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2018 Chapter Award Recipients

Robert F. Casciola
Distinguished American

Angelo J. Onofri,
Mercer County Prosecutor

George O'Gorman
Contribution to
Amateur Football

Charlie Thompson,
Princeton University

Hank Johns Coach Award

Joe Frappolli,
Florence High School

Jack Millard Officials Award

Abe Johnson

Contribution to
Youth Football

George Kloutis, Lawrence Junior
Cardinals, West Jersey YFL

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Little Scholar

Jack Rice, WWP Wildcats,
Central Jersey Pop Warner

Eunice Kennedy Shriver
Champion Award

Brian Pitts

TCNJ Earl H. Dean
Scholar-Leader-Athlete

Max Busca

Princeton University
Judge Arthur Lane
Scholar-Leader-Athlete

Tom Johnson

Tony Persichilli
Meritorious Service Award

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**ROBERT F. CASCIOLA DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARD
ANGELO J. ONOFRI**



Angelo J. Onofri knows just how important education and leadership are to our young people today. Since being sworn in as Mercer County prosecutor, he has taken the lead with initiatives that are geared toward educating our community on issues that directly impact life in Mercer County. As the county’s chief law enforcement officer, he leads the 200 member prosecutor’s office.

A Steinert High School alum, Angelo graduated with high honors from Rutgers University and Eagleton Institute of Politics before earning his law degree from Villanova University School of Law. He has been admitted to the New Jersey Bar and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He began his post graduate career with the law firm of McCarthy Schatzman, P.A., working as a litigation associate for six years. He then served as the deputy Mercer County counsel and an assistant prosecutor for the city of Trenton before joining the Mercer County’s Prosecutor’s Office in May 1998.

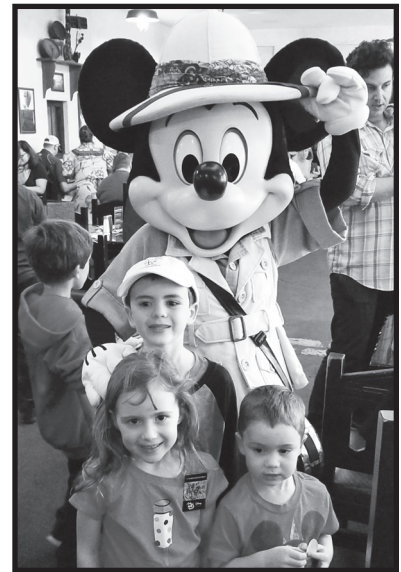
During his time as first assistant and acting prosecutor, Angelo focused his efforts on programs and initiatives that reduce violence and crime, foster community relationships and encourage the youth to make Mercer County a safer, better place to work and live. He

also is very invested in many programs that help to improve the quality of life including forming the Mercer County Homicide Task Force and the Shooting Response Team, Immigration Policy, Conviction Review while serving on the Attorney Generals Trenton Violence Reduction Strategy Task Force where he has led efforts to expand develop the Trenton Fresh Start program.

The connection that Mr. Onofri has with our youth is understanding the value of being involved. He is actively involved with the Trenton Police Department Youth Explorers and has been professionally and personally involved with Special Olympics New Jersey by coordinating the county law enforcement efforts for the national Special Olympics USA games that were held in Mercer County and now serving on the Board for SONJ in Lawrenceville.

But it doesn’t end there. He is involved. He teaches courses at the Mercer County Police Academy, where he serves as the vice chairman of the board. He is immediate past president of the Mercer County Bar Association and current first vice president of the County Prosecutors Association. He is actively involved with other organizations, chairing the scholarship committee for the Hamilton PAL and the Capital City Community Coalition and Project READ. Currently, he has taken a lead role in New Jersey’s fight against prescription drug and heroin abuse. Through the implementation of the Narcan and One Voice programs in the County, he is collaborating with law enforcement, healthcare and community organizations to provide first responders with the overdose antidote and hosting community forums in an effort to combat this epidemic through education, awareness, prevention and treatment.

Angelo Onofri is a committed individual. He has used his talents and has worked hard to achieve success. He is a role model that continues to give back to our youth and to our community by getting involved and tackling issues that effect play on the field and work in the classroom, using the lessons learned to build a successful career and a strong family. He is a role model that our Chapter Scholar-Leader-Athletes can look up to and learn from.



Past Distinguished American Award Recipients

2017 Michael J. Renna	2006 Marc Edenzon	1995 Bob Prunetti	1984 Roy Schleicher	1973 Dr. Joseph Zawadsky
2016 Richard Freeman	2005 Cathy DiCostanzo	1994 Bill Granville	1983 Jake McCandless	1972 R. Kenneth Fairman
2015 Bernard M. Flynn	2004 Christy Stephenson	1993 Cosmo Iacavazzi	1982 Earl H. Dean	1971 Sen. Richard Coffee
2014 Jeff Perlman	2003 Sen. Peter Inverso	1992 George Chandler	1981 William Pierce	1970 Bert Gulick, Jr.
2013 Jesse Armstead	2002 Patrick L. Ryan	1991 Alfred Bridges	1980 Nicholas Gusz	1969 Robert Cox
2012 Frank J. Lucchesi	2001 Maurice Perilli	1990 Eugene A. Renna	1979 William McGuire	1968 James Kerney, Jr
2011 Eric Hamilton	2000 Jay Destribats	1989 Len Rivers	1978 Richard Landis	Fred Schluter
2010 Richard P Lisk	1999 William Faherty	1988 Capt. Harry Masterson	1977 Francis McManimon	1967 Don Ehret
2009 Glenn K. Rieth	1998 Thomas Bracken	1987 Lawrence Tiihoonen	1976 Royce Flippin	
2008 Kelly Myers	1997 Win Headley	1986 Albert DiMartin	1975 Crosby Copeland	
2007 Chris Vernon	1996 Tim Losch	1985 Robert Casciola	1974 Al Neuschafer	

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GEORGE O’GORMAN CONTRIBUTION TO AMATEUR FOOTBALL AWARD CHARLES R “CHARLIE” THOMPSON

To sum up Charlie Thompson in a nutshell, he’s a tireless worker who always puts the needs of the athletes he is entrusted to care for front and center.

Thompson is a perfect person to be this year’s recipient of the George O’Gorman Contributor to Amateur Football Award. Like O’Gorman, Thompson is someone who gives back an incredible amount to sports, including football.

Thompson has spent the last 20 years as the head athletic trainer at Princeton University. Over the course of that time his No. 1 priority has always been the student athletes and their health and safety.

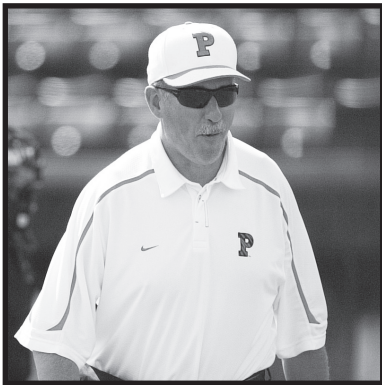
“I believe we all - coaches, athletic trainers, physicians, officials, parents, and players -have a responsibility for the overall safety of our athletes and the state of the sport we all love,” Thompson said. “We all have to be accountable for the safety of the athletes, and for the state of the sport. And finally, we all, except maybe the players, have the authority to make the sport safer and preserve everything we love about the sport itself.”



Thompson has been as much a part of the football program as the coaches and players over those 20 years with the program.

“Charlie Thompson has been our team’s trainer since I’ve been at Princeton, and I’ve never seen him take a moment off,” Princeton coach Bob Surace said. “He arrives as early as the coaches, and stays until the last player has been taken care of. He is tough - there have been moments where I told him to head home because of illness and 30 minutes before practice he is setting up the Gatorade tubs on the field. I have looked to him for guidance and advice through my time at Princeton and I’ve been blessed to work with someone of his expertise.”

A graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a Masters Degree from the University of Arizona, Thompson has also been the head athletic trainer at URI and the University of Maine. He had an earlier stint at Princeton from 1982-85 and has also worked with the football programs at Penn State and Pittsburgh.



Thompson is a member of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association’s Hall of Fame (class of 2013) and has also received the NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award. As Chair of the NATA College and University Athletic Trainer Committee, he was the liaison to the American Football Coaches’ Association, and has been a speaker at the annual meeting and also a contributor to the Association’s journal.

Married to the former Sandy Sutton for 38 years; Thompson has a son Colin and daughter-in-law Berenice and granddaughter Eva; as well as a daughter Ashley and son-in-law Greg DiNardo.

Past Contribution to Amateur Football Award Recipients

2017 Dan Klim	2004 Steve Gazdek	1991 Roger Hendler	1979 Ed Cook
2016 Ken Fisher	2003 Vince Reed	1990 George Sperling	1978 Jack Stephan
2015 Dr. William Gomez	2002 Scott Brunner	1989 Ed Farley	1977 Steve Muench
2014 John Law	2001 Sam Jefferis	1988 Burtis “Bunker” Hill	1976 Dr. Paul Checbro
2013 Rob Radice	2000 Troy Vincent	1987 Joseph Fruscione	1975 Jack Petrone
2012 Rich Fisher	1999 Wes Kirkpatrick	1986 John Morris	1974 Fred Holmes
2011 Paul “Bones” Vichroski	1998 David “Poppy” Sanderson	1985 Eric Hamilton	1973 Roy Van Ness
2010 John D. McKenna	1997 Ron Rick, Jr.	1984 Jack Rafferty	1972 John Gorman
2009 Steven J. Timko	1996 The Santuzza Oilers	1983 Ron Rick	1971 Robert Sinkler
2008 Tom Murray	1995 Tony Persichilli	1982 Harold “Bus” Saidt	1970 Pete Morgan
2007 Jim Fisher	1994 Harley Gaskill/Fred Stives	1981 Ken Kueffel	1969 Fred Schluter
2006 Jim Griffin	1993 Bob Jaroni	1980 George O’Gorman	1968 Ed Zanfrini
2005 John Curtis	1992 Edward Naylor		

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PAST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Year	Winner / High School / College / Award	Year	Winner / High School / College / Award
2017	Erik Dehkes / North Hunterdon / Carnegie Mellon / \$5,000 Mark Pacini / Florence / TCNJ / \$2,500 Patrick Holly / Hun / Harvard / \$1,500	1999	Brian Lyons / Hamilton / Post Grad / \$5,000 Isaac Bethea / Trenton / Pennsylvania / \$3,500 Adam Allen / Nottingham / Lafayette / \$2,500
2016	Richard Mottram / Allentown / Bucknell / \$5,000 Isaiah Wingfield / Lawrenceville / Harvard / \$2,500 Taylor Twamley / Robbinsville / Penn State / \$1,500 Thomier Richardson / Trenton / Gettysburg / \$1,500	1998	Alex Wade / Council Rock / Duke / \$5,000 Jamal Lundy / Florence / Lehigh / \$3,500 Adrian Wall / Lawrenceville / Harvard / \$2,500
2015	CJ Markisz / WWP-North / Bowdoin / \$5,000 Frank Lucchesi / Steinert / Muhlenberg / \$2,500 Xavier Lezynski / Notre Dame / Notre Dame / \$1,500	1997	Mike Azzara / Lawrence / Middlebury / \$5,000 Brian White / Hamilton / Villanova / \$3,500 Dave Czehut / North Burlington / Princeton / \$2,500
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	1996	Buck Adams / Hightstown / West Point / \$5,000 Brett Martz / North Burlington / Pennsylvania / \$3,500 Don Povia / Nottingham / Monmouth / \$2,500
2013	Nicholas DeMarie / Nottingham / Pennsylvania / \$5,000 Sam Follansbee / North Hunterdon / Pennsylvania / \$2,500 Kurt Frimel / New Egypt / Cornell / \$2,500	1995	Joe Andolina / WWP / Princeton / \$5,000 Hank Johns, Jr. / Pennsbury / Georgetown / \$3,500 Greg Gorla / Steinert / Johns Hopkins / \$2,500
2012	Brian Schoenauer / WWP-South / Pennsylvania / \$5,000 Jadaen Bernstein / Voorhees / Naval Academy Prep / \$2,500 Nick Palladino / Allentown / Muhlenberg / \$2,500	1994	Anthony Apicelli / Ewing / Princeton / \$5,000 Brian Vannozzi / Notre Dame / Johns Hopkins / \$3,500 Rick Dittman / Pennsbury / Brown / \$1,500
2011	Chris Evans / WWP-South / Harvard / \$5,000 Richard Levy / Trenton / University of Connecticut / \$2,500 J. Walker Kirby / Lawrenceville / Harvard / \$2,500	1993	Matt Rader / Pennsbury / Duke / \$5,000 Ian Halpern / Princeton Day / Brown / \$2,500 Dan Schramek / Council Rock / Penn State / \$1,500
2010	Ross Scheuerman / Allentown / Lafayette / \$5,000 Matt Berry / North Hunterdon / Johns Hopkins / \$2,500	1992	Ricky Durst / Pennington / Middlebury / \$5,000 Noah Harlan / Princeton / Williams / \$2,500 Gus Burmeister / Florence / Lafayette / \$1,500
2009	Bradford Bormann / Hunterdon Central / Lafayette / \$5,000 Douglas Bryant / Princeton / University of Michigan / \$2,500 Sean Eccles / Allentown / Ramapo / \$2,500	1991	Rob Beetel / North Burlington / Trenton State / \$5,000 Greg Coleman / Steinert / Trenton State / \$2,500 William Warrick / Lawrenceville / North Carolina / \$1,500
2008	Anthony Russ / Lawrence / Harvard / \$5,000 Brian Reilly / Peddie / Harvard / \$2,500 Jeffrey Riemann / WWP-South / Williams / \$2,500	1990	Todd Luyber / Florence / Rutgers / \$5,000 Terrance Stokes / Trenton / Pennsylvania / \$2,500 Ron Duld / Council Rock / Pennsylvania / \$2,500
2007	Daniel Fitzsimmons / Hunterdon Central / Princeton / \$5,000 Andrew Bourassa / Delaware Valley / Cornell / \$2,500 Douglas Borchert / Princeton / Lafayette / \$2,000 Eldred Richards / WWP-South / Albany / \$2,000	1989	William Buffaloe / Bishop Egan / Yale / \$5,000 Adam Warcholak / Lawrence / Franklin & Marshall / \$2,500 James Renna / WWP / Princeton / \$2,500
2006	Ryan Lupo / WWP-South / Williams / \$5,000 Joshua Scassero / Florence / Stockton / \$2,500 Nick Lezynski / Notre Dame / Notre Dame / \$2,500	1988	Scott Schienvar / Hightstown / Washington / \$5,000 Russell Player / Burlington Twp. / Holy Cross / \$2,500 Tom Falkowski / Allentown / Bucknell / \$2,500
2005	Imaniborn Etukeren / Lawrenceville / Arizona State / \$5,000 David Blitzer / Princeton Day / Williams / \$2,500 Gabriel C. Plumer / Delaware Valley / Johns Hopkins / \$2,500	1987	Paul Evans / Hamilton / Pennsylvania / \$5,000 Scott Snyder / Council Rock / Virginia Tech / \$2,500 Eric Smith / Lawrence / Cornell / \$2,500
2004	Andrew Riexinger / Notre Dame / TCNJ / \$5,000 Vincent G. Giacalone / Princeton / Carnegie Mellon / \$2,500 Matthew Ordog / Florence / Muhlenberg / \$2,500	1986	John Kleinman / WWP / Lehigh / \$4,000 Scott Miller / Princeton Day / Brown / \$2,000 Jesse Klingbiel / Princeton / Bucknell / \$2,000
2003	Brian Raike / Ewing / Pennsylvania / \$5,000 David Mosteller / Princeton / Wesleyan / \$3,500 Brian Waller / Hightstown / Coast Guard / \$2,500	1985	Todd Ortman / Pennsbury / Princeton / \$2,000 CJ Cunningham / Council Rock / Pennsylvania / \$1,000 Charles McCall / WWP / Pennsylvania / \$1,000
2002	Robert Toresco / Hunterdon Central / Princeton / \$5,000 Stephen Ordog / Florence / Ursinus / \$3,500 Jay Graber / Notre Dame / Hofstra / \$1,250 JT Hutchinson / WWP-South / Pennsylvania / \$1,250	1984	Galen Beske / WWP / Lafayette / \$1,500 Eric Hovanec / Princeton Day / Princeton / \$750 David Nitti / Ewing / Villanova / \$750
2001	Alexander Brun / Hamilton / Rutgers / \$5,000 Charles Nagy / Bordentown / Wagner / \$3,500 Jonathon Johnston / Peddie / US Naval Academy / \$2,500	1983	Ed Hudson / Lawrenceville / Harvard / \$1300 Mike Schnoering / Nottingham / NJ Tech / \$650 Darren Doherty / Notre Dame / Swarthmore / \$650
2000	Jason Vida / Pennsbury / William & Mary / \$5,000 Joe Crupi / Hamilton / US Marine Corps / \$3,500 John Brodowski / Bordentown / Muhlenburg / \$2,500 Matthew Krantz / Allentown / Wake Forest / \$2,000	1982	Nathan Thompson / Lawrence / William & Mary / \$800 Mike Druckman / WWP / Harvard / \$400 Richard Guinness / Steinert / Rider / \$400

