



62ND ANNUAL GEORGE WAH SCHOLAR LEADER ATHLETE AWARDS

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Bordentown Bulldogs

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IN MEMORIAM **STEVE GAZDEK**



This marks the 62nd George Wah Scholar-Leader-Athlete Awards Dinner, and for many of the previous 61 years, Steve Gazdek was a major contributor to helping produce the affair. It is with a mixture of joy and sadness that the surviving members of the dinner committee have dedicated this year's banquet to "Coach Gaz", who passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 27, 2023. While his loss saddens everyone, they are happy to honor his name in a way that would make him proud.

A scholarship award of \$4,000 has also been established in Gazdek's name, and both honors are fitting as Steve was synonymous with high school football throughout the Delaware Valley chapter schools. "Gaz" was woven throughout the Hamilton Township athletics fabric for 26 years and made an indelible mark. He retired as Steinert Athletic Director in late 2021. He also worked tirelessly for the Scholar-Leader-Athlete dinner, as his passion for football fueled him to help recognize each graduating class of area high school players.



After a standout career at Piscataway High, Gazdek played for Delaware Valley Chapter President Eric Hamilton at Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey). The two would become lifelong friends. "Steve was not only a tough player, but on the field, he was very smart," Hamilton said. "He wouldn't beat you physically, he would outsmart you. As a linebacker it wasn't about going through the blocker, but how to get to the spot before the blocker. He coached the same way. In the huddle, he would not only call the defense but made sure everyone was lined up in the right spot."

Gazdek took that knowledge into his assistant coaching career under Hamilton, and then joined the high school ranks. First as head man at McCorristin (now Trenton Catholic Preparatory Academy) and then as a defensive coordinator at Hamilton West under Keith Hartbauer and Tom Hoglen.



It was at an early age Gazdek showed his commitment to area football in all areas. "Steve started, and took great pride, in the Mercer County Cheerleading competition, which gave those athletes the ability to showcase their talents and hard work," Hoglen said. "He also had a football clinic for women while he was at McCorristin, which would teach the basics of football and build a relationship with the McCorristin community. Steve was never afraid to start something if he knew it would be beneficial for the programs that he was involved in."

Gaz went on to serve as athletic director at both Hamilton and Steinert. He continued to coach for a few years while West AD until a ruling came down that athletic directors could not coach. But his presence was still felt on the gridiron and beyond. "As an athletic director he cared about all of the school's sports and was always free to give advice in difficult situations," Hoglen said.

Nate Webber, who was Steinert's principal when Gazdek worked there, noted that "Steve had a wealth of knowledge to share when making decisions that affected the athletic department. He organized our first football game under the lights (since 1975). He would always offer to help me in any way he could to better Steinert." And he also applied that knowledge and determination to making the Scholar-Leader-Athlete Dinner a success.

Gaz is survived by the love of his life, Kathy, his son Steven, daughter Kimberly Kinder, her husband Christopher and grandson Jax Jett. The second greatest love of his life was the sport he played and coached.



"Steve Gazdek lived a life giving back to the game of football," Hartbauer said. "Gaz was instrumental in starting the summer seven-on-seven league in the early 1990s. He took the lead in starting the Mercer County All-Star game (the Sunshine Classic). He created the Hamilton West Hall of Fame and was extremely active in the Delaware Valley Football Chapter." And the Chapter is proud to dedicate this year's dinner to Coach Gaz.

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IN MEMORIAM **ED “WINDY” MORRIS**

Mercer County football lost one of its great contributors last August when Ed “Windy” Morris passed away, but the George Wah Scholar-Leader-Athlete Awards Dinner committee was quick to make sure his name lives on in area circles.

The Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame is establishing a \$1,500 scholarship in the name of Morris, which will go to one of tonight’s honorees.

Raised in Hamilton Township by his father and paternal grandparents, Windy played on the first-ever Babe Ruth baseball team, although it was known then as the Hamilton Little Bigger League.

After playing baseball and football for Hamilton High West, Ed went on to play on the gridiron for Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey). His career was noteworthy enough that Morris was voted into the college’s Athletic Hall of Fame.

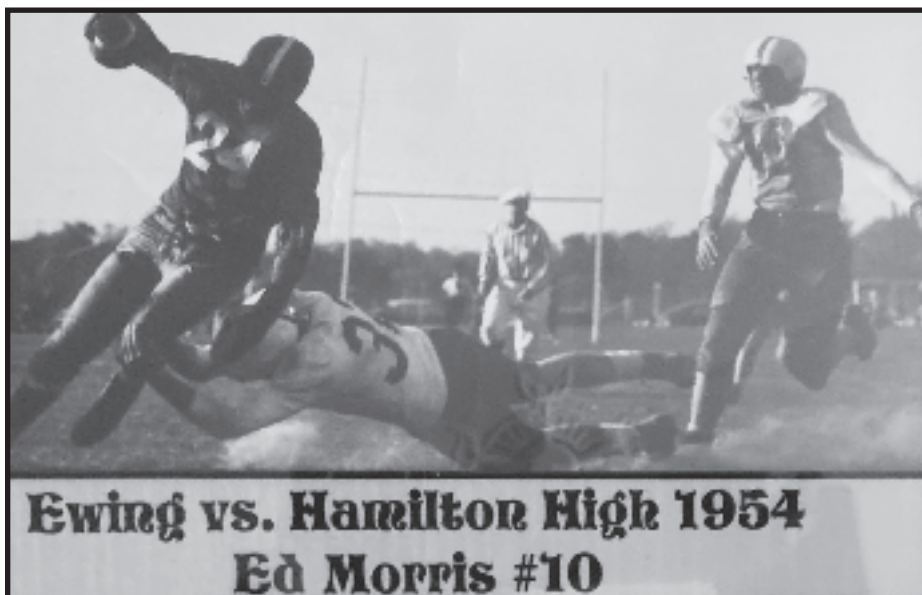
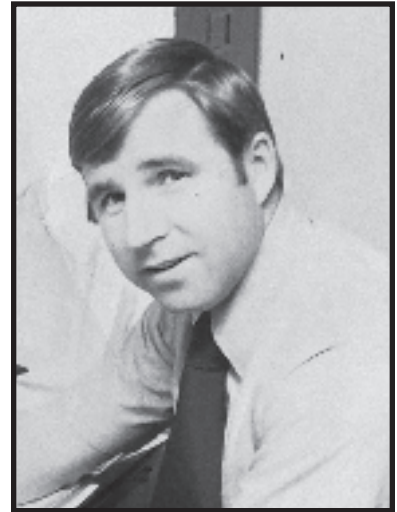
After graduation, Windy spent 37 years in education at Hopewell Valley Central High School; first as an industrial arts teacher and then as a guidance counselor. He also counseled young football players, as he returned to Trenton State to serve as an assistant coach. One of the Lions players at that time was Delaware Valley Chapter President Eric Hamilton.

“As a freshman offensive lineman, one of the first coaches I met was Coach Morris,” Hamilton recalled. “The stories preceded him. An intense coach on the field, yet off the field a man with quite a sense of humor who truly cared about the players. It was always fun in practice when the offensive line went against Coach Morris.”

Windy also spent 27 years working at Kennebec Camp on Salmon Lake in Maine. The family continued to summer there even after Ed stopped working.

Morris is survived by MaryBeth, his wife of 61 years; along with their son Jim and daughter-in-law Wendy; daughter Beth, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Also nicknamed Tubby, Uncle Ed, Kunkle Ed, Poppy and ERM-a, Morris’ words of wisdom were, “It’s really important to look in the mirror, and though you may not like what you see, love who you are.” If Ed loved who he was, he certainly wasn’t alone as he was loved by so many young men whose lives he touched.



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ROBERT F. CASCIOLA DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARD

RON ANELLO



After enjoying what football had to offer him as a player, Ron Anello has spent his entire adult life giving back to the sport he loves so much.

His contributions to the gridiron as a coach and administrator, and the opportunities he has given to so many New Jersey youth players over the years, makes Ron a consummate choice as this year's Robert Casciola Distinguished American Award winner.

It is not an honor that he takes lightly.

"Being called a 'Distinguished American' is probably the greatest compliment a person can receive," Anello said. "America is the greatest beacon of freedom and opportunity in the world, and it is a place that has provided me the chance to accomplish the goals I have sought to accomplish. Other than being a husband and father, there is no more meaningful title than 'Distinguished American.'"

Anello's passion for football is something he has passed along to countless young men through his dedication to numerous institutions that promote all that is right with the sport.

The North Jersey native is currently lending his energies and expertise to several organizations. He is Interim Athletic Director at Montclair High School, where he serves as an assistant football coach. Beyond the school's walls, Anello is president of the Essex-Hudson Chapter of the National Football Foundation, and is an executive committee member of the Super Football Conference. He is also president of the College of New Jersey Kinesiology & Exercise Science Alumni Association.

Ron's career started in the trenches at Montclair High, where he was a talented, hard-working center, nose tackle and linebacker from 1972-75. He went on to play at Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey) with Steve Gazdek under Eric Hamilton, the current president of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the NFF. While at TSC he earned All-Conference recognition and was named the 1980 National Football Foundation, DelVal chapter's Collegiate Scholar-Leader Athlete.

"Ron was a quiet leader from day one when he transferred to TSC," Hamilton said. "He certainly didn't have the size for an offensive lineman but had the smarts to play center and make line calls. It's no surprise he was the TSC Earl H. Dean SLA."

From there he embarked on a successful coaching career, taking both Clifton and West Essex high schools to new heights of success while establishing winning traditions. In 17 years Anello's teams went 93-72-2.

At West Essex, Ron inherited a program in shambles and wound up leading the Knights to the NJSIAA North II, Group III championship game in 1994. Upon moving to Clifton, Anello led the Mustangs to the 2006 North I, Group IV state sectional championship, which ended a 33-year title drought for the program. Two years later, the Mustangs enjoyed their first 6-0 start in 31 years and earned another state playoff berth. They won seven or more games in three of Anello's final five seasons.

Ron then took his leadership skills to Wallkill Valley, where he served as athletic director from 1998-2003. From there he was AD at Ramapo High from 2011-21 and earned the Bergen County Athletic Director of the Year in 2021. Under Anello's steady hand, Ramapo was ranked the No. 1 athletic program in New Jersey in 2018-19 and 2019-20.

Throughout his coaching career Anello received countless honors and awards, including two from the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. Going above and beyond the schools he worked for, Ron has served as both treasurer and president of the New Jersey Football Coaches Association; and is a member of the American Football Coaches



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Association; the NJSIAA Football Committee; and the executive board of the North-South High School All-Star Football Classic.

“The lessons Ron learned on the field with a group of terrific teammates made him a successful high school teacher, coach and AD,” Hamilton said. “He became an active member in the Donald Horn/Essex County Chapter and under his leadership as the current president they have added Hudson county.” Simply stated, it has been a lifelong love affair that started at a young age.

“My own participation in youth football is what created my love for the game,” Ron said. “It exposed me to the unique camaraderie and brotherhood that can only come into being on the roster of a football team, which showed me that to excel in this game, you need to demonstrate discipline, commitment and devotion to a cause greater than yourself. Those lessons have guided me through my life and career.”

With hard work and selfless volunteering comes deserved recognition and Ron has had his share as an enshrinee of the College of New Jersey Health & Exercise Science Wall of Fame; the New Jersey Football Coaches Hall of Fame; and the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

He has been married to wife Debbie for 38 years. They have a son and daughter-in-law, Gabriel and Megan, and a daughter and son-in-law, Brittany and Nolan, who are expecting their first child in March. Rest assured that grandchild will have someone in the family very distinguished – and very patriotic – to emulate



Past Distinguished American Award Recipients

2022 Brian Hughes	2010 Richard P Lisk	1999 William Faherty	1988 Capt. Harry Masterson	1977 Francis McManimon
2021 Ron Dilatush	2009 Glenn K. Rieth	1998 Thomas Bracken	1987 Lawrence Tihoonen	1976 Royce Flippin
2020 Tom McCarthy	2008 Kelly Myers	1997 Win Headley	1986 Albert DiMartin	1975 Crosby Copeland
2019 Wayne DeAngelo	2007 Chris Vernon	1996 Tim Losch	1985 Robert Casciola	1974 Al Neuschafer
2018 Angelo J. Onofri	2006 Marc Edenzon	1995 Bob Prunetti	1984 Roy Schleicher	1973 Dr. Joseph Zawadsky
2017 Michael J. Renna	2005 Cathy DiCostanzo	1994 Bill Granville	1983 Jake McCandless	1972 R. Kenneth Fairman
2016 Richard Freeman	2004 Christy Stephenson	1993 Cosmo Iacavazzi	1982 Earl H. Dean	1971 Sen. Richard Coffee
2015 Bernard M. Flynn	2003 Sen. Peter Inverso	1992 George Chandler	1981 William Pierce	1970 Bert Gulick, Jr.
2014 Jeff Perlman	2002 Patrick L. Ryan	1991 Alfred Bridges	1980 Nicholas Gusz	1969 Robert Cox
2013 Jesse Armstead	2001 Maurice Perilli	1990 Eugene A. Renna	1979 William McGuire	1968 James Kerney, Jr
2012 Frank J. Lucchesi	2000 Jay Destribats	1989 Len Rivers	1978 Richard Landis	Fred Schluter
2011 Eric Hamilton				1967 Don Ehrt

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GEORGE O'GORMAN CONTRIBUTION TO AMATEUR FOOTBALL AWARD **GRIDIRON SOCIAL GROUP**

Sometimes it takes a village to earn an award named after one man. This is one of those special times, as the Gridiron Social Group is being honored with the George O'Gorman Contribution to Amateur Football Award. It is a club that is able to enjoy the best of two worlds – philanthropy and old friendships.

