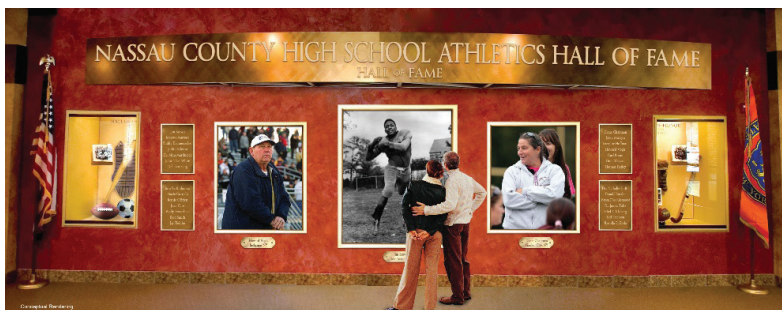


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THE NASSAU COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME IS ORGANIZED AS A MEANS OF RECOGNIZING, PRESERVING AND PROMOTING THE HERITAGE OF INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS IN NASSAU COUNTY. THE NASSAU COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME HONORS THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WORTHY OF COUNTY-WIDE RECOGNITION. NOMINEES MUST EXEMPLIFY THE HIGH STANDARDS OF SPORTSMANSHIP, ETHICAL CONDUCT AND MORAL CHARACTER.

THE CATEGORIES OF NOMINATION INCLUDE: ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICIAL, CONTRIBUTOR, ATHLETE AND COACH. ALL CANDIDATES FOR THE NASSAU COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME MUST BE AT LEAST 35 YEARS OF AGE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1ST OF THE APPLICABLE YEAR IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INDUCTION.

NOMINEES FOR THE NASSAU COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME WILL GO THROUGH A TWO-STEP PROCESS BEFORE BEING SELECTED FOR INDUCTION. THE TEN (10) MEMBER SCREENING COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE WHICH CANDIDATES ARE WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION. THE FIVE (5) ANONYMOUS MEMBERS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE VOTE INDEPENDENTLY TO DETERMINE THE CANDIDATES WHO WILL BE INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SECTION VIII WEBSITE AT WWW.NASSAUBOCES.ORG. CLICK ON THE LINK FOR "INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS". ALL NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2019 HALL OF FAME ARE DUE ON DECEMBER 1, 2018.

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SECTION VIII ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



MARIE TERC OFFICIAL

The numbers are staggering for the incomparable official Marie Terc--115 years of combined officiating in five sports. She was on the softball diamond for 50 years, spent 42 years officiating boys' and girls' volleyball, 18 years as a basketball official, four years as a field hockey official, and one season in track and field. That's a ridiculous amount of games. But most important, the numbers affirm Marie Terc's love of high school athletics, and her dedication to student-athletes.

Marie was tops at her craft, rated as the #1 official in basketball, softball, and volleyball during her second-to-none career on athletic fields. Terc was honored to officiate multiple post-season championships in multiple sports at the county, regional and state levels. She was the home plate umpire for the "first ever" New York State softball championship, and many more games followed.

Terc was also a multiple-sport rules interpreter, and is currently serving in her 38th year as a softball rules interpreter. Referee magazine wrote a feature article entitled "Five minutes with Marie Terc." But five minutes is hardly enough time to put into words what Marie Terc has accomplished. She has had many proud career moments, highlighted by her daughter Tammy playing softball for Wantagh High School at the New York State championships, and the day her other daughter, Sandy, pitched a perfect game for Wantagh High School. Both were All-County athletes!

Marie said, "Longevity has given me a unique perspective of the tremendous advancement of girls' and women's sports. Every game, I get to see the pure joy on the faces of countless athletes, and I get to experience all over again the pure joy that I felt years ago." Hall of Famer Fran Nocella sums it all up, "We all knew that Marie would do everything to make sure that the competition was the center of attention. It was never about the official or officiating."

Tonight we celebrate Marie Terc's iconic and legendary career with her induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



BOB WOLFF CONTRIBUTOR

“Sports fans, let’s review. October 8th, 1956. Two strikes, ball one! Here’s the pitch! STRIKE 3, a no-hitter, a perfect game for Don Larsen!” Or, fast forward two years, again at Yankee Stadium, these famous words were echoed, “The Colts are the World Champions! Ameche scores!”

For those of you who are too young to remember, it was Bob Wolff who called those games. The path to his iconic life all started in Nassau County. Bob Wolff graduated from Woodmere Academy, and then attended Duke University. A terrific baseball player, Bob broke his ankle sliding into base in his sophomore year. He turned to broadcasting in 1939, as a student on the local CBS station.

Well, that career lasted so long, 78 years, that Bob was cited by the Guinness World Records in 2012 as having the longest career of any sportscaster. He is in the baseball and basketball halls of fame. Bob did it all, and with such grace and dignity, sprinkled in with lots of character. Two of the greatest moments in sports history: Larsen’s perfect game, and the Colts beating the Giants in the 1958 NFL championship, were among Bob’s greatest moments. He was also known as being the TV voice of the Knicks for so many years. Bob spent over 50 years at Madison Square Garden, and then found his way back to Long Island.

In December of 1986, [News 12 Long Island](#) launched. Bob was named sports anchor and sports director. It was there that Bob got involved with athletics on the high school level. In order to honor the special accomplishments of student-athletes in Long Island, he created the weekly “News 12 Scholar/Athlete Award.” Scholarships were given to 30 winners each year. The same man who had interviewed the likes of Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle, Ty Cobb, Joe Louis, and Jim Thorpe was now sitting and celebrating young, bright and multi-talented high school students who had combined excellence in athletics and academics.

Bob had an unbelievable life, and was married to his wife Jane for 72 years. Bob’s children: Rick, Robert and Margy, were so important to him, as were his nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Tonight, with great pleasure and affection, we induct posthumously a beloved athletics icon and high school athletics advocate, Bob Wolff, into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



STEPHANIE JOANNON ADMINISTRATOR, COACH

Stephanie Joannon was a coach for all seasons at Port Washington, and very successful in all three of her sports: girls' soccer, girls' basketball and softball. A 1975 graduate of South Side High School, Joannon has made major contributions to Port Washington, Nassau County and New York State as a coach and athletic director.

Stephanie initiated girls' varsity soccer at Port Washington in 1979 and coached for 28 years, until 2006. She led her teams to 289 wins and four conference championships, and was recognized as Girls' Soccer Conference "Coach of the Year" four times. Her teams were honored with the Nassau County Officials Sportsmanship Award four times. Joannon also served as the Nassau County girls' soccer sport coordinator for four years.

In girls' basketball, Stephanie's teams qualified for the county playoffs in every one of the 25 years that she coached. She was the first female basketball coach in Nassau County to win 300 games, and had a total career record of 326-180. Her teams won four conference titles during her tenure. Joannon served as President of the Nassau County Girls' Basketball Coaches Association from 1987-1992, and as county sport coordinator for girls' basketball from 2000 - 2017. Because of her efforts and dedication to the sport, Stephanie was inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame in 2016.