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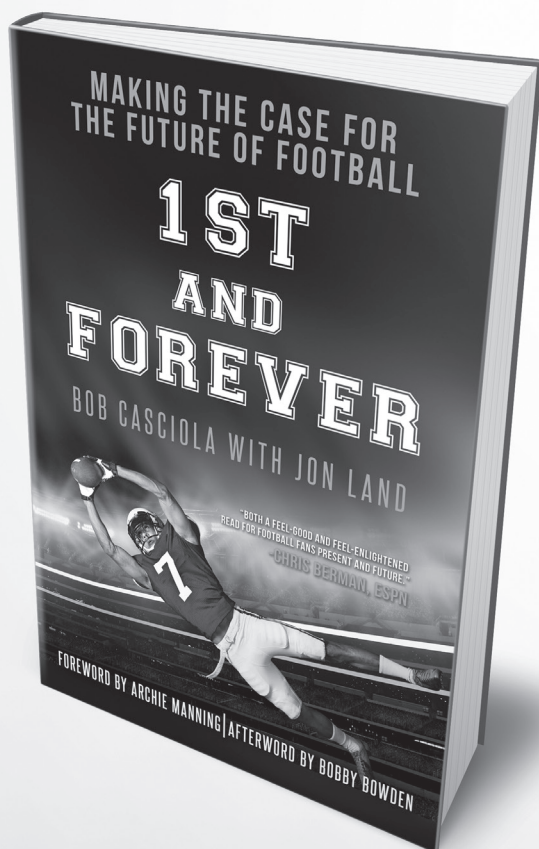
PAST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (CONTINUED)

Year / Winner / High School / Head Coach

- 1981 Douglas Paul / Princeton / Bill Cirullo
Larry Ostema / Lawrenceville / Ken Keuffel
- 1980 Albert Yunkus / Peddie / Bob McClellan
Mark Tagliaferri / WWP / Tom Stuart
- 1979 L. Hunninghake / Princeton / Jim Beachell
John Freda / Princeton Day / Jim Walker
- 1978 Roncalli-Amici / Peddie / Duke Oxford
Jeffrey Guzy / WWP / Rex Walker
- 1977 Donald Gips / Princeton Day / Bob Hoffman
Joe Garefino / South Hunterdon / Sam Jeffris
- 1976 Darren Ford / Pennington / Bill Long
James Annett / Council Rock / Walt Snyder
- 1975 Mark Blaxhill / Princeton Day / John Boneparth
Rich Hagen / Hamilton / Bill McEvoy
- 1974 Wayne Buder / Pennsbury / Chuck Kane
W. Ellsworth / Princeton Day / John Boneparth
- 1973 Brian Bestwick / Delhaas / Bob Hart
David Ballard / Lawrenceville / Ken Keuffel
- 1972 Harold Brown / Lawrence / Ed Shirk
Stuart Gordon / Lawrenceville / Ken Keuffel

Year / Winner / High School / Head Coach

- 1971 Andrew Varga / Morrisville / Ray Feldman
Alan Chalifoux / Hun / David Leete
- 1970 Richard Ziegler / Hun / David Leete
Jerome Varcallo / Woodrow Wilson / Lou Sorrentino
- 1969 Lewis Bowers / Princeton Day / Dan Barren
James Boyle / Bishop Egan / Dick Bedesem
- 1968 Edward Hryn / Hamilton / Dave Bryan
Paul Dahlman / Pennsbury / Ernie Baugher
- 1967 Tom Butterfoss / Princeton / Dick Wood
Mike Drulis / Notre Dame / Walt Porter
Robert Krugler / Peddie / Edmund Paul
- 1966 Sylvester Micir / Bishop Egan / Dick Bedesem
Stephan Kessler / Pennington / Howard Poore
- 1965 James Colbert / Neshaminy / John Petercuskie
Warren McManus / Peddie / Edmund Paul
- 1964 Mark Savidge / Hun / Hawley Water
- 1963 Will Dickey / Lawrenceville / Jack Reydel
- 1962 Pat Ryan / Notre Dame / Walt Porter



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George O'Gorman: Truly One of a Kind

Last year we lost a long time friend, supporter and sports lover. Everyone involved with local sports knew O'G (as he was known). George was a true advocate for local sports teams and will be missed. In his honor, the "Contribution to Amateur Athletics Award" will now be known as the "George O'Gorman Contribution To Amateur Athletics Award."



HISTORY OF THE 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 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 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.

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.

THE 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 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.



AARON BENNETT TRENTON

Aaron Bennett was a major reason the Tornados again qualified for the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association football playoffs in 2018.

But it has been an interesting path throughout his high school career. An undersized starting offensive lineman as a sophomore, Bennett grew into an impressive starting linebacker under the tutelage of head coach Greg Hyslop and staff.

“Aaron played the game no differently than he did as an offensive lineman,” Hyslop said. “He continuously put himself in the right position to make plays because of his knowledge and his desire to study the game. Aaron was a leader for us on defense and was a big part of our success in several of our wins this season.”

A student of the game, Bennett is also a serious student in the classroom. Not only is Aaron an Advanced Placement Calculus student,

but he also shares that knowledge with his peers, willingly giving of his time to tutor others. “Aaron,” said Trenton math teacher Deirdre Brown, “is a well-rounded and caring leader. He chooses to be a positive role model for those around him.”

Bennett takes his passions seriously. Aaron is also an emerging culinary star who enjoys cooking when he gets the chance. He is also involved in several extracurricular activities through the school’s science department. Bennett plans to study biology in college. “Wherever Aaron chooses to go, that school will be gaining a great student and even better person,” said Hyslop, who mentioned Holy Cross, Monmouth, Lock Haven, and New Haven as choices. “Aaron does not just tackle the game of football with great character and leadership, he tackles life with that same attitude.”



ROBERT BENNETT NOTTINGHAM

Leaders like Robert Bennett have helped head coach Jon Adams build one of the most successful programs in the area. Players come and go, but tradition – thanks to young men like Robert Bennett – never graduates.

“The thing that impresses me most about Robert is his work ethic,” said Adams, who is coming up on three decades as head coach of the Northstars. “He keeps working hard no matter what the situation. This young man never missed a practice in four years. He continues to motivate, encourage, and even teach our younger players. He is a young man with impeccable character.”

A top student in Nottingham’s Class of 2019, Robert has a 4.1 weighted GPA and is active in the Northstar community. Bennett is a member of the National Honor Society. He participates in the school’s Peer Leader program, as well as the Outreach for the Stars,

an organization that collects food, clothing, and money for families in need.

A four-year, honor roll student, Bennett also volunteers with the Special Olympics.

Part of the school’s championship winning baseball program, Robert has been earned the football program’s Unsung Hero Award from the 12th Man TD club chapter. He has been a speaker and participant in Black History Month, as well as Spanish Heritage Month.

Nottingham certainly has a winner in Robert Bennett and the success of the teams he has been on is just a by-product of that.

“Robert has tremendous dedication to the program,” Adams said. “He truly has an ‘All In’ mentality. Robert is an unselfish player and a high character young person who has always been a positive influence on the younger members of our programs.”



MALCOLM BRUNSON

THE HUN SCHOOL

Malcolm Brunson is the embodiment of what the Scholar-Leader-Athlete recognition strives for according to Hun head coach Todd Smith. “His perseverance on the football field and in the classroom has allowed Malcolm to earn opportunities that will change his life forever,” Smith said. “The road Malcolm has been traveling on ... could have defeated many student athletes, but through it all Malcolm persevered.”

Injuries began to pile up. As an impact sophomore at Hun, Malcolm tore his ACL early in the season. A grueling rehabilitation followed – but then he broke his foot on a touchdown run in week 2 of his junior year, an injury that required three surgeries and a nine-month recovery process. After all of that adversity, there was no way Brunson was coming off the field as a senior. Malcolm was a first-team, all-league linebacker and led the Raiders to their fifth straight Mid-Atlantic Prep League crown.



A National Honor Society student, Brunson has thrived with the challenges that come from Hun’s high academic environment. His extracurricular list is similarly impeccable. Malcolm is part of the National Honor Society, the Black Student Union, the Alzheimer’s Awareness club, and serves as an usher for the North Stelton AME church. He participates on the Hun School discipline committee and serves as a resident assistant on campus.

Malcolm has volunteered with the North Stelton AME food pantry, the Brandywine nursing home, and the Community Garden in Trenton. “Through injury and doubt, Malcolm emerged as one of the best football players I have ever coached,” said Smith, who noted Malcolm will attend Morgan State in the fall. “I can tell you for a fact that he is one of the best human beings I have ever had the pleasure to be around.”

NICHOLAS CAMPBELL

ALLENTOWN

Nick Campbell has been content to let others grab the spotlight as Allentown has become one of the top football programs in the area. But head coach Jay Graber knows the all-conference linebacker is vital to the team’s success.

“Nick is the reason (people) get into the coaching profession,” said Graber, who once again led the Redbirds to the NJSIAA playoffs. “He does everything with passion, never complains, and conquers adversity at every opportunity. He plays with a selfless attitude and embraces his role within the team.”

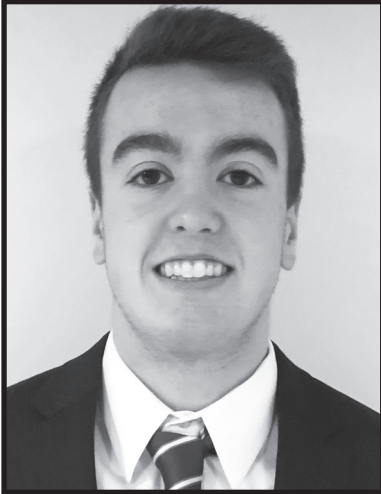
An all-conference selection at fullback when Allentown won a sectional title in 2016, Campbell is even better in the classroom. Nick has been an honor roll student every semester of his high school career and carries a weighted GPA above 4.0. He has excelled in numerous Advanced Placement Courses and is a member of the National Honor Society,



the Math Honor Society, and the History Honor Society. The Class of 2019 Treasurer, Campbell is in Student Council and participates on the school’s Math League team. He also tutors math students at the high school.

Nick also volunteers his time to the community. He went on the Maine Mission trip to repair homes for the less fortunate. He was a Captain of Villages for the Partnership Water Walk team, raising money for those in Malawi.

