

**NJSCA
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CLASS OF 2022



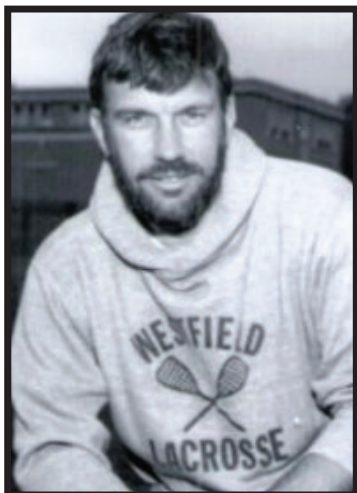
CHRISTOPHER CASERTA

Ramsey HS

Softball (16 Yrs), Football (21 Yrs), & Bowling (3 Yrs)

Softball Record: 287-78

- 10 Softball League Championships
- 4 Softball NJSIAA Sectional Championships
- 2 Softball NJSIAA Grp 2 State Championships
- 2 Softball Bergen County Championships
- 3-time Bergen County Coach of the Year
- 3-time Patriot Division Coach of the Year
- 1 NJ Softball State Coach of the Year Honor
- Won 2 NJSIAA Football Sectional Titles as Football Defensive Coordinator/Asst Coach



SHAUN CHEREWICH

Westfield HS

Boys Lacrosse (20 Years)

Record: 204-108

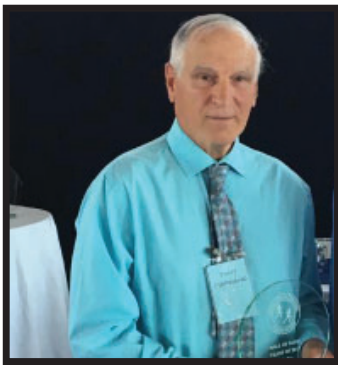
- Created a Lacrosse Club at Westfield HS which led to lacrosse becoming an official varsity sport at the school
- 2 New Jersey State Championships & 4 Division Championships
- Named Coach of the Year by the United States Lacrosse Coaches Association New Jersey, Garden State Lacrosse League, Courier News (4 times) and the Star-Ledger
- Also received the 1984 Press Box Award-Surburban News...for contribution to youth of Union County and was honored by the New Jersey Lacrosse Coaches Association "For dedication and Contribution to New Jersey Lacrosse (1992)"
- Inducted in the following Halls of Fame: New Jersey Lacrosse, Elmwood Park, and Westfield HS His 1985-1986 Westfield Lacrosse Team was also elected into the Westfield HS Hall of Fame



VICKI GILLEN

Toms River North HS
Girls Basketball
Record: Over 340 Wins

- 2 South Jersey Group 4 Championships
- 4-time South Jersey Group 4 Finalists
- Overall Group 4 Finalist
- 3-time WOBM Christmas Tournament Champions
- 5-time South Coach of the Year
- Shore Conference Coach of the Year
- Shore Conference All-Star Coach for many years



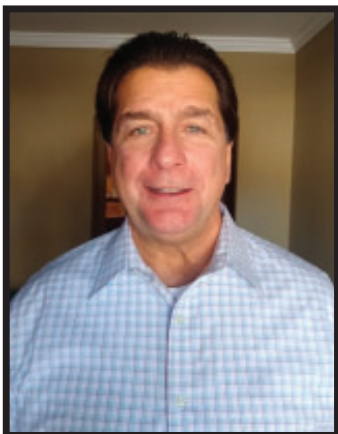
TONY GIORDANO

Asbury Park HS
Cross Country, Winter and Spring Track & Field (25 Years)

- Winter Track - 14 State Relay and 14 State Titles
- Spring Track – 6 State & 13 Sectional Titles
- Cross Country –2 State & 4 Sectional Titles
- 22 Years Undefeated
- Listed #26 out of 150 Top Coaches of all time by the Asbury Park Press
- Inducted into the Shore Track Coaches HOF