In her 21 years as Port Washington's varsity softball coach, Stephanie led her teams to two conference titles, and accrued a career coaching record of 204-136. She was selected four times as Conference "Softball Coach of the Year." Joannon continued her distinctive service to Nassau County in her role as the sport coordinator for softball as well.

Joannon's coaching service included coaching basketball in the open and scholastic divisions of the Empire State Games, the [Newsday](#) Classic, and for Nassau County's Exceptional Senior girls' soccer and basketball teams from 1985-1995. In 2006, she was honored by the Nassau County Sports Commission with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Her contributions to her profession as an athletics administrator have been equally impressive. In 2008, Joannon was appointed as Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics of the Port Washington Schools. She has served Section VIII as the Vice-President for Nominations, on the Athletic Council's Championship Advisory Committee, and as President of the Section VIII Athletic Council from 2013-2015. Stephanie was named by the NYS Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance as its "Physical Education Director of the Year" in 2014. Tonight, we honor Stephanie Joannon's distinguished accomplishments with her induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



TOM CASEY ATHLETE, COACH, OFFICIAL

The first two words that describe Tom Casey, Sr. when you read his quick biography in the Great Neck High School 1945 yearbook are “unassuming and sincere.” True, but when on the playing field, you would not have found a more athletic and determined winner. Casey graduated from Great Neck High School in 1945, and set the standard of what an athlete should be. He starred in football, basketball and baseball, and captained all three sports.

In only his sophomore year, Casey was selected as the best pitcher on Long Island, helping Great Neck to the Nassau County title, the first of two straight wins. Casey was named “All Long Island” as a sophomore, junior and senior in baseball, and also earned All County distinction in football as a senior. How good was Tom Casey, Sr.? As a senior at Great Neck, he was voted one of the Top 20 athletes in New York State.

After being named All-American for two years at New York University, Casey was drafted by the Boston Red Sox. He played at the Triple A level before arm and back injuries ended his major league aspirations. Casey then became an educator and coach at Great Neck North High School, coaching varsity football and baseball from 1956-1991. He coached the football team to an undefeated season and county championship in 1975, and was named Nassau County “Coach of the Year”. On the diamond, Casey led his baseball team to over 300 wins. From 1969-1991, Casey was also the Athletic Director and Physical Education Department Chairman at Great Neck North High School.

With all of that on his resume, Casey found time to become one of the top high school basketball officials in Nassau County. He was a member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials for 56 years, and officiated numerous Nassau County title games, as well as collegiate games throughout the northeast. Casey was also an observer for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, America East Conference and Ivy League.

Remember Tom Casey’s high school biography descriptions of “unassuming and sincere”? In his recommendation for Tom Casey, Sr.’s induction into the Hall of Fame, former Great Neck North star athlete Billy Omeltchenko echoed those words when he wrote, “Tom Casey preferred to have the light shine on someone else other than himself. I think it would be appropriate to have you shine the light on Tom Casey.” Tonight, that light shines brightly as we induct Tom Casey, Sr. posthumously into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



JACK SALERNO

ADMINISTRATOR, ATHLETE, COACH

He was an athlete, coach and administrator, and a natural in every role! Jack Salerno graduated from Sewanhaka High School in 1959, and retired from the district in 2011--in all, he contributed half a century of service and memories.

Salerno was a three-sport athlete, earning All- County honors in football, basketball and lacrosse. He also captained each team, and was selected by Newsday as one of the 11 greatest lacrosse players in Long Island history.

Upon graduation from Sewanhaka High School, Salerno attended Syracuse University, having earned a full scholarship to play football. He also played lacrosse for the Syracuse Orange, and had a great career. Salerno returned to Long Island to begin a teaching and coaching career at Elmont Memorial High School. He started coaching the high school football team, leading them to a record of 105-35, including eight league titles and three county championships. His 1978 football team was undefeated and unscored upon. Salerno won the county "Football Coach of the Year" award four times.

Salerno's outstanding record in football paled in comparison to what his lacrosse teams accomplished. His 303-53 career record included 24 league titles, five county championships, two Long Island championships, and a New York State title. Jack was honored five times as "Lacrosse Coach of the Year".

Salerno is well recognized, having been inducted into the Sewanhaka High School, Elmont Memorial High School, and National Lacrosse Halls of Fame. He is most proud of his impact upon his students and players. Even though he was offered a contract to play professional baseball, his dream from a very young age was to be a Physical Education teacher. He was encouraged to enter his profession by his mentors Mr. Glenn and Bill Ritch. His contributions to Nassau County and to Section VIII were significant and valued.

Sewanhaka's District Athletic Director Matt McLees said it best, "Jack Salerno--athlete, coach, athletic administrator, and LEGEND!" Tonight, we are proud to induct the legendary Jack Salerno into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



JERRY JEWELL ADMINISTRATOR, COACH

What a career for a jewel of a man! For 38 years, Jerry Jewell made a huge impact at Levittown Division High School. He was the Levittown District Athletic Director for 10 years, and the high school athletic director for 17 years. For two years, Jewell was also a principal. He did it all while serving the student-athletes at Levittown Division High School.

Jewell was also a very successful football coach at Levittown Division. From 1958-1977, Jewell's teams were 100-57-4, winning the league titles in 1960, 1966, 1968, 1969 and from 1971-1974. The 1969 season was special, as his football team was undefeated and the county champions. "He taught us to grow in honesty, integrity and commitment," said former Division player and current Chaminade High School lacrosse coach Jack Moran.

Jerry Jewell was a presence. He was a Past-President of the Nassau County Football Coaches Association. Jewell was instrumental in starting the Grid Iron 44 Dinner over 50 years ago. He also put together a committee of athletic directors who established the sportsmanship directive that is still in place in Nassau County. Jerry Jewell was truly one of the "founding fathers" of Nassau County athletics, helping to build a solid framework of guidelines, procedures and values for the governance of Section VIII Athletics and its student-athletes.

There have been many proud moments for Jerry Jewell. One outstanding time was the 50th Anniversary of Levittown Division football. Over 300 players from all over the country came to the reunion. What could be bigger than having the field you coached football on be named for you? The Jerry Jewell Athletic Field stands in tribute of this respected and influential educator. Former student-athlete Thomas Feinman is now Justice of the New York State Supreme Court. He said, "Jerry Jewell's wise counsel is still valued. His concern for all students, past and present, is ongoing," Jerry's home team is precious to him. He credits his wife Esther; his son David and daughter-in-law Patti; his daughter Andrea and son-in-law Thomas, and his two grandchildren, Ally and Danny, for their support, and for being his cherished fan club.

