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The Delaware Valley Chapter is proud to announce that this year’s Distinguished American for the 51st Annual George Wah Scholar-Leader-Athlete dinner is Frank Lucchesi, Regional Public Affairs Manager, serving Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties. In his role at PSE&G, he is responsible for supporting PSE&G’s lines of business and serves as liaison for municipal, governmental, educational, religious, business, law enforcement, community and civic leaders. He joined Public Service Electric and Gas Company as an Area Development Manager in 2005 where his primary responsibility included attracting, expanding, and retaining business in the State of New Jersey and providing real estate relocation services.

Most recently, PSE&G stood tall during Hurricane Sandy, working hard to minimize the storms effect in the Delaware Valley. PSE&G has also been instrumental in working with our schools helping to develop the STEM program in the region. Frank has been instrumental engaging the education community with opportunities to expand programs in Science, Technology and Math.

A graduate of Rider University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Frank has over eighteen years of experience in economic development, real estate and related public sector fields. He spent five year as the Business Representative for the Mercer County Division initiating and executing marketing programs for the County’s various real estate projects. He also spent two years as an account executive for business attraction at the New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission responsible for building relationships, providing guidance and delivering state services in order to attract, retain and expand business in New Jersey. Prior to joining PSE&G, Frank spent the last five years with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority as the Real Estate Division’s Asset & Leasing Manager working with industry professionals to promote the Authority’s real estate projects and managing the Authority’s 4.5 MM square foot real estate portfolio of properties.

Frank represents all that our Distinguished American is about. A former 3 year starter for Hamilton West under Coach Bill McEvoy and John Berei, he was 1st team All-County Defensive Tackle as a junior and senior. He was 12th Man TD Club winner and capped his career being selected captain and being named to the Mercer County Senior 11 as a senior. He gives his time to the community currently serving as the Board Chair for KidsBridge and is the immediate past president for the Economic Development Association of NJ. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Mid Jersey Chamber of Commerce, Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Central New Jersey Junior Achievement, Mercer County Community College and St. Francis Hospital Foundations. All this and he finds time to coach, spending 7 years coaching in the Hamilton Township PAL youth football league and is currently coaching and serves on the board at Nottingham Babe Ruth baseball.

More importantly, Frank is a successful father. He and his lovely wife Robyn (the real athlete in the family) have 2 children. His son Frank 15, is a freshmen football and baseball player at Steinert High School and daughter Gianna, is a 12 year old soccer, basketball and lacrosse player at Reynolds Middle School.

Past Distinguished American Award Recipients

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

CONTRIBUTION TO AMATEUR FOOTBALL
RICH FISHER



During his four decades of covering sports for nearly every newspaper in the Delaware Valley, Rich Fisher has really excelled in the gridiron game.

Rich is now in his 32nd year as a sportswriter for *The Trentonian* and has been sports editor in various papers in the *Princeton Packet* chain since 1984. He has been a regular high school/college sports contributor to numerous monthly newspapers in Mercer County.

Since 1980, Rich has covered high school football in Mercer County/Middlesex County/Bucks County/South Jersey for *The Trentonian*, *Burlington County Times*, *Home News & Tribune*, *Asbury Park Press*, *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Bucks County Courier Times*.

Rich also has covered Rutgers football for the Associated Press from 1990 to present and was *Trentonian* Rutgers beat writer during the magical 2005 season when they beat Louisville. He also covered Rowan football extensively for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* during their Stagg Bowl years, also reported on TCNJ football for *The Trentonian* and *Inquirer*, Princeton U football for *The Trentonian* and AP.

He was a former high school/college writer for *Philadelphia Inquirer*’s South Jersey section, covered Princeton University basketball and wrote for the *Newark Star-Ledger*. His name has also appeared as a freelance writer covering high school and college sports for the *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Sun Times*, *Asbury Park Press*, and *Home News & Tribune*. Rich’s resume also includes being a weekly harness racing columnist for ustrotting.com website and also wrote a weekly ski column for the *Star Ledger*.

Among the other sports Rich has covered for the local press were amateur bowling tournaments, golf, Little League, Babe Ruth League and American Legion baseball.

