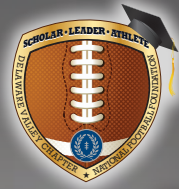


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Ken Fisher, Nassau Communications

Hank Johns Coach Award
Drew Besler, Ewing High School

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Richard Freeman has had the opportunity to serve the Delaware Valley community as President and Chief Executive Officer of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Hamilton (RWJ Hamilton) since June of 2014. He is a veteran healthcare executive, bringing more than 30 years of experience as a hospital CEO or COO. After spending the early part of his career with National Medical Enterprises and Tenet Healthcare, he now brings a vision to execute a strategic plan that encourages the enhancement of services, modernizes both the hospital and campus with a continued focus on outpatient treatment and access.

Richard Freeman represents what our scholar-leader-athletes aspire to. He is an educated leader, integrating Mountainside and Pascack Hospitals into the Hackensack University Health Network, serving as president of both hospitals prior to his arrival at RWJ Hamilton. A Philadelphia guy, he graduated from Northeast High School, one of Philadelphia's oldest high schools. His academic career led him to LaSalle University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree before traveling crosstown to Temple University and receiving his Master of Business Administration Degree.

Mr. Freeman has worked hard at not only doing his best, but working to help make the people he works with successful as well. He has paid his dues by serving as COO of Beth Israel Medical Center and Continuum Health Partners in New York City, which during his tenure had 1,200 beds and 500 physicians in its faculty medical practice. He also served as CEO of the Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital, where he successfully integrated the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Richard Freeman is a dedicated individual. He is driven by a deep commitment to quality, service excellence and disease prevention that will only continue to position RWJ Hamilton as not only a strong community hospital but a strong regional hospital that will be strategically aligned with a world class academic medical center and an integral part of the RWJ Health System. He is a role model that continues to give back to our community. When not traveling or playing golf, Richard, his lovely wife Lisa and their family reside in New Hope, Pennsylvania where they are all active in many activities in the Delaware Valley.



Past Distinguished American Award Recipients

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| 2015 Bernard M. Flynn | 2005 Cathy DiCostanzo | 1995 Bob Prunetti | 1985 Robert Casciola | 1975 Crosby Copeland |
| 2014 Jeff Perlman | 2004 Christy Stephenson | 1994 Bill Granville | 1984 Roy Schleicher | 1974 Al Neuschafer |
| 2013 Jesse Armstead | 2003 Sen. Peter Inverso | 1993 Cosmo Iacavazzi | 1983 Jake McCandless | 1973 Dr. Joseph Zawadsky |
| 2012 Frank J. Lucchesi | 2002 Patrick L. Ryan | 1992 George Chandler | 1982 Earl H. Dean | 1972 R. Kenneth Fairman |
| 2011 Eric Hamilton | 2001 Maurice Perilli | 1991 Alfred Bridges | 1981 William Pierce | 1971 Sen. Richard Coffee |
| 2010 Richard P Lisk | 2000 Jay Destribats | 1990 Eugene A. Renna | 1980 Nicholas Gusz | 1970 Bert Gulick, Jr. |
| 2009 Glenn K. Rieth | 1999 William Faherty | 1989 Len Rivers | 1979 William McGuire | 1969 Robert Cox |
| 2008 Kelly Myers | 1998 Thomas Bracken | 1988 Capt. Harry Masterson | 1978 Richard Landis | 1968 James Kerney, Jr |
| 2007 Chris Vernon | 1997 Win Headley | 1987 Lawrence Tiihoonen | 1977 Francis McManimon | Fred Schluter |
| 2006 Marc Edenzon | 1996 Tim Losch | 1986 Albert DiMartin | 1976 Royce Flippin | 1967 Don Ehret |

**CONTRIBUTION TO AMATEUR FOOTBALL
KEN FISHER**

Football has been a big part of Ken Fisher's life ever since his high school days at St. Anthony High in Hamilton when he played for their first teams in 1964, '65 and '66.

Ken would go on to play at Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology, then returned to St. Anthony as freshman football coach. Although his playing /coaching career ended after just a few seasons he embarked on a new chapter in his life.

It was a career in the newspaper business that started at the Trenton Times with subsequent stops at the Gannett Company on its corporate staff and then Production Manager of the Danville (IL) Commercial News. Ken then went on to be the Production Director of Cape Publications in Cocoa, FL which included two weekly publications and the daily newspaper TODAY. At the time, Today was one of the most technology advanced papers in the country and one of only two newspapers that printed their daily comics in color. TODAY was the forerunner of USA TODAY. After Gannett, Ken went to The Washington Post as Production Manager.



Following his newspaper career Ken joined Autologic, a manufacturer of large scale typesetting and pre-press systems in sales and sales management. Originally selling to the newspaper and financial printing markets Ken later opened up the ad agency and ad typographer's markets in New York City.

Since 1984 Ken has been owner of Nassau Communications, Inc. and has been actively involved on the boards of the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, serving recently as the Chair of their Gala Committee and the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation. He previously served on the boards of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Brevard County, Operation Smile and The Pennington Post where he was a founding member.



He has been the recipient of George Street Playhouse's Trustee of the Year Award, New Jersey Theatre Alliance Applause Award, Operation Smile's Humanitarian of the Year Award and the Theta Xi Mr. Mu Award.

An amateur photographer and one time sailing enthusiast Ken lives in Hillsborough with wife JoAnn. They have three married children – Matt and Lisa of Fanwood, NJ; Greg and Jackie of Denville, NJ, and Sarah and Nate of Marietta, PA. Ken and JoAnn have five grandchildren – Jack, Hannah, Charlotte (Charlie), Alice and Oscar. They are the highlight of his life.

Past Contribution to Amateur Football Award Recipients

2015 Dr. William Gomez	2003 Vince Reed	1991 Roger Hendler	1979 Ed Cook
2014 John Law	2002 Scott Brunner	1990 George Sperling	1978 Jack Stephan
2013 Rob Radice	2001 Sam Jefferis	1989 Ed Farley	1977 Steve Muench
2012 Rich Fisher	2000 Troy Vincent	1988 Burtis "Bunker" Hill	1976 Dr. Paul Checbro
2011 Paul "Bones" Vichroski	1999 Wes Kirkpatrick	1987 Joseph Fruscione	1975 Jack Petrone
2010 John D. McKenna	1998 David "Poppy" Sanderson	1986 John Morris	1974 Fred Holmes
2009 Steven J. Timko	1997 Ron Rick, Jr.	1985 Eric Hamilton	1973 Roy Van Ness
2008 Tom Murray	1996 The Santuzza Oilers	1984 Jack Rafferty	1972 John Gorman
2007 Jim Fisher	1995 Tony Persichilli	1983 Ron Rick	1971 Robert Sinkler
2006 Jim Griffin	1994 Harley Gaskill/Fred Stives	1982 Harold "Bus" Saidt	1970 Pete Morgan
2005 John Curtis	1993 Bob Jaroni	1981 Ken Kueffel	1969 Fred Schluter
2004 Steve Gazdek	1992 Edward Naylor	1980 George O'Gorman	1968 Ed Zanfrini

2016 Scholar·Leader·Athlete Awards Dinner

PAST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Year	Winner	School	College	Award
2015	CJ Markisz	WWP-North	Bowdoin	\$5,000
	Frank Lucchesi	Steinert	Muhlenberg	\$2,500
	Xavier Lezynski	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	\$1,500
2014	Michael Curry	Allentown	Johns Hopkins	\$5,000
	Brady Hudik	Bordentown	Wagner	\$2,500
	Micheal Whittington	Trenton	Georgetown	\$1,500
	Matt Semple	Hopewell	Elon	\$1,500
2013	Nicholas DeMarie	Nottingham	Pennsylvania	\$5,000
	Sam Follansbee	North Hunterdon	Pennsylvania	\$2,500
	Kurt Frimel	New Egypt	Cornell	\$2,500
2012	Brian Schoenauer	WWP-South	Pennsylvania	\$5,000
	Jadaen Bernstein	Voorhees	US Naval Academy Preparatory School	\$2,500
	Nick Palladino	Allentown	Muhlenberg	\$2,500
2011	Chris Evans	WWP-South	Harvard	\$5,000
	Richard Levy	Trenton	University of Connecticut	\$2,500
	J. Walker Kirby	Lawrenceville	Harvard	\$2,500
2010	Ross Scheuerman	Allentown	Lafayette	\$5,000
	Matt Berry	North Hunterdon	Johns Hopkins	\$2,500
2009	Bradford Bormann	Hunterdon Central	Lafayette	\$5,000
	Douglas Bryant	Princeton	University of Michigan	\$2,500
	Sean Eccles	Allentown	Ramapo	\$2,500
2008	Anthony Russ	Lawrence	Harvard	\$5,000
	Brian Reilly	Peddie	Harvard	\$2,500
	Jeffrey Riemann	WWP-South	Williams	\$2,500
2007	Daniel Fitzsimmons	Hunterdon Central	Princeton	\$5,000
	Andrew Bourassa	Delaware Valley	Cornell	\$2,500
	Douglas Borchert	Princeton	Lafayette	\$2,000
2006	Eldred Richards	WWP-South	Albany	\$2,000
	Ryan Lupo	WWP-South	Williams	\$5,000
	Joshua Scassero	Florence	Stockton	\$2,500
2005	Nick Lezynski	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	\$2,500
	Imaniborn Etukeren	Lawrenceville	Arizona State	\$5,000
	David Blitzer	Princeton Day	Williams	\$2,500
2004	Gabriel C. Plumer	Delaware Valley	Johns Hopkins	\$2,500
	Andrew Riexinger	Notre Dame	TCNJ	\$5,000
	Vincent G. Giacalone	Princeton	Carnegie Mellon	\$2,500
2003	Matthew Ordog	Florence	Muhlenberg	\$2,500
	Brian Raike	Ewing	Pennsylvania	\$5,000
	David Mosteller	Princeton	Wesleyan	\$3,500
2002	Brian Waller	Hightstown	Coast Guard	\$2,500
	Robert Toresco	Hunterdon Central	Princeton	\$5,000
	Stephen Ordog	Florence	Ursinus	\$3,500
2001	Jay Graber	Notre Dame	Hofstra	\$1,250
	JT Hutchinson	WWP-South	Pennsylvania	\$1,250
	Alexander Brun	Hamilton	Rutgers	\$5,000
2000	Charles Nagy	Bordentown	Wagner	\$3,500
	Jonathon Johnston	Peddie	US Naval Academy	\$2,500
	Jason Vida	Pennsbury	William & Mary	\$5,000
1999	Joe Crupi	Hamilton	US Marine Corps	\$3,500
	John Brodowski	Bordentown	Muhlenburg	\$2,500
	Matthew Krantz	Allentown	Wake Forest	\$2,000
1998	Brian Lyons	Hamilton	Post Grad	\$5,000
	Isaac Bethea	Trenton	Pennsylvania	\$3,500
	Adam Allen	Nottingham	Lafayette	\$2,500
1997	Alex Wade	Council Rock	Duke	\$5,000
	Jamal Lundy	Florence	Lehigh	\$3,500
	Adrian Wall	Lawrenceville	Harvard	\$2,500
1996	Mike Azzara	Lawrence	Middlebury	\$5,000
	Brian White	Hamilton	Villanova	\$3,500
	Dave Czehut	North Burlington	Princeton	\$2,500
1995	Buck Adams	Hightstown	West Point	\$5,000
	Brett Martz	North Burlington	Pennsylvania	\$3,500
	Don Povia	Nottingham	Monmouth	\$2,500
1994	Joe Andolina	WWP	Princeton	\$5,000
	Hank Johns, Jr.	Pennsbury	Georgetown	\$3,500
	Greg Gorla	Steinert	Johns Hopkins	\$2,500
1993	Anthony Apicelli	Ewing	Princeton	\$5,000
	Brian Vannozzi	Notre Dame	Johns Hopkins	\$3,500
	Rick Dittman	Pennsbury	Brown	\$1,500
1993	Matt Rader	Pennsbury	Duke	\$5,000
	Ian Halpern	Princeton Day	Brown	\$2,500

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PAST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (CONTINUED)

Year	Winner	School	College	Award
1992	Dan Schramek	Council Rock	Penn State	\$1,500
	Ricky Durst	Pennington	Middlebury	\$5,000
	Noah Harlan	Princeton	Williams	\$2,500
1991	Gus Burmeister	Florence	Lafayette	\$1,500
	Rob Beetel	North Burlington	Trenton State	\$5,000
	Greg Coleman	Steinert	Trenton State	\$2,500
1990	William Warrick	Lawrenceville	North Carolina	\$1,500
	Todd Luyber	Florence	Rutgers	\$5,000
	Terrance Stokes	Trenton	Pennsylvania	\$2,500
1989	Ron Duld	Council Rock	Pennsylvania	\$2,500
	William Buffaloe	Bishop Egan	Yale	\$5,000
	Adam Warcholak	Lawrence	Franklin & Marshall	\$2,500
1988	James Renna	WWP	Princeton	\$2,500
	Scott Schienvar	Hightstown	Washington	\$5,000
	Russell Player	Burlington Twp.	Holy Cross	\$2,500
1987	Tom Falkowski	Allentown	Bucknell	\$2,500
	Paul Evans	Hamilton	Pennsylvania	\$5,000
	Scott Snyder	Council Rock	Virginia Tech	\$2,500
1986	Eric Smith	Lawrence	Cornell	\$2,500
	John Kleinman	WWP	Lehigh	\$4,000
	Scott Miller	Princeton Day	Brown	\$2,000
1985	Jesse Klingbiel	Princeton	Bucknell	\$2,000
	Todd Ortmann	Pennsbury	Princeton	\$2,000
	CJ Cunningham	Council Rock	Pennsylvania	\$1,000
1984	Charles McCall	WWP	Pennsylvania	\$1,000
	Galen Beske	WWP	Lafayette	\$1,500
	Eric Hovanec	Princeton Day	Princeton	\$750
1983	David Nitti	Ewing	Villanova	\$750
	Ed Hudson	Lawrenceville	Harvard	\$1300
	Mike Schnoering	Nottingham	NJ Tech	\$650
1982	Darren Doherty	Notre Dame	Swarthmore	\$650
	Nathan Thompson	Lawrence	William & Marry	\$800
	Mike Druckman	WWP	Harvard	\$400
	Richard Guinness	Steinert	Rider	\$400