Tonight is another tremendous moment in Jerry Jewell's life. We are proud and grateful to induct him into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



BARBARA SELLERS

“Dedication” can easily be Barbara Sellers’ middle name. Cold Spring Harbor Junior-Senior High School was so fortunate for the 37 years that Sellers spent there as a Physical Education teacher and coach. As coach of the high school field hockey team, Sellers won 335 games, while leading her student-athletes to four Section VIII championships. She was named Nassau County “Field Hockey Coach of the Year” twice, and coached high school field hockey in the first NYS Empire Games, winning a gold medal. She is currently serving in her 38th year as the Nassau County field hockey sport coordinator, and was instrumental in developing the first NYSPHSAA field hockey and girls’ lacrosse championships. Barbara has been the secretary/treasurer of the NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Committee for 35 of her 38 years of service to that State Committee. She also coached numerous teams for the Long Island and New Atlantic Field Hockey Associations, and was a three-time coach at the United States Field Hockey Association’s National Festival. Barbara has also been on the Section VIII Ethics Committee for 12 years.

Sellers also coached girls’ lacrosse, volleyball, tennis and cheerleading. She had so many great moments in her career. But the one that really stands out was being named Cold Spring Harbor High School’s first girls’ athletic director. Her vision was enormous, and her contributions to the growth of girls’ athletics at the modified and high school levels in Long Island and New York State were significant and valued. She helped develop interscholastic sports for girls in Nassau County before girls’ sports were incorporated into Section VIII. She helped change Nassau County girls’ varsity sports from four to three sports seasons per year during the rise of Title IX.

It was under her guidance and tutelage that girls’ athletic programs became a vital component of the Cold Spring Harbor community. Barbara also served as Cold Spring Harbor’s female representative to Section VIII. Her voice continues to be heard. She was always driven to maintain the integrity, quality and safety of all sports. She continues to fight to ensure that the voices of girls are heard as students, athletes, coaches and administrators. A colleague of Sellers at Cold Spring Harbor, Theresa Soltiz Mercer, said, “Barbara Sellers understands and sees the big picture of athletics. I greatly admire her communication skills, mentoring, judgement, loyalty and work ethic. She created opportunities and influenced so many of us.”

Barbara Sellers has received awards from Stony Brook University and Hofstra University in recognition of her contributions to the growth of girls’ sports. She was honored by the New York State Athletic Administrators Association in 2011 with its Distinguished Service Award. Sellers also organized the “Play 4 the Cure” field hockey program in New York State, and was instrumental in raising over \$350,000 for breast cancer awareness and research.

Barbara was inducted into the Nassau County Field Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Tonight we add yet another honor to her unbelievable, trailblazing career in education and advocacy. Congratulations, Barbara Sellers, on your induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



LOU ANDRE COACH

Lou Andre, a 1968 graduate of Valley Stream South High School, went on to become one of the best high school football coaches that Nassau County has ever had. Russ Cellan, head coach at Freeport High School since 1986, said, "Coach Andre had the rare ability to get the very best out of his teams, while never compromising his principles in order to do so."

Lou Andre's terrific coaching career began at Massapequa High School, where he coached from 1984-1994, followed by another 11 brilliant years at Lawrence High School from 2000-2010. Overall, Andre's teams had a record of 145-57, a winning percentage of 71%. Andre was the conference "Coach of the Year" eight times and Newsday's "Coach of the Year" three times. While at Massapequa, Andre's team won 21 straight conference games during the 1993 and 1994 seasons, winning two county titles, two Long Island Championships and two Rutgers Cups in 1989 and 1994. He had the same type of success at Lawrence, leading the Golden Tornadoes to 20 straight conference wins during the 2006 and 2007 campaigns. His Lawrence High School teams earned two county titles, a Long Island championship and a Rutgers Cup in 2006. His overall coaching titles include six Nassau County titles, three Long Island Championships and three Rutgers Cups. In 2009, Coach Lou Andre was honored by the National Football Foundation as the recipient of the "Don Snyder Award."

Coach Andre was always, and still is, focused on his kids. He always talks about the unbelievable opportunities he had coaching the student-athletes of both Massapequa and Lawrence High Schools. He is always so grateful for the support of his family: his wife Carol, and his three sons: Jared, Timothy and Nicholas.

Farmingdale football coach Buddy Krumenacker, proudly shared his thoughts on Andre, saying, "Coach Andre is caring, compassionate, and tough when he needed to be. He is a players' coach."

Tonight, we honor that players' coach, Lou Andre, with his induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



WALLY BACHMANN COACH

Wally Bachman has coached football, baseball, soccer and basketball on the high school varsity level. But his true passion is coaching on the hardwood. A 1968 graduate of Jericho High School, Bachman has been a varsity boys' basketball coach since 1978. It all began at Valley Stream North High School, where Bachman ran the basketball program until 1992. In 1993, he took over the boys' basketball program at his alma mater, Jericho High School, and has been a mainstay there ever since.

Bachman has led his teams to 440 wins, five Nassau County Class "A" titles, and the Long Island "A" championship in 2006. His teams captured eight conference championships. Bachman was named Conference "Coach of the Year" seven times. In 2013, Newsday named Bachman its "Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year". Since 2011, Bachman has served Section VIII as the Boys' Basketball Sport Coordinator.

Jim Ferry, a Valley Stream North High School graduate; former head basketball coach at Adelphi University, Long Island University, and Duquesne University; and current assistant basketball coach at Penn State University, said of Wally Bachman: "He was my history teacher and my coach. Next to my father, Wally Bachman is the most influential person in my life."

Coach Bachman had help on his journey. He credits two outstanding men as major contributors to his career: Fred Grasso and John Miele. Bachman says that Grasso taught him to "be the best we can be." Bachman served under Miele as an assistant coach for 16 years, learning how to manage and organize. Bachman says that Miele told him that "We are here to help kids get better as people and as players. It's not about wins."

Wally Bachman has been a great teacher who made a positive impact on all of his student-athletes. But he acknowledges that his best team is the one at home, led by his wife Mindy and his children, Allison and Brian. Brian was a 1,000-point basketball scorer while playing for his dad. Wally Bachman is a member of the Jericho High School Hall of Fame, and the NYS Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Tonight, we are proud to add yet another honor for Wally Bahman, his induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



AL BEVILACQUA COACH

“Al is one of wrestling’s most beloved and outspoken defenders of the sport,” said Lee Kemp, a three-time World Champion gold medalist. Al Bevilacqua flourished as a long-time educator and wrestling coach at Massapequa High School. Bevilacqua taught in the Massapequa school district from 1961-1994, and was the school’s wrestling coach from 1963-1977.

In those 15 years, Bevilacqua led the Chiefs to become a powerhouse. His record was 149-35-3, a winning percentage of .805. He coached 13 Nassau County Champions and had 12 All-State wrestlers. The Bevilacqua name was infamous not only in Nassau County, but across the United States.

Al served on the USA Wrestling Board of Directors from 1972-1986 and was the USA Wrestling New York State Chairperson from 1973-1979. He was also the USA National Wrestling coach from 1983-1991. He also coached at Hofstra University for several years in the late 1970’s. “Bevilacqua helped influence and shape the lives of thousands of student-athletes over the course of his many decades as a teacher and coach,” said actor Billy Baldwin, who wrestled for Bevilacqua at Massapequa High School. “Coach Bev was like a father figure to me.”