Made up of former Trenton State/The College of New Jersey football players, the members not only get to socialize with each other and reminisce over countless good times they had as Lions football players; they also continue to give back to the game and help promote the academic and leadership qualities that go along with preparing and competing in football.



This is done by annual fundraising that results in the Group being able to present scholarships in the name of former teammates and coaches that have passed away. Since its inception, the GSG has established 12 scholarships that go to Scholar/Leader/Athletes across New Jersey, recognizing not only their athletic ability, but also their academic excellence, and work in the community.

Scholarships awarded to the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation are in honor of Coach Robert E. Salois, Athletic Director Roy W. Van Ness, Professor/Coach Joe Herzstein, coach/player Steve Gazdek, coach Ed “Windy” Morris, and players Stanley Harris and Jim Puhalski.

“Our group was formed to remember those who have passed and to keep their legacy alive through the sport they loved — football,” said DelVal Chapter executive board member Dr. James Ball. “It is also about giving back to the game that shaped all those who played at the College.”

The impetus for the group started Oct. 4, 2014, when Robert Salois passed away. He was a football, baseball and golf coach at TSC and professor in the Health and Physical Education Department. Soon after, TSC lost what members consider the fabric of the group in Dr. Joe Herzstein, who is a TSC Hall of Famer and was HPE professor and assistant coach.

After establishing scholarships in their honor, the Gridiron Group continued to increase its scholarships with a golf outing and a winter gathering to raise funds. Many of the scholarships are through the National Football Foundation chapters in New Jersey.

The Group is about more than helping scholar-athletes. It is also about the longstanding relationships that have been maintained. Members pride themselves on making time to enjoy their camaraderie while renewing friendships that began during their playing days. They embrace the lessons football has taught them – that as time goes on opportunities to play, share and enjoy each other become fewer. In that spirit, the Gridiron Group keeps alive memories of what the game did for them, as well as helping to provide new memories for the players of today.

Past O'Gorman Contribution to Amateur Football Award Recipients

2022 Bordentown Military Institute	2008 Tom Murray	1994 Harley Gaskill/ Fred Stives	1981 Ken Kueffel
2021 Steve Tuckerson	2007 Jim Fisher	1993 Bob Jaroni	1980 George O'Gorman
2020 Rick Mantz	2006 Jim Griffin	1992 Edward Naylor	1979 Ed Cook
2019 Heather Andersen	2005 John Curtis	1991 Roger Hendler	1978 Jack Stephan
2018 Charles R Thompson	2004 Steve Gazdek	1990 George Sperling	1977 Steve Muench
2017 Dan Klim	2003 Vince Reed	1989 Ed Farley	1976 Dr. Paul Checbro
2016 Ken Fisher	2002 Scott Brunner	1988 Burtis “Bunker” Hill	1975 Jack Petrone
2015 Dr. William Gomez	2001 Sam Jefferis	1987 Joseph Fruscione	1974 Fred Holmes
2014 John Law	2000 Troy Vincent	1986 John Morris	1973 Roy Van Ness
2013 Rob Radice	1999 Wes Kirkpatrick	1985 Eric Hamilton	1972 John Gorman
2012 Rich Fisher	1998 David “Poppy” Sanderson	1984 Jack Rafferty	1971 Robert Sinkler
2011 Paul “Bones” Vichroski	1997 Ron Rick, Jr.	1983 Ron Rick	1970 Pete Morgan
2010 John D. McKenna	1996 The Santuzza Oilers	1982 Harold “Bus” Saidt	1969 Fred Schluter
2009 Steven J. Timko	1995 Tony Persichilli		1968 Ed Zanfrini

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TSC Football Alumni Lunch



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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

DONNA AND JOSEPH FRAPPOLLI



There is a special bond between player and coach and that connection often will last a lifetime.

When it comes to Florence football there has been one stronger bond and that is between Joe Frappolli and his wife Donna. They were married two weeks before he became the Flashes football coach.

Life in the Frappolli household was guided by three principles, family, faith and football and Donna made sure all three were at the forefront.

Joe recently retired from coaching after guiding the Flashes for 50 seasons he achieved over 338 wins, six sectional championships and 24 division titles and he was the perfect Florence coach....and Donna was the perfect coach's wife.

It has been an undeniable and unwavering love between Donna and Joe Frappolli that has them being named the recipients of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation's 62nd Annual George Wah Scholar-Leader-Athlete Awards Dinner Distinguished Service Award.

When Frappolli first started coaching Florence was in the South Jersey Chapter of the National Football Foundation, but with the late Ron Luyber, Florence assistant coach and Athletic Director, they decided to take the Florence program to the Delaware Valley Chapter.

"We have been to every dinner and then seeing this Distinguished Service Award, it is really great," said Joe. "The people at this Chapter are very special people. I was awestruck and taken back by this award. Because it includes Donna and our family name is what makes it so special."

Donna and Joe Frappolli are very special, too.

Through 50 years of coaching, though the ups and downs, through raising four children (Gina, Joe Jr., Angela and Risa) the Frappolli's have been through it all together.

"I was beside myself when I got the call from Eric Hamilton," said Donna. "I got tears in my eyes, to think that they would recognize me in that way, I was shocked."

Joe wasn't shocked, he knows Donna is a giver and a person that is always there for everyone and anyone who needs anything.



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“We are going to be married 50 years in August,” said Joe. “Recently, in church I was thinking what an amazing journey this has been and I thought to myself where I would be if it wasn’t for Donna. Like everyone, we’ve had our ups and downs, but we have been in this together. I could not have lasted this long if not for Donna.”

Together it has been an awesome journey.

“When you get married you are a team and you should support each other and it was something I did naturally,” said Donna. “We live in a small community and everyone is involved. All the other coaches and their wives and we became such great friends. The friendships are what I took most from the years.”

Through the 50 years on the sidelines Joe went from a coach that took losses very hard and wore disappointment on his sleeve to one that began to see things behind the score.

“I can’t imagine our lives any other way,” said Donna. “It was a part of the woodwork, we just waited for Saturday and we all were happy that he was a big part of the community. So many good things have happened to us and it has been a great journey.”

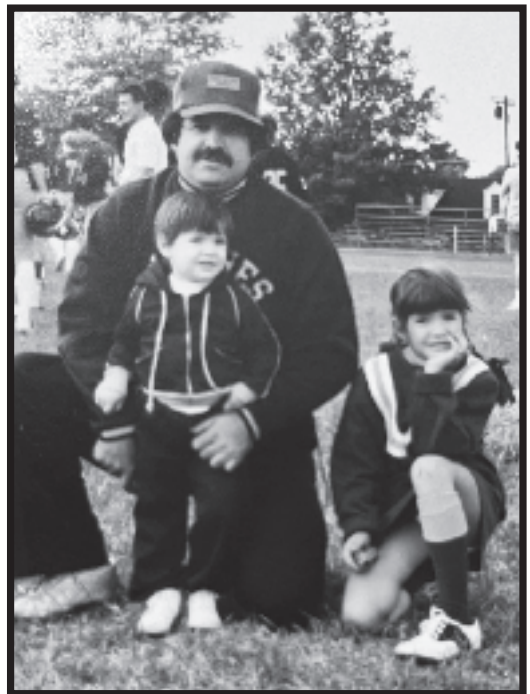
Both Donna and I are heavily involved in Mary Mother of the Church parish, which includes Florence’s Holy Assumption and their children and grandchildren are following in the love of teaching and giving back to the community.

Joe recently was asked to serve on the Florence Township committee, his desire to serve allowed him to accept.

This past fall, the National Football League and Commissioner Roger Goodell honored Joe and Donna with tickets to the Super Bowl in Vegas.

It was during one of those bridge walks from hotel to hotel that Joe put it all in perspective. “We were walking and Donna said to me all this is because of you,” recalled Joe. “I said, no Donna, I would never be here if it wasn’t for you. It’s because of us and our family and our values.”

The Frappolli values are, faith, family and football...and they share it all together.



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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 individual selected as the top Scholar-Leader-Athlete was not pulled out of a hat. They have gone through a rigorous screening process. Their 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

They don’t necessarily have to be the smartest student in their school but they should be a good, solid student. They don’t have to be a “book worm” or even a straight-A student, but they should be studious, persevering, dedicated and have a proper knowledge of what study means to the value of education. They should be a better than average student who is generally interested in their studies without a serious subject weakness.

2. Outstanding school leadership and citizenship – a Leader

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

3. Outstanding football ability and performance – an Athlete

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

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

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TOP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Chapter is proud to offer the following top scholarships this evening and will present over \$30,000 in total.



\$5000 Jack Stephan Scholarship

Jack graduated from B.M.I. in 1942, served in the Air Force in World War II and upon his return to the area pursued a career in aviation. He was the first manager of Mercer County Airport and served as a member on NTSB Investigation Teams. He co-founded the West End Babe Ruth League, coached in the Blue & White Football League, and officiated both baseball and football for years.



\$4000 Steve Gazdek Scholarship

Steve arrived at Trenton State College from Piscataway High and made an immeasurable impact on area football over the next 45 years. 'Gaz' played and coached at TSC, was head coach at McCorristin Catholic, and defensive coordinator at Hamilton West. During this time, he became athletic director at Hamilton and spent 26 years in that role between Hamilton and Steinert. He was involved in development of the Sunshine Football Classic, 7-on-7 League and donations to the Jimmy V Foundation and American Cancer Society.



\$3000 Ron Rick Sr. Scholarship

Ron graduated from Hamilton High West in 1954 and was the director of Rick Bus Lines for many years. His company provided financial assistance and backing to help all youth sports in the area. He was heavily involved with the Chapter, sponsored numerous teams in the Hamilton and Trenton PAL programs, and transported countless youth and HS sports teams for years. He was also a member of the New Jersey National Guard and was active in the Hamilton and Trenton PBA programs.



\$2000 Ed Cook Scholarship

Ed graduated from Pottsville High in 1952 and was a local businessman who opened the Parkway Shell gas station in Ewing. For years he was a huge supporter of Ewing Township youth sports. In 1970, he led fundraising efforts for the Ewing Babe Ruth All-Star Team to travel to the Babe Ruth World Series in California and joined the team/families on the trip – where Ewing won the whole thing!



\$1500 Ed "Windy" Morris Scholarship

Ed was raised in Hamilton Township and excelled at football and baseball at Hamilton West High before continuing his football career at Trenton State College, where he was voted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. 'Windy' spent 37 years at Hopewell Valley Central High School as an industrial arts teacher and guidance counselor, during which he also served as assistant football coach at TSC. He also continued his support of area football through the GridIron Social Group.

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PAST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Year	Winner • High School • College • Award	Year	Winner • High School • College • Award	Year	Winner • High School • College • Award	Year	Winner • High School • College • Award
2022	Michael Poinsett • Bordentown Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University • \$5000 Dante Barone • Hun School University of Pennsylvania • \$2500 Declan MacCabe • Notre Dame Franklin & Marshall College • \$2000 Luke Skinner • Florence Ursinus College • \$1500	2009	Bradford Bormann • Hunterdon Central • Lafayette • \$5,000 Douglas Bryant • Princeton University of Michigan • \$2,500 Sean Eccles • Allentown Ramapo • \$2,500	1996	Buck Adams • Hightstown West Point • \$5,000 Brett Martz • North Burlington Pennsylvania • \$3,500 Don Povia • Nottingham Monmouth • \$2,500	1982	Nathan Thompson • Lawrence William & Mary • \$800 Mike Druckman • WWP Harvard • \$400 Richard Guinness • Steinert Rider • \$400
2021	Daniel Wersching • Hightstown University of South Carolina • \$5,000 Nick Surdo • New Egypt The College of New Jersey • \$2,500 Jaden Wedderburn • Peddie Princeton University • \$1,500	2008	Anthony Russ • Lawrence Harvard • \$5,000 Brian Reilly • Peddie Harvard • \$2,500 Jeffrey Riemann • WWP-South Williams • \$2,500	1995	Joe Andolina • WWP Princeton • \$5,000 Hank Johns, Jr. • Pennsbury Georgetown • \$3,500 Greg Gorla • Steinert Johns Hopkins • \$2,500	Year Winner • High School • Head Coach	
2020	Austin McHugh • North Hunterdon Florida St. University • \$5,000 Kyle Madden • Hightstown Rowan University • \$2,500 Deklin Smith • Steinert Yale University • \$1,500	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	1994	Anthony Apicelli • Ewing Princeton • \$5,000 Brian Vannozzi • Notre Dame Johns Hopkins • \$3,500 Rick Dittman • Pennsbury Brown • \$1,500	1981	Douglas Paul • Princeton Bill Cirullo Larry Ostema • Lawrenceville Ken Keuffel
2019	Ian Franzoni • Hun Brown University • \$5,000 Jayson Emery • Florence Long Island University • \$2,500 Dylan Farina • North Hunterdon Not Reported • \$1,500	2006	Ryan Lupo • WWP-South Williams • \$5,000 Joshua Scassero • Florence Stockton • \$2,500 Nick Lezynski • Notre Dame Notre Dame • \$2,500	1993	Matt Rader • Pennsbury Duke • \$5,000 Ian Halpern • Princeton Day Brown • \$2,500 Dan Schramek • Council Rock Penn State • \$1,500	1980	Albert Yunkus • Peddie Bob McClellan
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2011	Chris Evans • WWP-South Harvard • \$5,000 Richard Levy • Trenton University of Connecticut • \$2,500 J. Walker Kirby • Lawrenceville Harvard • \$2,500	1998	Alex Wade • Council Rock Duke • \$5,000 Jamal Lundy • Florence Lehigh • \$3,500 Adrian Wall • Lawrenceville Harvard • \$2,500	1986	John Kleinman • WWP Lehigh • \$4,000 Scott Miller • Princeton Day Brown • \$2,000 Jesse Klingbiel • Princeton Bucknell • \$2,000	1972	Harold Brown • Lawrence Ed Shirk Stuart Gordon • Lawrenceville Ken Keuffel
2010	Ross Scheuerman • Allentown Lafayette • \$5,000 Matt Berry • North Hunterdon Johns Hopkins • \$2,500	1997	Mike Azzara • Lawrence Middlebury • \$5,000 Brian White • Hamilton Villanova • \$3,500 Dave Czehut • North Burlington Princeton • \$2,500	1985	Todd Ortmann • Pennsbury Princeton • \$2,000 CJ Cunningham • Council Rock Pennsylvania • \$1,000 Charles McCall • WWP Pennsylvania • \$1,000	1971	Andrew Varga • Morrisville Ray Feldman Alan Chalifoux • Hun • David Leete
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JOHN BEACHAM NOTRE DAME

Win or learn. That's how Notre Dame senior John "Jack" Beacham has grown to see challenges.