AWARD WINNERS (1962-1981)

Year	Winner	School	Head Coach	Year	Winner	School	Head Coach
1981	Douglas Paul	Princeton	Bill Cirullo	1971	Andrew Varga	Morrisville	Ray Feldman
	Larry Ostema	Lawrenceville	Ken Keuffel		Alan Chalifoux	Hun	David Leete
1980	Albert Yunkus	Peddie	Bob McClellan	1970	Richard Ziegler	Hun	David Leete
	Mark Tagliaferri	WWP	Tom Stuart		Jerome Varcallo	Woodrow Wilson	Lou Sorrentino
1979	L. Hunninghake	Princeton	Jim Beachell	1969	Lewis Bowers	Princeton Day	Dan Barren
	John Freda	Princeton Day	Jim Walker		James Boyle	Bishop Egan	Dick Bedesem
1978	Roncalli-Amici	Peddie	Duke Oxford	1968	Edward Hryn	Hamilton	Dave Bryan
	Jeffrey Guzy	WWP	Rex Walker		Paul Dahlman	Pennsbury	Ernie Baugher
1977	Donald Gips	Princeton Day	Bob Hoffman	1967	Tom Butterfoss	Princeton	Dick Wood
	Joe Garefino	South Hunterdon	Sam Jeffris		Mike Drulis	Notre Dame	Walt Porter
1976	Darren Ford	Pennington	Bill Long	1966	Robert Krugler	Peddie	Edmund Paul
	James Annett	Council Rock	Walt Snyder		Sylvester Micir	Bishop Egan	Dick Bedesem
1975	Mark Blaxhill	Princeton Day	John Boneparth	1965	Stephan Kessler	Pennington	Howard Poore
	Rich Hagen	Hamilton	Bill McEvoy		James Colbert	Neshaminy	John Petercuskie
1974	Wayne Buder	Pennsbury	Chuck Kane	1964	Warren McManus	Peddie	Edmund Paul
	W. Ellsworth	Princeton Day	John Boneparth		Mark Savidge	Hun	Hawley Water
1973	Brian Bestwick	Delhaas	Bob Hart	1963	Will Dickey	Lawrenceville	Jack Reydel
	David Ballard	Lawrenceville	Ken Keuffel		1962	Pat Ryan	Notre Dame
1972	Harold Brown	Lawrence	Ed Shirk				
		Stuart Gordon	Lawrenceville	Ken Keuffel			

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HISTORY OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER'S SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE AWARDS DINNER

The first Scholar/Athlete dinner hosted by the Delaware Valley chapter was a lot like a small family get-together as a group of prominent area business leaders and sportsmen, brought together by local sportswriter Jimmie McDowell gathered at The Carteret Club in downtown Trenton to honor a high school senior football player who had been even more successful in the classroom.

In 50 years that small gathering to honor Notre Dame High senior Pat Ryan has grown to become the most prestigious football dinner in the Delaware Valley, possibly in the entire Garden State.

No longer is it just one player being saluted and receiving a certificate. Now the Delaware Valley chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame honors graduating senior football players from 30 schools in six Central Jersey counties, each of them receiving at least a \$1,000 scholarship with money raised from various businessmen and women throughout the area.

Just as the great game of football has grown over the last 50 years, so has the Delaware Valley chapter dinner, which awards a scholarship pot of \$50,000 — largest in the nation. The chapter is also the oldest in the U.S. with an honor roll of Distinguished American and Contribution to Amateur Football award winners that is a 'Who's Who' of the football world.

Within five years after it was founded the DelVal chapter dinner had grown into a community-wide event that honored athletes from two dozen schools on both sides of the Delaware River and presented its coveted adult awards to political, civic and business leaders in the Trenton area.

Co-sponsored by the Trenton Times and later the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, the Scholar/Athlete program grew from the cozy surroundings of the Carteret Club to venues like Barrett's El Condado Restaurant in Ewing, the Colonial Firehouse Ballroom in Hamilton and the West Trenton Ballroom Ewing to the Princeton University campus and eventually to the grand ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Princeton.

The tradition of bestowing the Distinguished American Award on prominent area business leaders like Don Ehret, Times publisher James Kerney Jr. and Fred Schluter eventually saw political leaders Sen. Franny McManimon, Mercer County executive Bob Prunetti - a scholar/athlete at Trenton High in 1972 - Sen. Pete Inverso, former Hamilton mayor Maurice Perilli and New Jersey banking legends Bill Faherty, Tom Bracken and Tim Losch headline the top dias.

Educational leaders Dr. Crosby Copeland of the Trenton Public Schools and Al DeMartin of Hamilton, athletic leaders Ken Fairman, Royce Flippin, Jake McCandless and Bob Casciola of Princeton University, Coca Cola president Bill Pearce of Princeton, NJSIAA executives Roy Schleicher and Steve Timko and lifelong football men and prominent coaches Win Headley, Len Rivers and Cosmo Iacavazzi were among the honorees named Distinguished Americans for having taken the lessons learned on the gridiron to become prominent area leaders.

Baseball Hall of Fame sportswriter Harold 'Bus' Saidt of the Times, former NFL stars Troy Vincent (Eagles) and Scott Brunner (Giants), popular area radio sports broadcasters Vince Reed and Roger Hendler, the father-son tandem of Ron Rick and Ron Jr., and local coaching legends Dr. Ken Keuffel (Lawrenceville), Eric Hamilton (College of NJ), Steve Muench (Ewing), Sam Jefferis (South Hunterdon), John Curtis (Princeton) and Jim Griffin (Hightstown) helped add to the DelVal chapter's reputation for saluting the best of the best and continue the reputation the Delaware Valley chapter has always held for being the first - and the most successful - of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame chapters.

2016 Scholar·Leader·Athlete Awards Dinner

SETH ASARE BORDENTOWN

Bordentown head coach Steve Perry got everything he could have asked for out of Seth Asare's senior season.

"Seth was one of our captains this year," Perry said. "He provided the leadership that allowed Bordentown to have a very successful season. Seth provided leadership to his teammates through both his actions and his words. He was in the weight room every day during the summer, pushing himself and his teammates to work harder, and encouraging and tutoring the younger players." That extra work in the summer paid dividends in the fall. Asare rushed for over 1,000 yards and scored 13 touchdowns for the Scotties. He's also a four-year varsity track star, and played two years of basketball.



In the classroom, Asare maintains an A average and is a member of Student Council. He participated in Teens on Fire and Teen Pep at the high school. "Seth leads by example," counselor Jodie Glenn said. "Others can't help but admire his courage and uniqueness. Since I have known him, I have been impressed with the drive and motivation he uses to fulfill his goals. He is admired and loved for this by his peers and our faculty."

Asare is actively involved in community service as well. He coaches a Bordentown Area basketball league team. Additionally, Seth hosts senior citizens at dinner events and teaches at the local Sunday school.

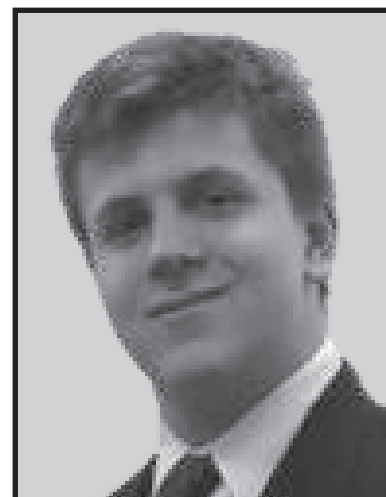
"Seth is a terrific young man," Perry said. "He is very deserving of any success that is headed his way."

LUCAS CUITINO WWP SOUTH

A leader on the field and a leader in the classroom, Lucas Cuitino won't be easy to replace at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South.

"Lucas is an exceedingly gifted student with a wonderful personality and strong leadership abilities to match," teacher Alexa Swartz said. "With a hard-working attitude, passion for learning, and inquisition for the unknown, I can guarantee Lucas will continue to demonstrate these same characteristics for the rest of his life."

Cuitino has made his presence felt with the South football program. An all-conference offensive lineman the last two years, he was also named the team's Most Valuable Defensive player in 2015 and the program's Heart and Soul Award winner in 2016. A three-way starter (also the team's kicker), Cuitino has twice served as a Hopewell Valley Athletic Leadership delegate.



"Players like Lucas are so hard to replace," said WW-P South coach Skip Edwards, who noted Cuitino made the line calls on offense and the game calls on defense, making Lucas a "coach on the field."

In the classroom, Lucas has been a star. He's challenged himself with a dozen Honors-level courses and another half-dozen Advanced Placement classes. Cuitino has been recognized as an AP Scholar and by the National Hispanic Recognition program. He's a music fanatic who has been a four-year member of the WWP South high school symphony orchestra, where he plays the contrabass. Lucas has shoveled and salted driveways and picked up leaves in a local senior citizen community.

"Resilience is one thing that cannot be taught, but rather must be learned," Swartz said. "I truly believe that Lucas is the perfect depiction of a resilient, thoughtful, hard-working young man."



RITESH DASH LAWRENCE

Ritesh Dash is a great example of how Lawrence returned to the Central Jersey playoffs and won seven games in 2016, after a combined record of 3-17 the previous two seasons. “Ritesh was a huge part of our turnaround,” Cardinals coach Nate Jones said. “He committed himself to the offseason lifting plan and workouts, and just as importantly, he encouraged his teammates to match his level of intensity and commitment.” The result was a team finally strong enough to put its opponents away.

Dash has gained plenty of leadership in his high school years. He is a student leader at Lawrence High, helping underclassmen through their high school experience, and representing LHS in community activities. He has spent time tutoring others in math and language comprehension, and has served as a sound engineer.

Ritesh is a volunteer youth basketball coach and has taught young students about Hindu culture and the Hindi language. “Always enthusiastic, Ritesh continues to display the qualities that make him a leader in the Lawrence High School community,” social studies teacher Anthony Ammirata said. “Such qualities include motivation and the confidence to compel the respect of his teachers and classmates. Ritesh is a very mature young man and is one of the few students who gets it. He understands big picture concepts, is goal oriented, and possesses the work ethic necessary for creative thinking and innovation.”

Dash has a weighted GPA above 4.0 and has won the school’s AP Scholar award. He assists at the high school as a computer technician, repairing and building student Chromebook devices.



REIDGEE DIMANCHE HAMILTON

Veteran Hamilton head coach Tom Hoglen knows it isn’t going to be possible to replace his all-everything star Reidgee Dimanche next season. “A coach can only hope that he is lucky enough to find a player who has just some of the characteristics that Reidgee encompasses,” Hoglen said. “His knowledge of the game of football is unsurpassed, and the amount of heart, desire, and determination he showed every practice and game is unrivaled.”

Hamilton’s captain was clearly a leader among his teammates on the gridiron, but is equally successful off it. He broke the school’s season and career record for tackles and was named to division, county, and state all-star teams. In the classroom, Reidgee maintains a strong GPA with an impressive course load. Dimanche plans to land a position in which he can learn more about accounting, finance, and auditing. His goal is to take the CPA exam once his college education is complete.

Dimanche loves to give back to the community, as evidence by the time spent as a Special Olympics of New Jersey basketball coach. He handed out water and medals to participants in the Perfect 10 Miler race and helped distribute fliers for Congressman Chris Smith’s re-election campaign. Reidgee also works with the school treasurer, building his interest in finance by handling multiple bank reconciliations and keeping track of over 20 different accounts.

“There is not a teacher, administrator, or student athlete in this school who has ever voiced anything but positive comments about Reidgee,” Hoglen said. “It was my honor to coach Reidgee, and I am even more thankful for having built a strong, lifelong, personal relationship with him.”



GLENN DOBRON NOTTINGHAM

With leaders like Glenn Dobron, it makes sense that Nottingham returned to the Central Jersey playoffs in 2016. A two-year captain for the Northstars, Dobron was named first-team, all-division at tight end and was recognized by the school with its Gregory Mihalik Northstar Award, given to the team's most selfless and dedicated player.

"Glenn's character has never been a question," veteran Nottingham coach Jon Adams said. "During his time in our program, he has demonstrated strong leadership skills and a wonderful work ethic. He has a strong set of values he learned from his family. Glenn has proven to be an unselfish teammate. Moreover, I feel Glenn has always been a positive influence on the younger members of our program. I am very proud of the man that he has become."



A fine student and three-sport athlete at Nottingham, Glenn has volunteered much of his time to the local community. A member of the school's Key Club and Peer Leadership program, Dobron works with kids at the Hamilton Football youth camp, and participates in the Walk for Autism, the Kidney foundation, and the Relay for Life. He also has worked holiday parties for the Enterprise Volunteer Fire Company. Glenn is also part of the school's Robotics team. Glenn was recommended by the school's athletic director to participate in a state Peer Leadership program for athletes, recommended by Coach Adams for the NFL Leadership program, and named winner of the Chris Somma Memorial award for Hamilton PAL – earned by his sportsmanship, hard work, and dedication to his teammates. "Glenn Dobron," Adams said, "is a winner."



KESHON FARMER PEDDIE

No one who meets Keshon Farmer, according to Peddie head coach Chris Malleo, can forget him. No one who saw him on the football field can forget him either.

Farmer led a rebirth of football in the powerful Mid-Atlantic Prep League for Peddie, as the elusive running back scored a school record 22 touchdowns in just eight games for the Falcons. He was named Prep Player of the year and named to the all-state (all division) second team by USA TODAY.