In 1996, Bevilacqua was inducted into the Massapequa High School Hall of Fame and honored with the National Wrestling Hall of Fame “Lifetime Achievement Award”. In 2005, he was USA Wrestling’s “Man of the Year”. In 2012, the Friends of Massapequa Wrestling unveiled their new wrestling room, and dedicated it to longtime teacher and coach Al Bevilacqua.

Tonight we honor Al Bevilacqua for all his achievements and accomplishments in the sport of wrestling. We are proud to celebrate his induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



COLBERT BRITT, JR. COACH

The students and athletes of the Malverne Public Schools reaped the benefits of working with Colbert Britt, Jr. for decades. He was hired by the district in September 1972 as a Physical Education teacher, a role he held until his retirement from teaching in June 2005. But Britt's prowess as an athletics coach and a community leader continued beyond his respected teaching career.

Britt coached football at Malverne High School for 43 years--40 as an assistant coach and three years as head coach. His shining moment came while he served as the defensive coordinator in the 1990 season; he was a major reason why Malverne won the Rutgers Cup that year. His defense was unscored upon in Malverne's undefeated campaign. The team followed that honor with another title the following year. Britt stood tall in Malverne football history. The gridiron at the high school is named in his honor: the Colbert Britt, Jr. Memorial Field.

While Britt left a lasting mark on the Malverne High School football program, his impact may have been even greater as the high school track and field coach, a position he held for 41 years. He had immediate success with the girls' team; his athletes earned both division and county titles from 1975-1980. His teams also captured consecutive New York State championships during that time. Britt also coached Malverne HS graduate Derrick Adkins, who later captured the gold medal in the 400 meter hurdles in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. His daughter, Alma and son Onix Salva now coach the Malverne girls' track team; Coach Britt was gratified to be replaced by his loving children.

Coach Britt founded the Derrick Adkins Classic and co-founded The Friendship Games in 1990, a respected Track and Field winter track event started in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. The event was partnered by the Malverne School District and the Lakeview Youth Federation from its inception until 2016. Britt was also head of the Empire State Games for Long Island Track and Field, serving as its coordinator from 1978-2016.

Kito Lockwood, Coach Britt's son and currently the Malverne High School varsity head football coach, played for his father and said of his coach, "I'm blessed to have witnessed a man of such integrity and to have been given the opportunity to receive so much knowledge and wisdom from him. He helped me to understand what it means to impact our youth."

Coach Britt passed away in December 2015. His goal was always "commitment to youth for a better tomorrow." Tonight we honor his giving spirit posthumously with his induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



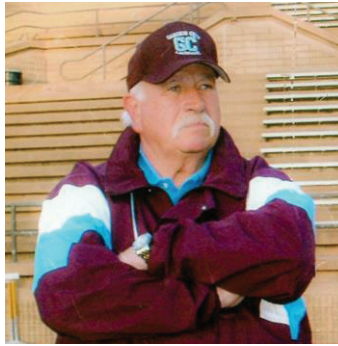
LARRY BROWN COACH

Larry Brown may arguably be one of the greatest teachers the game of basketball has ever seen. His Hall of Fame career began in his prowess as one of the best high school basketball players in Long Island history. Brown graduated from Long Beach High School in 1958. After averaging three points a game as a sophomore, Brown's game elevated as a junior and senior. He averaged about 25 points per game with 10 assists, and was named an All County player. Brown credits his high school coach Bob Gersten for being his mentor and guide; Brown lost his own father at the tender age of seven, and believes that Gersten's wise influence impacted his future success as a basketball player and coach.

After graduation from Long Beach, Brown headed to the University of North Carolina and played for legendary coaches Frank McGuire and Dean Smith. Drafted in 1963 by the Baltimore Bullets, Larry Brown was named to the All Atlantic Coast Conference team. Brown, who is 5'9", found himself playing in the newly formed American Basketball Association (ABA), where he was a three-time All-Star and the "Most Valuable Player" of the league's first All-Star game in 1968. Brown led the ABA in assists during his first three seasons, and held the single game record of 23 assists in one game. Brown also won an Olympic gold medal in basketball as a player at the 1964 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Coaching is where Brown really made his name. He loves to practice and he loves to teach, and it obviously paid off. Larry Brown is the only coach in the history of basketball to win both an NCAA national championship (with the Kansas Jayhawks in 1988) and a NBA title (with the Detroit Pistons in 2004). As a professional coach, Brown won 1,327 games--1,098 in the NBA and another 229 in the ABA. During his years in college coaching at UCLA, the University of Kansas and Southern Methodist University, Brown won another 266 games. In all, Brown coached his teams to 1,593 wins. He was enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame as a coach in 2002. He is still coaching. This past June 17, 2018, Brown was named head coach of Auxilium Torino, an Italian basketball club of the Lega Basket Serie A.

Tonight we honor one of our best, Larry Brown, with his induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



WILLIAM "DOC" DOUGHERTY COACH

Doc Dougherty patrolled the Garden City High School lacrosse sidelines for 33 years as its head varsity lacrosse coach. Under the legend's leadership, all the Trojans did was win. Dougherty won a staggering 86% of his games with a win-loss record of 565-91. During his 33-year career, Dougherty's teams made the playoffs in each and every season. He led his teams to 26 league championships, 11 Nassau County titles, nine Long Island championships, and four NYS championships.

His teams were dominant; at one time they won 47 straight games between the 1986 and 1987 seasons. He coached Garden City High School to three undefeated campaigns in 1986, 1997 and 2000. "Doc" was recognized for what his teams accomplished; he was named "League Coach of the Year" 15 times, and honored twice as Nassau County "Coach of the Year."

For four years from 1981-1984, Dougherty was also the varsity football coach at Garden City and compiled a record of 31-5-1. He was also honored as "Coach of the Year" for that sport. On the junior varsity football level at Garden City, Doc's record was 111-16-3 from 1989-2005. He was also an assistant varsity football coach at Hempstead High School, working with head coach Buddy Krumenacker. During his time there, the Hempstead Tigers were 39-1.

But lacrosse was Doc's game. Over the years, he coached some of the best players ever, including 42 high school All Americans in 30 of his 33 years. Doc also coached the USA Under-19 national lacrosse team to two world championships. "Never have I known anyone who could lead young men like Doc Dougherty. I can directly attribute not only my achievements in high school, college and professional athletics, but also my accomplishments in my career and personal life from the discipline and hard work that Doc instilled in me," said former athlete Andy Kraus.

Already a member of the Garden City and Long Island Lacrosse Halls of Fame, it is a great honor to induct William "Doc" Dougherty tonight into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



PAUL GILLESPIE COACH

“Fail to prepare, or prepare to fail,” is the mantra heard by Paul Gillespie’s student-athletes. Gillespie is a graduate of Baldwin High School, and has coached football, boys’ and girls’ soccer, track and field, lacrosse and swimming. But he made his name as one of the most elite wrestling coaches of Nassau County.