"As a coach, you know the student athletes you can challenge," Notre Dame head coach Sean Clancy said. "Jack has the confidence needed to be always reaching for his best on the field, as a community leader, and in the classroom. He sees challenge as a learning opportunity and embraces hard work." Does he ever.

Whether he's working his way to the upper reaches of Notre Dame's graduating class, taking a prominent role in school's nationally recognized Service Learning Program, playing a valuable role on the school's football, basketball, and lacrosse squads, or coming through as a community all-star, Jack gives his all to those around him.

He's worked to help feed homeless families and provide birthday and Christmas celebrations to children living in local shelters. He's helped the Catholic Athletes for Christ raise over \$60,000 for Special Olympics. And he's been instrumental in ND's twice-yearly diaper drives, in addition to his time spent tutoring younger students or being active in the campus ministry.

A three-time, all-division honoree as a lineman, Beacham is that steady and that dependable in all areas. An Honor Roll with Distinction student, Jack is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. He's also part of the National Spanish Honor Society as well. "In regards to athletics, scholarship, and leadership, Jack is one of the strongest young people I have worked with," Clancy said. "I am very proud of the person he has become, and I look forward to knowing the person he will be."



RYAN BESKE WEST WINDSOR-PLAINSBORO

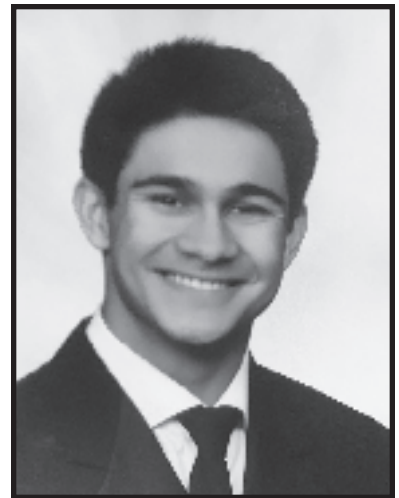
The best way to measure Ryan Beske's impact to the West Windsor-Plainsboro program is perhaps also the most basic. It's a team sport. And Ryan was Most Valuable Player on the first WW-P team to make the playoffs in over a decade.

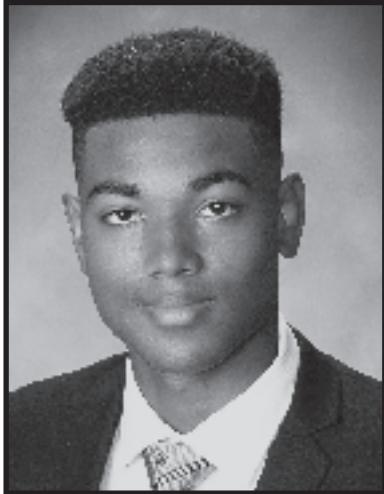
"Ryan's freshman season was taken from him by COVID," WWP coach Bill Furlong said. "Our district didn't have a football program. Ryan helped take that same program to the Group 5 South Jersey playoffs in his senior year. Ryan came into the program the same year I did. I watched him grow from a quiet kid who did everything he was asked into a strong vocal leader as a senior.

"Ryan rallied the team before games," Furlong added. "He rallied the team when times were tough and also in our best times. Ryan not only won our team's MVP Award, but he was also voted the team's Most Valuable Teammate as well."

Beske's performance and leadership were aligned perfectly. All-Division as a defensive back as a junior and as running back in his senior season, Ryan excelled on both sides of the ball. He finished his career with almost 2,000 yards from scrimmage and scored 23 total TDs.

Also one of the top lacrosse players in the area, Ryan is active in the West Windsor community as well. He's a volunteer at St. David the King Church and has given his time to the Salvation Army and Toys for Tots. He's also helped the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and serves as an executive member of the Boys Charity group. Ryan's father was a Student Leader Athlete in 1984.





JACKSON BOONE PEDDIE

With what his coach describes as “unmatched energy” and “relentless passion,” Peddie School’s Jackson Boone attacks everything he does. And he does a bit of everything.

One of the increasingly rare 4x3 athletes in high school (that four years, three sports each year), Jackson not only tackles football, but also basketball in the winter and track in the spring. Somehow, he also manages to fit in some theater performances and demonstrate his ability playing the alto saxophone.

“We met during my first season at Peddie, while I was still an assistant,” said head coach Anthony Fontana. “He immediately made a substantial impact on the program and the community. Jackson is a leader on our team. He made sure to do everything the correct way and you only had to ask him once. He stayed accountable in moments of error and stayed humble in moments of success.”

As one would expect of a student-athlete headed to Yale University and the Ivy League, this young man has a strong resume off the field as well. A former student council leader, Jackson is part of the Kappa Knights Youth Group and the school’s medicine club. He’s been a two-year leader in the Caribbean Student Alliance, as well as the school’s Esports Club.

“Jackson ranked as one of the top edge players in a very good conference, all while maintaining close to a 3.7 GPA at one of the top prep schools in the country,” Fontana said. “I can’t wait to see the impact that he will make at Yale University next year. The sky is truly the limit for him.”



DILLON BUCCHERE HUN

Dillon Bucchere’s journey as a Hun football player began in the first game of his sophomore year, when he stepped into the starting lineup due to an injury. What’s that saying about chance favoring the prepared mind? Once Dillon got on the field, there was no way he was coming off.

A three-year starter, senior captain, and star of the area’s premier defensive unit, Dillon’s unwavering commitment to the team and outstanding performance on the field made him an indispensable asset to head coach Todd Smith.

“In his role as defensive anchor,” said Smith, “Dillon not only led the team in interceptions but also played a pivotal role in making critical checks and adjustments during games. His ability to read the game and make strategic decisions showcased a next-level understanding of football that contributed significantly to our team’s success.”

Bucchere’s commitment to excellence extends well beyond the football field. With a perfect 4.0 GPA, Dillon displays his intellectual prowess and dedication to academic achievement. He has emerged as a leader in the classroom, setting an example for his peers through his diligence, enthusiasm, and collaborative spirit.

The star football player who off the field has been recognized as a Kindness Award recipient, Dillon is also the embodiment of community spirit. He has volunteered his team with the Travis Manion Foundation, the Trenton Rescue Mission, and the Tim Tebow “Night to Shine” movement. While Dillon’s football career has come to an end – he’s a lacrosse star headed to the University of Michigan – the impact he had as Hun completed the best three-year run in school history with a 26-1 record will live on for a long time.

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JOHN PAUL DUNPHY FLORENCE

Servant leader. Retiring 50-year head coach Joe Frappolli has created a culture where the Flashes have had so many incredible servant leaders through the years. And John Paul Dunphy stacks up there with any of them.

“To serve and show compassion,” Frappolli defines the qualities of servant leadership. “To help others through listening, empathy, persuasion, and building a TEAM. Inspiring others to perform at their highest level and constantly strive for improvement. This helps describe JP from the time he became a member of our program.”

Always putting the team first, Dunphy started at quarterback for the Flashes for two seasons and the team finished with a 13-5 record and a pair of playoff appearances. Playing through chronic back problems that led to treatment each week, Dunphy not only took all the first-team reps at every practice, but also sometimes had to run the scout team because of a shortage of players. Anything to help the team win.

Servant leadership. That’s a core value for Dunphy. New Jersey Boys State Representative. Student Council President. Strategic Planning Committee. Mentor to 8th grade students. Morning announcer in school. Social Media page coordinator.

The list goes on. Altar server. Lead in the school musical. National Honor Society, Interact Club, Prom Committee, No Place for Hate Club. Thanksgiving & Holiday Food Drives. Christmas Carols for the Elderly. Breakfast with Santa. Be Kind Initiatives. Throw in the course load full of Advanced Placement and Honors Classes and you wonder when JP Dunphy ever has the time to sleep.

But then you realize maybe Dunphy doesn’t need as much sleep as the rest of us. After all, a true servant leader draws his energy and strength from working for others.



YASIN ELHOSSIENI HIGHTSTOWN

It is pretty easy to see the outcome of Yasin Elhossieni’s go-getter attitude.

A 3.8 GPA with a course load full of Honors classes, while being a two-sport varsity letter winner and captain of both the football and basketball team. A two-time, first-team, all-division safety, a member of the National Honor Society, the Peer Leadership Program, and the Athletic Leadership Council. A trusted volunteer for the RISE Foundation.

In Hightstown, Yasin Elhossieni is not just an impact player – he’s an impact leader and an impact person.

“Yasin prides himself on being an absolute joy to coach, as well as an outstanding leader in his every day life,” said Ryan Fullen, the head man on the Hightstown sidelines. “Yasin is the epitome of what we want from a student-athlete in our football program.”

Certainly the numbers are there. From 58 total tackles, to five TFLs, five forced fumbles, three interceptions and two defensive TDs – and both of those came against playoff squad Allentown in what Fullen calls “one of the best individual efforts we’ve seen in my time at Hightstown.”

But this Honor Roll student is much more than a football player, frequently volunteering for community events and participating in both the Red Cross Club and the Chess Club. Yasin stands for the right things as a scholar-athlete and will be almost impossible to replace.

“I’ve had the pleasure of building a positive rapport with this outstanding young man,” Fullen said. “He is the idea candidate to represent our program as a Scholar-Leader-Athlete.”





MYLES HANSFORD BORDENTOWN

There's no doubting the fact that Myles Hansford is going to be difficult to replace in 2024, if not completely impossible. And that's just for his play ON the field.

The four-time all-division selection means even more to the Scotties off it.

On it though? A Swiss Army knife type of player who was the team's leading receiver, but also the guy who filled in at quarterback along the way when needed due to injury. Just the best athlete and leader on the field. So it was no surprise that when a need developed heading into his senior year, Myles Hansford stepped in as the starting quarterback.

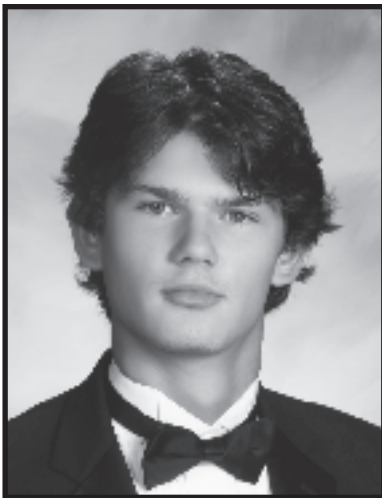
"We are not a passing team at all," said Bordentown head coach Skip Edwards. "But Myles threw for over 1,000 yards this season, a monumental feat in our system. He threw 14 passes and also scored 10 TDs himself."

But it's not just performance that made him special. It's leadership, demonstrated by the fact Edwards had enough faith in Hansford to allow him to audible any time during a game when there was a play he felt that would be better than the one that was called.

Then you throw in the fact that Myles is a valuable defensive player – he had three pick-6s in 2023 and holds the school's all time interception record with 17 – and you see that Bordentown really can't replace Hansford with just one guy.

Off the field? A student volunteer at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and member of the National Honor Society, Myles excels with a 3.7 GPA. He's earned Honor Roll every marking period at Bordentown.

Would you expect anything less?



CARTER HUGHES NEW EGYPT

Look at Carter Hughes' background and you can say that he made it his business to excel on the football field.

Because not only was Hughes a two-year varsity captain at New Egypt, playing just about every position possible on both sides of the ball, and rightfully earning the team's Iron Man Award, he's also someone with an affinity for business off the field.

Carter serves as an advisor for the Future Business Leaders of America and has led the Warrior Business Academy all throughout high school, and serves as an intern for Vira Insight in his "free" time.