"Keshon brings joy, humor, and an indefatigable attitude to everything he undertakes," Malleo said. "I can honestly say I've never met anyone like him. I feel grateful that I've been given the opportunity to work with him in the classroom and on the football field.

"Keshon Farmer is a remarkable young man with immense talent and grit to succeed no matter the circumstance or the event," Malleo continued. "Keshon is exactly the type of young man who can handle the responsibility of leadership while maintaining the integrity of who he is."



With such credentials, it is no surprise that Keshon had a number of FBS offers and will proudly represent America by enrolling at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. It seems like a perfect fit both on and off the field.

Farmer gives back to his community and to the game by coaching and helping with clinics for his local Pop Warner team. He has thrived academically at one of the nation's most prestigious prep schools.

"Keshon not only belongs at the US Naval Academy," Malleo said, "but he has earned the right to walk side-by-side with our nation's elite. I am not certain where the road to Keshon's life will travel, but I know he will make us all proud."





MITCHELL FINNEGAN NORTH HUNTERDON

A natural leader on the football field and in the classroom, Mitchell Finnegan filled his football career at North Hunterdon with tangible numbers and intangible qualities.

On the field he rushed for almost 1,300 yards for the Lions and scored 11 touchdowns on offense. On defense he had eight tackles for a loss, four sacks, and in interception. The North Hunterdon captain was recognized as an all-area free safety and was also his team's most explosive offensive player. "Mitchell's statistics speak for themselves," head coach Jared Mazzetta said, "but he is also a leader through his consistent positive attitude and steady work ethic. Mitchell has been a leader in the weight room and above that has always set an example for the entire student body."

One of the top students in his senior class, Finnegan displays a natural academic curiosity and readiness to learn said his assistant coach and AP Economics teacher John McSweeney. "Mitchell is an excellent student with interesting insights into many of the topics and issues covered in class," McSweeney said. "He is a model citizen here at North – personable and well-mannered with participation in numerous charitable activities during his time here."

A National Honor Society member and winner of the team's Heart of A Lion award, Finnegan volunteers at football and youth camps in the Clinton area. He participated at a Reach Work Camp in New Oxford, PA, and also has been active in Spikes for Cure and Relay for Life. Finnegan is an Honor Roll student who has been recognized for Academic Excellence in World Language and for his outstanding Community Service.



ETHAN GUERRA PRINCETON

Ethan Guerra talks about being inspired by his Ecuadorian father who migrated to the United States as a young adolescent. He speaks of the challenges his dad faced, learning a new language and adapting to a new culture. In that perspective, the challenges that come from playing the game of football at one of the best academic public high schools in the state just don't seem so hard.

Maybe that's why Guerra's reaction after straining some ligaments in his hand early in September wasn't just to pack it in for the rest of his senior season. Just get me some tape, get me a brace, and I'll be fine, Guerra thought.

"He never once complained, pulled himself out of a drill, or was late to practice," head coach Charlie Gallagher said. "He's just a football player. In our consolation game, we moved him from tackle to defensive end. He had 16 tackles in his first game at a position he had never played."

A three-year starter in football and a four-year varsity starter in wrestling, Ethan has taken an interest in 3D printing and making printable designs. He is part of the school's Robotics club as well as the Nyack Homeless Project, helping people receive food and clothes they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford. Ethan was recognized by the Princeton High Hall of Fame committee as its male scholarship award winner.

"Our program will be hard-pressed to replace such a fine young man," Gallagher said. "Coaches are always looking for players who just want to be coached. The coachable kid. That is Ethan Guerra."



MICHAEL HUTCHISON FLORENCE

A small-school program with a history of excellence needs players like Michael Hutchison in order to carry on the tradition it has built.

A two-year captain for the perennial Central Jersey playoff squad, Mike is more than a three-way star (he moved over to punter for his senior season as well). He's a team-first player who has thrived under the family-oriented system of head coach Joe Frappolli.

"One of the things that everyone likes about 'Hutch' is his unselfish, selfless, caring, and giving demeanor in all aspects of life, both on and off the field," Frappolli said. "I truly see his joy in giving back to others and enthusiastically making a difference in the lives of other people."

Besides his exploits on the gridiron and the baseball diamond, where he is a three-year varsity starter for the Flashes, Hutchison has maintained a strong GPA and plans to major in Exercise Science in college.



He is very active in the school community. An avid outdoorsman who is active in the school's Environmental Club, Mike also participates in the Florence Math club, has been active in Read Across America, and joins the football team in its annual tradition of delivering food to those in need for Thanksgiving. Hutchison is the reigning Homecoming King at Florence.

"Mike uses his energy and position as a team leader to help and care for others," Frappolli said. "That's a remarkable trait to have. We're so very proud of Mike and not just for what he accomplishes as a player, but how he conducts himself in the school and community as well."



JONATHAN JACK HIGHTSTOWN

For Hightstown head coach Ethan Jeros, one word consistently comes to mind when he thinks about senior leader Jonathan Jack. Resilience.

"Jonathan showed a true sense of his resilience on the football field as he developed from a 'special teamer' as a junior into a reliable and trustworthy starter as a senior," Jeros said. "This was accomplished through a work ethic unmatched by any others on the team. Not only was his work ethic second-to-none, but he did so without any sort of bravado. Jonathan is the type of young man who is always in the right place and is always doing the right thing at the right time."

A two-year National Honor Society member, Jack carries that same work ethic to his daily life. Jonathan has received High Honors from the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, is an officer in the school's Future Business Leaders of America



chapter, and participates in DECA, the Junior Students of America, and the Hightstown Math League team.

In addition to his football duties, Jonathan has maintained a part-time job working for a law office. He operates the camera for two Sunday church services at the Princeton Alliance Church, and has served as director for the community-based Spotlight East Windsor television program.

"My experiences with Jonathan have been nothing less than inspiring," Hightstown teacher Christopher Gregory said. "I can, with all sincerity, tell you that I am absolutely honored to have the opportunity to write on his behalf. Jonathan will rise to whatever challenges are thrown at him."





WILLIAM JAMES STEINERT

Steinert head coach Dan Caruso said it best. “Will James,” Caruso said, “is the epitome of a Renaissance man.”

James really is involved in so many aspects of student life at Steinert. Not only is he captain of the football team, he’s also involved with the school musical as one of the senior members of the stage crew. He serves as the student representative to the Hamilton Township Board of Education. Will is active in the Student Government Association, participates in numerous volunteer activities, and part of the school’s baseball program.

“I can honestly say Will James is the best captain I have had in my tenure as the Steinert head football coach,” Caruso said. “Will truly embodies what being a captain is all about. He leads by example, not by screaming and yelling. He filled up water jugs every day, he helped set up the field every day, he cleaned up

every day. He did not expect someone to do his work for him, nor did he order others to do it. A captain like Will James leads. He does not bark orders.”

James is a member of the National Honor Society, the Italian Honor Society, and the school’s Academic Honor Roll. He volunteers for the Sacred Heart Parish, the Mercer County CYO, and Nottingham Little League, where he coached the 9-year-old all-star team. He was one of the top offensive linemen in the area and was recognized as an all-WJFL Patriot Division lineman in 2016. “You would be hard pressed to find anyone who knows Will that wouldn’t gush about him,” Caruso said.



FRANK LA TORRE NOTRE DAME

Frank LaTorre battled through numerous injuries to earn a spot as a two-way starter and team leader for Marc Lordi’s squad. But any description of LaTorre that focuses solely on his football accomplishments is limiting to everything else that he has done.

While LaTorre’s irrepressible work ethic and dedication made him a valued leader for the Irish, LaTorre has taken those same habits and applied them to everything he has done. The result? A young man who has achieved great things in the classroom and in the community as well.

“Often times younger players would look to Frank for guidance during the heat of the moment of an intense practice, or later in the fourth quarter of a close game,” Lordi said. “He remained resolute in times of chaos, with his character always shining through as an example for the rest of the team.”

A three-sport varsity athlete who also excels in lacrosse, Frank is among the elite students at Notre Dame, and has been named to the National Honor Society as well as the International Language Honor Society.

Frank served as a Boys’ State delegate, presiding over a group of 112 of his peers, and has been published in *A Celebration of Poets: Northeast Edition*. He has been recognized by the school for his academic achievement.

LaTorre also loads up on community service with over 100 hours during his high school years, including a major project of cleaning up over 1,000 tires in his community. He has made lunches before school for local homeless preschoolers, tutored summer school students in math and science, and raised money for the St. Baldrick’s event for childhood cancer research.

“Simply put,” English teacher Cindy Bannon said, “Frank is a scholar, an athlete, and a gentleman.”



JEREMY LOCKWOOD WWP NORTH

Jeremy Lockwood worked hard to become a great offensive lineman. He works even harder to thrive at one of the top public schools in New Jersey.

“Our football program will remember Jeremy as someone who worked hard to make our program the best it could be,” said Coach Jeff Reilly about Lockwood, who was recognized as one of the top linemen in the area. “He exemplifies leadership on and off the field with his fiery competitiveness and complete understanding of the game of football.

“But he’s more than that to us,” Reilly continued. “As a senior captain, Jeremy was always the one to organize team talks when he knew that the group needed another voice than the coaches. During team meals Jeremy spoke about his experience as a Northern Knight and at our post-season banquet he shared with the audience how appreciative he was for being a part of our football program.”



This fire carried over to his work in the classroom, as counselor Eric Becker said.

“Jeremy never settles for just getting by,” Becker said. “He looks for ways to improve and go beyond what is expected. He is very aware of how much dedication is needed to perform well, and this mindset will grow as he continues his college journey.”

An altar server at the Queenship of Mary Church, Lockwood is a volunteer for the Special Olympics of New Jersey. He works with children as a football camp counselor, a teaching assistant at the local elementary school, and a counselor at the church summer camp.

Lockwood plans to pursue a career in the medical field.

TONY MORENCY PENNINGTON

As one of the smallest schools in the state to play football, Pennington has always relied on the versatility of its players to remain a winning program.

Tony Morency fits this perfectly, both on and off the field.

In leading head coach Jerry Eure’s squad to a 6-2 record, Morency played fullback, guard, tight end, and his premier position – inside linebacker.

“He was one of the leading tacklers on our team,” Eure said, “and no doubt he was our hardest hitter on the field each week. Yes, teams would actually run to the other side of the field to avoid him.”

A Delaware Valley Chapter Offensive Lineman of the Month recipient, Morency has made an even bigger impact off the gridiron. His academic record is impeccable and his achievements can be best summed up by his induction into the cum laude society.



“I have never seen a student put as much time and effort into his studies as Tony has,” said assistant coach and Pennington teacher Adam Cooley. “While Tony’s intellectual ability has surely played a role in his success, his effort and desire for greatness is really what pushed him over the top. Tony exemplifies everything the Pennington School stands for.”

A member of the National Spanish Honors Society, Tony has created a drug awareness organization on his local school board. He is also a Presidential Award winner for Educational Excellence. He is a self-taught pianist and currently takes drum lessons out of school.

Tony is also an outstanding baseball player. He is a four-year varsity starter and helped the Hopewell Post 339 American Legion program become one of the best in the state.



RICK MOTTRAM ALLENTOWN

From perennial sectional doormat to dominant sectional champion. The journey from the bottom to the top of the mountain took less than a decade but it took young men like Rick Mottram to move the mountains necessary to get Allentown to the top of Central Jersey.

Mottram's accolades seem endless. First-team, all-state defense. Runner up for the state Defensive Player of the Year. Two-time area Defensive Player of the Year. Two-time, all-Group, first-team linebacker. Three-time, all-area, first team selection. Also found the time to score 10 touchdowns as a senior. Led Allentown to a 41-6 victory over Brick Township at Rutgers University in the sectional title game. With more than 400 tackles in the last three seasons, Mottram will be remembered for being one of the best linebackers the area has seen in a long time.

But focusing on that alone is cheating the rest of what Mottram has accomplished at Allentown Top student in his high school class. A young man that long-time science teacher Ron Hazlett called "one of the most intelligent students I have had in over 40 years of teaching." Numerous honor societies and extracurricular activities and tutoring responsibilities. A team member in the Village in Partnership Water Walk. Co-captain for Relay for Life. Concession stand worker for various events and clock manager for basketball games.

Rick excels not just on the football field, but also in the classroom and in the community. "I cannot say enough about this young man as a scholar, an athlete, but most importantly as a leader" Allentown head coach Jay Graber said. "His ability to balance community service, academics, and athletics at a superior level is second to none. Rick has an extremely bright future and I look forward to following him through his life journey. I could not be more proud of Rick Mottram.



CHRIS RENNA HUN

Others were the glitter on the Hun football roster, the flash that grabbed the headlines on a run to another undefeated season. Chris Renna was the glue that held it all together.

A third-generation star of one of Mercer County's most well known football families (grandfather Gene started for three years at Rutgers, father Mike was an all-American at Delaware, uncle Jim was an all-American at Princeton), Chris Renna did everything head coach Todd Smith needed to keep Hun atop the Mid-Atlantic Prep scene over a reborn Peddie program.

"He wasn't our fastest kid, but he'd often times win every rep of wind sprints at the end of practice," Smith said. "He didn't lead our team in receptions but only dropped one ball of all the targets he saw this season. He wasn't the strongest kid but he never got beat on a block and was often at the point of attack for most of our big runs.

"Chris never came off the field – offense, defense, special teams," Smith continued. "He never missed a practice or a game in three years. Durable and dominant, Chris has been the foundation of one of the top football programs in the state."

A lacrosse star as well, Chris has thrived in the intense academic environment at Hun. He's in numerous clubs at the school including the Ski club and the Scooter club. He's not just a top student, but he's someone who always acts as a positive role model for the younger student athletes at the school. Chris will continue his football and academic career at Lehigh University. If family history is any indication, he will no doubt continue to soar to new heights.