“Nick has dedicated himself to be a strong student in the classroom and a leader in the district,” Graber said. “I have nothing but positive things to say about this young man. He is one of the main reasons our program has enjoyed the success that it has. I look forward to following him in his future endeavors.”



CONNOR COFFEE

PRINCETON

While Princeton may have struggled in the win column in 2018, by no means can that be attributed to a lack of leadership. Connor Coffee has been a valuable part of the Little Tigers program the last four seasons.

“Connor was unanimously voted captain of our team,” Princeton head coach Charlie Gallagher said. “He has worked tirelessly both on and off the field. Connor has never been one to look for the limelight. He is the guy who makes his living putting his hand in the dirt. Connor has always been an unselfish and total team player and he is extremely deserving of the award.”

A first-team, all-division selection on the offensive line, Coffee cuts a pretty large figure on the Princeton campus in another way – he is the President of the Class of 2019. But that’s to be expected. Not only did he join his older brother and grandfather and become

the third member of his family to be Class President at Princeton High, but his grandfather is a former New Jersey State Senator.

In addition, Connor has excelled in the classroom at one of the elite high schools in New Jersey. On the 2018 National Latin Exam, he received the Cum Laude Award for his score. In addition, Connor received the AP Scholar Award, which is awarded to students who have averaged a minimum of 3.25 on their AP exams with a score of three or more on at least four of those exams.

“Connor has always kind of done it his way, but maintains great relationships with friends, teachers, and coaches,” Gallagher said. “He is a stellar student who always makes it a point to be on time to class and earn solid grades.”



EVAN COLLINS

NOTRE DAME

Evan Collins, according to his head coach Marc Lordi, is unique. Not just because of his love of football. Evan certainly has that. He brought that to the Notre Dame football program every day for four years and even raised that bar for his three years as a starter. Yes, Evan was a player who truly loved every minute of playing high school football. Not just because of his work ethic. He didn’t miss time in the weight room but there are others who could say the same.

Collins, insists Lordi, is unique because of the incredibly diverse ways he was an asset to the football program. Even though Collins always carried an intense course load, he always found ways to help others around him. During free periods, Evan studied. But when he wasn’t studying, he was helping others. Sometimes tutoring, sometimes community service – but always helping.

“Evan set the example for players in our program as to how to act in the classroom, how to treat your teammates, and how relentless effort pays off,” Lordi said. “He stayed late to clean the locker room, he offered rides to those who needed them, and he was our strong and reassuring voice on the field in times of chaos.”

Collins volunteered over 200 hours of his time to community programs in his Junior year alone and was recognized by ND with the Presidential Award for Service. A four-year honor roll student, Collins received the Dale Carnegie Speaker award as a sophomore, and has been on the board of the school’s Catholic Athletes for Christ Leadership group the last two years.

Evan attended an Engineering camp at Howard University and intends to pursue it as a career in the future.



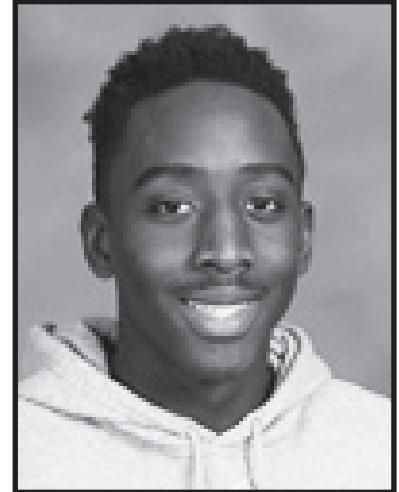
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DIASSA DIAKITE LAWRENCEVILLE

There is no question that Diassa Diakite has made an impact in all areas at The Lawrenceville School.

He has been head coach Harry Flaherty's most impactful player on both sides of the ball the last few years. An explosive running back and punt returner, Diassa is a lockdown defensive back, drawing the team's toughest assignment each week and responding with great success. It is that role where he is expected to have an early impact at Harvard.

Of course you don't get to Harvard without showing your stuff in the classroom, and Diakite has shined in that area as well. Besides the "usual" course load of Calculus, Economics, Bioethics, Computer Programming, Theater, and World Religions, Diassa is one of the few at Lawrenceville to add the study of Arabic – a largely self-taught course – into his repertoire.



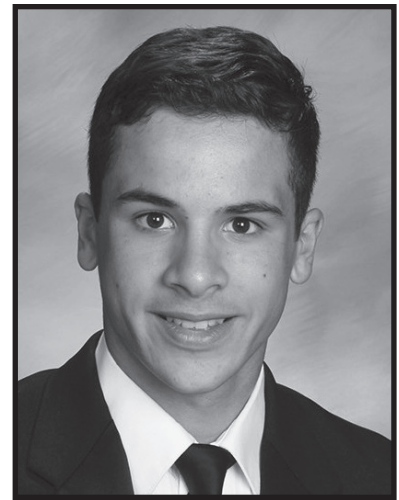
But beyond his academic and athletic talents, Diassa is as positive a leader as the Lawrenceville campus has seen. This may be his greatest impact. He is part of the Alliance of Black Cultures and has participated as a camp counselor for the Lawrenceville School's summer camp. A near-unanimous choice as team captain, Diakite is also a campus prefect, one of the chosen few who live with underclassmen in residence halls to serve as their mentor. He lives with more than 30 students – sophomores and juniors – and guides them through the challenging L'ville experience. "Through my time with Diassa, it has become clear to me that he represents the quintessential Scholar-Leader-Athlete," Flaherty said. "He has squeezed as much out of Lawrenceville's educational experience as he can. More so than any student-athlete I have worked with, he is worthy of this award."

STEVEN DOLDY HOPEWELL VALLEY

Want proof that his peers view Steven Doldy as a leader? The Hopewell Valley senior is a three-sport varsity captain for the Bulldogs this year. Doldy is the leader of HV's football, hockey, and lacrosse squads.

"Steven has a relentless work ethic, is very coachable, and understands the concept of team," head coach Dave Caldwell said. "During the football season, when the team is faced with adversity, Steven's teammates look to him for guidance. This is where Steven's confidence and maturity allow him to lead the team through difficult situations.

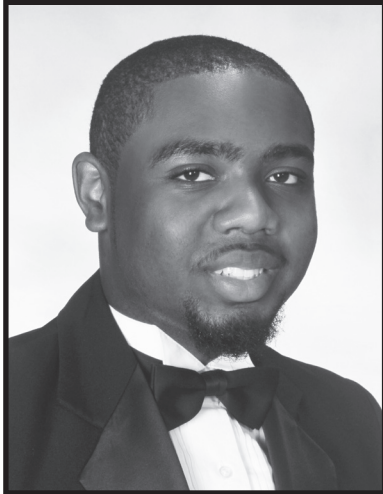
"Steven looks at tough situations as learning opportunities and relishes in the opportunity to lead," Caldwell said. "Due to his relentless work ethic and desire to be successful, Steven is always ready to lead and inspire his teammates." Doldy prides himself in being successful in the classroom as well. He has thrived with a course load full of Honors and



Advanced Placement classes and hopes to attend one of the military academy schools for college.

Leadership transcends everything Steven does. He is a squad leader with the US Naval Sea Cadet Corp and has participated in training programs with the Sea Cadet Honor Company and the Coast Guard Special Operations Unit.

Selected by his coaches to participate in a Leadership Development program run by the Hopewell Valley community, Steven has made a difference in the area. He has volunteered with Wreaths Across America, the Law Enforcement Active Shooter Drill Team, and the Hopewell Valley Open Space Community clean-up team. "Steven will apply his relentless work ethic and positive attitude to everything he chooses to do," Caldwell said. "He will continue to be a trustworthy friend, loyal teammate, and excellent leader."



EDDIE FENNELL IV HAMILTON

A star on and off the field, Eddie Fennell is a most worthy choice as the Scholar-Leader-Athlete selection from Hamilton West High School.

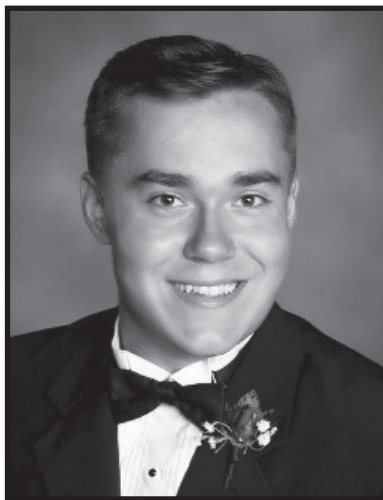
Eddie was a two-year starter at quarterback for the Hornets under head coach Tom Hoglen and led the team to a 6-4 record his senior season. But more importantly, Fennell has been one of Hoglen's stars in the classroom. Fennell has earned Hamilton West Academic awards (3.55 GPA or greater) for three years and is in the top 25 percent of his graduating class.

"Pride, Tradition, and Excellence are what every football player at West strives for," said Hoglen, who himself is "graduating" after two decades at the helm of one of Mercer County's most successful programs. "Eddie has demonstrated that he can excel on the field and in the classroom."

Eddie has had some very important leadership roles in the community as well. He has been involved in the Museums in Motion project that sets up African-American history museums in several schools within the Hamilton School District. It is a great way for Fennell to serve as a role model for younger students in the township.

Eddie has also been a counselor at the John O. Wilson summer camp for three years. It represents an opportunity for him to be responsible for the well being of younger campers and to give back to the community.

"Eddie really has demonstrated what Pride, Tradition, and Excellence at Hamilton West is all about," Hoglen said. "I cannot think of a more deserving Scholar-Leader-Athlete to receive this award than Eddie Fennell."



KRYSTIAN HAJDUCZKA LAWRENCE

Krystian Hajduczka became a great plug-and-play option for Lawrence head coach Nathan Jones the last two years. Whenever Jones needed a position filled on the offensive or defensive line, he knew who to call.

A two-year, two-way starter for the Cardinals, Hajduczka played every position on both lines except center. No wonder he was the team's "Unsung hero" award winner.

"He was a huge part of the team's success last season and its run into the playoffs (in 2017)," Jones said. "Krystian's can-do attitude and incredible versatility allowed us to play him in multiple spots when his teammates were lost due to injury."

Hajduczka combines his football credentials with a great academic resume at Lawrence. Among the top students in the senior class, Krystian has been an honor roll student his entire high school career. He has taken numerous

Advanced Placement classes and succeed at the highest level of courses that Lawrence has to offer. In doing so, Hajduczka has maintained a weighted GPA over 4.0, is a member of the National Honor Society, the Teen Pep club, the student leadership group, and also the Princeton University Preparatory Program.

"Krystian's infectious enthusiasm makes everything fun," history teacher Ann Hertzog said. "Whether in the classroom, on the stage of Lawrence High, or on the playing field, Krystian Hajduczka has made Lawrence High School a better place to learn and work.

"Having taught for more than four decades," Hertzog continued, "I am privileged to recommend Krystian as one of the best students whom I have encountered. His diligence, willingness to accept challenges, and can-do attitude make him stand out."



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DAVID HARRIS THE PEDDIE SCHOOL

Every day for four years, David Harris brought the attitude that Peddie head coach Chris Malleo wanted to establish for the Falcons football program.

“David’s attitude and workmanlike approach to both his academics and his athletics is inspiring,” Malleo said. “Each day, he sought greatness comparative to his own measure of his success, not the throng of applause. Never the most decorated player, David was always one of the most respected. His penchant for jumping into any drill or volunteering to be on the scout team was and still is the type of selfless example that would inspire our team.

“There are many superlatives that one could use to describe David,” Malleo said, “but no matter how much praise we heap, none of it would be doing him enough justice.”

That hard work carries over into everything he does. David is an excellent lacrosse player, and to complete his well rounded nature, he has had major parts in the Winter Musical each of his four years at Peddie. David is on both the all-male and select choir groups at the school.

All those accomplishments paint a picture of Harris that make it easy to see why he is a member of the school’s Gold Key Society – the highest honor group at Peddie. Students are recommended by teachers and then voted on their peers.

“David,” Malleo said, “is elite without being or acting elitist. He is always putting others before himself and almost everything he participates in becomes uniquely better because he is involved. I am proud to have been able to coach him and even more proud of the man he is.”



CONNOR HEALY NEW EGYPT

Connor Healy has been a great success on the football field for New Egypt High School. He’s been a greater success off it.

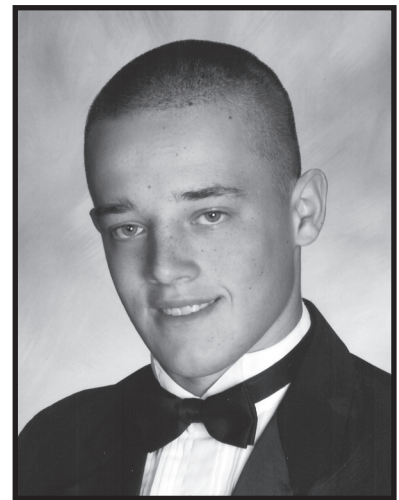
The football accolades alone are impressive. As varsity team captain in 2018, Connor was a first-team, all-division linebacker and as a junior, he was a Group I, third-team, all-state selection on the offensive line.

“Quietly determined and gifted in his abilities, Connor is a shining example of someone who consistently does his best and pushes those around him to contribute as well,” head coach Steven Fence said. “Connor personifies what a teammate and leader should be and is a pleasure to spend time with on and off the field.” Healy achieves just as much in all areas. One of the top students in the graduating class at New Egypt, Connor is a National Honor Society member, has served as a coach in the Cal Ripken / New Egypt

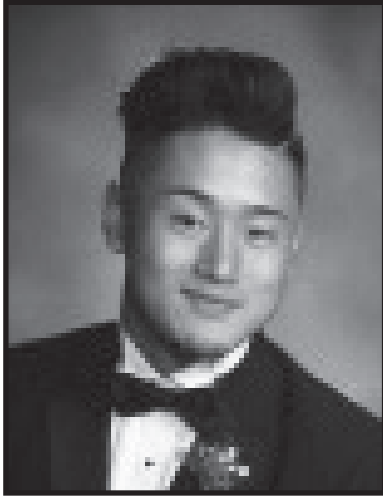
youth baseball program, and as a volunteer at Rein Dancer Farm.