"Not only is Carter one of the top students in his class," head coach Steven Fence said, "but he contributes to the success of his school community by participating in numerous clubs and groups. He is not afraid of any challenge that presents itself to him and can often think outside the box to find a solution to attain his goals."

Athletically, that means not just football, but also lacrosse. Carter is a four-year varsity starter, three-year varsity captain, and two-year selection to the all-BCSL squad.

Carter did more than just lead the team in a number of statistical categories. Quietly determined and gifted in his abilities, Hughes served as a great example of someone who consistently does their best and pushes those around him to do so as well.

"I feel very confident that Carter's success at New Egypt will translate to continued success for him after high school," Fence said. "I look forward to hearing about his future success."

DAMON JENNINGS TRENTON

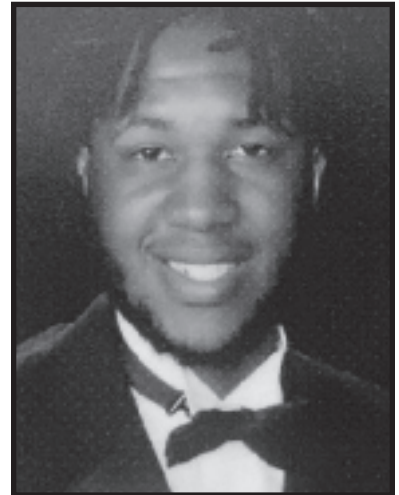
Damon Jennings is truly unique among this year's scholar-leader-athlete nominees. While others were wrapping up one chapter of their football careers, some getting ready to play in college, others putting the pads on competitively for the final time, Damon began and ended his high school playing days all at once.

The 6-foot-6, 255-pound giant was a first-year player for the Tornados in 2023. Imagine that. All of the challenges of learning a system, learning rules, and all of the emotions of senior season, compressed into one. Instead, Damon started every game for Trenton and showed a great deal of improvement throughout the season.

"It would have been easy for Damon to give up at points, or act out in frustration," Trenton head coach Chris Franco said. "It was not easy to learn all of the techniques and terminology associated with this game, but Damon showed an interest to learn and great character while learning on the fly. He showed an interest to learn, was resilient and coachable, and always respectful to all, quickly earning the respect of his coaches and teammates."

That attitude is no surprise to those who know Jennings, who have seen his thoughtful, respectful approach to learning in school, to excelling in college level courses at Trenton High, to giving back to the community, whether it's volunteering for Special Olympics or helping neighbors shovel snow in the winter.

Damon is most known athletically for his time on the hard wood, a three-year starter and captain for the Trenton basketball team, which has included a Central Jersey Group 4 title, a Mercer County Tournament crown, and another appearance in the MCT title game.



SEBASTIAN LEIGH ROBBINSVILLE

A leader's leader. A captain's captain. The blueprint for all future student-athletes. Pretty special platitudes for Sebastian Leigh, coming from head coach Andrew Patterson. But it's easy to see that's sincere praise and not mere empty platitudes.

An all-division selection on both sides of the ball, Sebastian is more than just a captain on the football team. He also happens to be a valued leader on the basketball team at Robbinsville, the Black Culture Club, the yearbook staff, the National Honor Society, the Chess Club, the Agricultural Club, and been a high school mentor and ambassador for youth sports camps and religious endeavors as well.

Sebastian, notes Patterson, is omnipresent in the Robbinsville School community. "Sebastian's mere presence elevates the level of commitment and energy of everyone else on the field," Patterson said. "His willingness to outwork any and all competitors, without regard to his own recognition, fame, or rewards is unmatched. He is the captain who no teammate or coach would ever want to let down, because he all know he would never let us down."

The Senior Class treasurer, Sebastian has played guitar for five years and taken pictures for the school yearbook for three. But everyone – especially Patterson – knows that time is drawing to a close. It's time for the next chapter.

"I have absolutely no reservations whatsoever in endorsing Sebastian in any of his future endeavors," Patterson said. "The only downside to doing so is the acknowledgement that such an endorsement would confirm his departure from my anticipated and cherished daily encounters with him. The standard he has crafted in the classrooms and on the athletic fields of Robbinsville High School will not soon be matched."



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ANTONIO MARTINEZ NOTTINGHAM

Antonio Martinez has taken the definition of well-rounded student-athlete and fits it to a T.

He's not just a key member of the football team in the fall, but also the baseball squad in the spring. He's a fantastic student with a 3.9 GPA and fills his free time by enriching those around him with volunteer experiences.

"Antonio is a well-rounded, hard-working, and valuable member of our school community," Nottingham athletic director Jessie Mull said. "I have great respect for Antonio."

One area where Antonio stands out is his commitment to the community. He volunteers at Nottingham as a peer tutor, where he helps a small group of students with their studies.

Martinez is also active in the school's community outreach program, as he leads other students to organize and provide food for people in need. Finally, he volunteers his time training younger athletes to mentally and physically prepare those interested in playing quarterback.

Antonio has been recognized as a Student of the Month on multiple occasions, the school's Athlete of the Month earlier this academic year, and is a four-year Honor Roll recipient. He has been recognized as the a football 3D winner for his dedication, determination, and diversity in the sport.

"I have known Antonio for two years," Mull said. "I truly believe he is a deserving candidate for this honor. I feel certain that anyone who knows him will be just as impressed with Antonio as I am."



CONNOR MOONEY HAMILTON

Leaders like Connor Mooney aren't limited to the football field. They are leaders everywhere.

"What I find most inspiring about Connor is the caring spirit which he exhibits within our school community," Hamilton coach Mike Papero said. "As his football coach, I witnessed Connor's ability to be an effective, open-minded, and natural leader. I've also had the pleasure to watch Connor closely as he has participated in countless and varied activities at Hamilton High School West and in the surrounding environment. There is not a teacher, administrator, or student in this school who has ever voiced anything but positive comments about him."

A three-year Academic Achievement award winner and proud member of the National Honor Society, Connor has served as a counselor at the Hamilton Youth Football Coaches Camp, where he helps younger athletes learn the proper techniques to play the game. Connor participates in the Criminal Justice Program at Mercer County Community College and is a four-year member of the school's Track & Field team in the winter and spring seasons.

A New Jersey Mini-Max award winner for 2023, Mooney has left his mark as part of the Hornets program, one of the most storied in Mercer County.

"Connor has dedicated himself to the team and always had the best of the program in mind," Papero said. "He is someone others would look to for guidance. He worked year-round to make himself the best he could be. Any coach would dream of having a team full of players like Connor Mooney."

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EVAN PEASE PRINCETON

Evan Pease's steady, solid leadership helped turned around a Princeton High program and helped turn the Little Tigers into winners.

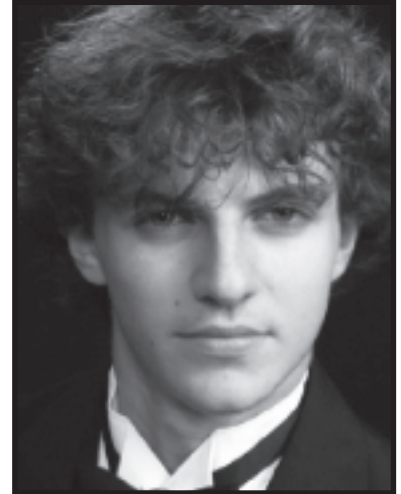
Princeton fielded a winning record for the first time in nearly a decade and the play of the first-team, all-division linebacker was a major reason why.

"Evan is an exceptional athlete that can be counted on to perform any and all tasks we ask of him," said Hank Johns Sr. Coach of the Year Charles Gallagher. "His teammates all enjoy his presence. He is a quiet leader who shares in our wins and losses with his peers. He's never late to practice or a game, and he is always prepared to practice or play."

Active in numerous community service organizations, Evan has made an impressive impact, particularly at the Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. He's currently the Director of the Skeets Closet program, which organizes the collection and distribution of clothing for local children in need. He's served as a lead youth instructor for church camps the last two summers and has volunteered as a lay reader and usher at church services during the year.

A firm believer in acceptance and inclusion, Evan is Vice President of the PHS Buddy Club, which is designed to cultivate connections and foster friendships with groups of students who attend Princeton High.

"Evan is a solid, well-liked, and dedicated young man," Gallagher said. "He is a model student. Evan is this year's recipient of the Princeton High Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship. He is a very deserving choice of that high honor."



JACK RICE LAWRENCEVILLE

As far as Lawrenceville head coach Napoleon Sykes is concerned, we can just call senior captain Jack Rice "The Prototype."

"If you could create the ideal captain in a lab," Sykes said, "you'd just wind up producing Jack Rice. He is the definition of success. Not only does he excel on the field, he is just as dominant in the classroom. He is one of the most humble young men I've ever been around. He is always looking for ways to serve, whether he is spending time doing community service here on campus, helping younger teammates or housemates with homework, or simply just hanging with my own kids at the dining hall."

"Jack doesn't say much, but when he speaks, you listen," Sykes continued. "Jack leads by example. What he says is what he does. On the field, he's a warrior. He's physical, cerebral, and always willing to step in whenever you need him."

A former chapter Little Scholar (2018), Jack has turned into quite the Big Scholar too. A first-team, all-MAPL selection in both football and lacrosse, Rice's impact is felt throughout campus. He's been asked by faculty to interview prospective teachers. He's been named class winner for school-wide speech competitions. He's a board member of the school's AI Committee.

Jack serves as a volunteer youth coach in West Windsor both in football and youth soccer. He is a mentor in the LEAP (Lawrentians Educating for Advanced Placement) program, and serves as a summer camp counselor.

Simply put, Jack does a lot of things and does them all well. "We talk about being a 'man built for others' around here a lot," Sykes said. "Jack is exactly that."





MICHAEL RIZZO STEINERT

Mike Rizzo worked himself into becoming one of the top linemen in Mercer County.

Given that he's also worked himself into becoming one of the top students in the Steinert High Class of 2024, and that he's worked himself into becoming one of the most vital members of the school's community, we really shouldn't be surprised.

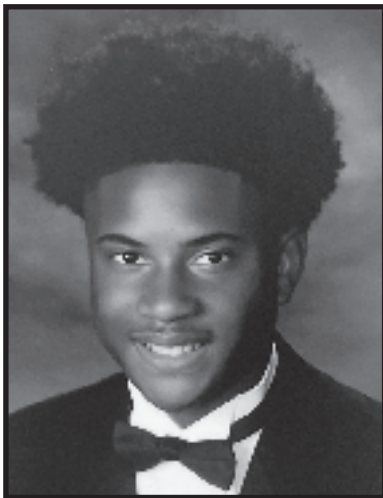
"Whether it is a litany of challenges or involvement in other opportunities in the school," Steinert coach Thaddeus Richards said, "Mike has always excelled."

In his role as team captain for the 2023 season, Mike filled many important roles, but perhaps the most important for Coach Richards was his ability to guide the younger Steinert players with compassion and diligence.

A key member of the National Honor Society, Mike has worked in the food pantry at Trinity Methodist Church to help families in need. He helps to maintain the fields at Sunnybrae Little League and handed out candy to children at school-oriented Trunk or Treat events.

In addition to the National Honor Society, Rizzo is a key part of the German National Honor Society as well. An Honor Roll student, he is someone whose presence is felt every day at Steinert.

"Mike has shown extreme discipline and focus throughout his high school experience," Richards said. "No matter the situation, you can never question the amount of work and the quality of work that Mike is willing to do, and I believe that speaks volumes about his character."



TYLER SEATON EWING

Tyler Seaton returned to the Blue Devils after a season away, and head coach Ross Maddalon couldn't have been happier that he did.

"Immediately," Maddalon said, "Tyler made a positive impression with myself and the coaching staff. He is a tremendously hard worker and his work ethic is coupled with an outstanding attitude. His internal motivation qualities are off the charts. His drive and determination solidified our defense. Tyler is the type of individual who truly takes pride in his work. He was always one of the first ones to arrive at practice and one of the last ones to leave at the end of the day."

A champion athlete, Tyler's dedication to teamwork has paid off on Ewing's Track & Field team as well. He has helped two relay squads with NJ Sectional Championship gold, pulling off the feet as part of the school's 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams. In those events, being off even a fraction of a second can lead to devastating team consequences.

Tyler takes that attitude over to the football field and credits the sport with teaching him valuable skills such as planning, time management, effective communication, and properly prioritizing tasks. A high level student, Tyler is maintaining a straight-A average in his senior year.

"I've had the pleasure of having Tyler in my Principles of Marketing class this year," Maddalon said. "He has earned high grades and shown the same work ethic in the classroom as on the football field. Tyler is committed to doing his best in every venture. He's a perfect example of what a student-athlete should be."

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JT SHAMSEY PENNINGTON

In a strong 2023 campaign for The Pennington School, leadership from senior captain JT Shamsey played a major role.

“JT was such a tremendous leader through his actions as a student-athlete in our program,” head coach Mike Watkins said. “He always had the utmost respect from his coaches and peers. I have been involved in coaching football for 16 years and he is not only one of my all-time favorite people that I have coached, but he is also one of the most focused and determined as well.”

A four-year Dean’s List student, Shamsey is captain of both the school’s football and lacrosse squads. Recipient of the Robert Young ’70 Award for Scholar-Athletes, JT is a volunteer for the Pennington African Cemetery Educational Foundation.