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THOMEIR RICHARDSON TRENTON

Thomeir Richardson won't be easy to replace, not on head coach Mohammad El-Sherbini's football team, nor walking the halls at Trenton High.

"I can say with confidence," El-Sherbini stated, "that Thomeir is a dedicated student athlete who is hard working, motivated, and a potential asset to any future college."

Richardson earned honors over the last few years as one of the top defensive backs in the area as well as the state. He was team MVP in 2015 and earned Most Valuable honors on the offensive side of the ball last fall.

In school he carries a high GPA with numerous honors courses and is a scholar in the Kappa League of the Trenton Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.



"Thomeir embodies the very essence of a young man of integrity," teacher Gary Taylor said. "He is a young man who lives by strict morals and is a blessing to so many. Truly, he is a fresh breath of air to our school."

"(Richardson) has never given into peer pressure," Taylor added. "He is a role model for other students in our school. What I admire most about Thomeir is that he is trustworthy and will do the right thing, even when it is not the most popular or easiest thing to do."

Involved in child care away from the field, Thomeir has given his time as a volunteer youth football camp instructor in Trenton.

"Thomeir recognizes that life is a gift which is never to be taken for granted," Taylor said.



BENJAMIN SCHUTSKY HOPEWELL VALLEY

There aren't that many three-sport athletes any more, let alone three-sport captains.

But that's Hopewell Valley's Ben Schutsky – football, wrestling, and track.

"Ben leads by example," Hopewell Valley coach David Caldwell said. "He demonstrates his commitment to his teammates through his relentless work ethic and vocal leadership. He was the person to whom his peers looked to when faced with adversity. Ben's infectious attitude would often inspire his teammates to give their best effort on the field and within the community. He enjoyed volunteering with the youth wrestling and football programs and would assist with organizing volunteers to work the summer camp."

"In class, I found Ben to be focused and a goal-oriented leader," AP Physics teacher Jessica Barzilai said. "He is never afraid to ask questions, and he really listens to the answers. Ben is relentless in the most positive sense of the term: Persistent, unyielding



to pressure or self-doubt, determined to clear the obstacles in his path. I wish I had more students like him."

A three-year varsity starter for the Bulldogs, Schutsky maintains a high GPA at one of the area's best public schools.

Additionally, he has given his time as a volunteer for the Hopewell Valley Lacrosse Tournament. Ben has also helped with the Youth Football Fundamentals as a volunteer.

"Ben's ability to volunteer his time in the school community and maintain high academic standards is exceptional. Ben is a very dependable young man who will apply his relentless work ethic and positive attitude to everything he chooses to do. I am confident that even after graduation, Ben will continue to be a trustworthy friend, loyal teammate, and excellent leader."





TERRANCE STOKES II EWING

Captain of the first Ewing High football team to win a sectional playoff game in 14 seasons is a deserving legacy for Terrance Stokes II. “Terrance epitomizes what it means to be a Ewing High School Blue Devil football player,” head coach Drew Besler said. “He always represents us in a mature and professional manner. His constant hustle and extensive work in the weight room makes Terrance an exceptional leader compared to his peers.”

A peer leader at Ewing High, Terrance’s resume includes numerous instances of volunteer work. He regularly gives time to the Special Olympics of New Jersey and serves as a volunteer coach for Trenton Pop Warner. Terrance has served as a tutor for the Trenton Youth Development Initiative since he started high school.

“His dedication and commitment to the Ewing community is what makes a person like Terrance so special,” Besler said. “The sky is the limit for

someone like Terrance, who exhibits as much character as he does talent. He sets the standard for what it means to be a student-athlete and he will surely leave his mark in upcoming years.”

A two-year starter and all-division selection at defensive back, Stokes finished with six interceptions and three return touchdowns in his career.

“Terrance is among the most well-rounded students whom I have ever had the privilege of coaching,” Besler said. “His attitude, passion, and diligence will be missed in our football program, but he has left a legacy that will be felt in our school community forever.”



STEVEN TRUEX NORTHERN BURLINGTON

Having a leader like Steven Truex made head coach Jule Dolci’s return to gridiron life that much easier.

The Greyhounds started the season 0-6 before regrouping to win three of their final four games. Playing hard to the final whistle of the final game was a major reason why.

“I have seen Steven succeed in areas that cannot be seen through a transcript alone,” Dolci said. “Steven’s loyalty to the school, the program, and the community cannot be matched by any of his peers. Not enough young men in our world still hold loyalty as an important characteristic, but Steven continues to sacrifice his personal success for the betterment of not just his peers and teammates – but the community as well.

“Steven Truex,” Dolci said, “is the type of young man that we hold faith in to better our communities and our world with every step that he takes.”

A first-team, all-division defensive lineman, and a two-sport captain, Truex is a four-year wrestling star who placed in Region 7 as a junior. He has been recognized for his success in Ceramics and well respected for his performance in the classroom at Northern Burlington.

Steven is a member of the Future Farmers of America Club as well as the St. Raphael-Holy Angels Youth Group.

“Steven stands tall when most of us would crumble,” Dolci said. “This is why the people who have been involved in this young man’s life have zero hesitancy of not only his success, but his ability to improve any school, university or program. Steven will always continue to stand tall.”



TAYLOR TWAMLEY ROBBINSVILLE

The last three seasons, Robbinsville head coach Andrew Patterson knew one thing – as long as he had Taylor Twamley under center, the Ravens had a shot to win. Patterson has been on staff at Princeton University and The College of New Jersey, so it is quite a meaningful compliment when he says Twamley “is one of the most intelligent football players – if not the most – that I have ever had the pleasure of coaching.”

Twamley shattered all of Robbinsville’s single-season passing marks in 2016, as he is now the leader in passing attempts, completions, yards, touchdown passes, and rushing yards. He is a Mini Maxwell award winner from the Maxwell Football Club and was named to the New Jersey Football Coaches Association Super 100 List.



But even more impressively, Twamley is ranked academically as one of the top four students at RHS. “Taylor is a class act who shows his teammates how to act under pressure to get the job done,” Patterson said. “He is respected by his coaches, his teachers, and his peers.”

There’s much more to Taylor Twamley, however, than an outstanding football player and a superior student. Taylor has served as a camp counselor for Special Olympics as well as the Robbinsville Youth Football camp. Other extracurricular activities include Virtual Enterprise International, the National Honor Society, the Future Business Leaders of America, and Project Unify. “Taylor is the thermostat, he’s not the thermometer,” Patterson said. “Other players’ temperatures and emotions rise and fall with the peaks and valleys of the game. Taylor sets the temperature of those around him.



JULIAN VIERA NEW EGYPT

How to best describe New Egypt’s Julian Viera? A first-team all-state Group I offensive lineman? Captain for a Central Jersey playoff team? President of National Honor Society and Student Government? Maybe Student Liaison to the Board of Education or Vice President of the Future Business Leaders of America? Or how about the fact that he took AP Calculus. As a freshman. Face it, there’s no one way to summarize Julian.

“Julian,” school guidance supervisor Katina George said, “defies labels. He has made it a priority to be sociable and well rounded. You would never know he’s the smartest kid in the room when you watch him interact with teammates in the weight room or middle school students in our peer leadership program. He is humble and adaptable, taking pride in his ability to carry on conversations with anyone he is interacting with.

“As a mother of three crazy little boys,” George continued, “I would be lucky if they turned out half as wonderful as he is. Not just because he is extremely intelligent, but because he is genuinely a good hearted, humble, caring young person.”



A participant in the prestigious MITES program at MIT, Viera has been the go-to tutor for all math students at New Egypt since he was in ninth grade. He’s also active in the school’s Spanish club, volunteers his time to senior citizen community outreach projects, and has been involved with Relay for Life.

His goal – besides continuing his football career in college – is to get his degree in aerospace engineering and develop systems in military defense.

“I will miss Julian next year,” George said. “But I cannot wait to see how he changes the world.”



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E. ISAIAH WINGFIELD LAWRENCEVILLE

Isaiah Wingfield stepped foot on the prestigious Lawrenceville campus at the start of his sophomore year and he has been making an impact on and off the field ever since.

On the gridiron, Wingfield immediately infused talent and a burning desire to be the best into the Big Red program. He grew into one of the top receivers and defensive backs in the area but his impact to the Lawrenceville program was much greater.

“Though he was our most talented player, he was also our hardest worker,” head coach Harry Flaherty said. “The work ethic that he demonstrated during this three years here has provided a visual that has captivated underclassmen who look up to him.

“Isaiah is the type of competitor whom a coach drafts first, regardless of what sport is being played,” Flaherty continued. “He was a player who could be counted on in any situation, and when the pressure mounted, his focus and fundamentals allowed him to

remain poised and clutch. Isaiah not only performed when the lights were on, but treated each day of practice and each weight room session like it was the Super Bowl.”

A consummate leader as well, Wingfield only needed one year at the school to become President of the Hamill House, the oldest house on campus. He is now a campus prefect, where he lives with underclassmen and serves in a mentor role to the community. Isaiah’s teammates and classmates naturally gravitate toward him as he leads by example.

As for his academic profile, what more needs to be said other than he will attend Harvard in the fall. Winner of the Semans Family Merit Scholarship, Eisenhower Leadership Award, and Elgin Society Pins, Wingfield has set an example to be admired for years to come.



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SELECTION PROCESS

The name of the young man selected as the top Scholar-Leader-Athlete was not pulled out of a hat. He has gone through a rigorous screening process. His credentials on the field, in the classroom and in the community have been thoroughly scrutinized and discussed many times over by the members of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's Scholarship Committee. The scholarship committee is made up of several members of the Delaware Valley Chapter who have a deep and abiding respect and love for scholastic football.

What the scholarship committee is looking for is someone with:

1. Outstanding academic application and performance – a *Scholar*

He doesn't necessarily have to be the smartest student in his school, but he should be a good, solid student. He doesn't have to be a "book worm" or even a straight-A student, but he should be studious, persevering, dedicated and have a proper knowledge of what study means to the value of education. He should be a better than average student who is genuinely interested in his studies without a serious subject weakness.

2. Outstanding school leadership and citizenship – a *Leader*

He doesn't necessarily have to be involved in every club or program at his school, but he should have a well-rounded approach to his extracurricular activities. He doesn't have to be the president of his class, but he should be a leader, someone who is looked up to. He doesn't have to be the most popular student in his school, but he should be well-respected by his classmates, teammates and opponents.

3. Outstanding football ability and performance – an *Athlete*

He doesn't necessarily have to be the best football player in the area, but he should be a good one with a proven record of performance. Ideally, he should be a player who is more concerned with team accomplishments than his personal statistics. He should display courage, persistence and sportsmanship and an overall feeling for the game of football as well as have respect for his coaches, teammates and opponents.

It's the combination of all of these attributes that make the winner, and all the young men honored, a true Scholar-Leader-Athlete.

These young men have excelled for their football teams, in their studies and have demonstrated leadership qualities in their schools and their communities.

The winners are chosen among nominees from public and private schools in the Delaware Valley which encompasses Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth and Somerset Counties in New Jersey. The athletes are nominated by their football coaches and have the endorsement of their guidance counselors and principals.

These biographical sketches, because of space limitations, are brief and therefore do not cover all of the qualities of the individual nominees.

This year's group has outstanding classroom averages and each young man has an excellent opportunity to claim the top awards. Their achievements, on and off the field, make for interesting reading.

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EARL H. DEAN SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE Tom Cilla • The College of New Jersey



Tom Cilla (Kings Park, NY/Kings Park High School) played offensive and defensive line for The College of New Jersey football team for the past four seasons. Cilla was the recipient of the 2016 Earl H. Dean Scholar-Leader-Athlete Award, a distinguished honor given to the top academic performer on the Lions football team each year.

Cilla played offensive line during his rookie season and shifted to defensive line during the 2014 season. As a defensive lineman, he appeared in seven games during his junior season and registered six tackles. Injuries slowed his senior season, but he made it on the field for three New Jersey Athletic Conference contests.

A TCNJ Scholar-Athlete, Cilla was a member of the Dean's List and an NJAC Academic All-Conference honoree. He will graduate with a degree in political science and spent this past summer as an intern with the United States Solicitor General's office in Washington, D.C. He was one of only four applicants—and one of only two undergraduates—selected for the two-month internship with the Solicitor General, who is charged with representing the United States government before the Supreme Court. Cilla was assigned to log briefs for an online database that the solicitor general's office is building, including briefs filed in

such cases as *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*, which led to the historic 1954 ruling declaring racial segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional.

In February of 2016, Cilla was a communications intern for the Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, assisting the Deputy Chief of Staff and communications team in preparing speeches. Prior to that, he was an investigations intern at the Kings County Attorney's Office.

Cilla has also been a tutor for the Institute for Prison Outreach and Education and helped organize the Be The Match drive sponsored by the National Marrow Donor Program During the spring of 2016. An aside, Cilla was a contestant on Jeopardy in May of 2016.

The Earl H. Dean Scholar-Leader-Athlete Award is named after the first director of athletics at the college. While coaching the football, basketball, and track programs, Dean is credited with giving the football team the nickname, "Lions". The award is presented to a senior with the highest grade point average, who also makes significant contributions on the football field.