FRANK GUADAGNINO

Fair Lawn HS
Wrestling (20 Years), Football (2 Years), Track (8 Years)
Record: 275-71-1



- 14 NBIAL League Championships
- 9 NJSIAA District Team Champions, 7 NJSIAA Group 4 Section 1 State Champions, 7 Group 4 BCCA Team Champions, and 5 Overall Team Champions of the BCCA Tournament
- 5 Bergen County Teams of the Year and 6 Region 2 Teams of the Year
- 8 Teams ranked in the top 20 of the state, 5 of them in the top 10
- 1987 Region 2 Team of the Decade
- District Coach of the Year 6 times, Bergen County Coach of the Year 4 times, and Region Coach of the Year 2 times
- Inducted into the Region 2 Hall of Fame and the Fair Lawn High School Hall of Fame



JOE HAEMMERLE

Bergen Catholic HS
Boys Lacrosse (24 Years) and Football
Record: 250 Victories

- 5 Lacrosse Non-Public "A" State Finalist Teams, NJSIAA Quarterfinal Team in 2003, and State Champions and TOC Finalists in 2015
- 3 Lacrosse County Championships, 1 North Jersey Invitational (unofficial County Championship at the time) & 3 Gibbs Division Championships
- Coached seven All-American lacrosse players including one MLL Draftee
- 9 Football State Championships
- Over 100 victories including the best record in NJ. 99-10 record in the 1990s
- Coached 3 Defensive State Players of Year, 1 National Two-Way Player of Year, and 6 NFL Players
- Inducted into the US Lacrosse NJ Chapter HOF and was their 2018 Chapter Man of Year
- 2016 NJSIAA Boys Lacrosse Award, NJLOA Len Roland Sportsmanship Award (3x), North Jersey Coach of Year (2x), NJILL Division Coach of Year (3x) and North Jersey Coach of Decade (2000-2009)
- Football 1998 NNJIL Asst Football Coach of Year



KEVIN HARPER

Middlesex HS, Bishop Ahr HS, Piscataway Tech HS
Basketball (42 Years)
Record: 702-317

- NJSIAA Sectional Finalist 6 times
- 2-time GMC County Champions & 2-time finalists
- 14 GMC Division Titles
- 3 State Vo Tech Championships
- Led Middlesex HS to the NJSIAA CJ G1 Finals for three consecutive years. 2019 was the first time ever Middlesex HS made it to the Group 1 semis
- 4x Coach of the Year honoree
- In 2001, Bishop Ahr was the lowest seed to ever win the GMC tournament as a 5th seed.
- One of 5 coaches to have 700 wins coaching Girls Basketball in NJ



WILLIAM HARTNEY

New Milford HS

Girls Track & Field, Girls Volleyball, B/G Soccer,
Boys Basketball (44 Years/101 seasons)
Outdoor Track Record: 128-5

- Girls Outdoor Track - 18 major championships
- 2-time Bergen County Indoor Track Team of Year and Outdoor Track Coach of Year in 1987
- BCSL Outdoor Track Coach of the Year for 5 consecutive years from 1992 – 1996
- Bergen County Coaches Association Century Club in 1994 and Service Award in 2004
- Inducted into the New Milford Athletic HOF



MIKE KEARNEY

Donovan Catholic HS

Boys Basketball (32 Years)
Asst Boys Soccer Coach (20 Years)
Basketball Record: 452-293

- 8 Division Championships
- 2 SCT Finals (2006 & 2008)
- 6x Division Coach of the Year
- 2006 Shore Conference Coach of the Year
- 2002 Boys Soccer SCT Champions

BRUCE KEOGH

Wayne Hills HS

G Tennis (23 Years) / B Tennis (16 Years)

Girls Bowling (18 Years)