“JT is a quality individual, and his loyal personality makes him a role model for any student-athlete, no matter the age,” Watkins said. “I personally believe that he can make a difference, in a positive manner, no matter what he is involved with or doing.

“I also find JT extremely approachable and honest,” Watkins continued. “These are two very important qualities in today’s world that are hard to find. I trust him. He is a quality individual, and his loyal personality makes him a role model to all of us in education and the coaching profession.”

Good leaders are hard to find. When you have one, it can be tough to see them go. But, for Watkins, it will also be incredibly rewarding to see how Shamsey succeeds in the future.



JAIVEER SUNDA LAWRENCE

Jaiveer Sunda showed through adversity what it takes to be a tremendous representative in this year’s class of Scholar-Leader-Athletes, even without getting on the field.

A serious leg injury in the final preseason scrimmage that required major surgery cut Sunda’s senior season short before it really even started. It was a crushing blow for a player who was Lawrence’s best lineman on both sides of the ball.

“Although extremely upset and disappointed at not being able to play his senior year, Jaiveer showed tremendous grit and resolve through the surgery and rehabilitation process,” said his coach, the longtime Cardinals mentor Rob Radice. “Jaiveer is an avid lifter who trains year-round to prepare himself and has already returned to workouts post-injury.”

Academically, Sunda is a top student. Even with a rigorous academic schedule, Jaiveer maintains a 3.5 GPA and plans to major in Cybersecurity in college. Jaiveer volunteered for Read Across America, giving his time to elementary-aged children, tutors his teammates as needed, and has also volunteered at the New Jersey National Guard and Militia Museum. He is also a member of the KST program, a leadership organization that evolves around religious beliefs at the BAPS Temple.

A gold medal level chess player and member of Lawrence’s Honors-level band (wind ensemble), Sunda is a recipient of the Cardinal 3D Award, recognizing his desire, determination, and dedication.

“Javier,” Radice said, “is the consummate student athlete who makes coaching a pleasure. He makes the people around him work harder and is the true definition of a leader.”



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NATE TEWELL HOPEWELL VALLEY

You don't just build an 18-3 record over the last two seasons without great leadership. Nate Tewell is very much the embodiment of the culture of hard work and dedication at Hopewell Valley.

Not only is Nate a leader on the offensive line, but he's also a leader in the school's weight room. He has helped to establish a level of intensity and accountability that has carried through to the others on the team. Not only is Nate a leader in the weight room, he's a leader in the classroom. Nate carries a 3.9 GPA with a schedule full of Honors and Advanced Placement Classes. He's a proud National Honor Society member at HVCHS.

And not only is Nate a leader in the classroom, he's also a leader in the music room. Nate is a member of the Hopewell Valley Choir and the student led all-male a capella group. On Friday nights, Nate would sing the national anthem, then play in the football game.

"Nate's work ethic, leadership, and authenticity," said long time Bulldogs head coach David Caldwell, "makes him a person that others look up to." Nate continues to lead by example through his volunteer efforts. He works with hyper-local non-profit groups to raise awareness and build connections within the community. He's personally organized food drive competitions between the offense and the defense to collect non-perishable food items for two local food pantries. He inspires his teammates to participate and be involved in their community.

"Nate's maturity and time management skills equip him to excel in the classroom, perform on the athletic field, volunteer in the community, and serve as a positive role model," Caldwell said.



LUKE WIEDAU ALLENTOWN

Luke Wiedau stood tall in the pocket for Allentown and delivered the Redbirds to the state playoffs. Wiedau threw for over 2,000 yards and led the Redbirds to a 7-3 campaign, finishing as the leading passer in the WJFL. He earned all-Group 3 honors and was named a first-team, all-Valley selection for the second straight year. He was a two-way threat at the QB position, rushing for over 800 yards as well. That's even more remarkable when you consider Luke didn't even play quarterback until his sophomore year.

"One of Luke's most commendable traits is his unwavering commitment to personal growth," Allentown coach Andrew Lachenmayer said. "Luke is always seeking opportunities to improve his skills and eagerly accepts constructive criticism to enhance his performance. This dedication to continuous improvement is a testament to his strong work ethic and resilience. It is this drive to be great that allowed Luke to transform himself from someone who had never played QB before high school to becoming the leading passer in the WJFL."

Luke is a vital member in the Allentown school community as well. He attended the 2023 NJ Youth Wellness Summit and has trained youth baseball players in his extra time. Luke works the annual Allentown football Youth Summer Camp, has volunteered for A&M Redbirds Pop Warner sign up day, and committed to community service at his church for the holidays.

Admitted into the prestigious Carnegie Mellon University Tepper School of Business, Wiedau is in the top 10 percent of the graduating class at Allentown, where he serves as a leader both on and off the field.

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DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER LITTLE SCHOLAR **CONNOR PETERS**

Connor Peters is not only a Swiss army knife in football, but in life as well.

The Bordentown Regional Middle School 8th-grader is multifaceted on the gridiron, having played nearly every position since starting with the Bordentown Bulldogs youth program at age 4. Off the field, he not only gets grades anywhere from 84 to 99 percentile but takes part in numerous types of organizations.

To say he can do it all is an understatement and is also a major factor in Connor being named this year's Delaware Valley Chapter Little Scholar.

Connor showed his versatility in football from the very start and his efforts helped the Bulldogs win the 2017 and 2019 West Jersey Youth Football League Northern Division championships, and the 2019 and 2021 WJFL League championships. This past fall, he played tight end and running back on offense and rotated between linebacker and cornerback on defense. Because he could be plugged into other spots as well, Peters often played the entire game and earned respect from his coaches and peers as a team Iron Man.

His athletic abilities were not limited to football, as he has wrestled for BRMS for three years, participated in the middle school track club, and played in the Bordentown Area Basketball League for four years.

When not competing in a sports arena, Connor is active in any number of organizations. He has gone from Cub Scout to Boy Scout with the achievement of the Arrow of Light, and currently holds the rank of Second Class. As a member of BMRS' Building Men Club, Peters learns leadership skills through small group meetings, while also discussing life lessons, academics and how to be a better person. The club, which is by invitation only, completes service projects within the school and the town.

Connor has also completed his 30 community service hours for his Confirmation through St. Mary's Catholic Church. He enjoys backyard football with his friends, building Legos and playing video games during his spare time.

Of course, with all that he does, finding spare time may be the one thing Connor has trouble excelling at.

Such is the life of a human Swiss army knife.



Past Delaware Valley/Pop Warner Little Scholars

2022	Cooper Briehler Hopewell Valley/ Robbinsville Pop Warner	2016	Alfred Woods Florence Flashes	2009	Harvey E. Butler III, WW-P Pop Warner	2002	Marc Zamarin Hillsborough Dukes
2021	Dominic Cuniglio III, Hamilton PAL	2015	Kyle Dowgin Bordentown Bulldogs	2008	Brian Schoenauer, WW-P Pop Warner	2001	Daniel Clark Hillsborough Dukes
2020	Harrison Kertes Bordentown Bulldogs	2014	Joseph Brown Warrior PAL	2007	David Dudeck III, Burlington County Pop Warner	2000	Bassil Salmon East Windsor PAL
2019	Kole Briehler Hopewell Valley Pop Warner	2013	Nick Kloutis Hamilton PAL	2006	Connor McElwee, West Windsor Wildcats	1999	Robert Damiano Hamilton Pop Warner
2018	Jack Rice West Windsor Wildcats	2012	Will James Hamilton PAL	2005	Michael Garofola Hamilton Pop Warner	1998	Ryan Biolsi Flemington Pop Warner
2017	Jayson Jenkins West Jersey Youth Football League	2011	Kyle Liedtka Hamilton Pop Warner	2004	Ryan McDermott Hamilton Pop Warner	1997	Jason Auletta Hamilton Pop Warner
		2010	Carson Vey Hopewell Valley Pop Warner	2003	James Bea Hillsborough Dukes	1996	Michael Taylor Hamilton Pop Warner

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JUDGE ARTHUR LANE
SCHOLAR • LEADER • ATHLETE
JALEN TRAVIS
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

If there was any question as to Jalen Travis' value to the Princeton University offense, there is a telling stat to confirm it. While the left tackle was injured throughout most of October, the Tigers averaged 17.8 points per game. When he returned in November, the number rose to 26.7 per game.

And if there is any debate over whether he has the smarts to be this year's Judge Arthur Lane Award winner as PU's Scholar-Athlete, the answer is also readily available. His academics have been so impressive that Travis is one of just 62 junior undergraduate students in the nation to be awarded the \$30,000 Truman scholarship for public service, which goes toward a postgraduate degree with the requirement of going into public service for at least three years following postgraduate completion.

On the field, Jalen is a two-time second-team All-Ivy League selection, earning the honor this past season despite missing a third of the campaign. He was a Campbell Trophy semifinalist and was on the 2024 Senior Bowl and East-West Shrine Bowl 1000 lists in the preseason. The Minneapolis, Minnesota native was part of the Tigers 2021 Ivy League championship team and served as a Tigers team captain.

Travis has already carved out quite a resume off the field. An A.B. Candidate in the Department of Anthropology, his relevant coursework includes Rhetoric & Politics, Human Rights, Policy Entrepreneurship, Policing & Militarization and Microeconomics, The Anthropology of Law, U.S. Legal History, Congressional Politics and Constitutional Interpretation. His thesis was on How Princeton University should leverage community service to mitigate the fallout from affirmative action's strike down.

Work and leadership roles include an internship with the NJ Institute of Social Justice; an internship with U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar; Development in the U.S. Department of Commerce; co-director of Princeton's Minority Pre-Law Association; co-chair and liaison for Princeton Advocacy and Activism Student Organizations; board member for the Programs for Community Engaged Scholarship Student Advisory Board at Princeton; and co-founder and president of The Just Action Coalition 501(c)3, Minneapolis.

While interning for Senator Klobuchar, Jalen assisted in the confirmation process for Donald Cravins Jr. to become the first Under Secretary for Minority Business Development in the U.S. Department of Commerce.



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JACOB MAURICE

THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

It's only fitting that Jacob Maurice is a finance major, because the honors keep adding up for The College of New Jersey cornerback.

After being named a New Jersey Athletic Conference Defensive Rookie of the Week twice in 2021, the West Orange product was named to the NJAC All-Academic team in both 2022 and 2023, was placed on the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team in '23, and also received the EOF Graduate Achievement Award this school year. .

It's the kind of resume that makes Jacob this year's Earl H. Dean/The College of New Jersey Scholar-Leader-Athlete.

As a sophomore – his first year playing for the Lions – Maurice had 30 tackles, two interceptions and two forced fumbles in nine games. He debuted with seven tackles in his collegiate debut at Muhlenberg. As part of a cornerback rotation his junior year, Maurice made 15 tackles and broke up two passes.

Playing strong safety, Jacob enjoyed his best statistical season this past fall. A fan of former Baltimore Raven Ed Reed who says he is “very passionate about tackling,” Maurice amassed a career-high 38 tackles; to go along with two interceptions he returned for a combined 76 yards, and three pass break-ups.

Off the field, Jacob has made the Dean's List every semester. He belongs to the National Association of Black Accountants, Financial Management Association, Real Estate Club, Student Athletic Association Committee and Educational Opportunity Fund.



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HANK JOHNS COACHES AWARD

CHARLIE GALLAGHER • PRINCETON



Plenty of folks throughout the Mercer County football community were happy this past Autumn, because plenty of folks like Charlie Gallagher. And his legion of admirers enjoyed seeing Charlie have the kind of success last fall that has made him this year's Hank Johns Coaches Award winner.

One of the true class acts in Central Jersey football, Gallagher always remained positive and approachable during some very tough seasons for the Little Tigers. After going 8-2 in 2014, Charlie's squads endured eight straight losing seasons with just 11 wins during that time.

But things changed for the better in 2023 when Gallagher's steady hand guided Princeton to a 5-4 ledger. While that record might seem modest at some schools, it actually energized the entire town of Old Nassau. "It's been great to see the Princeton community really rally around the team over the past few years," Gallagher said. "Normally we have just parents and some casual fans. Now the student section has grown exponentially, and the parents are bringing their neighbors and extended family to the games. It's been a sight to see."

Gallagher played high school football under legendary Paulsboro coach Glenn Howard. He was part of a New Jersey record 63-game winning streak and won a South Jersey Group 1 sectional title as a senior. After receiving a Bachelor's degree at Rider University and Masters from TCNJ, Charlie interned at NFL Films. He worked in production his first five years out of college before starting at Princeton High in 2002 as a Broadcast Television and Filmmaking teacher.

Returning to the gridiron, the Gibbsboro native coached the Princeton University sprint team for three years and was a PHS assistant under Steve Everette and Joe Gargione.

Elevated to head man in 2013, Gallagher had a tough baptism finishing 0-10 his first season. But he turned things around a year later with an 8-2 mark and CJ 4 playoff berth, earning Times of Trenton Coach of the Year honors. Some lean years followed but Charlie always stuck to his philosophy of making the game fun for young men and just working to be better each day. It paid off in 2023 with a winning record.