Connor is also a distinguished honor graduate of the AIM program at the United States Coast Guard Academy. He is an alumnus of the United States Congressional Youth Leadership program, a BSN Sports National Scholar program recipient, and a first-team, all-American scholar recipient.

A two-year varsity starter on the baseball team, Connor loves to fish in his spare time – on the rare occasions he has spare time, of course. “I look forward to seeing Connor finish his New Egypt career and hearing about his future success,” Fence said. “Connor is able to set his goals high and do his utmost to achieve them. I am confident that his success at New Egypt will translate to continued success after high school.”



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JAMES KIM EWING

James Kim is someone who will be remembered around 900 Parkway Avenue for a long time. “His dedication and commitment to the Ewing community is what makes a person like James so special,” head coach Drew Besler said. “The sky is the limit for James, who exhibits as much character as he does talent.”

A three-year varsity starter for the Blue Devils, James has an incredibly well rounded resume. A four-year member of the Key Club and Volunteer Special Olympics, he is a peer leader, a former Vice President of the Future Business Leaders of America, and a consistent Honor Roll student.

James is a two-year National Honor Society member who is also a two-year varsity captain on the wrestling team. “These experiences have allowed James to develop his leadership talents and demonstrate his versatility as a student-athlete,” Besler said.

Versatility is a key word. James excels at the piano and trombone as well and is a two-year participant in the school’s Consumer Bowl. In football, he was the team’s leading receiver and one of Ewing’s top defenders at cornerback.

In some ways, James is like his head coach, who will be leaving the program to begin his career as an assistant principal in Pemberton. One of Besler’s mottos has always been to leave the program in a better place than he found it. Because of student-athletes like James Kim, there is no doubt that he has.

“His attitude, passion, and diligence will be missed in our program,” Besler said. “But he has left a legacy that will be felt in our school community forever.”



PAUL MILO ROBBINSVILLE

Paul Milo’s tireless and steady leadership was a big reason Robbinsville enjoyed its best football season since 2012. A unanimous team captain and two-year starter, Milo knew the only way to compete against players bigger and faster was with sheer grit and hard work, according to head coach Andrew Patterson.

“Having known Paul as both a student and athlete over the course of his scholastic career at Robbinsville, I can faithfully attest to his elite performance as well as his leadership and integrity,” Patterson said.

This was no different in the classroom, where Milo is a top student in the Class of 2019 and a member of the World Language Honor Society. Paul also participated in the Model United Nations program and is a former member of the Robbinsville track and field and wrestling squads.

A regular on the school’s Honor Roll, Milo is a volunteer at the Robbinsville branch of the Mercer County Library. Paul has also worked at Six Flags Great Adventure in the summer.

In reflection, Patterson noted how Milo stood out off the field as well. “In a world where (students) desire a quick response in a click-and-receive-immediately society, Paul is an old soul who appreciates and provides calculated and measured responses,” said Patterson, who also taught Milo in Honors English. “Paul’s analytical insight along with his precise diction and connotation in speaking and writing set him apart from a majority of his classmates. He is a true budding professional.

“Paul Milo is a true scholar and leader,” Patterson said. “As a two-decade veteran of public education, I have met few individuals with the attributes of Mr. Milo.



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JACK PARKER BORDENTOWN

Do-everything guys are vital at small school programs where numbers may not be what they are at the Group 4 and Group 5 schools. Jack Parker was that guy for Coach Stephen Perry's Scotties squad.

"Jack was one of only a few seniors we had on our team and did a great job of providing leadership to his teammates," Perry said. "He provided leadership through actions and words. He helped to carry equipment, helped his teammates with on-field assignments, picked up teammates when they got down, and continually encouraged and tutored the younger players."

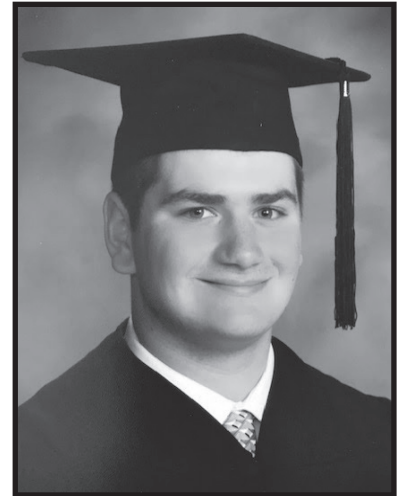
Another example of leadership? A two-year starter at fullback, Parker moved to the offensive line and became the team's starting center as a senior.

"He knew that this was what the team needed," Perry said, "and so he made the move without hesitation."

A four-year starting catcher on the baseball team, Parker excels off the field as well. A National Honor Society member, Jack is also in the Bordentown concert plan. He is in the school's show choir, core choir, and honors choir. He is a two-time Burlington County football all-academic selection and is in the top 12 percent of his senior class.

Jack also gives his time to volunteer in the community. He is a member of the community Christian choir, volunteers at Fernbrook Farms, and helps with Bordentown Little League. He has also given his time to the Special Needs bowling club.

"Jack's versatility is evident," Parker said. "Jack is a terrific young man and deserving of all recognition."



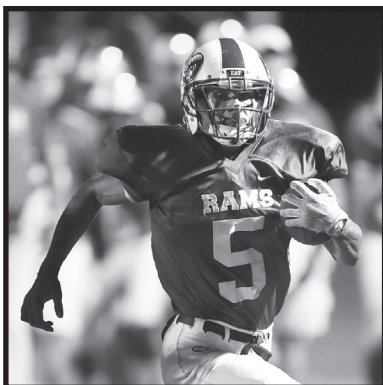
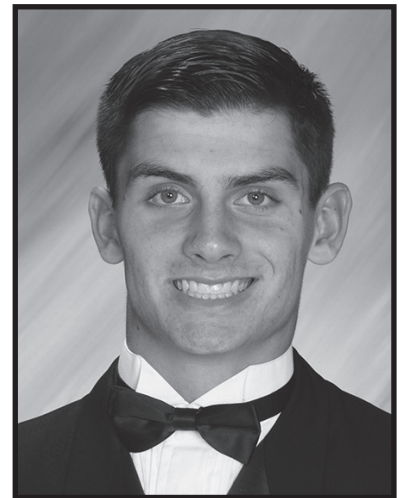
MICHAEL QUIGG HIGHTSTOWN

Hightstown football coach Ryan Fullen had that rare combination of his hardest worker also being his best football player. That is one way to summarize what Michael Quigg means to the Rams program. "He not only performed at an elite level in games all year," Fullen said, "but he also did so on the practice field, in the weight room, and most importantly the classroom, where he earned a 4.0 GPA."

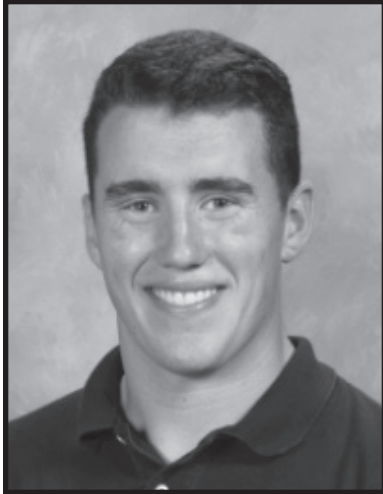
An all-division running back and an all-area defender, Quigg served as a two-year captain for the Rams. Losing Quigg is like losing a star player on both sides of the ball. In addition to his football and academic achievements, Michael has been involved in the school community as well. He is a volunteer for RISE – a community organization that assists local families and individuals so that they can recover from setbacks. Quigg is a member of the Ski club, DECA, and the school's Math League squad.

"His leadership abilities and dedication to his teammates and the school have had a positive impact on overall morale at Hightstown," business teacher George Wolkiewicz said. "His positive attitude is clearly demonstrated in the halls, classrooms, and fields here at Hightstown."

A star athlete in two-sports, Michael has received numerous accolades for his lacrosse skills. He has committed to play lacrosse at Monmouth University starting in the fall. "Michael's most redeeming quality," Fullen said, "is not his superior athletic or academic prowess, but rather the fact that he's just genuinely a good person. He has volunteered countless hours to help those in need in the Hightstown area, and continues to show up at every football related volunteer event even though his playing career at Hightstown has ended."



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JOHN STOTHOFF NORTH HUNTERDON

The center is the leader on the football team that few in the stands notice. At least not when things are running smoothly.

John Stothoff was a three-year starter at center for North Hunterdon and the leader of the offense. And things ran very smoothly for a lot of that time – including a 2017 sectional title. So Stothoff wasn't always noticed by the crowd. But he sure earned the respect of those around him.

“John was the ultimate example of how to play the center position,” head coach Jared Mazzetta said. “His performance on the field has set a high standard for his teammates – not only for this year, but for North Hunterdon athletes in the years to come.”

A program leader in the weight room, Stothoff never missed a workout in four years and earned the team's “Hard Hat” Award for

leadership. A highly committed player and teammate, John is similarly committed to excellence in the classroom.

John is an executive leader for the school's Interact and Able Club and a member of the North Hunterdon school peer leader program. He also does fantastic work in the community. Stothoff is a caretaker in a local Seeing Eye program. There, he has raised two Seeing Eye dogs to prepare them to help others. In the classroom, John is an elite student – one of the best in the 2019 senior class with a course load to match.

“John is an outgoing young man with great character,” Mazzetta said. “He is personable, well-mannered, and makes a positive contribution to our school and the community. He is most deserving of this prestigious award.”



TIMOTHY TOOMER STEINERT

Steinert head football coach Dan Caruso had no doubt in his mind who his program's nominee would be this year.

“To me,” Caruso said, “(Tim) is the perfect choice for the 2018 Scholar-Leader-Athlete award. He typifies all of the attributes that this award embodies. He is the type of young man who leads by example in the classroom, school community, and on the football field. He truly knows what it takes to balance school work and athletics and he has a work ethic that is second to none.”

Besides performing at an all-division level for the Spartans on the offensive line, Toomer also received praise from Caruso for his versatility and selfless attitude. A center all the way through his junior year, Tim moved to left tackle this year at the request of his coaches.

“Tim threw all of his energy into learning his new position and handling all the pressure that comes with it,” Caruso said. “He is a young man who works hard, doesn't care about personal glory, pushes himself and his teammates every day, and leads on the field by example. “Essentially,” Caruso continued. “Tim is a coach's dream.”

That example continued into the classroom and community. Not only is Tim a highly regarded student at Steinert, he's also one of the most involved. He is a Peer Leader at the school, plays on the ice hockey and lacrosse teams, and is part of the JROTC program. He has volunteered for Ryan's Quest and the Special Olympics. He has had a role in the school play (Guys and Dolls) and helped United States Congressman Chris Smith.

A well-rounded student and leader, Tim will attend The Citadel in the fall as part of the school's cadet program with the goal of ultimately serving in the US Military.



BRANDON WEST THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

The numbers don't seem real. Twenty-one touchdowns. One interception. 21 to 1. But they are real. And they are spectacular. Under veteran coach "Air" Jerry Eure, the Red Raiders put up the most passing yards and touchdowns in their long school history in 2018 on the way to an excellent 7-2 season. West was the captain, signal caller, and unquestioned team leader.

"Brandon has outstanding character and a mature attitude that was a positive influence on our program and school as a whole," Eure said. "Many of our younger players looked up to Brandon for guidance and direction. He has distinguished himself in many ways over his years at The Pennington School and he will be sorely missed."

He may be sorely missed, but his exploits will be talked about for a long time to come. Still, that only tells a part of the Brandon West story.



Brandon has served as a liaison to the athletics office, working with department members to ensure game day tasks are completed for Pennington's other sports. He is a popular campus guide, taking the time to show new and prospective students around the school. Brandon is also a part of the school's Tea Club – an open discussion of current events and politics.

West has also served as a supervisor for Safety Town in his hometown of Lawrence and since seventh grade been an umpire in the Lawrence youth baseball program. "Brandon is without a doubt one of the finest student-athletes I've coached in many years," Eure said. "The best way to describe Brandon is reliable, consistent, and hard working. When you combine these qualities with leadership ability, you get a great quarterback and an even better man."



JOHN WOOLSTON FLORENCE

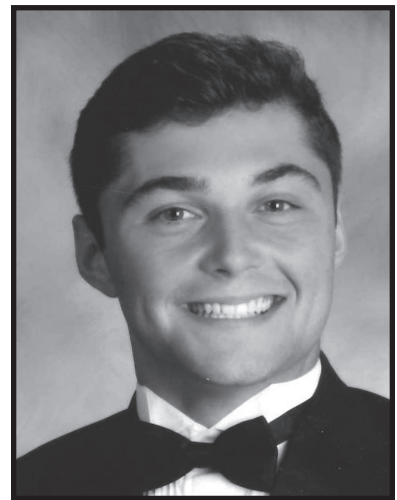
Florence is one of New Jersey's great high school football programs and Joe Frappolli is one of the state's legendary coaches, so it was truly a meaningful compliment he paid to senior captain John Woolston. "Without any doubt," Frappolli said, "John ranks in the top three of any Scholar-Leader-Athlete we have ever nominated for this prestigious honor and award. He is the best of the best."