Past Trenton State/The College of New Jersey Scholar-Athletes

Year	Nominee	Coach	Year	Nominee	Coach
2015	Andrew Lachawiec	Wayne Dickens	1992	Corey Landing	Eric Hamilton
2014	Joe Urciuoli/ Jake Weiss	Wayne Dickens	1991	Chris Shaw	Eric Hamilton
2013	Chris McLaughlin	Wayne Dickens	1990	Mike Tierney	Eric Hamilton
2012	Greg Burns	Eric Hamilton	1989	Bob McGinty	Eric Hamilton
2011	Jay Donoghue	Eric Hamilton	1988	Mike Wargo	Eric Hamilton
2010	Andrew Mason	Eric Hamilton	1987	Joe Clifton	Eric Hamilton
2009	Colin Weber	Eric Hamilton	1986	Ernie Liberati	Eric Hamilton
2008	Marc Fabiano	Eric Hamilton	1985	John Papa	Eric Hamilton
2007	Dan Dornacker/Andy Larkin	Eric Hamilton	1984	Jim Ball	Eric Hamilton
2006	Ryan Ross	Eric Hamilton	1983	Bruce Peditto	Eric Hamilton
2005	Leeaire Brown	Eric Hamilton	1982	Sam Miserendino	Eric Hamilton
2004	Jim Dabrowski	Eric Hamilton	1981	James Carvalho	Eric Hamilton
2003	Scott Paterson	Eric Hamilton	1980	Ron Anello	Eric Hamilton
2002	Tim Kosuda	Eric Hamilton	1979	Steve Butfilowski	Eric Hamilton
2001	Mike Wendell	Eric Hamilton	1978	Tom Hendricks	Eric Hamilton
2000	Curt Monday	Eric Hamilton	1977	Tom Thompson	Eric Hamilton
1999	Richard Falletta	Eric Hamilton	1976	Keith Waters	Carmen Piccone
1998	Michael Feeney	Eric Hamilton	1975	Doug Prefach	Carmen Piccone
1997	Joe Sciarrone	Eric Hamilton	1974	Eric Hamilton	Dick Curl
1996	Joe Scaravaglione	Eric Hamilton	1973	William Paskewich	Pete Carmichael
1995	Steve Guidette	Eric Hamilton	1967	Robert Taylor	Bob Salois
1994	Scott Dickson/John Reising	Eric Hamilton	1965	George Stratman	Bob Salois
1993	Tom Maxwell	Eric Hamilton			

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JUDGE ARTHUR LANE SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE Scott Carpenter • Princeton University

Scott Carpenter gets the job done on the football field. The Princeton University senior earned second-team All-Ivy League honors and helped the Tigers win the Ivy League championship for the second time in his four years.

And Carpenter gets the job done off the football field as well. This past fall he was named a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Award, the top scholar-athlete honor given in college football.

Carpenter is the honoree for the Delaware Valley Chapter National Football Foundation Judge Arthur Lane Scholar-Leader-Athlete. He also was named the recipient of the Richard W. Colman Scholar-Athlete Award at the Tigers' season-ending Lourie Football Banquet.

A tight end from Vienna, Va., this past season he caught 14 passes for 105 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Carpenter earned All-Ivy Honorable Mention as both a junior and a sophomore. During his junior season he recording 24 catches for 225 yards and a team-high three touchdown His sophomore season, which was his first as a starter, he caught 20 passes for 236 yards.



“Scott was a tremendous player and leader for our football team,” Princeton football coach Bob Surace said. “He received All-Ivy recognition the past three years, he was an excellent role model that set a great example because of his work ethic, and was a stellar student at Princeton. He is a winner in every aspect.”

Carpenter laid the groundwork for his athletic and academic success at Gonzaga College High, where he was the 2012 Fairfax County Private School Player of the Year as a senior. He was also named a National Football Foundation National Capital Scholar Athlete and nominated for National Football Foundation Eastern Region Scholar Athlete.

Past Princeton University Scholar-Athletes

Year	Nominee	Coach	Year	Nominee	Coach
2015	Matt Arends	Bob Surace	1989	Steve Hillgeist	Steve Tosches
2014	Mike Zeuli	Bob Surace	1988	Greg DiFelice	Steve Tosches
2013	Phil Bhaya	Bob Surace	1987	David Wilson	Steve Tosches
2012	Andrew Starks	Bob Surace	1986	Rob DiGiacomo	Ron Rogerson
2011	Ivan Charbonneau	Bob Surace	1985	James Petrucci	Ron Rogerson
2010	Matt Zimmerman	Bob Surace	1984	Mark Berggren	Frank Navarro
2009	Daniel M. Kopolovich	Roger Hughes	1983	Kevin Guthrie	Frank Navarro
2008	Ryan Coyle	Roger Hughes	1982	Brent Woods	Frank Navarro
2007	Rob Toresco	Roger Hughes	1981	Scott Oostdyk	Frank Navarro
2006	Colin McDonough	Roger Hughes	1980	Mark Bailey	Frank Navarro
2005	Andrew Wilson	Roger Hughes	1979	Ted Soti	Frank Navarro
2004	Jon Veach	Roger Hughes	1978	Andy Stephens	Frank Navarro
2003	Time Kirby	Roger Hughes	1977	Dave Powers	Bob Casciola
2002	Cameron Atkinson	Roger Hughes	1976	Kevin Fox	Bob Casciola
2001	Robert Ferrell	Roger Hughes	1975	Robert Beible	Bob Casciola
2000	Mike Higgins	Roger Hughes	1974	Dale Spiegel	Bob Casciola
1999	David Ferrara	Steve Tosches	1973	William Cronin	Bob Casciola
1998	Alex Sierk	Steve Tosches	1972	John Bartges	Jake McCandless
1997	Tim Greene	Steve Tosches	1971	Paul Ondraski	Jake McCandless
1996	Mark Washington	Steve Tosches	1970	Kirk Liddell	Jake McCandless
1995	Carter Westfall	Steve Tosches	1969	Keith Mauney	Jake McCandless
1994	Mark Berkowitz	Steve Tosches	1968	Richard Sandler	Dick Coleman
1993	Keith Elias	Steve Tosches	1967	Robert Weber	Dick Coleman
1992	Steve Tufillaro	Steve Tosches	1966	John Bowers	Dick Coleman
1991	Jonas Sheehan	Steve Tosches	1965	Richard Rogers	Dick Coleman
1990	Marin Graja	Steve Tosches			

**DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER LITTLE SCHOLAR
ALFRED WOODS**



Ever since he was seven years old athletics has been a major part of Alfred Woods life. The Little Scholar Athlete Award winner not only excels on the athletic fields, but in the classroom at Life Center Academy where Woods is on the honor roll and he maintains a 3.5 grade point average.

The past three years Alfred, who is now 15 years old, has played in the Florence Flashes Youth Football and he has been a coach’s dream with his willingness to do whatever is needed to help the team. Woods has played on the offensive line, tight end, running back, defensive end, linebacker, receiver and safety. He not only has the ability to play multiple positions Woods can play them at a very high level. That is evident as he led his team to the 2015 Divisional Championship.

“Alfred is a great kid that epitomizes what Florence football stands for in life,” said Florence’s Fred Dunphy. “During his three years at Florence he’d play any position asked of him and he was always the first one to rally his team no matter what the circumstance.”

When not on the field Alfred usually is playing Madden Football or watching a sporting event on the television. He is a big San Francisco 49ers, Ohio State and Oklahoma City Thunder fan. Academics, Athletics and Family are what Alfred is all about.

He is a great big brother to his sister, with whom he shares his love of sports, and he enjoys being around family and hearing about the “good old days.” The Woods family is always on the sidelines cheering Alfred and his teammates on at their sporting events.

Alfred has shown a great work ethic, leadership and integrity both on and off the field. He magnetic personality has made him a go-to player to his teammates. He was also selected by his teammates to be a team captain this past season. Alfred’s teachers have described him as responsible, respectful and hardworking and he was recently honored with the Christian Character Award. He was chosen for that honor by his classmates.

When not playing for Florence he will be suiting up for Life Center’s soccer and basketball teams. He has played for the school teams the last three years and now is with the junior varsity and the varsity. Alfred is a 1st degree black belt in Tang Soo Do Moo Duk Kwan.

He is looking to continue his athletic career in high school and college, hopefully at Ohio State, and then he is interested in pursuing a career in the business field.



Past Delaware Valley/Pop Warner Little Scholars

2015 Kyle Dowgin Bordentown Bulldogs	2008 Brian Schoenauer, WW-P Pop Warner	2005 Michael Garofola Hamilton Pop Warner	2002 Marc Zamarin Hillsborough Dukes
2014 Joseph Brown Warrior PAL	2007 David Dudeck III, Burlington County Pop Warner	2004 Ryan McDermott Hamilton Pop Warner	2001 Daniel Clark Hillsborough Dukes
2013 Nick Kloutis Hamilton PAL	2006 Connor McElwee, West Windsor Wildcats	2003 James Bea Hillsborough Dukes	2000 Bassil Salmon East Windsor PAL
2012 Will James Hamilton PAL			1999 Robert Damiano Hamilton Pop Warner
2011 Kyle Liedtka Hamilton Pop Warner			1998 Ryan Biolsi Flemington Pop Warner
2010 Carson Vey Hopewell Valley Pop Warner			1997 Jason Auletta Hamilton Pop Warner
2009 Harvey E. Butler III, WW-P Pop Warner			1996 Michael Taylor Hamilton Pop Warner



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HANK JOHNS COACH OF THE YEAR DREW BESLER • EWING HIGH SCHOOL

Fourteen years is a long time to wait for anything. That is especially true when the wait is for a program's next playoff victory. But the 2016 campaign proved to be the breakthrough season Ewing High and its head coach, Drew Besler, had been looking for. The Blue Devils won seven games for the first time since 2010, clinched a share of the WJFL Valley Division crown and, most importantly, earned its first playoff win, 17-7 over Carteret, since 2002. As a result, the Delaware Valley Chapter is proud to present Besler with this year's Hank Johns Coach of the Year Award.

Besler's fifth season in charge on the Ewing sidelines was his most successful and began with three straight wins, including victories over playoff-bound Pemberton and Nottingham. After beating unbeaten Lawrence to improve to 4-1, the Blue Devils faced some mid-season adversity that had short-circuited previous promising seasons. When losses to Burlington Township and Hamilton West threatened to derail 2016's playoff hopes, however, Besler's squad responded. Lopsided wins against Princeton and Hightstown followed, setting the stage for a home playoff game – and win – against Carteret.

The playoff success was particularly special for Besler, who has been on the coaching staff since 2004. He was the quarterbacks' and defensive backs' coach in his first season and held the offensive coordinator job from 2005 through 2011. During his tenure, standout QB Darryl Griffin became the first Mercer County player to pass and run for 1,000 yards in 2010.

Besler's impact on the program is not just evident on the gridiron. His players work with the school district's Extended Day Programs' students at district elementary schools in the spring, where they help students complete homework, read to them, and play games with them once a week. In addition, the football team has also worked very closely with the Mercer County Special Olympics. For the past five years, Besler's players have been one of the largest groups helping other athletes achieve their goals, serving as officials, trophy presenters, and event facilitators.

Besler has been a member of the Ewing High community since 2003, when he began his teaching career in the English department after graduating from LaSalle University with a degree in Secondary Education/English. In 2009, he was the New Jersey Governor's Teaching Recognition Award Recipient for Teacher of the Year for Ewing High. He has been the Co-advisor to the Peer Leadership Program since 2009, serves as a member of the Superintendent Advisory Committee, the Faculty-Administration Liaison Committee, and the Title I Advisory Committee, and has served as the Assistant Athletic Director for the winter and spring seasons since 2010. Besler also holds a Master's in Education Administration from Rider.

Along with Ewing High, Besler has football roots at Notre Dame, where was a three-year letter winner and two-year starter all over the field for the Irish. He was a team captain his senior season, when he earned First Team All-CVC honors by the Trentonian. Besler returned to the Irish as a freshman coach while at LaSalle.

Besler and his wife, Lisa, have two sons, William and Benjamin, and are expecting their third child, a girl.



Past Hank Johns Memorial Coach of the Year Recipients

2015 Todd Smith, Hun School	2006 Tom Hoglen, Hamilton West	1994 Jerry Eure, Pennington	1984 Mike Ortman, Morrisville
2014 Jay Graber, Allentown	2005 Todd Smith, WWP South	1993 Ken Keuffel, Lawrenceville	1983 Chappy Moore, Notre Dame
2013 Dave Caldwell, Hopewell Valley	2004 Ken Mills, Lawrenceville	1992 Keith Wadsworth, Princeton	1982 Pete Quinn, Trenton
2012 Jon Adams, Nottingham	2003 Joe Frappolli, Florence	1991 Joe Frappolli, Florence	1981 Bruce Martz, Ewing
Joe Frappolli, Florence	2002 Kevin Kelly, Conwell Egan	1990 Harold Beatty, Trenton	1980 Jim Walker, Princeton Day
2011 Dan Caruso, Steinert	2001 Frank deLaurentis, Peddie	1989 Tim Hadden, Burlington Twp.	1979 Bruce Martz, Ewing
2010 Luke Sinkhorn, New Egypt	2000 Frank Gatto, Steinert	1988 John Mackay, Peddie	1978 Bill Long, Princeton
2009 Chappy Moore, Notre Dame	1999 Jon Adams, Nottingham	1987 Tom Stuart, WWP	1977 Bob Hart, Bensalem
2008 Dave Caldwell, Hopewell Valley	1998 Jim Meert, Hunt. Central	1986 Kurt Vollherbst, Princeton	1976 Chappy Moore, Notre Dame
2007 Matthew Perotti, Hunterdon Central	1997 Len Weister, Lawrence	1985 Bill Long, Pennington	1975 Sam Jefferis, South Hunterdon
	1996 Keith Hartbauer, Hamilton		
	1995 Charlie Pirrello, North Burlington		

CONTRIBUTION TO YOUTH FOOTBALL

MIKE SMITH



Growing up and playing for the Blue and White Football program football became a passion for Mike Smith. As he moved on high school at Notre Dame, not only the game, but his coaches impacted his future life immensely. It was from that point on that Mike realized he wanted to coach, teach and positively impact others through the game in the same way it shaped his life.