"We used the mantra of being 1-0 at the end of the week," Gallagher said. "It works well for football. We're not looking to be 2-0 and 3-0 at the end of the week like other sports playing multiple times a week. "It allows players to focus in and avoid all the distractions. We have developed some nice continuity with our staff. No coach can do this alone, and we have some really good coaches stick it out through some very thin times. Our coaches care about our kids." As does Gallagher, which is why he did not jump ship when things went bad. Through it all, he and his staff have produced several college players, including Sam

Smallzman (Penn), David Beamer (Wheaton) and Jaiden Johnson (TCNJ). Charlie has also coached boys ice hockey, tennis and girls lacrosse at PHS and is active in the NJFCA and AFCA.

Also a good family man, Gallagher and wife Cali are raising four children. Son Chase is a 7th-grade football player for Lawrence Pop Warner, while his three daughters are faring well in college and high school. Reece attends TCNJ, Avery is a two-year cheerleading captain at PHS and Quinn lettered in three sports as a PHS freshman.



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ASSISTANT COACHES AWARD **BOB ZIEGLER • HUN**

When someone mentions the name “Zig” in Mercer County football circles, most people will know exactly who they are talking about.

Bob “Zig” Ziegler has been the defensive coordinator at Steinert and Hun for the past 20 years and is as well known as any head coach in the area. It is only fitting that he makes history as the DelVal Chapter’s first Assistant Coaches Award winner.

A lifelong Hamilton Township resident, Ziegler’s defenses are known to be among the best of the best every autumn. He knows how to tailor his schemes to his personnel and understands the best way to attack an offense. His knowledge earns complete trust from the coaches he works under.

Over the past three campaigns, Hun’s defense has allowed fewer than 75 points each season and has made opponents’ running games non-existent by holding them to negative-587 yards rushing. During that time the Raiders went 26-1 and solidified their reputation as the country’s top prep school defense.

“Coach Ziegler’s dedication to defensive game planning, practice organization, drill implementation, and game day play calling has been nothing short of exceptional,” Hun head coach Todd Smith said. “What sets Coach Ziegler apart is not just the statistical success but the way he connects with the players. His ability to inspire passion and instill a sense of physicality has been instrumental in the team’s triumphs. The respect and response he receives from the kids are a testament to his coaching prowess and leadership qualities.”

Ziegler was a three-letter winner in football and baseball at Steinert, where his father Bob also played. He was a two-year captain and two-time All-Centennial Conference defensive lineman at Dickinson College, and was the school’s McAndrew Award winner as Male Athlete of the Year.

Zig became a graduate assistant for three seasons at Dickinson before taking over as Steinert’s defensive coordinator from 2008-14. He helped the Spartans to their first-ever playoff win in 2011, when they reached the Central Jersey Group III finals. Bob moved on to Hun in 2015 and has helped the Raiders to a 70-8 record in nine years.

A long-time baseball player, Zig turned in his bat for a stick and has been Steinert’s head lacrosse coach since 2017.

Off the field he loves spending time with wife Cali – a former Steinert cheerleading coach – and daughters Harper and Emerson. Ziegler’s dedication to his family mirrors his commitment to the sports community, creating a well-rounded and inspirational figure for those he mentors.

This latest honor is a testament to Zig’s passion, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the development of young athletes both on and off the field.



2023 SCHOLAR LEADER ATHLETE AWARDS

JACK MILLARD OFFICIALS AWARD **PETER VASPORY**



There are a number of qualities one must possess to be a good football referee. The short list includes integrity, honesty, passion for the game and a desire to make sure each player is treated fairly within the battle lines. Peter Vaspory possesses all those traits and more, which makes him this year's Jack Millard Officials Award winner.

Vaspory not only cared about the players and coaches, he wanted his colleagues to be the best they could and helped them out in a low-key but effective manner. "He's just a very quiet guy who knows his stuff," said Tom Carr, a former Millard award-winner. "He helped me out a lot when I came on as a back judge. He is just a good referee."

Vaspory has officiated high school sports for 23 years. He began with basketball in 2000, added football in 2002 and started with boys lacrosse a year later. Age doesn't matter as he also officiates at the recreational level. As a former player and coach, Peter became an official in order to stay involved in the sports that he enjoys so much.

After graduating technical school, Vaspory began his work career at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in 1986. He was hired as a trades helper in the communication department and worked his way up to senior foreman. He is an active member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Local 864.

His other associations are through athletics and include the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, New Jersey Football Officials Association and New Jersey Interscholastic Lacrosse Officials.

Peter's experience and skill set as a supervisor have contributed to his becoming a successful game manager. Remaining poised and in control, he strives to be fair and consistent in each game. His love of the sport, being on the field in a competitive atmosphere, as well as interacting with the student-athletes and coaches are what bring him back each season. The Hamilton Square resident feels honored to have been selected to work several divisional, group, county, and state finals in several of the sports he officiates.

Peter has been married to wife Cheryl for 40 years and are parents to sons Scott and Craig, and daughter Jillian. When Vaspory is not keeping order during an athletic event, he is deservedly living the good life by traveling and exploring new places.



Past Jack Millard Officials Award Recipients

2021 Terrance Stokes	2012 Greg Bellotti	1999 Jim Cleary	1986 Jim Wilno, Jr.
2020 Justin Johnson	2011 George Wah	1998 Tom McCreesh	1985 Jack Watro
2019 Eugene P. Ferguson, Jr	2010 James S. Moscarell	1997 Merkle Cherry	1984 Paul Chopko
2018 Abraham Johnson	2009 Joe Shaw	1996 Larry Gunnell	1983 John Zorzi
2017 Sabrina Isom	2008 Raymond F. Stupinski III	1995 Barry Cicale	1982 Al Fullman
2016 Hank Johns, Jr.	2007 Jim Wilno, Jr.	1994 Tom Considine	1981 Vince Boccanfuso
2014 Scott Heiser	2006 Ed Harris	1993 Jim Wilno, Sr.	1980 Jack Millard
2013 Tom Carr	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 CHAMPION AWARD **DEVIN DEFRACTANCE**

As an inspirational member of the Special Olympics community for 14 years, Devin DeFrance is truly worthy of some positive recognition.

And he is receiving it tonight as this year's Eunice Kennedy Shriver Champion Award recipient.

The Clayton resident is currently attending Rowan College of South Jersey (formerly Rowan College of Gloucester County) and pursuing an Associate's Degree in Game and Interactive Design.

Devin began his Special Olympics career as a Flag Football player in September, 2010. Since then he has shown his athletic versatility, also competing in floor hockey, basketball and softball. Through playing sports, he has gained such attributes and qualities as teamwork, leadership, dedication, courage, strength, focus and responsibility. Away from the playing fields and arenas, Devin enjoys his pets; works on college projects and assignments; and aids in part-time jobs with his dad.

A graduate of the Kingsway Learning Center in Moorestown, Devin was able to enroll in the Adult Center For Transition (ACT) program at Rowan of SJ. ACT is designed to prepare students for college-accredited courses. After having only been a part-time volunteer in high school, Devin originally found the ACT program a bit overwhelming. He continued to work hard at it and persevere, however, managing to pass the course within two years and advancing to where he was eligible to take accredited courses.

In addition to grinding away in the classroom, Devin has continued to make an impact in athletics. In June of 2022, he played center for the New Jersey Flag Football team in the Special Olympics USA games in Orlando, Fla. It was a role well-fitted for his strong physique, as he scored four touchdowns in five games. Along with his scores, Devin made a ton of key plays as New Jersey went 5-0 to bring home the Gold Medal.

Thanks to that success, Devin is fired up to continue his football career and is looking to make the team again for the 2026 USA Games in Minnesota.

It's nice to know we may not have seen the last of Devin DeFrance on the gridiron.



Past Eunice Kennedy Shriver Award Recipients

2022	Fernando Santana	2021	Michele Asher-Coddington	2020	David Wardell	2018	Brian Pitts	2016	Kevin McCormac
		2019	Casey Mann	2017	Chris McCormac	2015	Steve Rodenbeck		

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TONY PERSICILLI MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

JOE O'GORMAN



If there is one thing that the Trenton area newspapers have been blessed with over the years, it is dedicated high school sportswriters who come from the area and know how important positive coverage can be for young student-athletes.

Joe O'Gorman is one such scribe, which is why he is this year's Tony Persichilli Meritorious Service Award.

For nearly 40 years, Joe has been one of The Trentonian's top local writers, handling everything from football to field hockey. He currently broadcasts football games for WBCB's live video stream broadcasts, and afterwards writes about those games. He also covers The College of New Jersey's football team, along with all other TCNJ sports.

Like Tony "Perch", Joe was born and raised in Mercer County and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1964. A year later he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served as a personnel specialist on a base in Oakland, Cal.

After leaving the service in 1967, O'Gorman studied accounting in night school at Rider College. He put that knowledge to good use by working for the State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation as an auditor in 1968. Nine years later Joe joined the Office of Criminal Investigation and retired in 2008 as Chief of the Office. Throughout his 39 years of state service, O'Gorman served as National Vice Chair and National Chair of the Federation of Tax Administrators.

During that time, Joe was also making a name for himself on the area sports scene. He was an IAABO Board 193 Basketball Official and coached the St. Anthony's girls' basketball team in the Mercer County CYO League. From there he became an assistant under Gary Bushelli for the McCorristin High School girls' team.

In 1984, the late, legendary sportswriter George O'Gorman suggested to Trentonian sports editor Joe Logue that his cousin, Joe, would be a solid addition to the paper.

O'Gorman was hired and after a brief stint answering phones, he became a fixture on the local scene covering high school and colleges. For years he was the beat writer for Burlington County before being utilized in Mercer.

"It has always been a pleasure to report on the achievements of young athletes and to follow their career through high school and often through their college athletic career,"

O'Gorman said. "It has been a privilege to deal with many great administrators, athletic directors, coaches, colleagues and amazing young athletes. Together they have made this a great, enjoyable ride."

Married to Donna, Joe has three children – Kim Minnick, Joe O'Gorman and Jessica Applegate – and two sons-in-law in Virgil Minnick and Harry Applegate. His grandchildren are Victoria Minnick, Virgil Minnick, Harry Applegate, Valerie Minnick and Drew Applegate.

A valuable community member, Joe has served on the Bordentown Township Veteran Advisory Board for the last seven years; and is an Honorary Commander at McGuire Air Force Base. He is a member of American Legion Post 26, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 491, the Burlington County Military Affairs Committee and Vietnam Veterans of America.

Through hard work comes accolades. O'Gorman is a Mercer CYO Basketball HOF inductee; and in May will be inducted into the Notre Dame High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

And tonight he is saluted for all he has given to youth football in the Delaware Valley.

Past Tony Persichilli Meritorious Service Award Recipients

2022 Sean Miller

2019 Michael Holcombe

2018 Santuzza Oilers

2017 Bob Nuse

2016 Bill Rednor

2021 Merkle Cherry

2015 George O'Gorman

PAST AWARD WINNERS

Past Princeton University Scholar • Leader • Athletes

Year	Nominee/Coach	Year	Nominee/Coach	Year	Nominee/Coach
2022	Carter Christopher/Bob Surace	2003	Time Kirby/Roger Hughes	1984	Mark Berggren/Frank Navarro
2021	David Hoffman & Reily Radosevich Bob Surace	2002	Cameron Atkinson/Roger Hughes	1983	Kevin Guthrie/Frank Navarro
2019	Andrew Griffin/Bob Surace	2001	Robert Ferrell/Roger Hughes	1982	Brent Woods/Frank Navarro
2018	Tom Johnson/Bob Surace	2000	Mike Higgins/Roger Hughes	1981	Scott Oostdyk/Frank Navarro
2017	Richard Bush/Bob Surace	1999	David Ferrara/Steve Tosches	1980	Mark Bailey/Frank Navarro
2016	Scott Carpenter/Bob Surace	1998	Alex Sierk/Steve Tosches	1979	Ted Soti/Frank Navarro
2015	Matt Arends/Bob Surace	1997	Tim Greene/Steve Tosches	1978	Andy Stephens/Frank Navarro
2014	Mike Zeuli/Bob Surace	1996	Mark Washington/Steve Tosches	1977	Dave Powers/Bob Casciola
2013	Phil Bhaya/Bob Surace	1995	Carter Westfall/Steve Tosches	1976	Kevin Fox/Bob Casciola
2012	Andrew Starks/Bob Surace	1994	Mark Berkowitz/Steve Tosches	1975	Robert Beible/Bob Casciola
2011	Ivan Charbonneau/Bob Surace	1993	Keith Elias/Steve Tosches	1974	Dale Spiegel/Bob Casciola
2010	Matt Zimmerman/Bob Surace	1992	Steve Tufillaro/Steve Tosches	1973	William Cronin/Bob Casciola
2009	Daniel Kopolovich/Roger Hughes	1991	Jonas Sheehan/Steve Tosches	1972	John Bartges/Jake McCandless
2008	Ryan Coyle/Roger Hughes	1990	Marin Graja/Steve Tosches	1971	Paul Ondraski/Jake McCandless
2007	Rob Toresco/Roger Hughes	1989	Steve Hillgeist/Steve Tosches	1970	Kirk Liddell/Jake McCandless
2006	Colin McDonough/Roger Hughes	1988	Greg DiFelice/Steve Tosches	1969	Keith Mauney/Jake McCandless
2005	Andrew Wilson/Roger Hughes	1987	David Wilson/Steve Tosches	1968	Richard Sandler/Dick Coleman
2004	Jon Veach/Roger Hughes	1986	Rob DiGiacomo/Ron Rogerson	1967	Robert Weber/Dick Coleman
		1985	James Petrucci/Ron Rogerson	1966	John Bowers/Dick Coleman
				1965	Richard Rogers/Dick Coleman