In addition to his journalism career, Rich also served as Sports Information Director at Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey) for two years, preparing football media guides and game day programs while promoting the football team and covering it for *The Trentonian*. He and also served as publicity director for the North-South All-Star Football Classic for five years in the mid-1990s, and acts as master of ceremonies for the annual CVC Basketball Awards Dinner

As the founder and President/CEO of Trentonian partner website Fish4scores.com, Rich’s most enjoyable time has been providing extensive coverage of the last two Central Jersey Group III finalists Steinert and Nottingham for Fish4scores/*Trentonian*. Fish4scores previews include video interviews, gathering shout-outs from the school’s distinguished alumni, and many assorted unique articles and reports. Rich and Fish4Scores have provided extensive coverage of Pop Warner football – both the football teams and the cheerleaders – for various weekly papers in the *Princeton Packet* chain. Since its inception in October 2009, visitor traffic to the Fish4scores.com site has increased 25- 35 percent each year.

A graduate of Steinert High and Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Rich has won over 25 New Jersey Press Association awards for writing and layout, was N.J. College Soccer Writer of the Year and three-time winner of the CVC Soccer Writer of the Year. He is also this year’s winner of the USTA Middle States New Jersey District Media Award and will be recognized at an April 21 luncheon. *Now it’s time for the football community to salute one of its most respected football writers.*

Past Contribution to Amateur Football Award Recipients

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

PAST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Year	Winner	School	College	Award
2011	Chris Evans	WWP-South	Harvard	\$5,000
	Richard Levy	Trenton	University of Connecticut	\$2,500
	J. Walker Kirby	Lawrenceville	Harvard	\$2,500
2010	Ross Scheuerman	Allentown	Lafayette	\$5,000
	Matt Berry	North Hunterdon	Johns Hopkins	\$2,500
2009	Bradford Bormann	Hunterdon Central	Lafayette	\$5,000
	Douglas Bryant	Princeton	University of Michigan	\$2,500
	Sean Eccles	Allentown	Ramapo	\$2,500
2008	Anthony Russ	Lawrence	Harvard	\$5,000
	Brian Reilly	Peddie	Harvard	\$2,500
	Jeffrey Riemann	WWP-South	Williams	\$2,500
2007	Daniel Fitzsimmons	Hunterdon Central	Princeton	\$5,000
	Andrew Bourassa	Delaware Valley	Cornell	\$2,500
	Douglas Borchert	Princeton	Lafayette	\$2,000
	Eldred Richards	WWP-South	Albany	\$2,000
2006	Ryan Lupo	WWP-South	Williams	\$5,000
	Joshua Scassero	Florence	Stockton	\$2,500
	Nick Lezynski	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	\$2,500
2005	Imaniborn Etukeren	Lawrenceville	Arizona State	\$5,000
	David Blitzter	Princeton Day	Williams	\$2,500
	Gabriel C. Plumer	Delaware Valley	Johns Hopkins	\$2,500
2004	Andrew Riexinger	Notre Dame	TCNJ	\$5,000
	Vincent G. Giacalone	Princeton	Carnegie Mellon	\$2,500
	Matthew Ordog	Florence	Muhlenberg	\$2,500
2003	Brian Raike	Ewing	Pennsylvania	\$5,000
	David Mosteller	Princeton	Wesleyan	\$3,500
	Brian Waller	Hightstown	Coast Guard	\$2,500
2002	Robert Toresco	Hunterdon Central	Princeton	\$5,000
	Stephen Ordog	Florence	Ursinus	\$3,500
	Jay Graber	Notre Dame	Hofstra	\$1,250
2001	JT Hutchinson	WWP-South	Pennsylvania	\$1,250
	Alexander Brun	Hamilton	Rutgers	\$5,000
	Charles Nagy	Bordentown	Wagner	\$3,500
2000	Jonathon Johnston	Peddie	US Naval Academy	\$2,500
	Jason Vida	Pennsbury	William & Mary	\$5,000
	Joe Crupi	Hamilton	US Marine Corps	\$3,500
	John Brodowski	Bordentown	Muhlenburg	\$2,500
1999	Matthew Krantz	Allentown	Wake Forest	\$2,000
	Brian Lyons	Hamilton	Post Grad	\$5,000
	Isaac Bethea	Trenton	Pennsylvania	\$3,500
	Adam Allen	Nottingham	Lafayette	\$2,500
1998	Alex Wade	Council Rock	Duke	\$5,000
	Jamal Lundy	Florence	Lehigh	\$3,500
	Adrian Wall	Lawrenceville	Harvard	\$2,500
1997	Mike Azzara	Lawrence	Middlebury	\$5,000
	Brian White	Hamilton	Villanova	\$3,500
	Dave Czehut	North Burlington	Princeton	\$2,500
1996	Buck Adams	Hightstown	West Point	\$5,000
	Brett Martz	North Burlington	Pennsylvania	\$3,500
	Don Povia	Nottingham	Monmouth	\$2,500
1995	Joe Andolina	WWP	Princeton	\$5,000
	Hank Johns, Jr.	Pennsbury	Georgetown	\$3,500
	Greg Gorla	Steinert	Johns Hopkins	\$2,500
1994	Anthony Apicelli	Ewing	Princeton	\$5,000
	Brian Vannozzi	Notre Dame	Johns Hopkins	\$3,500
	Rick Dittman	Pennsbury	Brown	\$1,500
	Matt Rader	Pennsbury	Duke	\$5,000
1993	Ian Halpern	Princeton Day	Brown	\$2,500
	Dan Schramek	Council Rock	Penn State	\$1,500
	Ricky Durst	Pennington	Middlebury	\$5,000
1992	Noah Harlan	Princeton	Williams	\$2,500
	Gus Burmeister	Florence	Lafayette	\$1,500
1991	Rob Beetel	North Burlington	Trenton State	\$5,000
	Greg Coleman	Steinert	Trenton State	\$2,500
	William Warrick	Lawrenceville	North Carolina	\$1,500
1990	Todd Luyber	Florence	Rutgers	\$5,000
	Terrance Stokes	Trenton	Pennsylvania	\$2,500
	Ron Duld	Council Rock	Pennsylvania	\$2,500