From 1974-2004, Gillespie taught Health and Physical Education in the Long Beach school district. His wrestling teams were outstanding. He compiled a dual meet record of 252-32-2, including a league mark of 110-1. His wrestlers won the New York State title in 1982 and 1987. Gillespie’s teams won a total of 17 Nassau County Championships (including titles for six straight years), and 17 Conference titles. Gillespie coached seven NYS individual champions, including three-time state champion Al Palacio, 26 state place winners, and one New York State “Outstanding Wrestler”. Gillespie was named Nassau County “Wrestling Coach of the Year” five times.

Following his tenure at Long Beach, Gillespie became the wrestling coach at Oceanside High School, and led his teams to a conference championship. He also founded the Oceanside freestyle wrestling club, and formed a kids’ wrestling training program. In 2005, he took his talents to Wantagh High School, serving as an assistant coach of wrestling until 2007.

Since becoming the head coach at Wantagh High School, the Warriors’ dual meet record is 170-17. Gillespie has led 15 wrestlers to Nassau County championship status, and three other wrestlers to the New York State Championships. His teams have won 10 Nassau County Titles, six Tournament Championships, and four Dual Meet Championships. Gillespie has earned the honor of being named Newsday’s “Long Island Wrestling Coach of the Year” twice.

Paul Gillespie was inducted into the New York State Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 2005. The following year, he was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Ray Adams, the current wrestling coach at Long Beach High School, said, “My whole coaching staff wrestled under Paul Gillespie. They will all tell you that they would not be the teachers and coaches they are now if it wasn’t for him.”

Tonight, we honor Paul Gillespie with his induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



DENNIS KORNFIELD COACH

When it comes to outstanding track and field in Nassau County, all you have to do is direct your attention to Uniondale High School, and to look at its history under the guidance of coach Dennis Kornfield. Kornfield has been the boys' head varsity track and field coach at Uniondale since 1982. A 1959 graduate of Hempstead High School, Kornfield was a classmate of Hall of Famer John Mackey. He has enjoyed enormous coaching success, and has helped to put Uniondale High School on the national map!

Dennis Kornfield has been named as a Nassau County, New York State and Northeast "Track Coach of the Year". He has watched his teams bring home 46 Nassau County Titles: 24 for Indoor Track and Field, and 22 for Outdoor Track and Field. His teams have included six national champions. Dennis has also coached 31 New York State Champions. Kornfield remembers so many special moments in a career that is still going strong. Memories have included earning national and state championships, winning the Penn Relays, taking home the Frank McGuire Award from the New York Athletic Club, and the meaningful visits from former athletes who return to thank him.

In addition to what he has done for the Uniondale teams, Kornfield is a great ambassador for the sport of track and field. Kornfield is the "voice" of cross country and track and field for New York State. He travels all over the state to provide spectators with insightful commentary during competitions. He is also the voice of the world-famous 168th Street Armory in New York City; he was inducted into the Armory's Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2016. Dennis is also a member of the New York Jets chain crew, a position he has held for three decades.

Dennis Kornfield's former athletes thank him, but "Coach K" is especially grateful for his wife, Sue. He is also thankful for being afforded the opportunity to coach at Uniondale, and to work with so many outstanding administrators, athletic directors, and hard-working, dedicated athletes.

Tonight, Dennis Kornfield, we congratulate you on your induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame. On your mark, get set, go!



AMBROSE “BOB” MORAN COACH

Bob Moran stands tall among the best boys' basketball and baseball coaches in the history of Nassau County high school athletics. A 1942 graduate of Sewanhaka High School, Moran taught Physical Education and Health Education at New Hyde Park High School from 1950-1986. After he retired from teaching, he continued to coach baseball and basketball, driving his career record to an astounding 984 wins over two sports.

Moran led his basketball teams to 426 wins in basketball. His impact was so meaningful that New Hyde Park High School's gymnasium was named in his honor. In 1998, the Nassau County Basketball Coaches Association named its Class B tournament "Most Valuable Player" award the "Ambrose Moran Award." Bob was also inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002.

Moran also achieved great success coaching baseball. His teams won 558 games and made the playoffs in 35 of his 39 seasons. In 1991, Moran was the first coach on Long Island to win 500 games. He also has an award named after him in baseball. In 2002, the first "Ambrose Moran Memorial Award" was presented to a senior player who exhibits the qualities of an all-around player and a well-rounded student.

Bob Moran was most proud of the opportunity and honor of teaching and coaching student-athletes. He took that responsibility and privilege very seriously, always emphasizing education, family and good sportsmanship. Ambrose Moran passed away in October 2001. His son, Robert said, "My dad never lost the fire and passion of coaching kids and making a positive impression on their lives."

Tonight it is our privilege to induct Ambrose Robert Moran posthumously into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



RICHARD MORAN COACH

To use the words of Hall of Famer Jim Amen, Jr., “Richie Moran continues to be one of the most dynamic people in the sport of boys’ lacrosse. He is legendary.” Moran was a 1955 graduate of Sewanhaka High School, and helped to lead his high school lacrosse team to four consecutive undefeated seasons. He was named “All League” and “All County” in lacrosse, and was also a three-year starter on the football team.

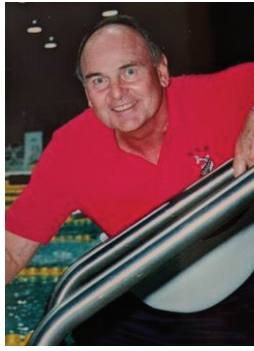
After graduating from Sewanhaka High School, Moran attended the University of Maryland, where he played on the Terps’ national championship lacrosse team of 1959. Moran then joined the United States Marine Corps. Upon his completion of service, he returned to Long Island, where he taught at Sewanhaka High School before moving to Elmont High School. In 1961, Moran began coaching lacrosse at Manhasset High School. Over five years of coaching there, he led his team to a 67-5 record, winning the Long Island Championship from 1962-1964. In 1966, Moran became the first lacrosse coach at Elmont High School, and promptly posted a 29-3 record, winning two league championships in his two seasons.

In 1969, Richie Moran was named head lacrosse coach at Cornell University, succeeding the legendary Ned Harkness. He coached the “Big Red” lacrosse team for 29 years, and won three national championships in 1971, 1976 and 1977. His teams won 15 Ivy League titles, including 10 straight championships from 1974-1983. Moran guided his teams to an NCAA record of 42 straight wins from 1976-1978. Moran’s teams had an Ivy record of 39 straight conference victories from 1973-1979.

During his tenure at Cornell, Richie Moran was named the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) “Coach of the Year” three times. He was honored as the USILA “Man of the Year” in 1975. In 1978, Moran served as head coach of Team USA in the World Championship. Moran has been inducted into the Manhasset High School, Long Island, and Upstate New York Lacrosse Halls of Fame, as well as the Cornell University Athletics Hall of Fame.

Moran is forever grateful to his high school football coach Marc Martone, and his high school lacrosse coach Bill Ritch. “I owe a great deal to those two gentlemen, Moran said. My greatest honor, however, is my induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame alongside my brother, Ambrose “Bob” Moran.”