For the past nine years, he has been involved with the Bordentown Bulldogs Youth Football Program of the West Jersey Football Program. He started coaching his son Jason, now 12, and after several years of persuasion Smith became the President of the Bordentown Youth Football and Cheer program.

It has been his service and dedication to the youth of the community that has made Mike a deserving recipient of the National Football Foundation Contribution to Youth Football Award.

“It is truly a great honor,” said Smith. “I had great coaches and mentors and this is a great opportunity to be able to give back and hopefully impact the lives of these kids.

Coaching has been a passion for me and I’m very thankful to have this chance.”

Smith’s passion is evident as besides coaching – and administering – the Bordentown program he is an assistant coach at Ewing High and the head coach of the freshman team. He is also a Detective Sergeant with the New Jersey State Police. He is assigned to the Regional Operations and Intelligence Center

After high school, Smith played at Kean University while obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree and then he went to Seton Hall to earn a Master of Arts degree. He joined the State Police in 1997.

Despite filling every minute of every day with work and his youth work, Mike wishes he could do more. “The countless hours are not enough,” said Smith. “I have made it my focus to teach and guide today’s youth to help them learn values needed to succeed, both on and off the field.”

When times get tough he turns to his girlfriend, Ashley, who is his support system reminding him of the impact he is having and the need to continue.

Under Smith’s watch the Bordentown program has flourished in every aspect. There is increased enrollment, continuing education for the coaches, upgraded equipment and fundraising initiatives that have put the Bordentown program as a standard bearer in youth football.

It started as a passion for playing the game and now it is a passion to teach the game, but most importantly Mike wants to have a positive impact on the youth in area.



Past Contribution to Youth Football Award Recipients

2015	Fred Dunphy	2010	Andrew Aromando	2005	Paul Sumners	2000	Cindy Allen
2014	Scott Stanton	2009	Fiore Masci	2004	John Knapp	1999	Bud Ralston
2013	Jim O’Rourke	2008	Charles “Chuck” Moon	2003	Paul Fletcher	1998	Ferguson Reaves
2012	Terrance Stokes	2007	Mike Brodock	2002	Mark Clements	1997	Henry Cole
2011	Jon Butler	2006	Dennis Todd	2001	Greg Neiderman		

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JACK MILLARD OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR HANK JOHNS, JR.

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. If the name sounds familiar, it should. The Delaware Valley Chapter Coaches Award is named after Coach Hank Johns Sr., the legendary football coach from Bucks County, most notably at Harry S. Truman High School. An instrumental figure in the Chapter, Hank was a committed teacher and coach. He was also a proud father as we now recognize his son, Hank Johns Jr. with the Jack Millard Officials Award.

A 1996 graduate of Pennsbury High School, Hank Johns, Jr. was a Scholar-Leader-Athlete and the recipient of the Ron Rick Scholarship in 1995. He continued his academic and athletic careers at Georgetown University where he was a four year letter winner as an Offensive Lineman and graduated in 2000 with a BS degree in Computer Science.

After his playing career was complete, Hank wanted to find a way to give back to the game that he believed opened many doors and taught him many life skills. He realized early on that it would be extremely difficult to devote the time needed to coach with his work responsibilities as Director of Consulting for CGI Federal, and being a fan at local games was not fulfilling. At the urging of his neighbor and the Chapter's 1994 Jack Millard Official Award recipient Tom Considine, he became hooked on officiating football after his first pee-wee game. He felt this was his opportunity to stay involved in the game that has meant so much to him and work with men and women who, if not for officiating, he would not otherwise have had a chance to meet with his "day" job.

Hank is a family man. He is extremely grateful for his wonderful wife Samantha, who has been supportive during his officiating journey. Along with his two cheerleaders Logan, 4 and Bennett, going on 2, weekends in the Fall have become a family affair. The time it takes to be a successful official on the field is no less than that of a coach or a player. The sacrifices are just as great, and so are the rewards.

His officiating career began in 2001 as a member of the Northern Virginia Official Association. He was a member until 2011 where he officiated State Championships in 2005 and 2006 and was involved in training new officials. In 2007 Hank became a member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference/ USA South Football Officials Association until 2012, receiving NCAA Division III post season playoff assignments. In 2013 he joined the Eastern Collegiate Football Officials and the Capital/Ivy/Patriot Football Officials Association where he officiates today. During the 2016 season, he officiated two FBS playoff games, including the Semi-Final @ Eastern Washington. From 2006-2010 he was active in the National Capital Region Chapter of the National Football Foundation where he presented the rules clinic "Football 101 for Moms" and assisted with the Chapters College Night.

By way of Fairless Hills, PA through Washington, DC Metro to Wilmington, DE where he and his family currently reside, we welcome Hank Johns Jr. home and proudly recognize his efforts on the field by presenting him with the Jack Millard Officials Award.



Past Jack Millard Memorial Football Official Award Recipients

2014	Scott Heiser	2009	Joe Shaw	1997	Merckle Cherry	1985	Jack Watro
2013	Tom Carr	2008	Raymond F. Stupinski III	1996	Larry Gunnell	1984	Paul Chopko
2012	Greg Bellotti	2007	Jim Wilno, Jr.	1995	Barry Cicale	1983	John Zorzi
2011	George Wah	2006	Ed Harris	1994	Tom Considine	1982	Al Fullman
2010	James S. Moscarell	2005	Karl "Tinker" Johnston	1993	Jim Wilno, Sr.	1981	Vince Boccanfuso
		2004	John Welling III	1992	Angelo Giambelluca	1980	Jack Millard
		2003	Troy Stephenson	1991	John Terry	1979	George Wah
		2002	Al Verdel	1990	John Sheets	1978	Norm Van Arsdalen
		2001	Vince Boccanfuso	1989	Byron Crammer	1977	Chuck Schroeder
		2000	Tim Teel	1988	Ernie Coluccio	1976	Jake Bartolino
		1999	Jim Cleary	1987	Ron Hoehn	1975	Sam Cortina
		1998	Tom McCreesh	1986	Jim Wilno, Jr.	1974	Tony Mascherin



EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER AWARD KEVIN MCCORMAC

Kevin McCormac is the face of the Special Olympics New Jersey flag football program. He embodies the spirit of Special Olympics on and off the field. His leadership in the community, on the field, and in his workplace represent the power that Special Olympics athletes have to impact those in their everyday lives.

A Special Olympics New Jersey Athlete since 1990, Kevin has been involved in Special Olympics New Jersey's Flag Football program since the inception of the sport in 2007. A proud member of Team New Jersey's Flag Football team during the 2010 USA Games in Lincoln, Nebraska, Kevin helped lead his teammates to a bronze medal, the first ever in the sport of Flag Football. Kevin was also a member of Team NJ's Flag Football team during the 2014 USA Games held here in New Jersey, leading his team to a silver medal! In addition, Kevin is a year round athlete, competing in floor hockey, tennis, bowling, and basketball.

Currently, Kevin works full time with Day & Zimmerman, working in image reprographics at their headquarters in Philadelphia. In the community, Kevin is an active member in a number of volunteer opportunities inside and outside of Special Olympics New Jersey.

Volunteering as a Global Messenger for Special Olympics, Kevin goes out on behalf of the organization to speak on a number of initiatives within the community. In 2012, Kevin was sworn into the Special Olympics Athlete Congress, the governing body representing Special Olympics New Jersey athlete's interest. Outside of Special Olympics, Kevin is active with the Garden State Champions Lions Club where he serves as Secretary. Through the Lions Club, Kevin has volunteered at the Shriver Cup soccer tournament, pancake breakfast, and a food drive for the Mt Laurel Food Pantry. Kevin also volunteers at the Masonic Home of NJ, transporting residents to physical therapy, dentist, and doctor appointments. He received the Service Award for volunteering more than 1000 hours. Lastly, Kevin volunteers with Pride Paws, a nonprofit organization that provides job training for young adults with development disabilities. Kevin works alongside participants, giving support when needed to finish tasks and achieve good skills working with peers.

A leader on and off the field, a role model for other athletes and an active volunteer, it is with great pride that the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation along, with Special Olympics New Jersey, present the Eunice Shriver Champions Award to Kevin McCormac.



St. Anthony's High School Varsity Football 1966: Bob Hough (40), Ken Fisher (54), and John Kelly (39) act as blockers for ball carrier Hugh Breen (22) during a game against Notre Dame High School.

NICK GUSZ GOOD GUY AWARD JIM KOVALSKY



Jim Kovalsky has coaching in his blood. Whether it is on the football field or the baseball field, the Ewing resident has spent nearly five decades helping athletes become better players on the field and better people off the field.

A native of Washington, NJ, Kovalsky was a three-sport standout at Washington High School, earning two letters in basketball and four in both football and baseball. On the field few matched his accomplishments in football or baseball. The Newark News (Star Ledger) selected him as the First Team Group II All-State Quarterback in 1965 and First Team All-State All Groups Catcher in 1966. He was voted the Most Valuable Athlete of his high school class and in 1966 was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates scout Bill Weaver and named the Co-MVP of the Mercer County American Legion League. Kovalsky is this year's recipient of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation Nick Gusz Good Guy Award.

Kovalsky continues to be a multi-sport star at the college level, attending Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) and majoring in elementary education. In college he lettered three years in football and four years in baseball. He still holds the school's kickoff return record, a 99-yard return against Southern Connecticut. In 1970 he was a tri-captain of the baseball team and the a First Team All-NJAC catcher. That same year Frank O'Rourke scouted Jim as a free agent draft pick for the New York Yankees baseball organization. After graduating college, Kovalsky served six months active duty with the United States Army. He started his teaching and coaching career at Antheil Junior High School in Ewing, where he was the last baseball coach of the Antheil Hawks.

For 23 years, Kovalsky worked with Andy Greener and Tom Patterson ,serving as the Blue Devil junior varsity baseball coach. As head coach, Kovalsky, continued Ewing's winning tradition of baseball as the school qualified for the state tournament in all but two seasons and he finished his baseball career with five straight winning seasons. Kovalsky volunteered as a Babe Ruth League coach, managing both the J&L Texaco and Larkin's Gulf teams. He was Manager of the Year in 1979. In 2000, Kovalsky was awarded the Babe Ruth League's Karl Harder award for outstanding dedication to youth activities.

The architect behind the "golden era" of Ewing High football (1975-1988), Kovalsky was the head freshmen coach for 18 years at Fisher Junior High. Lead by Bruce Martz, the Blue Devils won two state championships (1981 and 1985) and were perennial playoff contenders. Ewing High is the only public school in Mercer County to win two state football championships.

Coaching alongside head coach Craig Wood, Kovalsky served as offensive coordinator and quarterback coach. He developed four Blue Devil quarterbacks into 1,000 yard passers. The 2002 Blue Devils offense holds Ewing High's all time total offensive yardage record. That same year, quarterback Tommy Carroll set the all-time passing record for touchdowns and completions. Kovalsky served as a volunteer coach for three years in the Mercer County Sunshine Foundation Football Classic. In baseball, he worked with head coaches Rich Giallella and Jim Maher as a coach with the Mercer County Carpenter's Cup tournament.

During the 1998-1999 school year, Kovalsky represented Fisher Junior School in the New Jersey State Governor's Teacher Recognition Program. In November, 1989 he was awarded the Fisher Junior School Golden Apple Award for enthusiasm, attitude, and loyalty. In 2002 Kovalsky became a member of the Washington/Warren Hills Wall of Fame and in 2006 he became a member of the Ewing High School Hall of Fame.



Hank Johns, Sr. (center) with the coaching staff of Harry S Truman High School.

TONY PERSICHILLI MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD BILL REDNOR

From 1978-98, the social life of thousands of Central Jersey and Bucks County residents was improved thanks to Bill Rednor. But that “something special” that made radio broadcasts of local sporting events so enjoyable was slightly lacking.

It returned in 1998 and has been there ever since, and the area sports scene is incredibly richer because of that.

When high school football games on both sides of the Delaware River are delivered over the airwaves of WBCB radio (Levittown, Pa.) as well as on the station’s website, the world has Bill Rednor to thank for that. It is Rednor who works behind the scenes to sell the advertising that allows WBCB to get the games on the air.

No Bill, no games.

Which is why Bill Rednor is so deserving of tonight’s Tony Persichelli Meritorious Service Award.

“WBCB has been outstanding in broadcasting high school footballs over the years,” former College of New Jersey coach Eric Hamilton said. “Through those years, there have been a bunch of great broadcasters who have come and gone. But who has been there all the way through? Who’s the common denominator? Bill Rednor. It doesn’t happen without him.”

This is Rednor’s second stint in radio. A 1966 Pennsbury High graduate, Bill began working in 1968 for WTTM radio in Trenton, where he made sure Mercer and Bucks games got on the air.

After 10 years, Bill purchased the legendary SoHo Restaurant in the Chambersburg section of Trenton, starting a 20-year run of fun for anyone who visited. Known for its old-time bar, cozy atmosphere, hamburgers in pita bread and numerous international beverages, the SoHo was packed night in and night out thanks to its food, drinks and characters. Bill himself spent many nights behind the bar making sure everyone was having a good time. The only time a TV request was not granted was when his beloved New Rangers were on.

Rednor gave back to the community during that time and was very involved with the Sunshine Foundation. Each year he would run a fundraiser to help less fortunate children get a trip to Disney World. The SoHo received an Appreciation Award from the Foundation for its work.

In 1998, Bill returned to his roots, joining forces with WBCB to sell advertising and help broadcast games. When audiences are graced with his airtime, it’s a treat. Rednor’s broadcasting skills are unique and infectious for listeners and colleagues.

“I love when Bill comes on the air with us,” said Rich Fisher, a WBCB color analyst. “If you can’t get fired up to broadcast a game when Bill is behind the mike, you might as well not even do it. He’s awesome when talking about the game but even better reading commercials. If you’re an advertiser, you’re totally getting your money’s worth when Bill reads your ad. No one says “Reveeeeere Ristooooorante!” like Bill Rednor.”