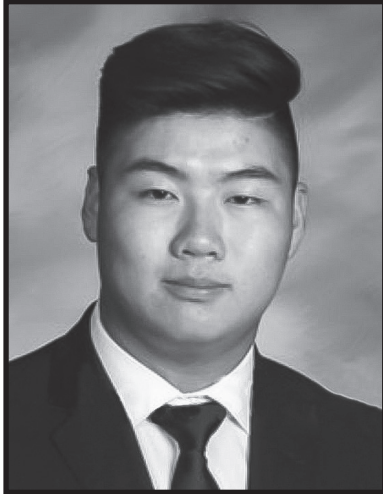
The football honors are substantial. First-team, all-division selections at linebacker and defensive back. An academic all-county selection and a two-year team captain. Florence advanced to the sectional semifinals in 2018 and John's play and leadership were major reasons why.

"He excelled as an unselfish offensive player as a wing back and receiver," Frappolli said. "A very smart football player, he could play just about anywhere on offense or defense. A ferocious blocker, John did whatever needed to be done for the team to succeed. And as talented an offensive player as he was, John wrecked total havoc on defense."



A three-year member of the National Honor Society, John has selflessly donated his time to the community. He has done volunteer work for the American Legion Post 194 as well as Florence Recreational Basketball. Woolston has been involved in clothing drives, the Riverfront School Basket Bonanza, and the team's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and reading to elementary school students. He participates in the annual town Christmas Tree lighting and caroling/dinner. "Every team should have a John Woolston leading them," Frappolli said. "I've often said that the greatest victory one will ever achieve is what they do with the rest of their lives. Even though he was so instrumental in leading us to so many victories during his four years at Florence, John is that guy who is yet to achieve his greatest victory."





BRIAN ZHONG

WEST WINDSOR PLAINSBORO

The challenges of putting a football team together from two high schools are unique. But one thing that is clear is that strong leadership is necessary to bring things together.

Head coach Jeff Reilly had that strong leader in Brian Zhong.

“Brian always included everyone and made all teammates feel a part of our football program, no matter what their status was in the program or what school they came from,” Reilly said. “Through his dedication to the weight room, Brian became one of our strongest players and because of how he handled himself, it made the teammates around him even better.”

It wasn’t the easiest of senior seasons for Zhong – West Windsor failed to crack the win column in 2018 while continuing to grow into a unified program. But as the adage goes, “Tough times don’t last. Tough people do.”

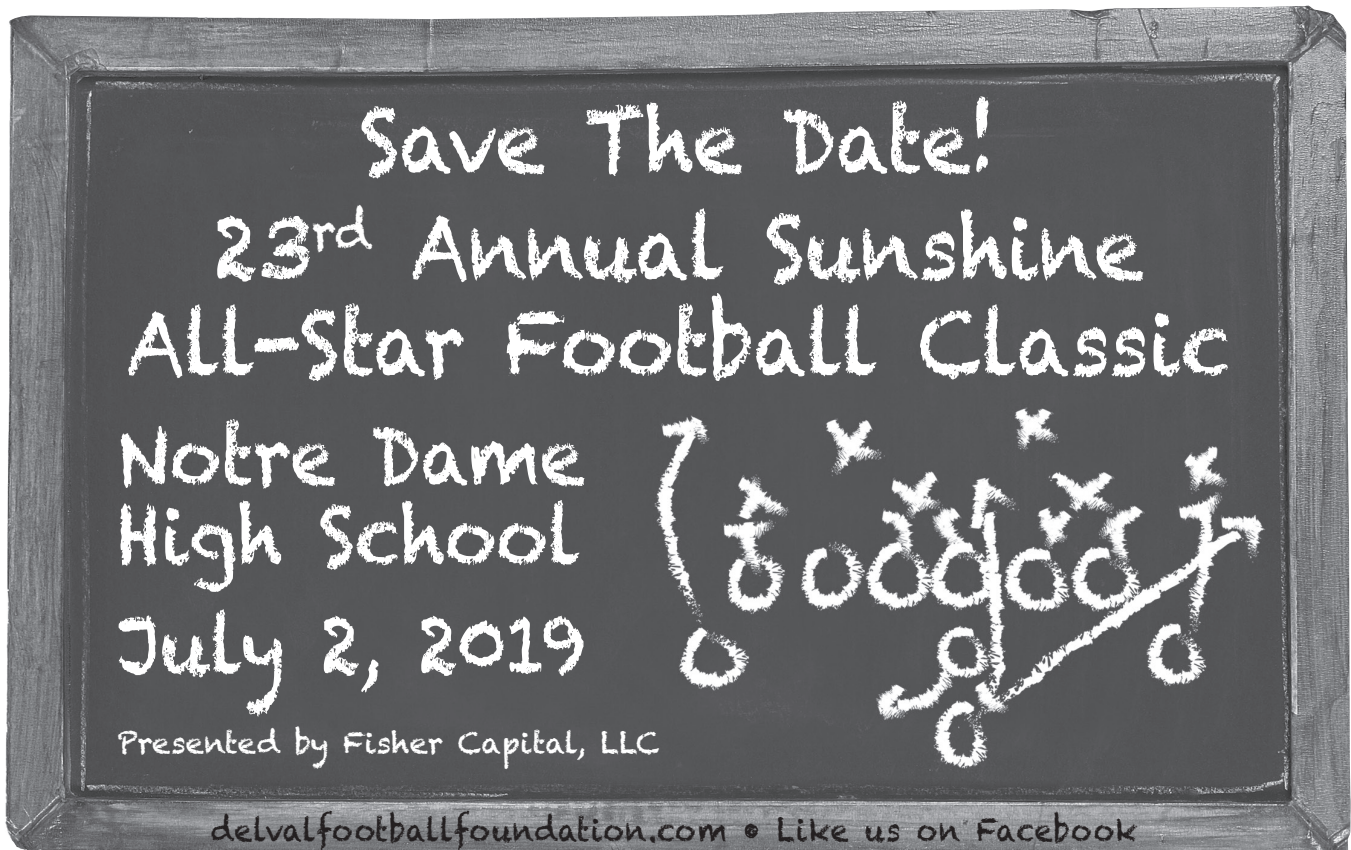
Zhong received high marks for not only his preparation, but also his desire to work with other players to make sure they understood strategies and techniques as well.

“The season was a true test of Brian’s character,” Reilly said. “Brian always came out to practice with a great attitude, ready and willing to do everything he could to make it a great practice. Brian worked hard to set the example that a senior captain needs to set.”

On the field, Brian was a do-everything for the Pirates – offensive line, defensive line, linebacker as needed. A National Merit Scholarship Commended student, Brian earned the Dr. YiBao Xu Memorial Award, has been a member of the Huaxia Chinese School for 14 years, and is a volunteer at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.



An elite student at an elite school, Brian was a true leader that will be difficult to replace.



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DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER LITTLE SCHOLAR JACK RICE

Donald Haas has no doubt that Jack Rice was the perfect candidate for the Delaware Valley Chapter Little Scholar Award. “Jack embodies every aspect of the ideal scholar athlete,” Dr. Haas said in his recommendation letter. “His academic accomplishments need no further comment as they are well-reflected in his straight-A report cards, achieved in an extremely competitive scholastic district.”

Dr. Haas is the President of the West Windsor-Wildcats Football and Cheer program. So he has witnessed the attributes of Jack Rice up close not only as the president of the league, but also as his coach.

Rice is an eighth grader at Community Middle School in Plainsboro. The West Windsor resident was one of four eighth graders invited to participate in the School Climate Club. As a member of the club he was part of a group that discussed problems within the middle school and school district and trying to find solutions to those problems. Once a month the club would meet with senior administration officials at the West Windsor-Plainsboro District Office.

Rice has been asked to help coach and mentor some of the younger Pop Warner players. He has been an All-American Little Scholar two years in a row. In addition, he won a character award for leadership at the middle school and finished third in the school’s Geography Bee. He has made the Principal’s Honor Roll all nine marking periods he has been at Community Middle School.

On the field, Rice plays offensive guard and a defensive tackle. He was age group MVP of the Offense/Defense Camp and was invited to the All-American Bowl after attending a camp there his past summer. He has been a team captain for Pop Warner football, school wrestling, school lacrosse and recreation lacrosse teams.

“Jack is a young man of impeccable character,” Dr. Haas said. “He is humble, despite being one of the best athletes in his class of approximately 400 students. He consistently offers help (athletic and academic) to fellow students, regardless of whether or not they are



athletes. He is well-liked by the entire student body, and he has a soft-spoken and easy-going manner. Jack has every reason to brag, but he never does.

“He is a ferocious football player. Jack turns into a very different person on the field, with an intensity and aggression that I have never seen in youth football, and I have been involved with Pop Warner since 2006. Jack has been one of the very best players in our league every year. Jack is passionate about football and he will accomplish amazing things on and off the field in years to come.”



Past Delaware Valley/Pop Warner Little Scholars

2017	Jayson Jenkins West Jersey Youth Football League	2011	Kyle Liedtka Hamilton Pop Warner	West Windsor Wildcats	2000	Bassil Salmon East Windsor PAL	
2016	Alfred Woods Florence Flashes	2010	Carson Vey Hopewell Valley Pop Warner	2005	Michael Garofola Hamilton Pop Warner	1999	Robert Damiano Hamilton Pop Warner
2015	Kyle Dowgin Bordentown Bulldogs	2009	Harvey E. Butler III, WW-P Pop Warner	2004	Ryan McDermott Hamilton Pop Warner	1998	Ryan Biolsi Flemington Pop Warner
2014	Joseph Brown Warrior PAL	2008	Brian Schoenauer, WW-P Pop Warner	2003	James Bea Hillsborough Dukes	1997	Jason Auletta Hamilton Pop Warner
2013	Nick Kloutis Hamilton PAL	2007	David Dudeck III, Burlington County Pop Warner	2002	Marc Zamarin Hillsborough Dukes	1996	Michael Taylor Hamilton Pop Warner
2012	Will James Hamilton PAL	2006	Connor McElwee,	2001	Daniel Clark Hillsborough Dukes		

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EARL H. DEAN SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE MAX BUSCA • THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



Max Busca never shows up at practice, at a game, at a friend’s house or even at the dinner table empty handed. He brings enthusiasm, positivity, passion and to every venture he brings leadership and an amazing work ethic. Make the dinner Chicken Parmesan and the enthusiasm gets a boost.

Coming off a great career at Shawnee High, Busca hit the field as a freshman at The College of New Jersey and he never looked back totaling 219 tackles, as a linebacker, and he served as captain his junior and senior seasons.

“Max embodies what a student athlete should be,” said TCNJ coach Casey Goff. “He works hard in the classroom, hard in the weight room and he cares. Max cares about his teammates, this school and his future and he works for it all.” He was an anchor on the Lions defense with his tireless work ethic and he takes those same great traits to the classroom. A Finance major, Busca will graduate in the spring and venture into the business world with Destination Athlete, a company providing superior service for athletes, coaches and parents.

One of just five seniors that he was recruited with Busca can reflect on a great TCNJ experience. “It has been amazing, and I’ve grown so much from it,” said Busca. “We all wanted to keep the team chemistry uplifting and positive.” The Lions stayed positive and played hard every game and besides the coaching staff some credit goes to Busca and the captains. Busca might not have been the most vocal of the Lions, but he was one of the wisest.

“When I did it was in times when you could see morale slowing down or just losing tempo,” said Busca. “Those were the times I’d speak up to keep the morale and energy up. We all had to understand that despite being a D3 school we are all here for a purpose and our love of the game.”

From the day he left the tutelage of Shawnee’s legendary coach Tim Gushue, Busca understood where he was and who he was. “This is a great honor,” said Busca. “I’m glad to represent TCNJ, my family and my friends for the hard work I put in. Hopefully, I can share some experience to some younger student athletes.”

A player that always led by example, on and off the field, he is very deserving of this honor and his future is extremely bright.



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

Year	Nominee/Coach	Year	Nominee/Coach	Year	Nominee/Coach
2017	Trevor Osler/Casey Goff	2002	Tim Kosuda/Eric Hamilton	1986	Ernie Liberati/Eric Hamilton
2016	Tom Cilla/Wayne Dickens	2001	Mike Wendell/Eric Hamilton	1985	John Papa/Eric Hamilton
2015	Andrew Lachawiec/Wayne Dickens	2000	Curt Monday/Eric Hamilton	1984	Jim Ball/Eric Hamilton
2014	Joe Urciuoli & Jake Weiss/ Wayne Dickens	1999	Richard Falletta/Eric Hamilton	1983	Bruce Peditto/Eric Hamilton
2013	Chris McLaughlin/Wayne Dickens	1998	Michael Feeney/Eric Hamilton	1982	Sam Miserendino/Eric Hamilton
2012	Greg Burns/Eric Hamilton	1997	Joe Sciarbone/Eric Hamilton	1981	James Carvalho/Eric Hamilton
2011	Jay Donoghue/Eric Hamilton	1996	Joe Scaravaglione/Eric Hamilton	1980	Ron Anello/Eric Hamilton
2010	Andrew Mason/Eric Hamilton	1995	Steve Guidette/Eric Hamilton	1979	Steve Butfilowski/Eric Hamilton
2009	Colin Weber/Eric Hamilton	1994	Scott Dickson & John Reising/ Eric Hamilton	1978	Tom Hendricks/Eric Hamilton
2008	Marc Fabiano/Eric Hamilton	1993	Tom Maxwell/Eric Hamilton	1977	Tom Thompson/Eric Hamilton
2007	Dan Dornacker & Andy Larkin/ Eric Hamilton	1992	Corey Landing/Eric Hamilton	1976	Keith Waters/Carmen Piccone
2006	Ryan Ross/Eric Hamilton	1991	Chris Shaw/Eric Hamilton	1975	Doug Prefach/Carmen Piccone
2005	Leeaire Brown/Eric Hamilton	1990	Mike Tierney/Eric Hamilton	1974	Eric Hamilton/Dick Curl
2004	Jim Dabrowski/Eric Hamilton	1989	Bob McGinty/Eric Hamilton	1973	William Paskewich/Pete Carmichael
2003	Scott Paterson/Eric Hamilton	1988	Mike Wargo/Eric Hamilton	1967	Robert Taylor/Bob Salois
		1987	Joe Clifton/Eric Hamilton	1965	George Strattman/Bob Salois

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JUDGE ARTHUR LANE SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE TOM JOHNSON • PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Tom Johnson displayed the sort of leadership qualities Bob Surace was looking for when he was named one of Princeton University’s co-captains heading into last season.