We are proud to congratulate Richie Moran on his induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



CHARLES SCHLEGEL COACH

Charles Schlegel made quite a splash during his decorated career in education. For 30 years, he was an outstanding high school swim coach, serving at Uniondale High School from 1956-1960, and at Plainview High School from 1960-1985. Charles led his teams to a dual meet record of 395 wins and only 28 losses-- a winning percentage of 93%. During an eight-year stretch, Schlegel coached his teams to 88 straight victories.

He had 15 undefeated seasons, and 21 Nassau County titles. Schlegel's teams won the New York State swim title 15 times. He coached 54 All-American athletes and 126 New York State champions. Schlegel was named "Long Island Swimming Coach of the Year" 25 times, and "Nassau County Swim Coach of the Year" 23 times.

Charles Schlegel was a great coach, but most would agree an even greater person! His former Plainview High School athlete William Jones said, "In the world of swimming, I wasn't anything special. I was on the 'B' team, just trying to get by. But Coach Schlegel never made me feel that way. He always taught me to try my hardest, and to never accept anything but my best. I always heard, 'Never stop, and always give it your all.' He made me feel like a winner."

Schlegel's proudest moments were the 1971 Eastern Championships, and coaching Long Island's first All-American swimmer. But the greatest rewards of his esteemed coaching career have been keeping up with former student-athletes he coached, learning about their non-athletic accomplishments in life, and hearing how many of them thank him for helping them gain the necessary skills of success.

Tonight, let's all dive in and congratulate Charles Schlegel with his induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



ANNE SULLIVAN COACH

Anne Sullivan has been the head coach of the Garden City High School boys' and girls' swimming and diving teams for 23 years, and has attained tremendous success during her tenure.

Under Sullivan's leadership, the girls' swimming and diving teams have had a 190-15-1 cumulative record, and the boys' teams are 179-51-2. Sullivan's career record is 369 wins, with only 65 losses and three ties. At one point, her girls' teams won 103 straight dual meets from 2001-2012. The Garden City swimmers and divers have also won the county title every year since 2000, for 19 consecutive years. At one point from 2013 through 2017, the Garden City High School boys' swim teams were the best in Nassau County, winning five titles in a row. Added to those tremendous team records were countless individual, county and state champions, and numerous All-American swimmers and divers.

A 1973 graduate of Garden City High School, Sullivan is an icon. She has won every conceivable award attached to the sport. Retired Garden City Athletic Director Nancy Kalafus said, "Anne is quiet and unassuming, until she gets poolside. She motivates, teaches and cheers for the 5th or 7th place finisher as loudly and vigorously as she does the first place finisher."

Sullivan herself played field hockey, lacrosse and softball during her Garden City high school athletic career. Swimming was not yet an option. Anne swam on outside teams with great personal success. She was a contender at the 1972 Olympic Trials, qualifying in the 200-meter backstroke. She has continued to be an advocate and mentor for the sport and its coaches. Sullivan's impact on the sport in Garden City, as well as in Nassau County, Long Island, New York State, and nationally is without parallel.

Anne Sullivan has certainly made waves during an unbelievable coaching career. She is a member of the Garden City High School Athletics Hall of Fame. Tonight, we pay tribute to one of the best high school swimming and diving coaches in Nassau County by inducting Anne Sullivan into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



CHRISTINE CURTIN

ATHLETE

Christine Curtin began competing for Mepham High School as an eighth grader, and took the running field by storm over her five-year high school career.

By the end of eighth grade, she had captured the cross country title, the indoor 3000 meter run record, and the outdoor 1500-meter crown. She won the 1981 NYS Federation Girls' Cross Country 5000 meter run, and the Manhattan College Interscholastic College Cross Country 2.5-mile Varsity Class run. She captured the 1982 Foot Locker Cross Country championship, becoming the first non-senior to grab the national title. In 1982,

Curtin won the 3000-meter race at the USA Junior Outdoor Track and Field Championship. She set the NYS Indoor 1600-meter record in 1982 as a sophomore. At the Kinney Invitational Meet in 1982, she established the All-Time NYS record that still stands: 1500 meters in 4:23.2 and 4:43.1 for the mile. As a junior in 1983 at the Kinney Invitational, her junior record time of 4:43.5 still stands. At the Loucke Memorial Games in 1983, she won the 1600 meter run in 4:51.9

During her five-year high school career, hardly a week went by without an article about her in Newsday, The Times, or a national magazine. In 1998, Curtin made Newsday's "The Elite 33" list, chosen as one of the "most intriguing high school athletes to cross Long Island's landscape in the 20th century."

Overall, Curtin won 14 individual NYS track and field championships, and was a member of two New York State Championship Relays. She was also part of the national record, setting the distance medley relay time in 1984, and the 1982 National Junior Champion record in the 2000 meters. She was the 1982 National High School Cross Country Champion.

Curtin held the NYS High School record in the 3000 meters for 30 years (1982-2012), and the NYS High School record in the 1500 meters for 22 years (1982-2004). She was a three-time All American, as well as an Academic All American. Curtin was one of Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd".

Even with all her records, Curtin is most proud of persevering after injuries and continuing to excel. She feels enormous gratitude for the life that track and field helped her to create. Curtin's athletics continues to serve her, giving her a sense of discipline and the desire to excel. Her achievements came at a time when girls' athletics were finally progressing. She is most happy that she was at the forefront of this important movement.

Mepham High School track coach Paul Limmer said, "She was the Michael Jordan of her sport." That's how dedicated and elite a runner Christine Curtin was. Tonight we honor Christine Curtin's greatness with her induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



AUDREY ERICKSON ATHLETE

Before girls' sports were recognized in high schools, Audrey Erickson was quite a star. No matter the sport, Erickson excelled. She played field hockey collegiately at Adelphi University, and seven years of professional basketball for the New York Cover girls. You could find Audrey at left field for nine years with the Arthur Murray Girls' Softball team, and starring in the International Bowling Congress.

In 1949, Erickson was Look magazine's "All American Girl", and in 1951 Camel cigarettes dubbed her "Female Athlete of the Year" in their magazine advertisements. She was a first teamer with the Long Island, Northeast and New Atlantic Field Hockey Associations. In 1973, Audrey was also inducted into the USA Field Hockey Hall of Fame as an honorary member. Dr. Erickson became a professor of Physical Education and the coach of field hockey at Queens College, CUNY, and served as Athletic Director at The Wheatley School.

Erickson was also a nationally rated field hockey official for the United States Field Hockey Association. On and off the field, Erickson was Long Island's "Babe Didrikson of Long Island", also excelling in skating, track and field, swimming, and horseshoe pitching. She was a respected colleague, friend, and role model for many of the future female leaders in Physical Education and athletics in our county.

Because of her own athletic prowess, and her impact on the future of women in sport, tonight we induct Audrey Erickson posthumously into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



HERB FITZGIBBON ATHLETE

Winning a New York State championship is quite a feat, and perhaps more so in an individual sport like tennis. Herb Fitzgibbon found himself in that winners' circle not once, but four times. Fitzgibbon was the best singles player in New York State. Herb graduated from Garden City High School in 1960. He is the only player to win four consecutive New York State High School Singles Championships -- in 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960. In his four years of varsity tennis at Garden City High School, Fitzgibbon never lost a match!!

