

**NJSCA
Hall of Fame**

CLASS OF 2023



JEFF CAPONE

Hunterdon Central / Delaware Valley / North Hunterdon / Hillsborough / Voorhees / & Immaculata HS
Football, Cross Country, Wrestling,
Winter Track, Basketball, Spring Track
40+ Years Coaching

- West Jersey Coach of the Year in Girls Basketball (Delaware Valley).
- Coach of the Year in Boys XC (Voorhees).
- 6 Group 2 Sectional Titles.
- 2 Group 2 State Championships.
- 1st place Nike NorthEast Regional Championship in Division.
- 6 Hunterdon Warren Sussex County Titles.
- 5 Skyland Conference Championships.

JASON CARCICH

Wayne Valley HS

Girls Volleyball (28 years) / 468-148
Boys Volleyball (29 years) / 379 Wins



- 14 Girls Conference Championships, 10 County Championships, & 2 State Sectional Championships.
- 3 Boys Conference Championships, 7 County Championships, & 1 State Sectional Championship.
- NFHS B Volleyball State Coach of the Year 2017.
- Passaic Cty COY (All sports all seasons) 2016.
- Star Ledger-North Jersey COY-G Volleyball-2009.
- 8-time Passaic County Girls Volleyball COY & 6-time Passaic County Boys Volleyball COY.
- Conference Coach of the Year (Skyline Division/ Big North Independence) for Girls Volleyball 11 times and two times for Boys Volleyball.
- Coached both the boys and girls volleyball teams at Wayne Valley HS to their first county, conference, and state titles in school history.



THOMAS CONNERTON

Donovan Catholic HS

Girls/Boys Tennis (26 years, 47 total seasons)

Girls Record: 401-99 / Boys Record: 293-146

Boys and Girls Bowling (10 years)

- Overall Record: 694-245 (74% winning percentage).
- 23-time Class B-South Shore Conference Division Champions.
- 6 Ocean County Tournament Champions.
- All Shore Coach of the Year - 1999.
- Coached 938 consecutive matches, 46 consecutive Ocean County Tournaments, and never missed a State singles, doubles, or team match.
- The girls program has never had a losing season.
- USTA Middle States High School Representative.
- NJSIAA State Seeding Board Member (20 plus years).
- NJSIAA State Official.
- SJHS/MDHS/DCHS Hall of Fame Member.



DONALD COVIN

Long Branch HS

Girls Outdoor Track & Field (12 years)

Boys Basketball (5 years) / 105-35

- Boys Basketball - 1998 State Group III Overall Champions, 1997 State Group Group II Overall Champions, & Final Four TOC finalists both years.
- Girls Outdoor Track & Field - 1998 NJSIAA Central Jersey Group 3 Champions and 1996 Girls Outdoor Track & Field NJSIAA Sectional Champions.
- Asbury Park Press Coach of the Year for Girls Track (1996) and Boys Basketball (1994).
- Coach of the first public school to make it to the Final Four Tournament of Champions.
- Won state titles in two different sports in the same year.



MARIA DICONDINA

Paramus Catholic High School
Soccer (7 years) / 105-33
Basketball (11 years) / 165-54

Glen Ridge High School
Basketball (19 years) / 272-156
Field Hockey (3 years)

- At Paramus Catholic, started the G Soccer program. 3 yrs later, won a state championship.
- Her PC basketball teams won 3 state championships, 7 North Jersey State Championships, 3 Bergen County Championships, and were nationally ranked by USA Today for 3 yrs (even ranked Top 5 one year).
- At Glen Ridge, was the 1st girls basketball coach to win a conference championship (5 total Colonial Hills Conference Championships). Her teams competed in the NJSIAA tournament for 19 consecutive years and were ranked yearly in Essex County's top 10. Coached all 3 of the 1,000 point scorers in Glen Ridge HS girls basketball history.
- Named Field Hockey Coach of the Year 2 out of the 3 years served as head coach. Also named Soccer COY 2 times, and Basketball COY 5 times.
- Inducted into both the Paramus Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame and the Glen Ridge HS Athletic HOF.



GEORGE GLOVER

Westwood Regional HS
B/G Cross Country, Winter Track & Spring Track
(78 Consecutive Seasons / 3 per year for 26 years)

- Selected Coach of the Year in Bergen County for Boys and Girls Track multiple times.
- Coached athletes to four current Bergen County records.
- Girls Spring Track Group Champs, 2010.
- Multiple State Sectional Championships.
- Multiple B/G County Championships in Cross Country, Winter and Spring Track.
- Coached athletes competing in the National Championships, 10 times.
- 12 years prior experience coaching in NY State.



