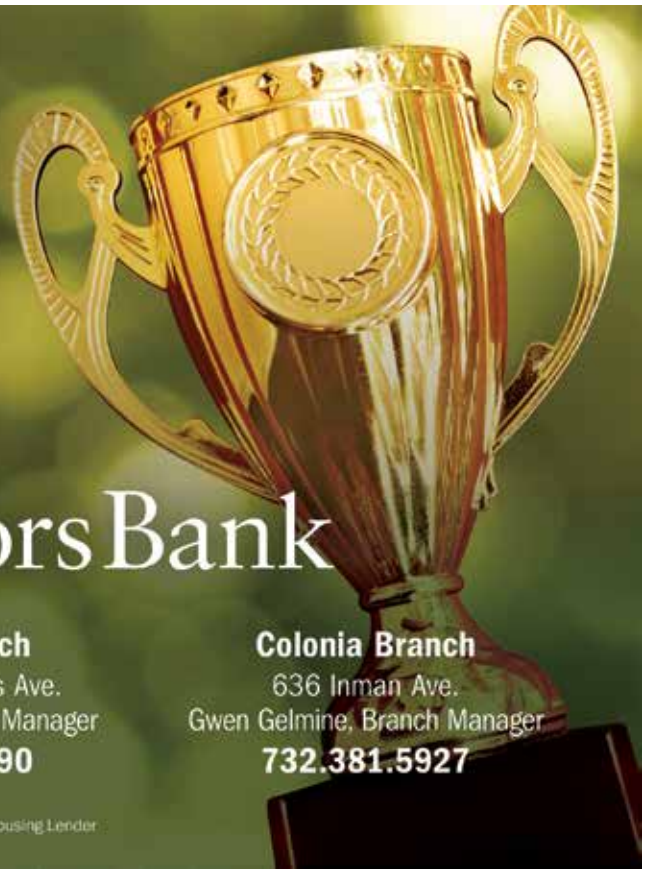


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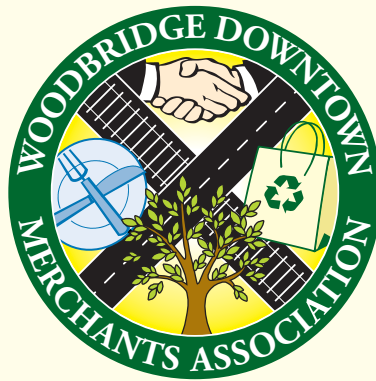
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