G Tennis Record: 225-132 / B Tennis Record: 200-58



- G Tennis - 21 Passaic County Championships, 1 Passaic County runner-up
- B Tennis - 15 Passaic County Championships
- G Bowling - 3 Passaic County Championships and 1 State Sectional title
- In the total of 57 seasons coached, was selected League and County Coach-of-the-Year many times by his coaching colleagues



CHRISTOPHER LEVIN

Bridgewater-Raritan HS

G Swimming (10 Years as Head Coach; 6 Years as Asst)

Record: 108-22

- 4-time Public A State Champions and 2-time runner up in six consecutive years
- 6-time North 2 Public A Sectional Champions
- 5-time Somerset County Champions
- 5-time Skyland Conference Champions and 4x Skyland Conference Meet Champions
- 3-time #1 Team ranking in NJ.com/Star-Ledger
- 2017 NJ.com/Star-Ledger Coach of the Year
- 2-time Skyland Conference Coach of the Year



CHET PARLAVECCHIO

Passaic Valley HS / Bloomfield HS / Irvington HS /
Elizabeth HS

Football (24 Years - Highschool; 5 Years - NFL)

Record: 123-117-1

- At Bloomfield HS, inherited a 30-game losing streak. Three years later his team played the #1 team in the country for the State Championship
- At Irvington HS, football team recorded the first winning season in 16 years
- At Passaic Valley HS, teams won 20 consecutive league victories & ranked #17 in the Star Ledger (Group 3 State Finalists)
- 1 North Jersey Section II, Group 4 State Championship (Elizabeth HS) and 1 North Jersey Section I, Group 4 Playoff (Clifton)
- 3-time Star-Ledger Coach of Year, Madison Square Garden Tri-State Coach of Year & Coach of Year by Herald News & Football Association
- Inducted into the Essex County Coaches HOF
- Linebacker Coach at Temple University, where he coached 3 Future NFL Linebackers
- Special Teams Assistant/Defensive Assistant and Linebacker Coach for the Tennessee Titans
- Player at Penn State (captain in 1981) and in the NFL for the Green Bay Packers and St. Louis Cardinals as a Linebacker from 1982-1984



ANTHONY J. PICARO

Linden HS
Baseball (13 Years)

- 3 State Championships
- 2 Teams Named #1 in the State by Star-Ledger
- 2-time Watchung Conference and Union County Champions
- 3-time Star-Ledger Union County COY in three different decades
- HS Baseball Coach of the Year by Newark Star Ledger and NY Daily News in 1979
- 3-time NJSBCA Senior-All Star Game Head Coach
- Inducted into the following Halls of Fame: Linden Athletic, Union County Baseball Association, and NJSBCA
- Played baseball at Montclair State College



NANCY SAGGIO

Union Catholic Regional HS
Volleyball (27 Years / 29 Seasons)
Record: 554-159

- 3 Spring & 18 Fall Conference Championships
- Union County 13 Varsity & 7 JV Championships
- 2 State Sectional Championships
- 2005 Non-Public State Champions
- 4-time State Championship Group II Runner up, & 4-time Non-Public State Champion Runner up
- 9-time County Teams of the Year & 13 County Players of the Year
- Finished in the top twenty of the State 17 times from 1998 – 2019 (highest finish #2)
- 2-time County Coach of Year, and was a State Coach of Year, Area COY, & was the NFHS NJ Coach of the Year in 2012
- Inducted into the Union Catholic Hall of Fame
- NJSIAA Legend of Volleyball 2019



DR. ERIC SCHWARTZ

Washington Twp. HS
Athletic Trainer (12 Years)

- State-licensed/ nationally certified athletic trainer since 1999
- Published in various peer journals & magazines on topics from concussion management to specific sports medicine case studies
- Worked various NJSIAA Tournament of Champions including wrestling team & individual tournaments, track and field, swimming & diving
- Helped create the first wrestling safety hydration testing manual, and provided training workshops on the hydration testing protocols
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, was instrumental in developing statewide athletic training and athletic-based safety protocols
- Served on the NJSIAA wrestling rules advisory committee from 2005 to 2015
- Received the NATA Service Award, EATA Francis George Doctoral Scholarship Award, the ATSNJ Distinguished Service Award, and the NJSIAA Service Award