SANDY GORDON

Ramapo HS

Girls Basketball (16 years) / 326-105

Girls Golf (5 years)

Varsity Assistant Girls Soccer Coach (10 years)

- Started the girls golf program in 2017.
- In basketball, won the 2020 Group 3 State Championships, the 2020 North 1 Group 3 Section Championships, 7 league championships, and were the 2009 & 2010 Bergen Cty Bball Champions.
- Named Girls Basketball 2020 Coach of the Year by NJ.com.
- 2021 Bergen County Team of the Year.
- Coached Division 1 Basketball for over 20 years before coming to Ramapo.
- Inducted into the following Halls of Fame: Ramapo HS as 3-sport athlete (soccer, basketball, softball), Manhattan College (played D1 basketball there) and MAAC.



DR. CARL LANGE

Collingswood HS

Athletic Trainer

- Southern Representative for the ATSNJ.
- Member of the ATSNJ COVID Task Force.
- NJSIAA Individual Wrestling State Championship Athletic Trainer.
- Host Athletic Trainer for District 27/28 for 20+ years.
- Staff Athletic Trainer for numerous NJSIAA team championships.
- Achieved a Doctorate in Athletic Training.
- Presented research at the NATA Conference on the correlation between balance and injury rates in adolescent athletes.



DR. STAN LIPTZIN

Lakewood HS

Baseball (32 years) / 473-229

Asst Football Coach (17 years)

- 3 State Championships (1973-Group III; 1980-Group III; 1984-Group IV).
- Central Jersey Championship, 1967, Group II.
- 6-time Shore Conference Champions and 3-time Ocean County Champions.
- 5-time NY Daily News Coach of the Year, 6-time Asbury Park Press Coach of the Year, and 5-time Ocean County Observer Coach of the Year.
- Assistant Athletic Director at Lakewood High School 1975-1987.
- Baseball Clinician at baseball conferences.



ANTHONY MELESURGO

Bound Brook HS

Boys Basketball (20 years) / 360-147

- Took over the program in midst of a state worst 38-game losing streak.
- Since taking over, Bound Brook won 10 Conference Championships, had 6 Sectional Championship appearances, 5 undefeated Conference Champion seasons, were undefeated in 2021 (14-0), and were the 2021 Skyland Post Season Champions (Covid year).
- In 2012, his team won 26 games (the most wins in school history), were named the NJ.com Team of the Year Somerset County and ranked in State Top 20 (1st time in school history).
- In 2020, the team won 25 games, making them the 2nd most wins in program history.
- Coached ten 1,000-point scorers.
- 2-time Star Ledger COY, 2-time Courier News COY, 2021 Central Jersey Radio COY, & 2005 Mountain Valley Conference COY.
- 2-time New Jersey North All-Star Coach and 2012 New Jersey North Head All-Star Coach.
- One of the younger coaches in NJ to reach 300 wins.



BARNES REID

Irvington HS

Cross Country, Track and Field (45 years to present)

Record: Over 100 Wins

- 5 State Shuttle Hurdle Relay Champions.
- 2 National Shuttle Hurdle Relay Champions.
- 10 State Sectional Hurdle Champions.
- 10 All Group State Hurdle Champions.
- 3 Meet of Champions Hurlers.
- 1st Place Penn Relays Boys 1,600-meter relay team 1980.
- Inducted into both the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame and Irvington Athletic Hall of Fame.
- Recognized as Essex County Track Staff Coach of the Year 2013.
- Irvington NAACP Chapter Award for distinguished service as track coach.



MERGIN SINA

Gill St. Bernard's School

Boys Basketball (13 years) / 281-79

Girls Basketball (6 years) / 105-49

- 12 Boys Conference Titles, 8 Somerset Cty Championships, 6 Sectional Non-Public B Championship Appearances, & 1 Sectional Non-Public B Championship. Ranked in the Top 20 in NJ 12 of the 13 seasons (even ranked 11th nationally by USA Today), & had a 6-year undefeated conference winning streak of 56 straight games.
- 3 Girls Conference Titles, 2 Somerset Cty Championships, 1 Sectional NP-B Championship, and 1 State NJISAA Prep B Championship.
- Inducted into 3 Halls of Fame (University of Rhode Island Bball, the Bball Reunion, & Portugal's Basketball Hall of Fame).
- Professional Basketball Player for 14 seasons.
- Coached Somerset County's All-time Leading Scorer (Jaren Sina - 2148 points), 12 McDonald All-American nominees and 15 players (girls & boys) that reached the 1000-point milestone.
- Named Coach of the Year 3 times (Once by The Courier News, twice by Skyland Conference.)