In 2011, Rednor and WBCB received the Southern New Jersey District 1 Babe Ruth Appreciation Award for their outstanding coverage of Babe Ruth baseball. Bill has made sure football, basketball, high school and American Legion baseball as well as Babe Ruth all get airtime. He has also maintained his support of the Sunshine Foundation, as the station does a live broadcast at the airport when the children are air lifted to Florida.



In keeping with the times, Rednor encouraged WBCB to begin live video-streaming of athletic events on their website two years ago. Access to that feed has been expanded to the station’s Facebook page as games are being seen by thousands of viewers. WBCB now does over 100 events a year in Mercer County alone, and a bunch more in Bucks County.

With all that he has already accomplished, what’s next in the creative mind of Bill Rednor? We will have to wait and see. But one thing is certain. If youngsters are playing athletics, Bill will do his best to make sure the world knows about it.





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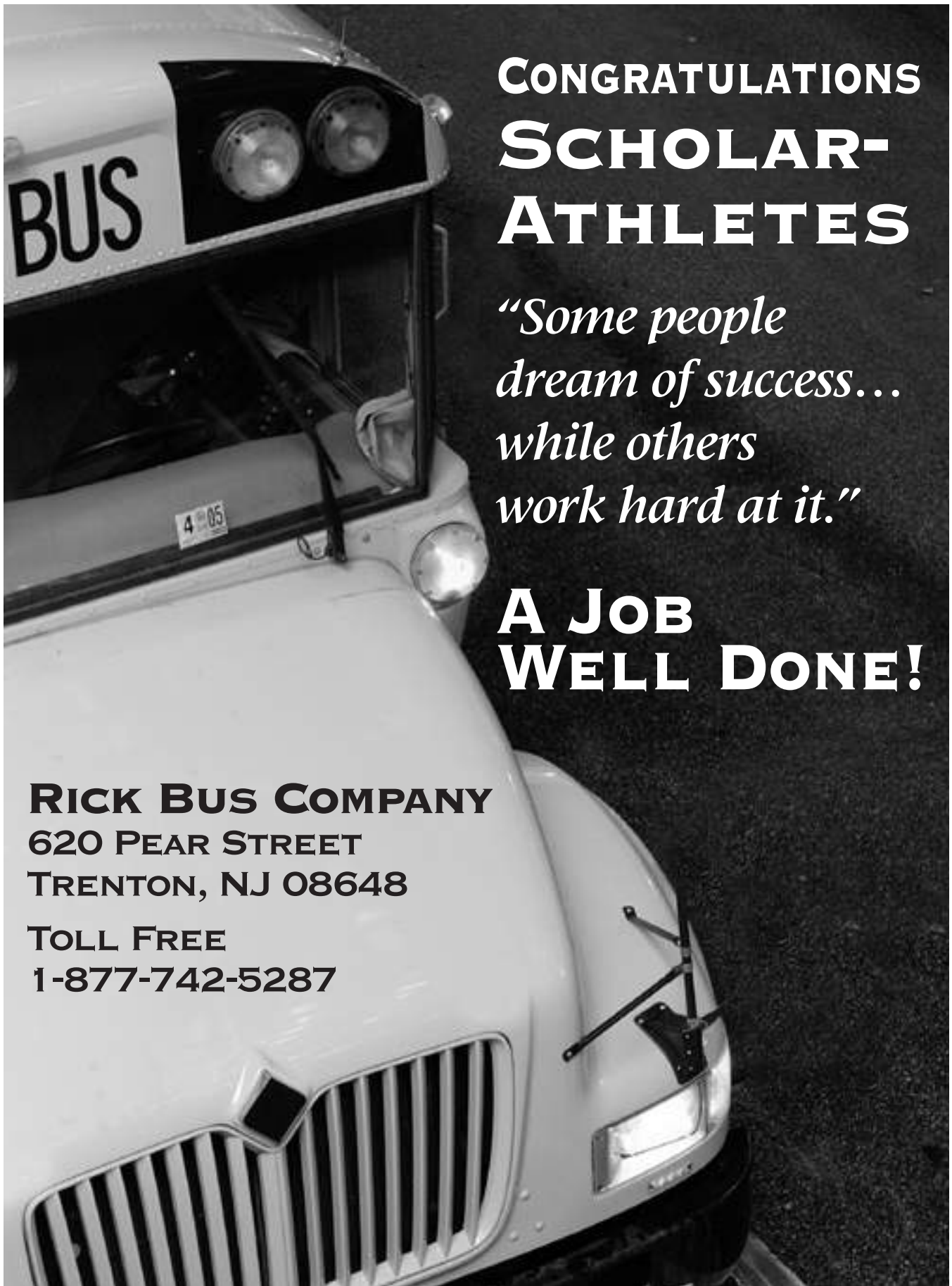
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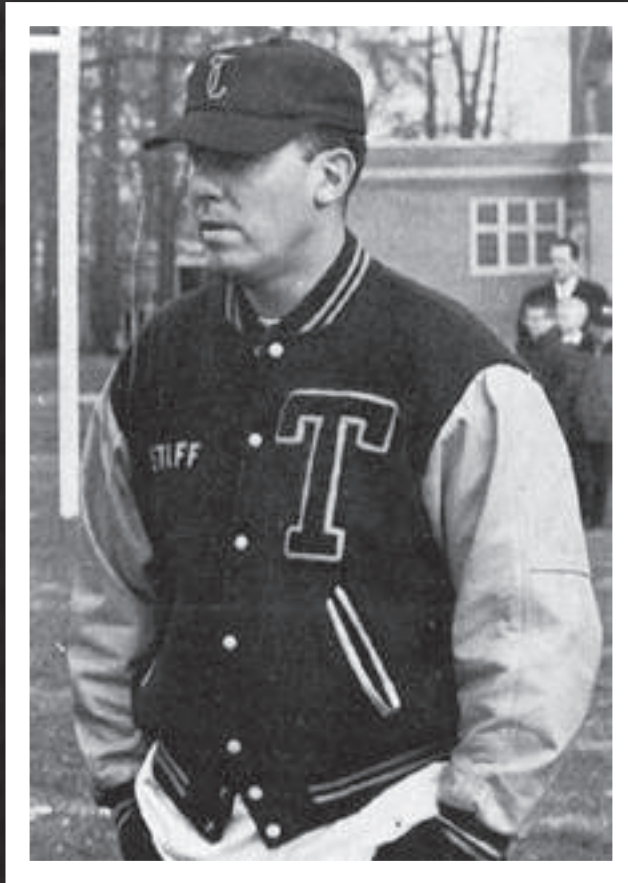
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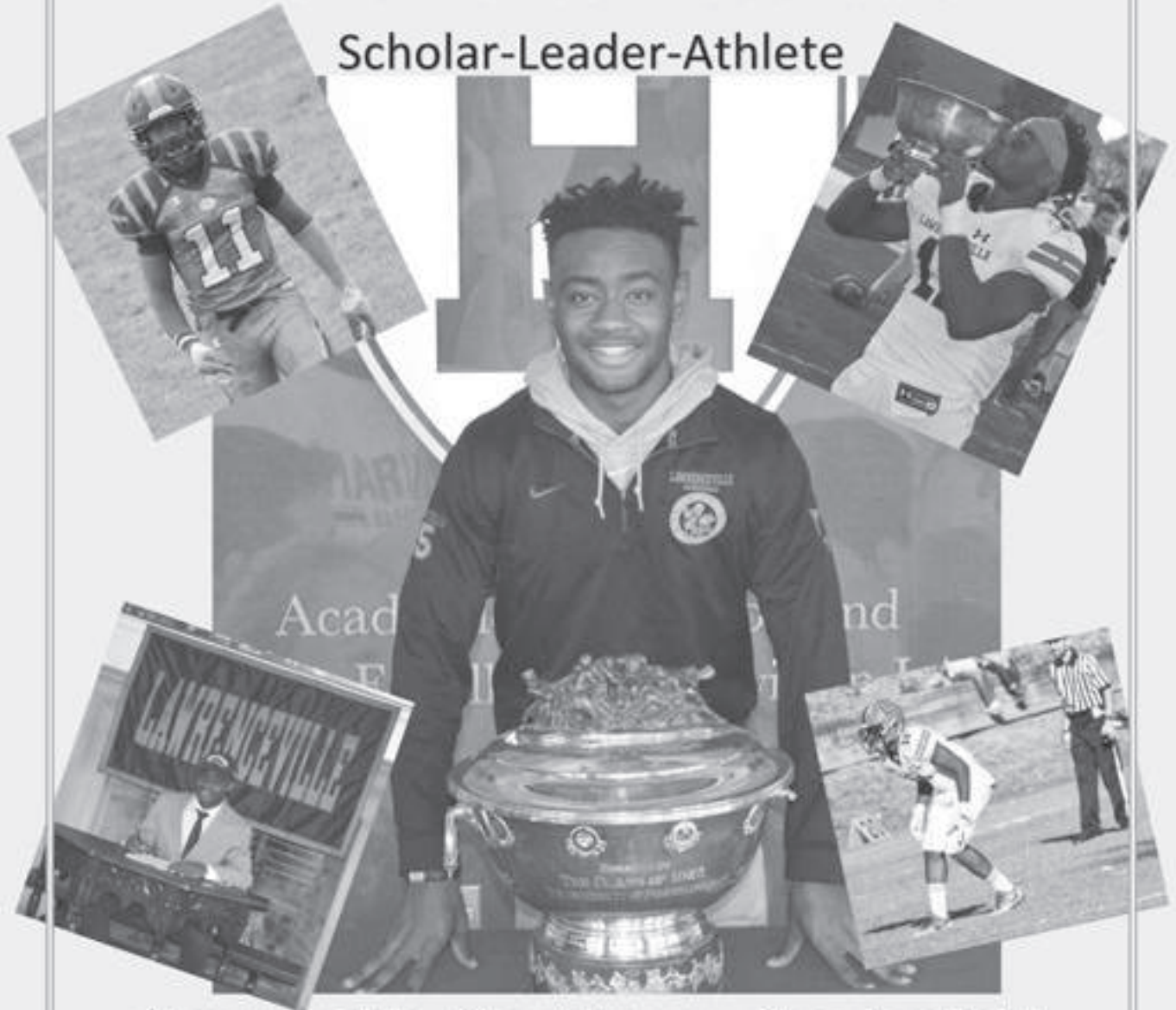


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Love,
Jason



my father
gave me the greatest
gift anyone could
give another person, he
believed in me.
~ Jim Valvano
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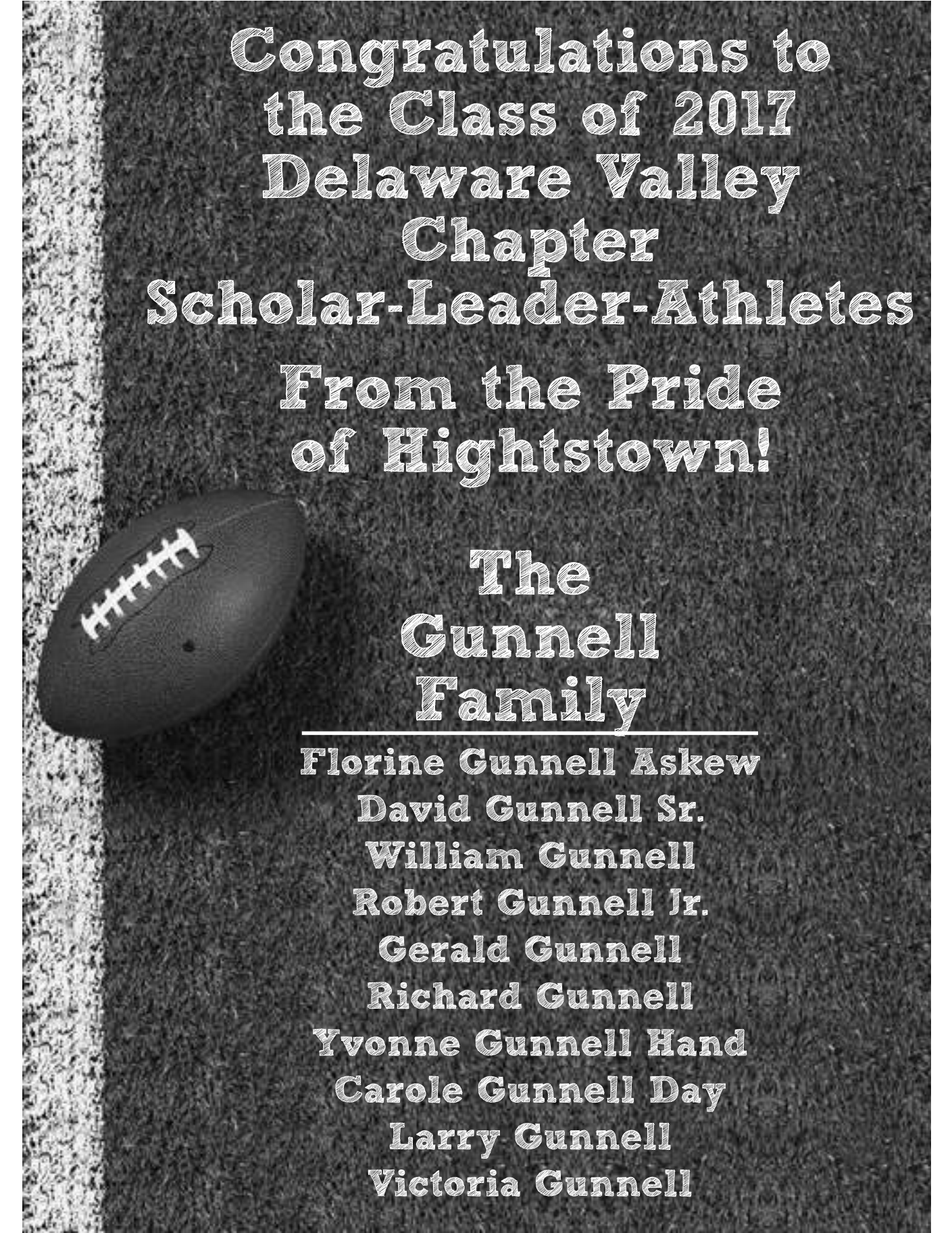
CONGRATULATIONS Mike Smith!