CHRISTOPHER SHEPPARD

Williamstown HS
Girls Volleyball (25 Years) / Boys Volleyball (12 Years) /
Girls Basketball (8 Years)
Girls Volleyball Record: 500+ Wins

- Has been the 1st & only coach of the Williamstown Girls' Volleyball program. This past season was the 25th for the program
- Won 18 conference championships, six Group 4 sectional titles, 5 State Championships (one Group 3 title; four Group 4 titles)
- Unbeaten season in 2021 (37-0), which culminated in winning the last ever TOC
- Coached the boys team its first 12 years of existence.
- Won 3 Conference Championships
- Selected Coach of the Year by the Courier Post a few times and named the 2007 Northeast Regional Coach of the Year
- Inducted into the NJSIAA Volleyball Legends program



MICHAEL SUK

Randolph HS / Somerville HS

Wrestling (37 Yrs) / Football (7 Yrs) / Track (19 Yrs)

Record: 471-282-1

- 471 wins, which ranks in the top 9th all-time in NJ State History
- 10-time Conference Championships, 13-time County Championships, 14-time District Championships, & 6-time State Sectional Championships
- His Somerville teams were ranked in the Top 20 of the state his last six years, while his Randolph teams were ranked numerous times in the Top 10 and Top 20 of the State
- Coached 38 County Champions, 95 District Champions, 26 Region Champions, 3 State Champions, and 27 Placers in States
- Voted 1990 District, Regional, Area, & Central Jersey Officials Chapter Coach of the Year, as well as District Coach of the Year on several occasions
- Inducted into both the Somerville HS & Glassboro State (Rowan University) Halls of Fame
- Served as the NWCA Region 5 President, District Rep, and Region 1 Treasurer
- During his high school career at Somerville, Suk earned 8 varsity letters in football, wrestling, and track; captaining all three teams, then earned 7 varsity letters in football and wrestling, captaining both teams, at Glassboro State

POSTHUMOUS INDUCTEES

MARVIN FENSTERMACHER

Somerville HS
Wrestling (13 Years)

- Somerville's first wrestling coach ever. He started an intramural program in 1936, then a full varsity program in 1937
 - His coaching was interrupted by WW2 from 1943-1945, but resumed again in 1946 until 1952.
 - Coached Somerville's first state champ, then 5 more in subsequent years.
 - During WW2 Marvin served as field director for the American Red Cross. He served for 1- 1/2 years in England and France
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JOE FREEMAN

Westfield HS
Football (14 Years), Basketball (7 Years), Baseball (6 Years)
Football Record: 92-39-2

- 5 Sectional State Titles
 - 3 Undefeated Seasons (1941, 1944 and 1947)
 - Coached 33 All State Football Players
 - His 1936 Basketball Team went 17-3, setting a program record for wins that lasted 23 years
 - In baseball, coached 5 All-State players and coached the Westfield Post 3 American Legion the first six years of its existence, winning four Union County championships
 - Coached Semi-Pro Football for the Jersey Oaks in 1956
 - Inducted into the Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002
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JOHN "DOC" GANTZ

Irvington HS
Baseball (25 Years)
Record: 436-97

- 6 NJSIAA State Sectional Baseball Championships
- 5-time Greater Newark Tournament Championships and 3-time Greater Newark Tournament Runner-Ups
- 3-time Newark Sunday Call's State Baseball Coach of Year
- 5-time Big 10 Conference Baseball Coach of the Year
- Inducted into the Irvington Athletics Hall of Fame
- 1954 Irvington High School Baseball Team opened the season as the No. 2 ranked high school baseball team in the US
- Gantz Gym at Irvington HS named in his honor
- Legacy in Essex County baseball. Guided Irvington into becoming a powerhouse baseball program and coached former NY Yankee Frank Hiller