Past Trenton State/The College of New Jersey Scholar • Leader • Athletes

Year	Nominee/Coach	Year	Nominee/Coach	Year	Nominee/Coach
2022	Joey Bellamy/Casey Goff	2004	Jim Dabrowski/Eric Hamilton	1987	Joe Clifton/Eric Hamilton
2020	Andrew Donoghue/Casey Goff	2003	Scott Paterson/Eric Hamilton	1986	Ernie Liberati/Eric Hamilton
2019	Erik Graham/Casey Goff	2002	Tim Kosuda/Eric Hamilton	1985	John Papa/Eric Hamilton
2018	Max Busca/Casey Goff	2001	Mike Wendell/Eric Hamilton	1984	Jim Ball/Eric Hamilton
2017	Trevor Osler/Casey Goff	2000	Curt Monday/Eric Hamilton	1983	Bruce Peditto/Eric Hamilton
2016	Tom Cilla/Wayne Dickens	1999	Richard Falletta/Eric Hamilton	1982	Sam Miserendino/Eric Hamilton
2015	Andrew Lachawiec/Wayne Dickens	1998	Michael Feeney/Eric Hamilton	1981	James Carvalho/Eric Hamilton
2014	Joe Urciuoli & Jake Weiss/Wayne Dickens	1997	Joe Sciarone/Eric Hamilton	1980	Ron Anello/Eric Hamilton
2013	Chris McLaughlin/Wayne Dickens	1996	Joe Scaravaglione/Eric Hamilton	1979	Steve Butfilowski/Eric Hamilton
2012	Greg Burns/Eric Hamilton	1995	Steve Guidette/Eric Hamilton	1978	Tom Hendricks/Eric Hamilton
2011	Jay Donoghue/Eric Hamilton	1994	Scott Dickson & John Reising/Eric Hamilton	1977	Tom Thompson/Eric Hamilton
2010	Andrew Mason/Eric Hamilton	1993	Tom Maxwell/Eric Hamilton	1976	Keith Waters/Carmen Piccone
2009	Colin Weber/Eric Hamilton	1992	Corey Landing/Eric Hamilton	1975	Doug Prefach/Carmen Piccone
2008	Marc Fabiano/Eric Hamilton	1991	Chris Shaw/Eric Hamilton	1974	Eric Hamilton/Dick Curl
2007	Dan Dornacker & Andy Larkin/Eric Hamilton	1990	Mike Tierney/Eric Hamilton	1973	William Paskewich/Pete Carmichael
2006	Ryan Ross/Eric Hamilton	1989	Bob McGinty/Eric Hamilton	1967	Robert Taylor/Bob Salois
2005	Leeaire Brown/Eric Hamilton	1988	Mike Wargo/Eric Hamilton	1966	Robert Smallwood
				1965	George Stratman/Bob Salois

Past Hank Johns Memorial Coach of the Year Recipients

2022	Kevin Kley, North Hunterdon	2012	Jon Adams, Nottingham	2000	Frank Gatto, Steinert	1987	Tom Stuart, WWP
2021	Skip Edwards Bordentown		Joe Frappolli, Florence	1999	Jon Adams, Nottingham	1986	Kurt Vollherbst, Princeton
2020	Andrew Patterson, Robbinsville	2011	Dan Caruso, Steinert	1998	Jim Meert, Hunterdon Central	1985	Bill Long, Pennington
2019	Sean Clancy Notre Dame High School	2010	Luke Sinkhorn, New Egypt	1997	Len Weister, Lawrence	1984	Mike Ortman, Morrisville
2018	Joe Frappolli, Florence High School	2009	Chappy Moore, Notre Dame	1996	Keith Hartbauer, Hamilton	1983	Chappy Moore, Notre Dame
2017	Jared Mazzetta North Hunterdon	2008	Dave Caldwell, Hopewell Valley	1995	Charlie Pirrello, North Burlington	1982	Pete Quinn, Trenton
2016	Drew Besler, Ewing	2007	Matthew Perotti, Hunterdon Central	1994	Jerry Eure, Pennington	1981	Bruce Martz, Ewing
2015	Todd Smith, Hun	2006	Tom Hoglen, Hamilton West	1993	Ken Keuffel, Lawrenceville	1980	Jim Walker, Princeton Day
2014	Jay Graber, Allentown	2005	Todd Smith, WWP South	1992	Keith Wadsworth, Princeton	1979	Bruce Martz, Ewing
2013	Dave Caldwell, Hopewell Valley	2004	Ken Mills, Lawrenceville	1991	Joe Frappolli, Florence	1978	Bill Long, Princeton
		2003	Joe Frappolli, Florence	1990	Harold Beatty, Trenton	1977	Bob Hart, Bensalem
		2002	Kevin Kelly, Conwell Egan	1989	Tim Hadden, Burlington Twp.	1976	Chappy Moore, Notre Dame
		2001	Frank deLaurentis, Peddie	1988	John Mackay, Peddie	1975	Sam Jefferis, South Hunterdon

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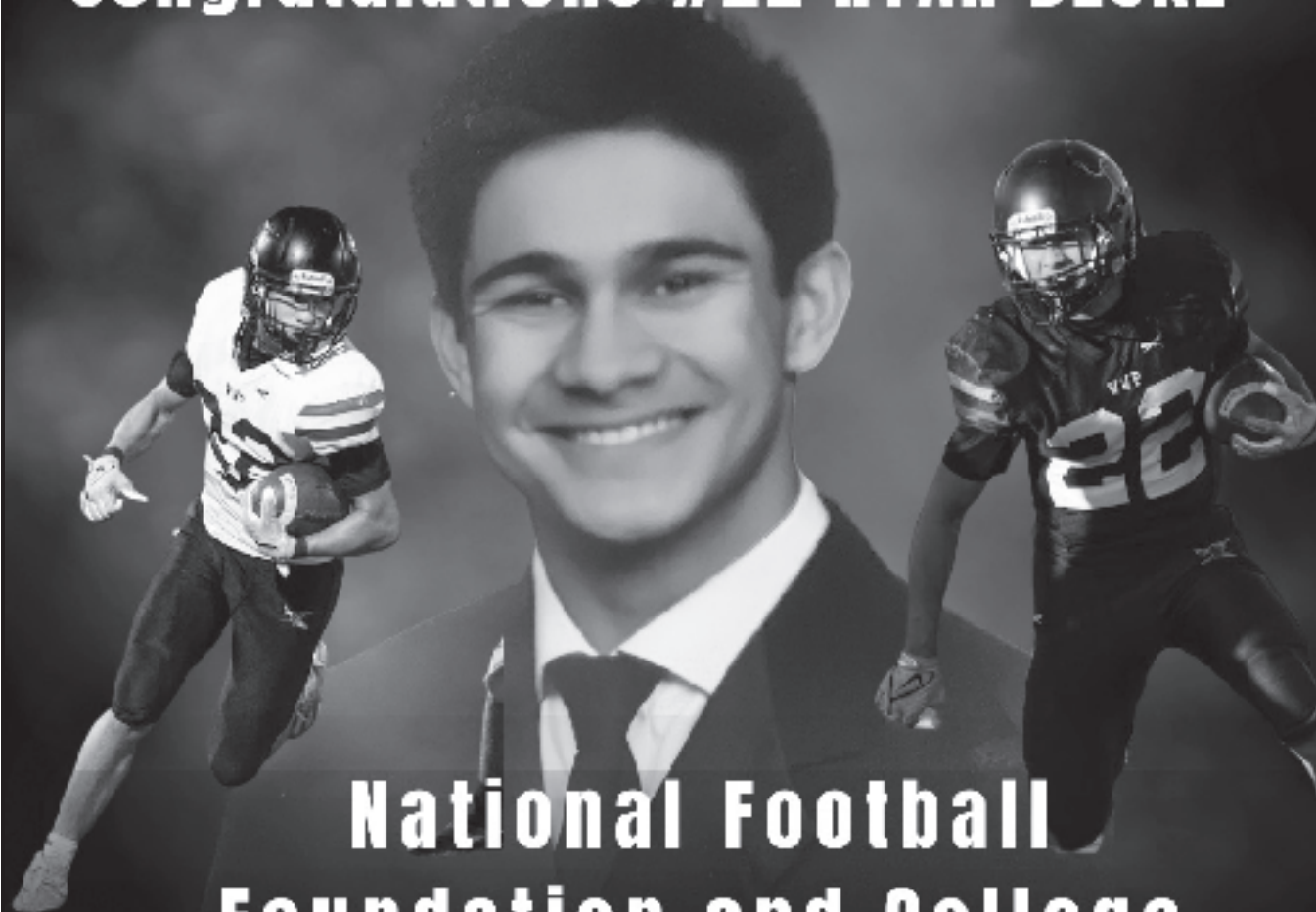
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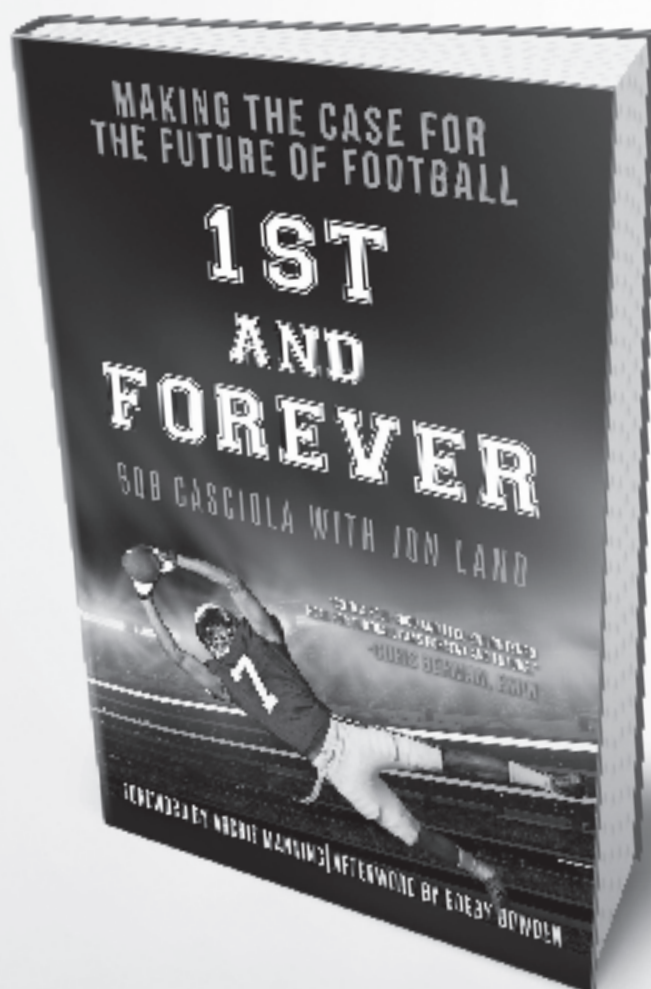
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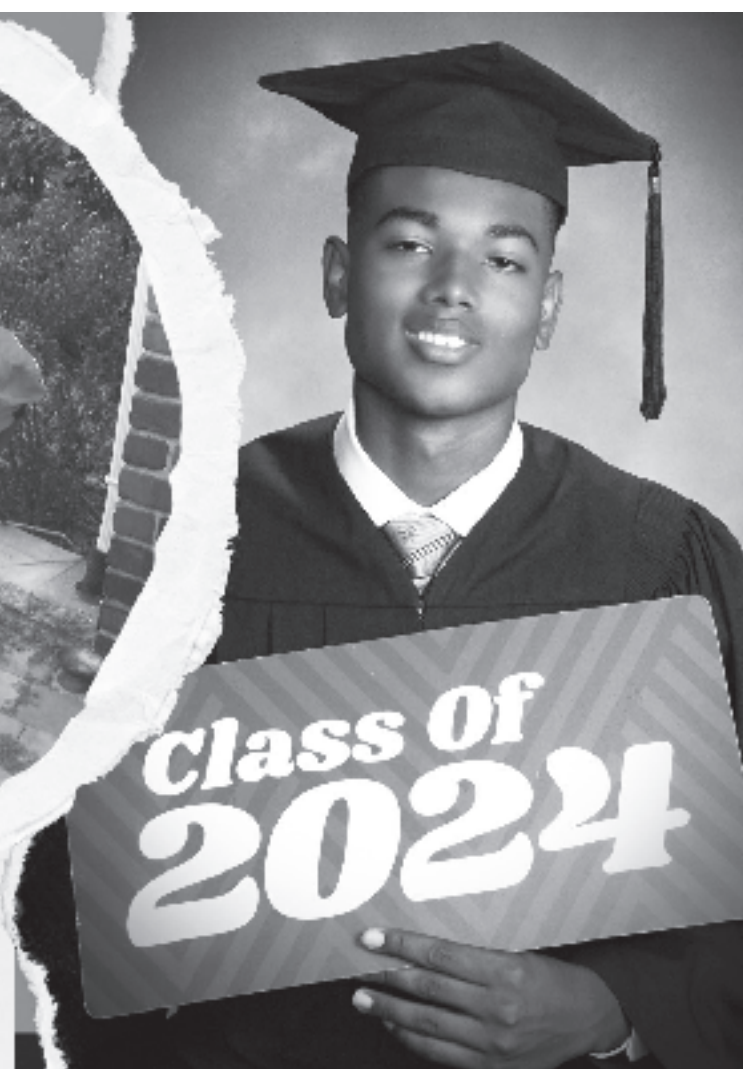