“Tom Johnson personified inspiration,” Surace said of the senior linebacker. “His pregame talks in the locker room raised every player’s passion to his level. He is one of the all-time great linebackers at Princeton and was a tackling machine. He is a joy to coach and his leadership will be missed just as much as his talent.”

Johnson’s leadership helped the Tigers to perhaps the most successful season in school history. The team finished the season 10-0 for the first time ever and captured its third Ivy League title in the last six years and first perfect season since going 9-0 in 1964.

Johnson, a Moorestown resident who played his high school football at St. Joseph’s Prep in Philadelphia, earned first-team All-Ivy League honors at linebacker. He led the team with 68 tackles, including a season-high 10 apiece against Harvard, Dartmouth and the Ivy League title-clinching win over Penn.

Not only was Johnson a dominant player on the field over the course of the season, but he also earned Academic All-Ivy League honors.

Johnson was also a first-team All-Ivy linebacker as a junior when he finished third in the league with 95 tackles. He began to show his leadership skills during his junior season when linebacker Mark Fossati was lost for the season due to an injury in the third game and Johnson stepped into the role as a leader on defense.



As a freshman, Johnson earned Princeton's Top Defensive Freshman Award in 2015, and he moved into the strongside linebacker position during the 2016 championship season

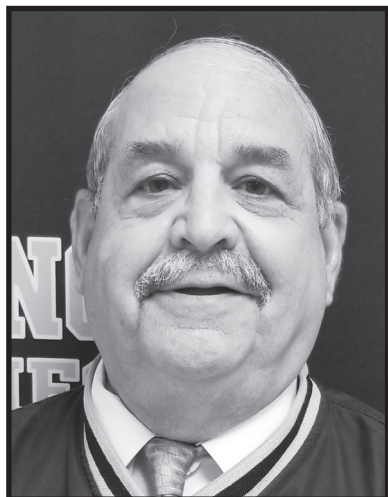
Being named the Princeton University Judge Arthur Lane Scholar-Leader-Athlete was likely in the cards for Johnson after his senior season at St. Joseph’s, when he earned the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame, as well as Philadelphia Area Chapter, Scholar-Athlete honors.

Past Princeton University Scholar-Athletes

Year	Nominee/Coach	Year	Nominee/Coach	Year	Nominee/Coach
2017	Richard Bush/Bob Surace	1999	David Ferrara/Steve Tosches	1981	Scott Oostdyk/Frank Navarro
2016	Scott Carpenter/Bob Surace	1998	Alex Sierk/Steve Tosches	1980	Mark Bailey/Frank Navarro
2015	Matt Arends/Bob Surace	1997	Tim Greene/Steve Tosches	1979	Ted Soti/Frank Navarro
2014	Mike Zeuli/Bob Surace	1996	Mark Washington/Steve Tosches	1978	Andy Stephens/Frank Navarro
2013	Phil Bhaya/Bob Surace	1995	Carter Westfall/Steve Tosches	1977	Dave Powers/Bob Casciola
2012	Andrew Starks/Bob Surace	1994	Mark Berkowitz/Steve Tosches	1976	Kevin Fox/Bob Casciola
2011	Ivan Charbonneau/Bob Surace	1993	Keith Elias/Steve Tosches	1975	Robert Beible/Bob Casciola
2010	Matt Zimmerman/Bob Surace	1992	Steve Tufillaro/Steve Tosches	1974	Dale Spiegel/Bob Casciola
2009	Daniel Kopolovich/Roger Hughes	1991	Jonas Sheehan/Steve Tosches	1973	William Cronin/Bob Casciola
2008	Ryan Coyle/Roger Hughes	1990	Marin Graja/Steve Tosches	1972	John Bartges/Jake McCandless
2007	Rob Toresco/Roger Hughes	1989	Steve Hillgeist/Steve Tosches	1971	Paul Ondraski/Jake McCandless
2006	Colin McDonough/Roger Hughes	1988	Greg DiFelice/Steve Tosches	1970	Kirk Liddell/Jake McCandless
2005	Andrew Wilson/Roger Hughes	1987	David Wilson/Steve Tosches	1969	Keith Mauney/Jake McCandless
2004	Jon Veach/Roger Hughes	1986	Rob DiGiacomo/Ron Rogerson	1968	Richard Sandler/Dick Coleman
2003	Time Kirby/Roger Hughes	1985	James Petrucci/Ron Rogerson	1967	Robert Weber/Dick Coleman
2002	Cameron Atkinson/Roger Hughes	1984	Mark Berggren/Frank Navarro	1966	John Bowers/Dick Coleman
2001	Robert Ferrell/Roger Hughes	1983	Kevin Guthrie/Frank Navarro	1965	Richard Rogers/Dick Coleman
2000	Mike Higgins/Roger Hughes	1982	Brent Woods/Frank Navarro		

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HANK JOHNS COACH OF THE YEAR JOE FRAPPOLLI • FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL



Joe Frappolli has been a fixture on the sidelines at Florence High for 45 years, but football is only a part of what Frappolli brings to the team, the town and the entire Delaware Valley area.

This year's Hank Johns Coach of the Year, Frappolli has guided the Flashes to 21 league championships, a South Jersey State Championship and five Central Jersey State Championships.

There are three words, though, that best describe the legendary coach. Faith, Family, Football. His faith has been the guiding light throughout, over the years he has taught his players about family by example through the love he shows and the love he receives from his family.

"I'm very humbled and very honored," said Frappolli, who has amassed a Burlington county best 309 career wins. "The names have changed over the years, but the mission has stayed the same." The mission starts with values. The value of fundamentals on the field, the value of fundamentals in life and knowing right from wrong and always

respecting your opponent and respecting where you come from.

Few awards have escaped Frappolli's grasp, and deservedly so, as he has been inducted into the New Jersey Football Association Hall of Fame and the South Jersey Football Coaches Hall of Fame. Several times Frappolli was named the Brooks Irvine Memorial Football Club Coach of the Year.

Football has been and still is a family affair at Florence and a program of great loyalty, led by the head coach. Young Joe Frappolli is on the coaching staff, his son-in-law Fred Dunphy oversees the youth football program and John Frappolli, Joe Sr.'s brother was a long time assistant. "These kind of honors play tribute to our coaches, the team, the school and the community," said Frappolli. "We have to realize we are only as good as the people around you."

The late Ron Luyber was the Florence Athletic Director and longtime Frappolli assistant and confidant. Nick Lubrano has been with the Florence staff for many years and others include, Don Nemeth, Steve Ordog, LeJominick Washington, Dan Hegarty, Cesar Pereda and a host of others that have aided the program.

Married to his high school sweetheart, Donna for the last 45 years, they have raised four very successful children, Gina, Joe, Angela and Risa and now enjoy their 10 grandchildren.

It's always been about, faith, family and football.



Past Hank Johns Memorial Coach of the Year Recipients

2017 Jared Mazzetta North Hunterdon	2007 Matthew Perotti, Hunterdon Central	1995 Charlie Pirrello, North Burlington	1985 Bill Long, Pennington
2016 Drew Besler, Ewing	2006 Tom Hoglen, Hamilton West	1994 Jerry Eure, Pennington	1984 Mike Ortman, Morrisville
2015 Todd Smith, Hun	2005 Todd Smith, WWP South	1993 Ken Keuffel, Lawrenceville	1983 Chappy Moore, Notre Dame
2014 Jay Graber, Allentown	2004 Ken Mills, Lawrenceville	1992 Keith Wadsworth, Princeton	1982 Pete Quinn, Trenton
2013 Dave Caldwell, Hopewell Valley	2003 Joe Frappolli, Florence	1991 Joe Frappolli, Florence	1981 Bruce Martz, Ewing
2012 Jon Adams, Nottingham 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
	1997 Len Weister, Lawrence		1975 Sam Jefferis, South Hunterdon
	1996 Keith Hartbauer, Hamilton		

**CONTRIBUTION TO YOUTH FOOTBALL
GEORGE KLOUTIS**

I began coaching in 1995 right after I graduated college. Charles “Bud” Ralston and John MacCabe (currently assistant coach at Notre Dame High School) contacted me with the plans to begin a Pop Warner program in Hamilton.

Being a high school athlete in football and track George Kloutis knows and understands the value – and need – for youth football.

It was that love of the game, the desire to expand the game and to teach the game to younger players that drove Kloutis to become one of those helping start the Pop Warner program in Hamilton.

It is that love, dedication and desire that has kept him involved these last 24 years.

“The new program was to be a feeder program for each of the township high school,” stated Kloutis. “We wanted to mimic their programs.” He served as secretary and a representative to the Burlington County Pop Warner League.

When his son was born he took a break, but once his son was old enough it was back to the sidelines and the administration of youth programs.

He earned the Dedication and Appreciation Award from the league and in 2005 Kloutis was inducted into the Pop Warner Hall of Fame.

As his son moved through the Hamilton PAL Football League the devoted dad was there as an assistant coach and then as a head coach. During his time at the PAL he helped organize the Blue/Gray game, Kloutis served as the Hamilton PAL representative to the DelVal 12th Man TD Club.

Kloutis was awarded the PAL’s Dedication and Appreciation Award in 2014.

A major contributor to the Steinert program Kloutis is working to help raise money to upgrade many aspects of the program through the life-a-thon event.



Coaching once again this past season he joined the Lawrence Junior Cardinals of the West Jersey Football League. It was a successful season and another where Kloutis put the kids first. “The most satisfying part to me was that we had players from different towns, that came together as one team,” said Kloutis. “We played as a family and were successful.”

A successful two-way lineman for Steinert in football for three years, Kloutis was also a member of the Spartans Central Jersey Group III track team that is being inducted into the Steinert Hall of Fame this year.

A dedicated family man and father Kloutis continues to give to youth football and his contributions to youth have gone above and beyond and deserving of this honor.

Past Contribution to Youth Football Award Recipients

2017	Eric Updegraff	2011	Jon Butler	2005	Paul Sumners	1999	Bud Ralston
2016	Mike Smith	2010	Andrew Aromando	2004	John Knapp	1998	Ferguson Reaves
2015	Fred Dunphy	2009	Fiore Masci	2003	Paul Fletcher	1997	Henry Cole
2014	Scott Stanton	2008	Charles “Chuck” Moon	2002	Mark Clements		
2013	Jim O’Rourke	2007	Mike Brodock	2001	Greg Neiderman		
2012	Terrance Stokes	2006	Dennis Todd	2000	Cindy Allen		

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THE JACK MILLARD OFFICIALS AWARD ABRAHAM (ABE) JOHNSON



Congratulations to Abraham (“Abe”) Johnson III, the 2019 Jack Millard Football Official of the Year.

Abe began his officiating career in 2008, working high school games in Pennsylvania’s Suburban One League. Recognized as an up-and-coming official, he received his first Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) post-season assignment in 2011 and officiated additional playoff contests in each of the following four years. As further testament to the high regard Abe was held, he was appointed a PIAA rules interpreter, serving in that capacity from 2011 to 2015. As if working games in PA wasn’t enough, Abe joined the New Jersey Football Officials Association in 2011. Since joining, Abe has received NJ State Playoff and Consolation assignments each year. He is reputed locally as a highly competent, fair and reasonable official, one who conducts himself professionally; with dignity, and is adept at communicating with coaches and players alike. Beyond officiating at the high school level, Abe has also officiated at the collegiate level. He was a member of the Eastern Collegiate Football Officials’ Association from 2014 to

2015 during which time he officiated games at the NCAA Division II, III, and Junior College levels. He has also officiated for the Independent Women’s Football League, the Independent Gridiron League (Semi-Pro Arena Football), and worked the Wounded Warriors vs. NFL Alumni Charity and Mercer County Sunshine All-Star Games.

Abe is a graduate of Hamilton High School – West, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (B.S., Electrical Engineering), and is currently employed by FMI Marketing Solutions (Philadelphia, PA) as a Director of Production and Vice-President of Sales. He wishes to thank his parents, Mr. Abraham Johnson, Jr. and Susan A. Johnson, and his sister, Ms. Dana N. Anderson, for their encouragement in his pursuit of officiating. In addition, he would like to express gratitude to his fellow officiating crew members (John Dilissio, Jeff Sumners, Martin Sumners, John Dupuis, and brother Justin Johnson) for their dedication and support.

Best of luck, Abe, as you continue your officiating career!