"A good Coach
can change a GAME.
A great Coach
can change a LIFE."

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Love,
Ashley, Jonah, & Jamison

A black and white photograph of a football field. On the left side, there is a vertical white yard line. A football is positioned on the field, partially overlapping the yard line. The rest of the field is dark with a textured appearance.

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Mom and Dad**

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**LOVE, DAD, MOM,
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Dad, Mom, Leilani and cousin Charmayne

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care of itself.

- BEAR BRYANT

Dad — Thank you for showing us these values every day. We are all winners in life thanks to you. Congratulations, from your starting lineup.

Matt & Lisa Greg & Jackie Nate & Sarah

POP, WE'RE ALL ON YOUR TEAM!



Jack



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Charlie



Alice



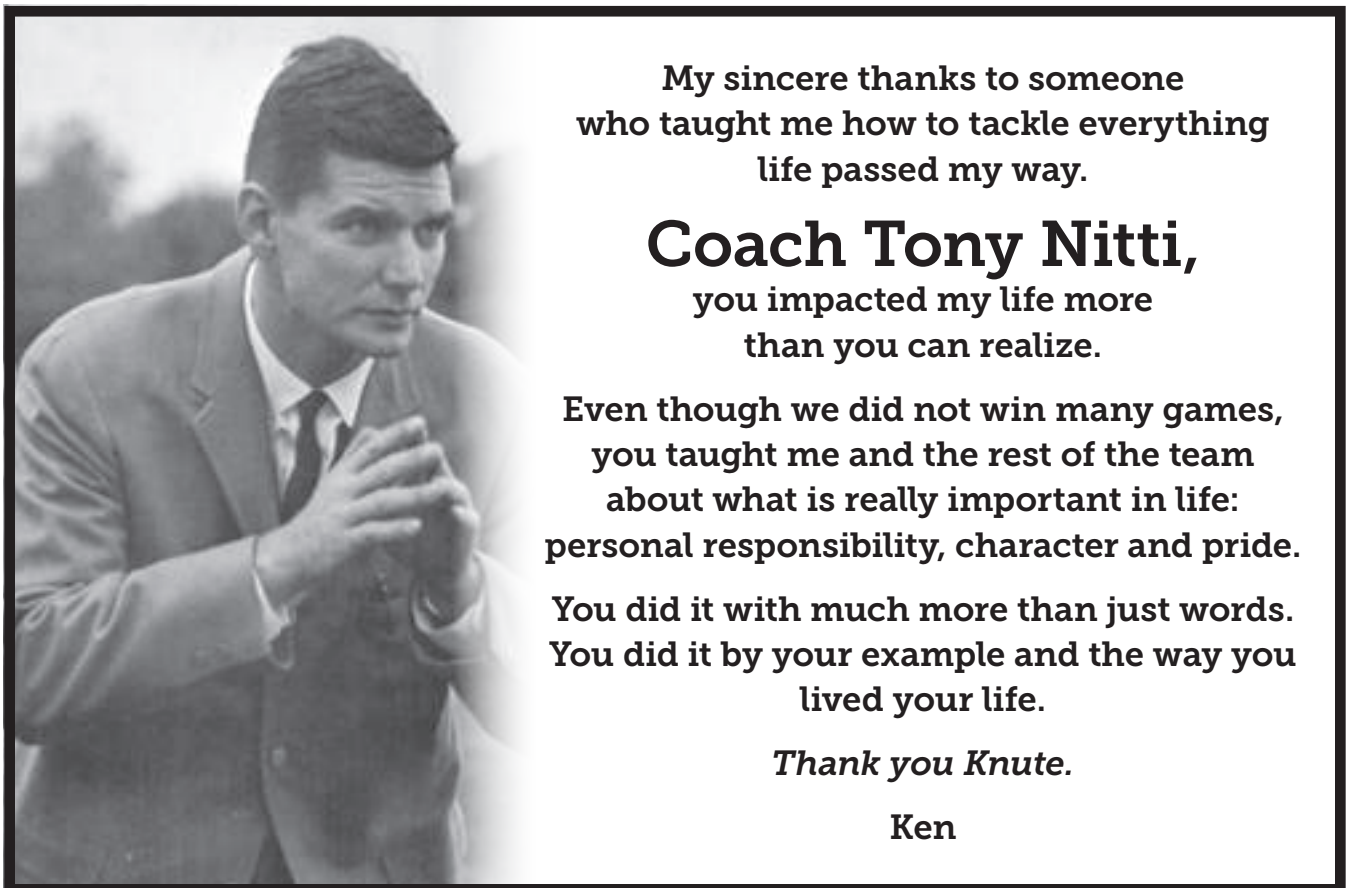
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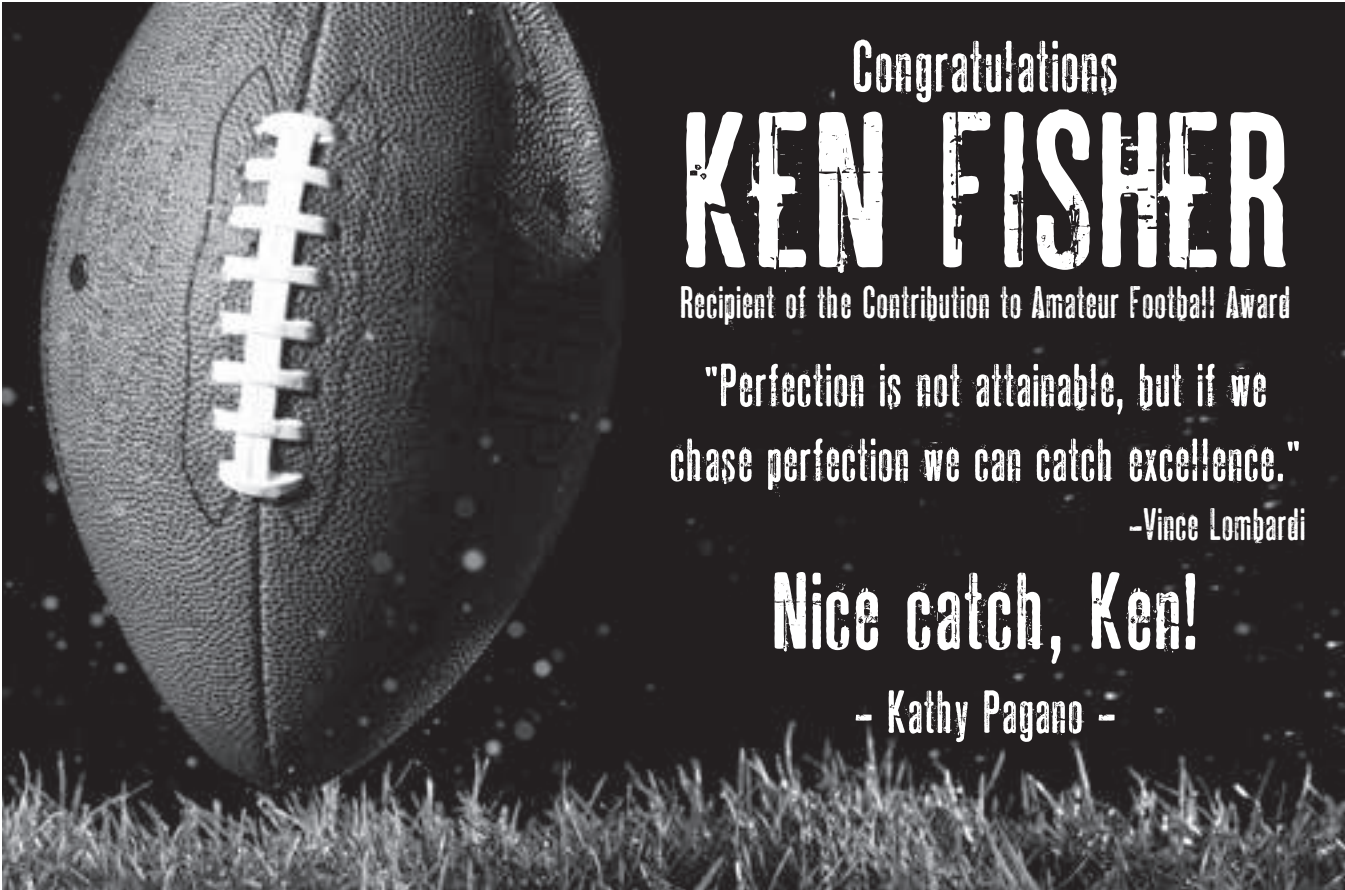
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Steven, Kimberly
and Gabrielle**



Congratulations

KEN FISHER

Recipient of the Contribution to Amateur Football Award

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

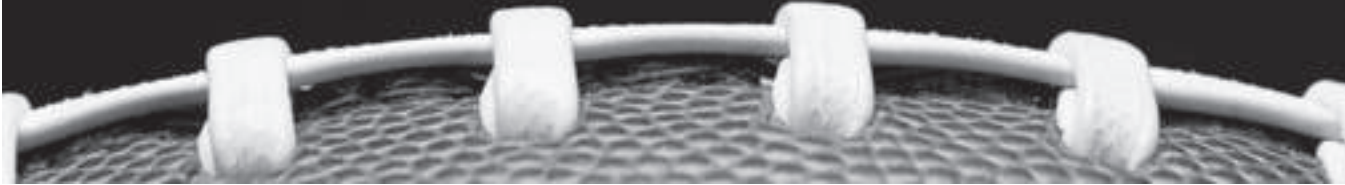
-Vince Lombardi

Nice catch, Ken!

- Kathy Pagano -

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ALFRED WOODS

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— A DESIRE, A DREAM, A VISION”

-MUHAMMAD ALI



Keep dreaming nephew and know that
we are with you all the way .

Congratulations - Love Your Family
Kamora, Miata, Sierra, Ann ,
Brian I and Brian II

**“WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET,
BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.”**

— WINSTON CHURCHILL

CONGRATULATIONS

KEN FISHER

CONTRIBUTION TO
AMATEUR FOOTBALL RECIPIENT

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS
THINKING OF OTHERS AND
LEADING THE WAY IN GIVING
BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY.

~ EMILY LYSSIKATOS ~





Congratulations to
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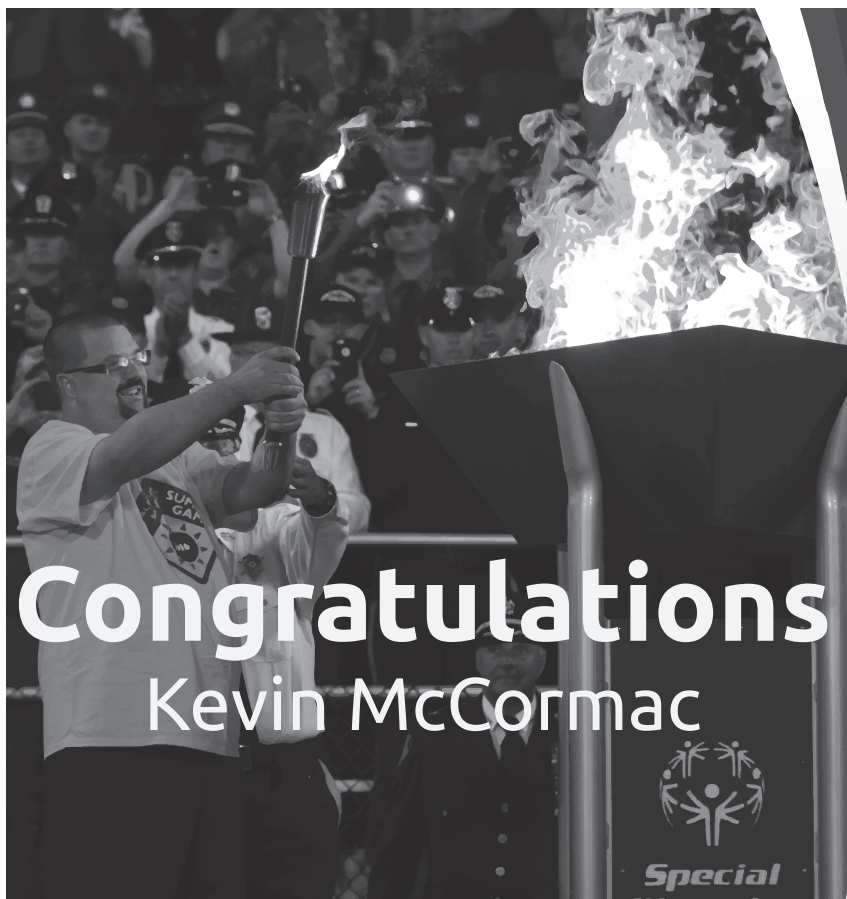
DOMENIC "TONY" MORENCY

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Reidgee Dimanche #3

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We wish you the best of luck in you future college and football endeavors!

We are very proud of you!

*Love, Mom,
Jayson and DJ.*



CONGRATULATIONS, COACH DREW!

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Love,
Carrie, Jonathan, Molly, Shail,
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ON THE FIELD AND
IN THE COMMUNITY.

LOVE, MOM, DAD,
BRENDAN AND COLIN



CONGRATULATIONS TO
**BEN
SCHUTSKY**

We are very proud of you!
*Love, Mom, Dad,
Adam & Zach*

Many thanks to all of
the Bulldog Coaches!

CONGRATULATIONS

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