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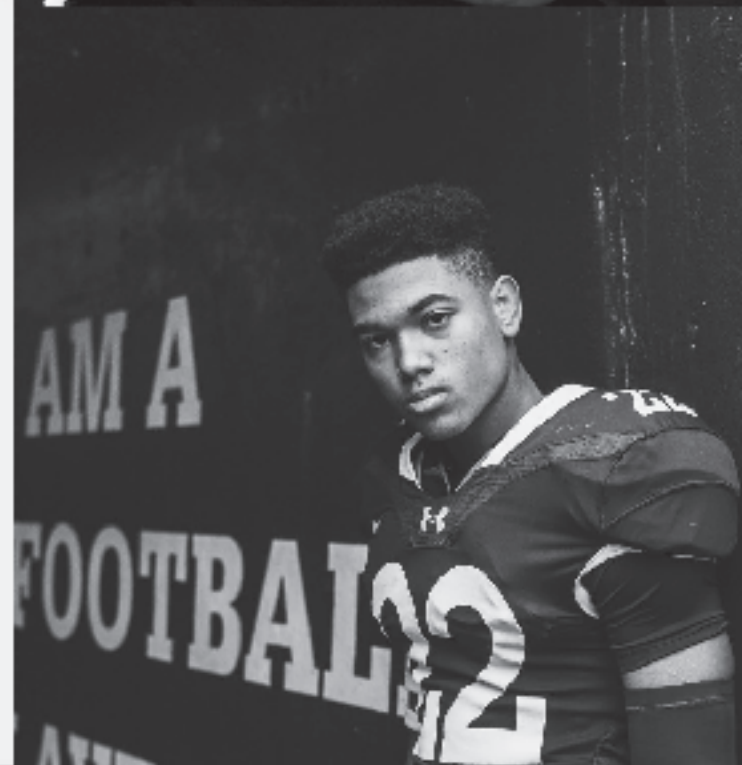
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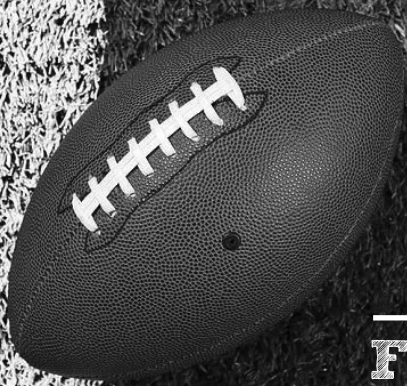
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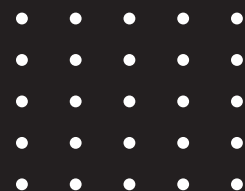


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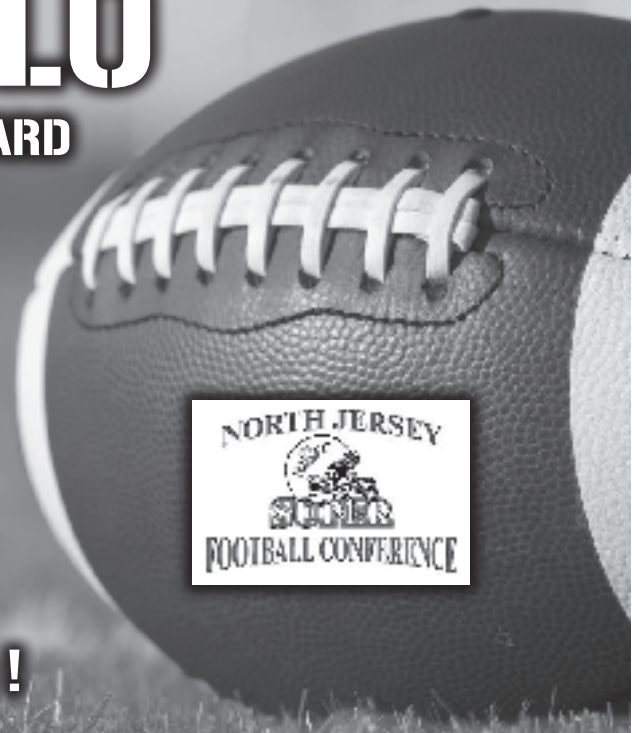
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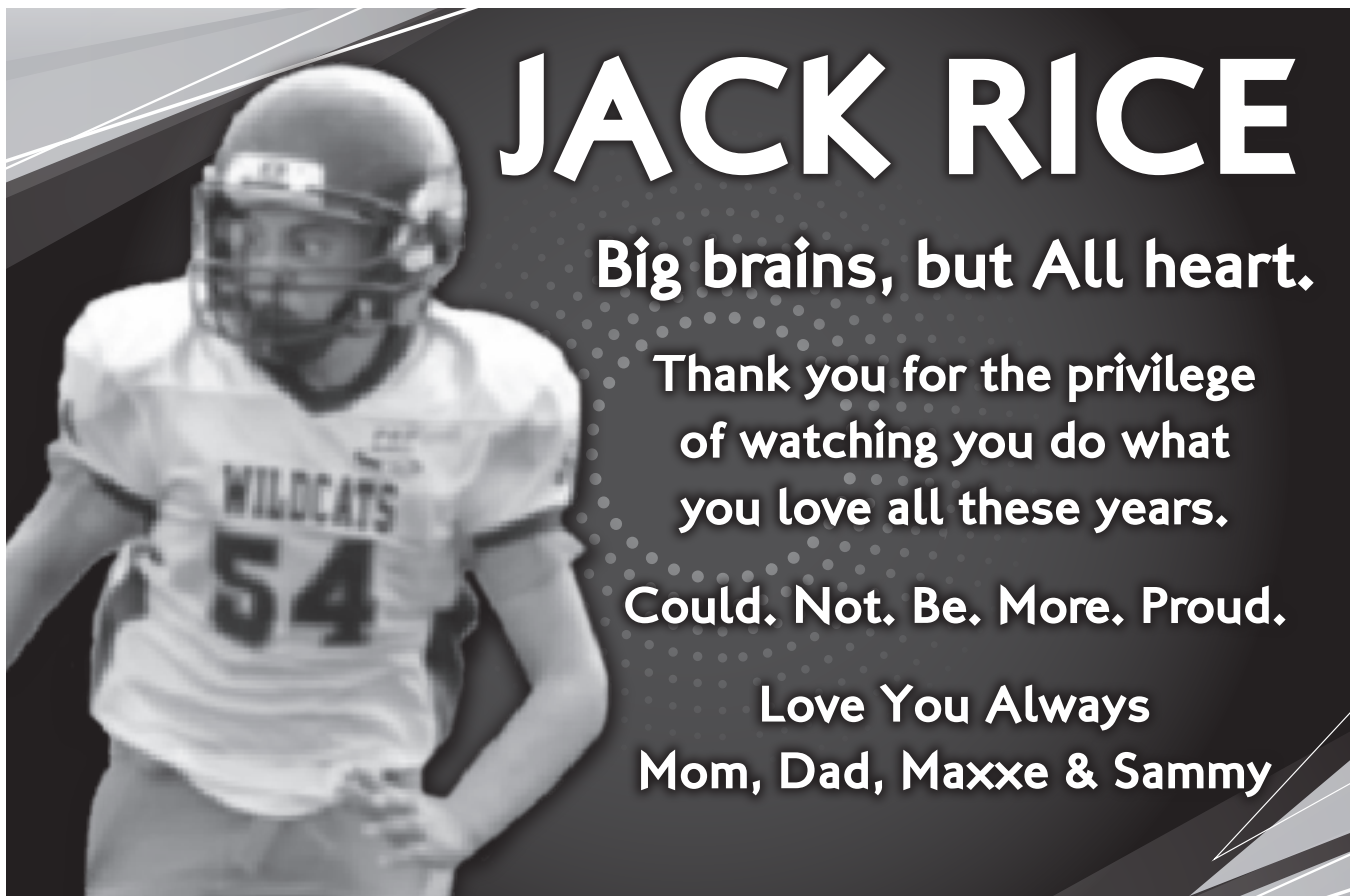
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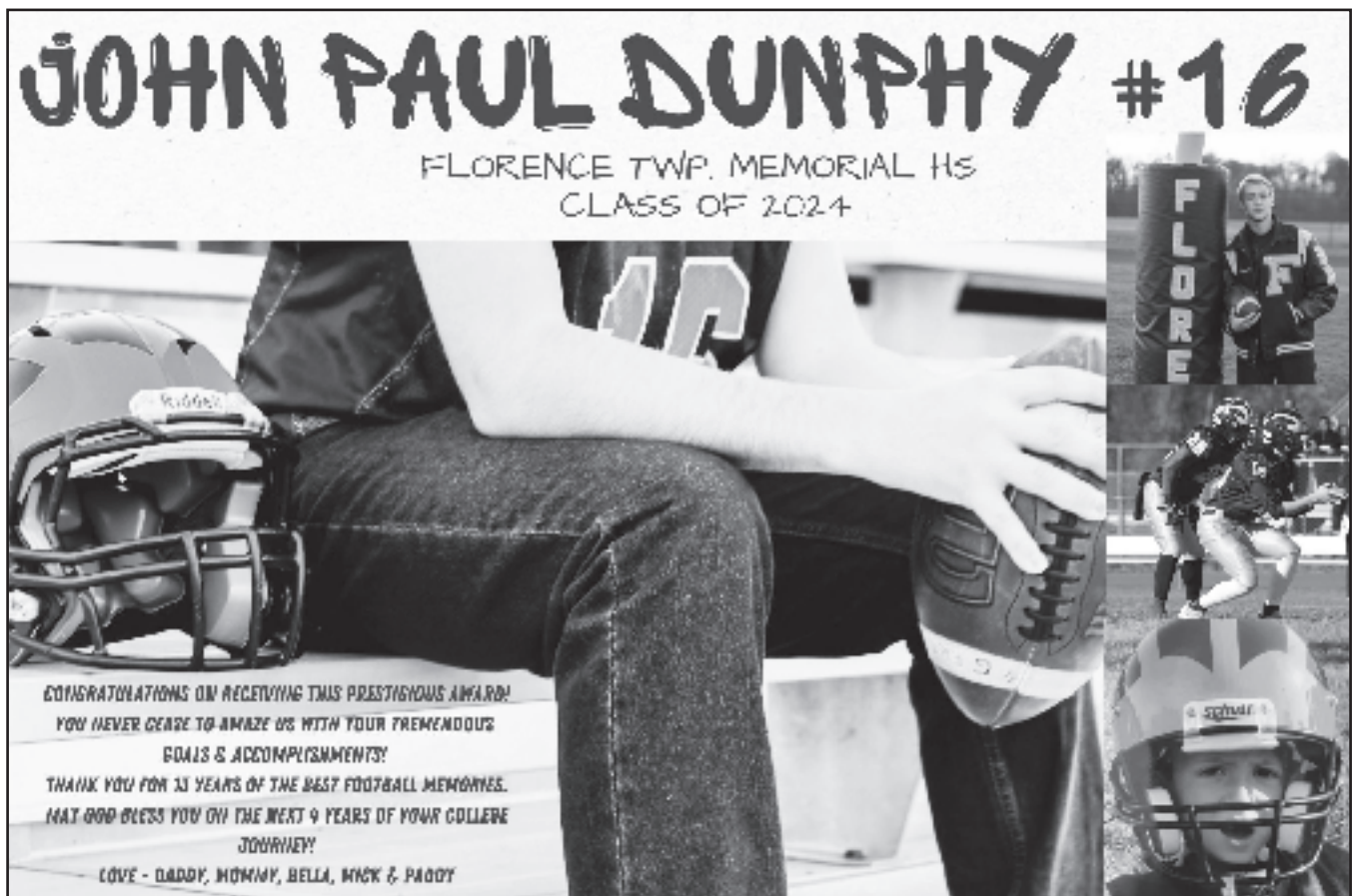
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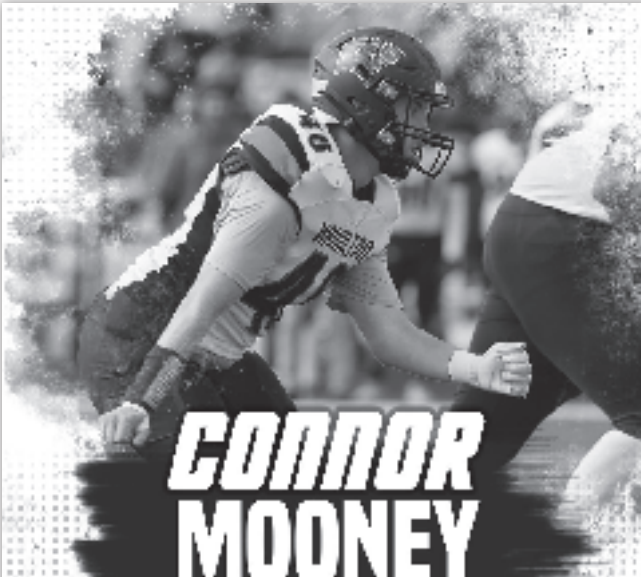
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