Past Jack Millard Officials Award Recipients

2017 Sabrina Isom	2012 Greg Bellotti	1999 Jim Cleary	1986 Jim Wilno, Jr.
2016 Hank Johns, Jr.	2011 George Wah	1998 Tom McCreesh	1985 Jack Watro
2014 Scott Heiser	2010 James S. Moscarell	1997 Merckle Cherry	1984 Paul Chopko
2013 Tom Carr	2009 Joe Shaw	1996 Larry Gunnell	1983 John Zorzi
	2008 Raymond F. Stupienski III	1995 Barry Cicale	1982 Al Fullman
	2007 Jim Wilno, Jr.	1994 Tom Considine	1981 Vince Boccanfuso
	2006 Ed Harris	1993 Jim Wilno, Sr.	1980 Jack Millard
	2005 Karl “Tinker” Johnston	1992 Angelo Giambelluca	1979 George Wah
	2004 John Welling III	1991 John Terry	1978 Norm Van Arsdalen
	2003 Troy Stephenson	1990 John Sheets	1977 Chuck Schroeder
	2002 Al Verdel	1989 Byron Crammer	1976 Jake Bartolino
	2001 Vince Boccanfuso	1988 Ernie Coluccio	1975 Sam Cortina
	2000 Tim Teel	1987 Ron Hoehn	1974 Tony Mascherin

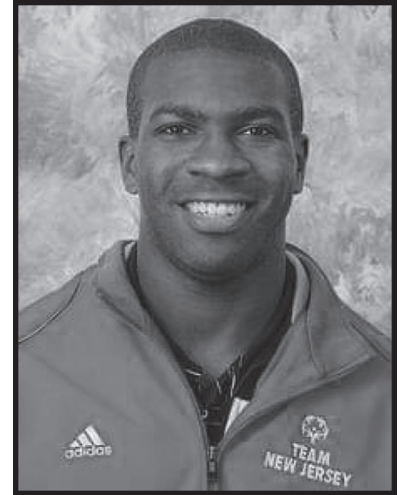


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EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER AWARD BRIAN PITTS

Brian Pitts 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 represents the power that Special Olympics athletes have to impact those in their everyday lives.

Born in Paterson New Jersey, Brian has been a Special Olympics New Jersey athlete since 2010. He is a three sport athlete involved in flag football, basketball, and softball. He was also part of the Home Team during the USA Games in 2014 where the Team New Jersey basketball team won the Gold Medal. Brian got his start in SONJ through the Forum School in Waldwick where he joined the swim team at age 12. His grandfather then started taking him to shoot hoops at the local park and he learned quickly that he had a knack for the sport. When he started high school at ECLC in Chatham he joined the basketball and softball teams. After being named the Most Valuable Player of his basketball and softball teams he decided it was time to try something new. He chose the Mercer Rebels flag football team coached by Rich Jordine. Like every other sport he played he excelled, driven by his love of running and catching the ball. The Mercer Rebels have gone on to win back to back



Gold Medals. As a member of that team, Brian leads by example every time they step on the field. Like every sport he plays, his hustle is unmatched. He also travels from North Jersey down to Mercer for his practices and games every week. Brian wanted to make sure to thank his mom and grandpa for the opportunity to be a Special Olympics New Jersey athlete. Outside of sports Brian has also been an employee at ISP Chemicals in Chatham for the last 10 years.

A leader on and off the field and a role model for other athletes, it is with great pride that the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation along with Special Olympics New Jersey present the 2018 Eunice Shriver Champions Award to Brian Pitts.

Past Eunice Kennedy Shriver Award Recipients

2017 Chris McCormac

2016 Kevin McCormac

2015 Steve Rodenbeck

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NICK GUSZ GOOD GUY AWARD SHARRON GRADY



It's hard enough to smile and keep moving forward in the world of high school athletics on a daily basis in this day and age, but to be able to do it while working under difficult circumstances is amazing. And amazing is the best way to describe this years Nick Gusz Good Guy Award recipient. Sharron Grady, the leader of athletics and physical education at Trenton Central High School, has tirelessly worked with her coaches to establish a competitive athletic program despite the fact that the school has physically been displaced while under construction.

The Tornadoes football program has found there way back into the playoffs despite all the effort it takes not only to field a team, but the logistics of bringing it all together with student-athletes in different buildings throughout the city. Sharron Grady has worked through all the obstacles involved and still has a smile while promoting the student-athletes who continue to compete.

Sharron Deborah Grady is from North Carolina and Winston Salem State University where she earned her degree in Health and Physical Education. From there she began her teaching career at Trenton Central High School for 38 years before taking over as Director of Health, Physical Education, Family Life and Athletics in 2010. During her career at TCHS, she has coached and mentored hundreds of young people, most notably the track athletes that were coached by her and her husband Daniel, while building one of the top Girls Track programs in New Jersey.

Sharron's distinguished service and outstanding achievements have been recognized by many professional and civic organizations throughout the city of Trenton and the state of New Jersey including the Trenton Chapter of the NAACP for Meritorious Efforts in Education and the Outstanding African American Women Award. As an administrator, she is involved with the Trenton Administrators and Supervisors, NJ Principals and Supervisors Association, NJ Director of Athletics Association and past Executive Committee member of NJSIAA.

She is most proud of the fact that she has been happily married to Daniel (Red) Grady for over 47 years and is the mother of Shante Grady-Francis (husband Norman), Danielle Grady and grandmother to Tre and TJ Francis. All this while coaching over 24 years with her husband, winning 9 Girls Track State Championships.

Sharron is also very aware of the importance a successful football program is to the school community. Under her leadership, TCHS has been able regain its form despite the hardships the building reconstruction has caused. All one has to do is attend a Tornado home football game, you will see the student support, the community engagement, the committed cheerleaders and pep band along with the many staff members working hard to make each home football game an event. You will also see a woman constantly moving to ensure that everything is in place for a successful event. That smiling woman is Sharron Grady, an educator, administrator and Mom who helps promote the good in the game. It is for that reason we present Sharron Deborah Watson Grady with the Chapter's Nick Gusz Good Guy Award.



Past Nick Gusz Good Guy Award Recipients

2017 Constance Denicola Embley

2016 Jim Kovalsky

2015 David S. Mcwilliam

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TONY PERSICHELLI MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD SANTUZZA OILERS

It is one of the greatest football stories of a generation and it all began in a coffee shop in Chambersburg in 1947.

Three men, Ralph “Fluffy” Landolfi, Tony “Red” Acquaviva and Dr. Gian-Grasso were wondering why the ‘Burg didn’t have a football team in the City of Trenton Recreational League. They decided to do something about it.

The team got its name and uniforms from the employer of Ralph Landolfi’s father. “My father was a distributor of Santuzza (cooking) Oil. We wrote (his boss) a letter, and in two weeks we got a reply at the bottom it said ‘send sizes.’ In 2-3 weeks, we got our uniforms.” Then, the organizers reached out to Frank “Mammy” Piscopo, who was a football and baseball star at Trenton High to be the coach. The other teams in the league were Bordentown Vets, Bond AA, Cadwalader Deacons, Colonial Rebels, Pop’s Boys, Princeton Hawks and the South Trenton Rams.

Several years ago when the Santuzza Oilers were honored, The Trentonian’s legendary late sportswriter George O’Gorman had this to say about the Oilers: “Many years ago they played the game for the love of it,” said O’Gorman. “Instead of posh stadiums they played on the city sandlots. They have a deep love of the game and support it at every level.”

They have sponsored the Frank “Mammy” Piscopo Award to the Outstanding Back of the Year in the Colonial Valley Conference. This fall the Award went to Notre Dame’s Cortez Williams. Landolfi and Ed DiPolvere, Oilers members, made the presentation to Williams.

The Santuzza Oilers played its first game on West Trenton’s Gully Field and lost to Pops Boy’s, 6-0 and finished their season with a 4-3-1 mark. But, it was just the beginning. Landolfi, Tony Povia and Dan Marrazzo were named to the All-City first team. In ‘48 the record improved to 5-3, they were the league runner-up in 1949 with an 8-1 record and then 1950 they became the league champions with a perfect 8-0 record. They were the “Pride of Chambersburg.”

For many years, the Oilers would have a weekly lunch gathering in Villa Park to reminisce and kid each other about those great times in the Trenton Recreation Football League.

The league ran its course in 1950 and the Santuzza Oilers are the last champion.

Tony Persichilli, who was instrumental in preserving the Santuzza Oilers name when he worked at the Trenton Times and the Trentonian before his death, would definitely be honored that Award that honors his legacy is going to the legendary Santuzza Oilers.



Past Tony Persichilli Meritorious Service Award Recipients

2017 Bob Nuse

2016 Bill Rednor

2015 George O’Gorman



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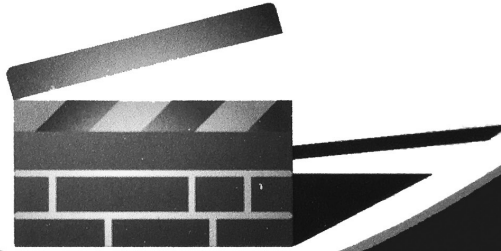
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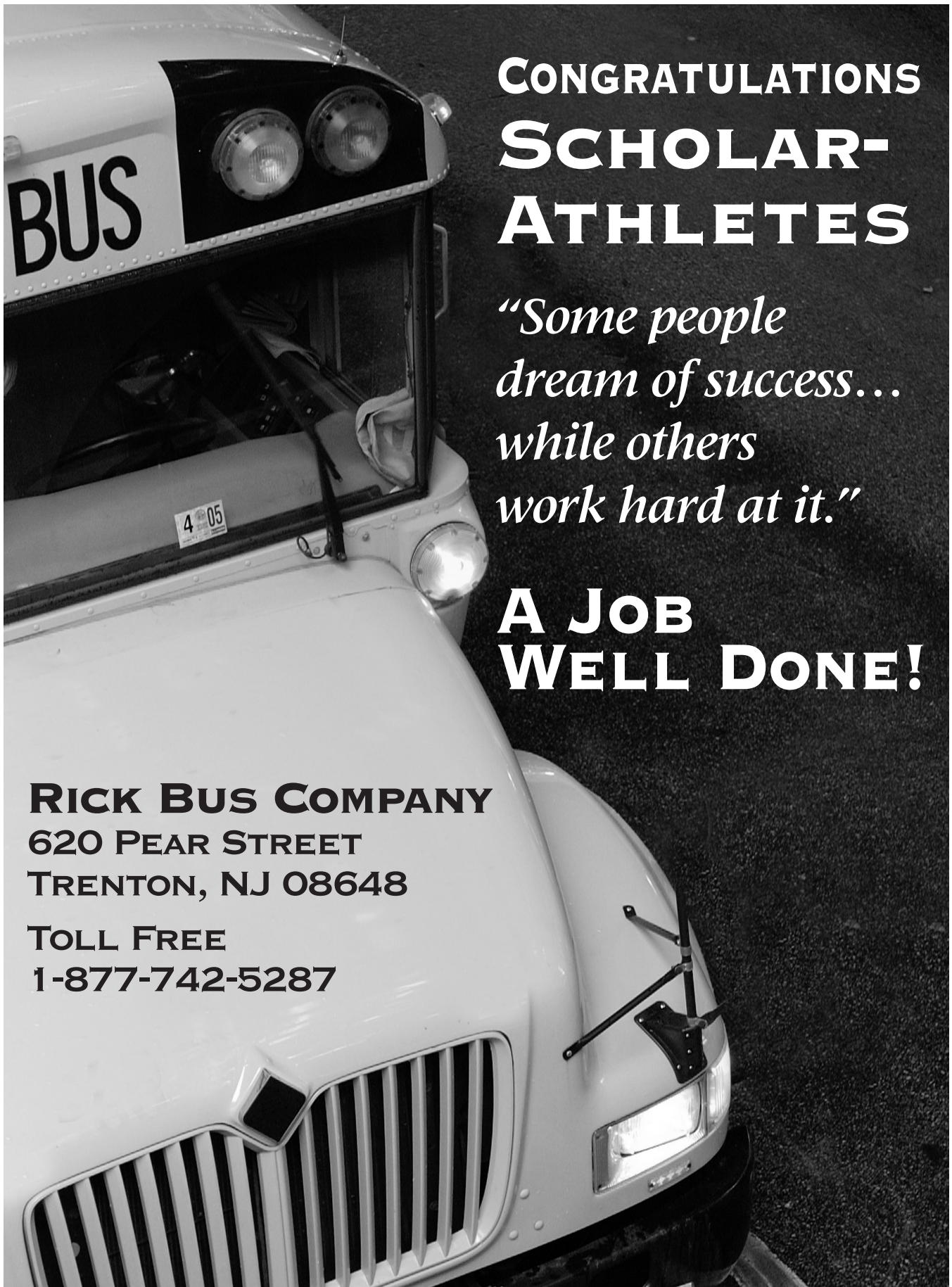
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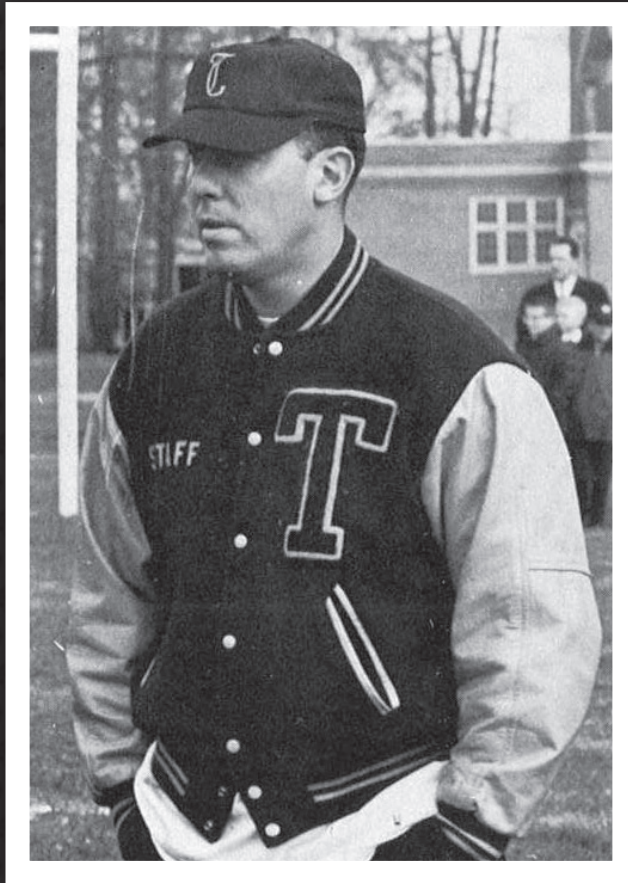
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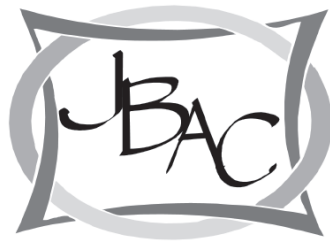
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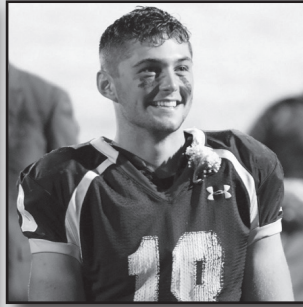
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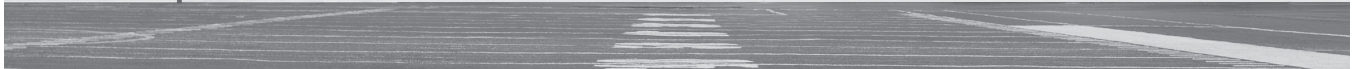