His brilliance on the tennis court continued at Princeton University, where he captained the varsity squad. He was a gold and bronze medalist at the Olympic Games in 1968 in Mexico City, when tennis was a demonstration sport. Fitzgibbon also won the Long Island Open, the Empire State Championships, the Toronto Invitation and the Eastern Indoor Championship.

Herb rose to become the 15th ranked amateur in the United States. He played at Wimbledon, defeating Yugoslavian professional Nikola Pilic in straight sets. He also played in the U.S. Open, where he was eliminated by the world's 5th ranked player, Roy Emerson. One of Herb Fitzgibbon's greatest wins was a triumph over Arthur Ashe.

Fitzgibbon was also an accomplished platform tennis player, winning the national doubles title in 1974 with partner John Beck. He repeated that title again in both 1977 and 1978 with partner Hank Irvine. But Fitzgibbon's rich and unbelievable tennis career started when he was a student-athlete at Garden City High School in the 1950's.

Tonight, it's another "ace" for a man who served up quite a career. We are proud to induct Herb Fitzgibbon into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



ROBERT MOORE ATHLETE

Rob Moore was a gifted four sport star at Hempstead High School. The 1986 graduate played football, basketball, lacrosse, and set records in track. Moore caught only 22 passes in high school on a team that ran the wishbone. He was selected as an All- Conference athlete in 1984, and was a member of Hempstead's Rutgers Cup teams in 1984 and 1985.

On the basketball court, Rob was an All-Long Island player in 1985 and 1986. He helped the Tigers capture the Long Island Championship in both of those seasons. In the title 1986 season, Moore won the "Most Valuable Player" award in the Nassau County championship game. He was also selected as an All- Conference lacrosse player in 1984. Moore also dominated in the triple jump by becoming the Nassau County and Long Island champion in 1986. His personal best jump was 48' 9".

Following his graduation from Hempstead High School, Rob played football at Syracuse University. In three seasons, he had 106 catches, including 53 during his senior year. He totaled over 2,100 yards and had 22 touchdown catches. But he was not done with football; in 1990, he was a first-round pick in the supplemental draft by the Jets.

Rob had a marvelous 11-year career in the NFL, making 628 catches that totaled over 9,300 yards with 49 touchdown catches. In 1997, he led the league with 97 receptions for 1,584 yards.

Rob enjoyed great years in college and with the NFL. But at heart, Moore remains a Hempstead Tiger. He is proud of winning two Long Island basketball titles, being selected as a member of [Newsday's](#) 1986 All Long Island basketball team, and for his selection on [Newsday's](#) All-time Long Island Football team of the 1980's. His high school coach Buddy Krumenacker said of Rob, "The success he has experienced in his life has not changed him at all. He is still Rob Moore from Hempstead High School."

Tonight, we honor the great Rob Moore with his induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



ROBERT REIFSNYDER ATHLETE

Bob Reifsnyder had an illustrious athletic career! A 1955 graduate of Baldwin High School, Reifsnyder played four sports: football, basketball, baseball and wrestling. On the mat, he lost only one match in two years, and that was to the county champion. On the diamond, when he wasn't pitching, you would find Reifsnyder behind the plate, catching. He also played two years of varsity basketball.

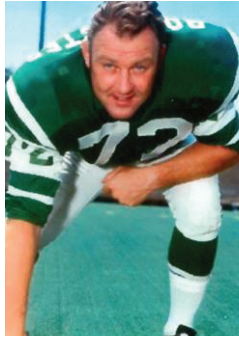
But it was on the gridiron where Bob Reifsnyder made his name. He was a member of the 1953 Rutgers Cup team. During the following season, he served as a running back and linebacker. Bob captured the Thorp Award as the top football player in Nassau County while captaining that squad. He was also chosen as a member of the All Long Island Team. The Sporting News named him to the National High School All American football team.

Following his graduation from Baldwin, Reifsnyder played football for the United States Naval Academy. In 1957, he won the Maxwell Award, given to the nation's best football player. It was the first time the award was given to a guard or tackle. He took his talent to professional football, playing for the National Football League's New York Giants and the American Football League's New York Titans.

Reifsnyder became a math teacher and football coach at Berner High School in Massapequa. He was named the South Shore Conference I "Coach of the Year" three times, and compiled an impressive 104-39-3 career coaching record.

Following stops as an assistant football coach at Columbia University, and two years at Friends Academy, Reifsnyder became Dean of Students and head football coach at Patchogue-Medford High School. He led the school to its first winning season in 10 years.

Reifsnyder shares his accolades, stating humbly that, "I feel all the awards that I have won are to be shared with my teammates." Tonight, we all share yet another honor with Bob Reifsnyder - his induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



PAUL ROCHESTER ATHLETE

Paul (“Rocky”) Rochester, a 1956 graduate of Sewanhaka High School, made his mark in two sports, football and lacrosse. He played four years at the varsity level for each sport. In football, Rochester was dominant; his outstanding play earned him the 1955 Thorp Award, the most distinguished football award presented in Nassau County. He was also named a high school All- American.

In lacrosse, Rochester was part of Bill Ritch’s teams, that won 91 straight games. Paul earned All-American honors in that sport as well. Following his graduation from Sewanhaka High School, Rochester earned a football scholarship to Michigan State University, where he played for the legendary Duffy Daugherty. His stellar college career led Paul Rochester to the next level, the American Football League.

Rochester played defensive tackle for 10 years in the league, for both the Kansas City Chiefs and the New York Jets. He earned All-Pro honors twice. His biggest accomplishment was being a member of the 1968 World Champion New York Jets in Super Bowl III. In that game, Rochester, the former Thorp Award winner from Sewanhaka High School, had the only sack in the game, a 16-7 Joe Namath-led win over the Baltimore Colts.

Hall of Famer Marc Martone was fortunate to coach Rochester at Sewanhaka. He said, “Paul was so easy to communicate with because of his dedication and desire to excel.” But there is more to this story. Paul Rochester’s parents died in 1954. Marc and Stephanie Martone took Paul into their home, even though they had two small daughters of their own, Marsha and Cindi. Paul was able to finish high school at Sewanhaka High School. The rest is history!

Tonight, Paul Rochester’s outstanding achievements and accomplishments continue with his induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



LISA SMITH ATHLETE

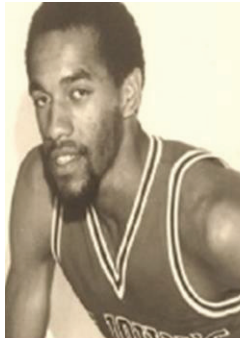
How good was Lisa Smith? In basketball, good enough that her mother allowed her to play on the all-boys Salvation Army travel team. That's where her name started to become synonymous with the game of basketball. Smith, a 1983 graduate of Hempstead High School, played four years of varsity basketball, volleyball and softball. But it was on the basketball court where Smith was an absolute shining star!