BILL SORANNO

Union HS

Boys Spring Track (36 years) / 174-44-2

Boys and Girls Winter Track (34 years) / 141-54

Boys XC (25 years) & Girls XC (10 years) / 180-135

- 16 Union County Championships.
- 4 Watchung Conference Championships.
- 2 NJSIAA Sectional Championships.
- 2-time Union County Coach of the Year.
- 3-time Union County Team of the Year.
- Track and Cross Country Meet Official.
- Coached Union's boys spring track team to 6 team championships in 2002, including both the Union County Relays (Union's 1st in 40 years) and Union County Championships (Union's 1st in 44 years).



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Pennsauken HS

Football (21 years)

Boys & Girls Winter Track (20 years)

Boys Spring Track (21 years)

- 1 Football State Sectional Championship.
- 3 Spring Track State Championships.
- 3 Winter Track State Relays Championships and 1 Winter Track State Individual Championship.
- 2 Outdoor Track Sectional Titles.
- 2 Winter Track Sectional Titles.
- 2021 and 2023 SJ #1 Team.
- 13 MOC Winners (Winter & Spring Track).
- Named SJ COY five times (once for football, 3x for Outdoor Track and once for Indoor Track).
- In 2023, was named the NJ.com Indoor State COY, the Milesplit State COY, the USTFCCCA State COY and the NFHS State COY.
- 2014 Pennsauken Hall of Fame Inductee.



KARL TORCHIA

Christian Brothers Academy / Middletown South HS
Cross Country, Winter Track, Spring Track
215-4 Dual Meet Record

- Won 70 Monmouth County Team Championships & 33 Shore Conference Team Championships.
- Won 45 State Group Team Championships and counting.
- 9 National Champion winners and hundreds of All-Americans (Top 6 in the US).
- 43 Coach of the Year honors including national honors. Named National Coach of the Year by USA Today and National Coach of the Year by the National Federation Coaches Association.



MATTHEW VARHLEY

Westfield HS
Girls Tennis (13 years) / 201-74

- North II Sectional Champions four times.
- Group 4 Champions two times.
- 2010 Tournament of Champions.
- 2009 Tournament of Champions Finalists.
- Union County Champions 5 times.
- Union County Coach of the Year in 2010.



JOE WHALEN

St. Rose HS / Academy Charter / Long Branch HS /
St. Anthony HS / Franklin HS / Montclair Immaculate HS/
St. Thomas Aquinas HS / Christian Brothers Academy
Boys and Girls Basketball (20+ years)
471 wins (ranks 9th all-time in NJ State History)

- Started boys basketball program at Academy Charter. Team was state qualifier in 2nd season.
- Long Branch HS - CJ Group III State Champions.
- Asst Coach at St. Anthony, under Bob Hurley. Consensus B Bball HS National Champs in 2008.
- At St. Rose, won Girls NP-B State Championship 2X, were TOC semi-finalists & finalists, ranked #11 nationally (MaxPreps), were Shore Conference TOC champions, & had 5-year record of 131-21 (86%).
- At Montclair Immaculate HS, had 21-7 record, were 14-0 in conference play, NJSIAA Non-Public North B Tournament Semi-Finalists.
- At St. Thomas Aquinas, 3-yr record of 53-16 (77%), two-time GMC Tournament Champions and were 35-1 in Red Division.
- Named NJ State COY, NFHS Coaches Association COY, & Shore Conference COY (2X).



BENJIE WIMBERLY

Eastside HS / Baseball (7 years) / 100-72
Paterson Catholic HS / Football (15 years) / 121-32
Hackensack HS / Football (9 years) / 50-38

- At Eastside, were the 1993 Passaic County & NNJIL Atlantic Champions.
- At Paterson Catholic, won the Football State Championships 7 times, 8 BPSL League Championships, and had 4 undefeated seasons.
- At Hackensack, his teams were the League Champions three times.
- Selected the 2020 Lou Rettino NY Giants COY.
- Received the NY Jets Inspire Change Award.
- Named Passaic County COY once for baseball and twice for football.
- Founding member & President of the New Jersey Minority Coaches Association, Inc.



RAYMOND ZOROVICH*

Paramus Catholic/Holy Angels/

Immaculate Heart Academy

Girls Tennis (29 years) / Boys Tennis (15 years)

300+ Victories

- 2 State Championships.
- 2 Bergen County Titles.
- 7 Sectional Titles.
- 2-time Bergen County Coach of the Year.
- Coach of 2X NJSIAA Individual Singles State Champion.

**Posthumous Award*