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Head Coach Joe Frappolli
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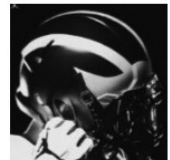
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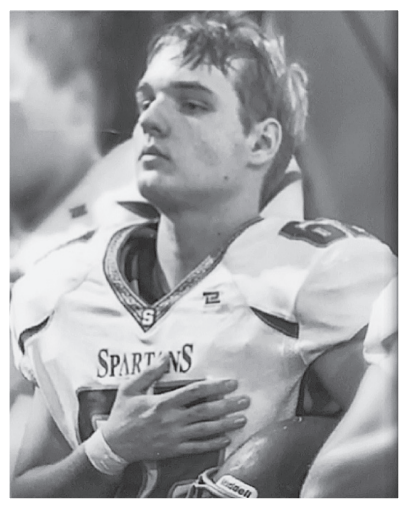
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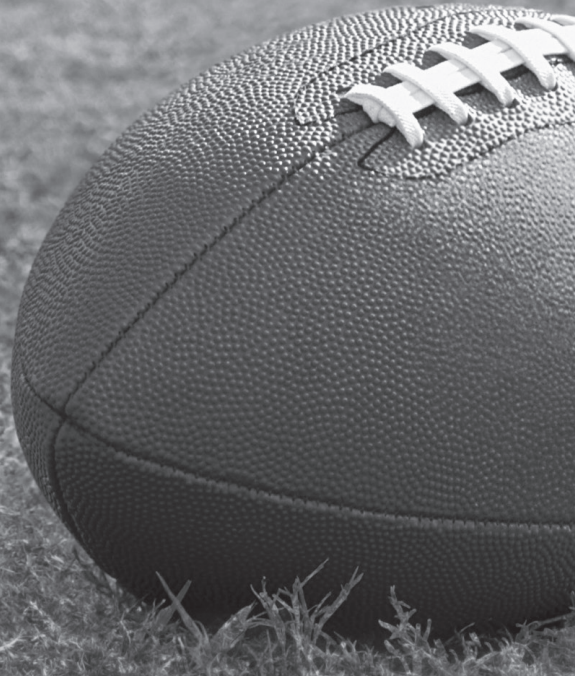
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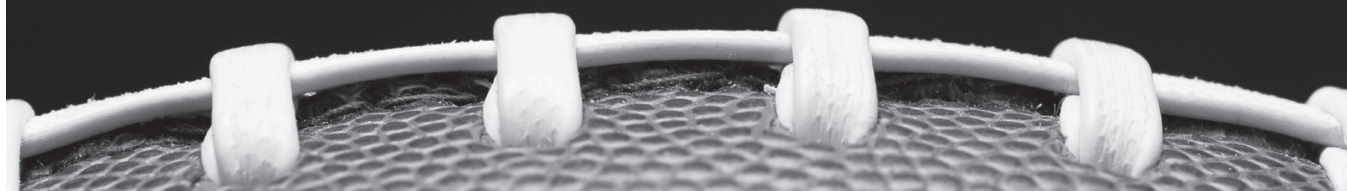
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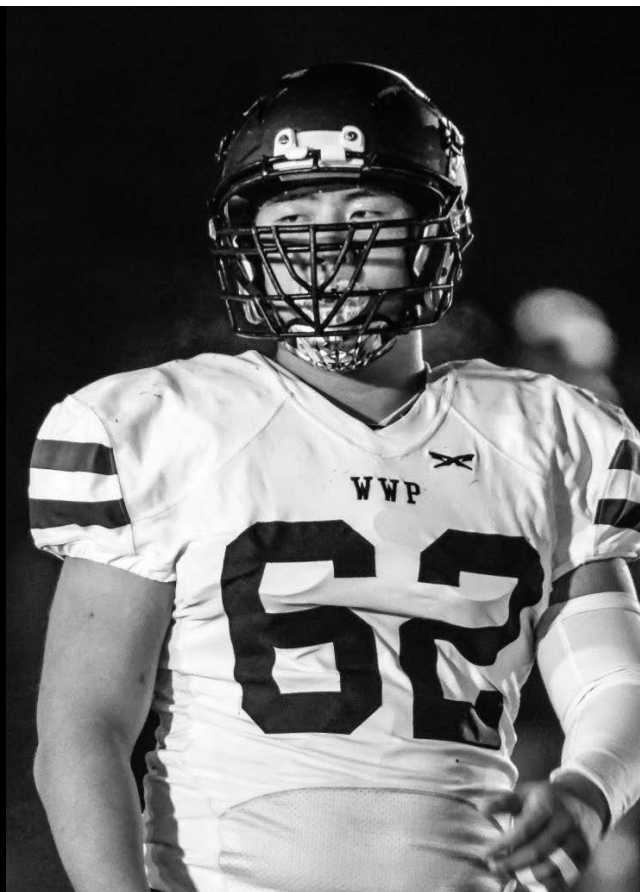
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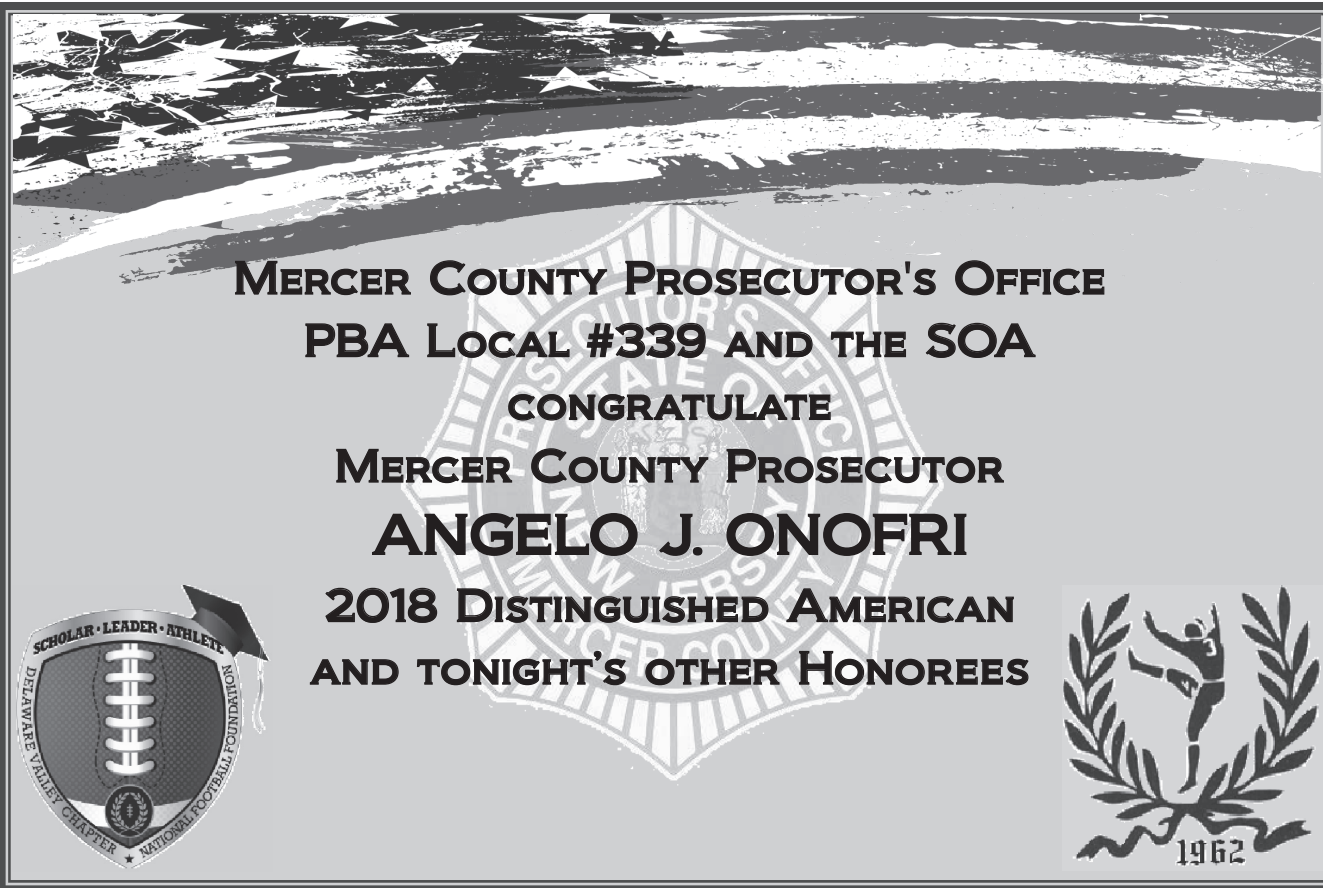
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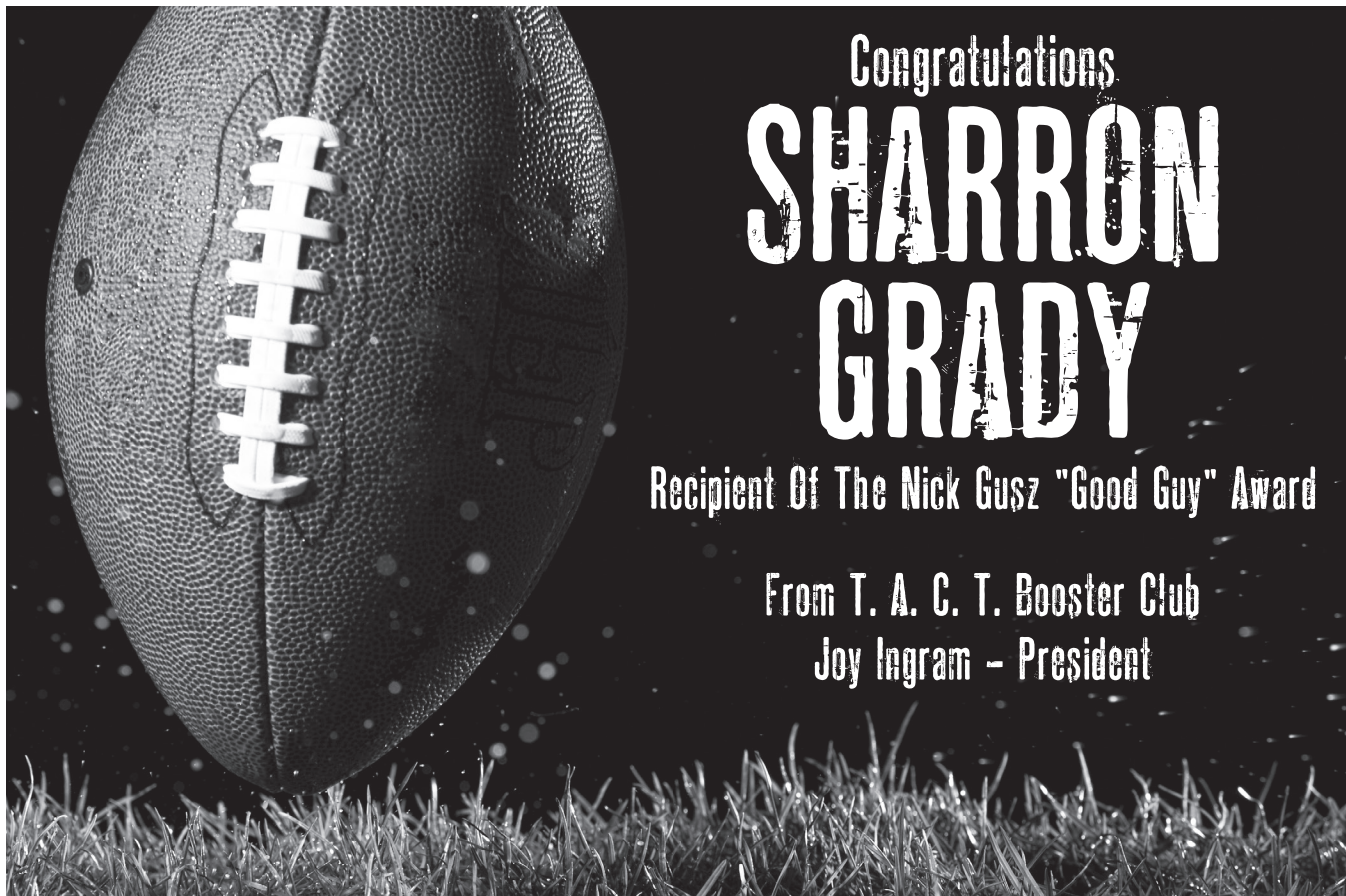
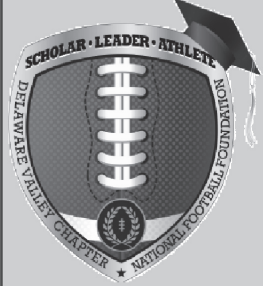
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