Lisa was a four-year starter, and her dazzling play dazzled the opponent while thrilling the crowd. Smith scored, at the time, a New York State career record of 2,418 points, and that was without the three-point shot. She helped lead Hempstead to a four-year record of 92-3, which included a 52-game winning streak and 71 straight wins at home. The Lady Tigers dominated Nassau County basketball, winning four Nassau County Championships, with Lisa leading the way. Hempstead also won two New York State Championships, as well as the Federation title in 1982. They had a perfect 27-0 record under the direction of coach Ollie Mills.

"Coach Mills was like a father to me," said Lisa. Following her spectacular career at Hempstead High School, Smith went on to become an All Big East player at St. John's University. In 2000, Lisa Smith was named Hempstead High School's "Female Athlete of the Century". In 2006, her #15 jersey was retired, the only girl in the history of Hempstead High School to receive that honor.

During her youth, Lisa was surrounded by many outstanding people. Mentor Jennifer Mitchell inspired Smith and helped to lead her on her basketball journey. That journey has led Lisa here tonight, so that we can pay tribute to one of the greatest women's basketball players in all of Long Island.

Lisa Smith, congratulations on your induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



WILLIAM "BEAVER" SMITH ATHLETE

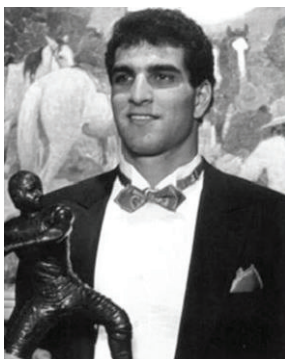
William "Beaver" Smith took Frank Sinatra's song "Fly Me to the Moon" to heart, although Beaver changed the word "fly" to "JUMP"! The 1972 South Side High School graduate was one of the best basketball players that Long Island has ever seen. Fellow Hall of Famer Mike Candel saw every player on the court, including Julius Erving, and said, "Beaver was the best." Smith stood only 6'4" tall, but played like he was 6'10". His friend of 50 years, Frank Alagia, later his teammate at St. John's University, said, "Beaver could jump as high as he needed, and his wingspan and his reach were great."

Smith led the Cyclones of South Side High School to the Nassau County championship in 1971 and 1972, earning All-Long Island honors as a senior. He scored over 1,000 points, while also pulling down over 1,000 rebounds. He also scored a high school game record of 41 points. Twice, in 1971 and 1972, Beaver Smith was selected as the "Most Outstanding Basketball Player in Nassau County". In those same years, he was named the 1976 "Most Valuable Player" of the Nassau County basketball tournament.

In his senior season of 1972, Beaver was named All-State and All-American. Following his graduation from South Side, Beaver attended St. John's University, where he continued his stellar basketball career. Beaver played in 93 games for the university from 1972-1976. He scored 1,047 points, and grabbed 717 rebounds to help St. John's reach the NCAA tournament in 1973 and 1976. As a senior, Beaver posted career high numbers of 13.8 points and 8.1 rebounds per game. "We were in so many battles, and I always knew he would be there," Alagia said. He was a great defender and a great teammate because he was so unselfish."

Drafted by the Knicks in 1976, Beaver Smith, the man with the best of smiles, was always surrounded by great teammates. But no one was more important to him than his family--his wife Heidi and daughters Liza, Shilean and Alysha, who passed away in July 2016. We lost Beaver in March 2018. His wife Heidi said, "He was the greatest husband and father."

Tonight we honor his greatness by inducting William "Beaver" Smith posthumously into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



VINNY TESTAVERDE ATHLETE

The road to the Heisman Trophy and a brilliant 21-year career in the National Football League got started in Sewanhaka. Vinny Testaverde, a 1981 graduate, began to make a name for himself in his senior season, when he led Sewanhaka to the Conference 1-B title in 1980. An unknown at the outset of the season, Testaverde, named to the All County team, completed 59 of 110 passes for 756 yards and 11 touchdowns. He quickly got the attention of the University of Miami, Ohio State, Indiana University, and Rutgers University.

At the time, Vinny's high school football coach Bill Piner said, "He has just begun to realize some of his vast potential. I think Vinny is going to become a great college player." Piner was right! Testaverde dominated the college gridiron during his senior year at Miami, earning All-American honors and winning the 1986 Heisman Trophy. He is the only Long Islander to ever do so. He threw 48 touchdowns, including 26 in his senior season. He also won the Maxwell, Davey O'Brien, and Walter Camp Awards. Sprinkle in the United Press International and [Sporting News](#) "Player of the Year" distinctions. The All-American from Long Island was then ready for the next level.

In the spring of 1987, Testaverde was the first overall pick in the NFL draft, selected by Tampa Bay, where he spent the first seven years of his glorious 21-year NFL career. Overall, Vinny threw for over 46,000 yards and 275 touchdowns. These were outstanding numbers, but Vinny knows that it would not have happened without the tremendous work ethic that he learned at Sewanhaka. His upper class teammates included Lou Voltaggio. Testaverde acknowledges and has the utmost respect for his Sewanhaka High School varsity coaches: Bill Piner, Tom Flatley, and Joe Knoll.

A total family man, Vinny also recognizes his wife, Mitzi and his three children: Alicia, Vincent, Jr., and Madeleine. It has been quite a ride for Vinny Testaverde. Tonight, it comes full circle with his induction into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



FRANK ZACHMANN

ATHLETE

His legendary high school coach George Craig said, “Frank Zachmann was the best athlete that I ever coached or saw. Zachy could have been the best at any sport he decided to play.” He proved his coach was right! Zachmann, a 1937 graduate of Baldwin High School, earned 14 varsity letters in four sports: football, basketball, baseball, and track and field.

Zachmann quarterbacked Baldwin High School to three Nassau County titles in 1934, 1935 and 1936. In the 1934 season, Zachmann completed 30 of 37 passes and three touchdowns. During the following year, he tossed nine touchdown aerals. Also chosen as team captain, Zachmann led Baldwin to a three-year record of 18-0-3, and led the Bruins to the Bacon Cup in 1936, the predecessor to the Rutgers Cup. Zachmann earned All-Scholastic Honors in each of his three varsity football years.

On the court, Frank Zachmann helped lead Baldwin to county basketball championships in 1934, 1936 and 1937. The 1937 year was a special one for Zachmann, who not only captained that team but also led the county by scoring 134 points.

His baseball excellence matched his football and basketball success, with even more wins. Zachmann was the 1937 team captain and the top pitcher on the team that won the South Shore ‘A’ championship. Frank also ran track and field for two years. At that time, George Craig coached both baseball and track. When both teams played at the same location on the same day, you would find Zachmann running between the track and the diamond, participating in both sports simultaneously.

Frank Zachmann continued his education and played football for one year at Fordham University. He then entered the Army. He was a special person and a gifted athlete. He received a letter dated April 6, 1940:

Dear Frank,

We have heard about your football prowess and have decided to give you a tryout at our training camp this summer.

Signed,

John Mara

President, New York Giants

Frank went on to play semi-professional and professional baseball and football through the 1940’s.

Tonight, we honor and pay tribute to Frank Zachmann as we induct him posthumously into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.



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