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PAST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (CONTINUED)

Year	Winner	School	College	Award
1989	William Buffaloe	Bishop Egan	Yale	\$5,000
	Adam Warcholak	Lawrence	Franklin & Marshall	\$2,500
	James Renna	WWP	Princeton	\$2,500
1988	Scott Schienvar	Hightstown	Washington	\$5,000
	Russell Player	Burlington Twp.	Holy Cross	\$2,500
	Tom Falkowski	Allentown	Bucknell	\$2,500
1987	Paul Evans	Hamilton	Pennsylvania	\$5,000
	Scott Snyder	Council Rock	Virginia Tech	\$2,500
	Eric Smith	Lawrence	Cornell	\$2,500
1986	John Kleinman	WWP	Lehigh	\$4,000
	Scott Miller	Princeton Day	Brown	\$2,000
	Jesse Klingbiel	Princeton	Bucknell	\$2,000
1985	Todd Ortman	Pennsbury	Princeton	\$2,000
	CJ Cunningham	Council Rock	Pennsylvania	\$1,000
	Charles McCall	WWP	Pennsylvania	\$1,000
1984	Galen Beske	WWP	Lafayette	\$1,500
	Eric Hovane	Princeton Day	Princeton	\$750
	David Nitti	Ewing	Villanova	\$750
1983	Ed Hudson	Lawrenceville	Harvard	\$1300
	Mike Schnoering	Nottingham	NJ Tech	\$650
	Darren Doherty	Notre Dame	Swarthmore	\$650
1982	Nathan Thompson	Lawrence	William & Marry	\$800
	Mike Druckman	WWP	Harvard	\$400
	Richard Guinness	Steinert	Rider	\$400

AWARD WINNERS (1962-1981)

Year	Winner	School	Head Coach
1981	Douglas Paul	Princeton	Bill Cirullo
	Larry Ostema	Lawrenceville	Ken Keuffel
1980	Albert Yunkus	Peddie	Bob McClellan
	Mark Tagliaferri	WWP	Tom Stuart
1979	L. Hunninghake	Princeton	Jim Beachell
	John Freda	Princeton Day	Jim Walker
1978	Roncalli-Amici	Peddie	Duke Oxford
	Jeffrey Guzy	WWP	Rex Walker
1977	Donald Gips	Princeton Day	Bob Hoffman
	Joe Garefino	South Hunterdon	Sam Jeffris
1976	Darren Ford	Pennington	Bill Long
	James Annett	Council Rock	Walt Snyder
1975	Mark Blaxhill	Princeton Day	John Boneparth
	Rich Hagen	Hamilton	Bill McEvoy
1974	Wayne Buder	Pennsbury	Chuck Kane
	W. Ellsworth	Princeton Day	John Boneparth
1973	Brian Bestwick	Delhaas	Bob Hart
	David Ballard	Lawrenceville	Ken Keuffel
1972	Harold Brown	Lawrence	Ed Shirk
	Stuart Gordon	Lawrenceville	Ken Keuffel
1971	Andrew Varga	Morrisville	Ray Feldman
	Alan Chalifoux	Hun	David Leete
1970	Richard Ziegler	Hun	David Leete
	Jerome Varcallo	Woodrow Wilson	Lou Sorrentino
1969	Lewis Bowers	Princeton Day	Dan Barren
	James Boyle	Bishop Egan	Dick Bedesem
1968	Edward Hryn	Hamilton	Dave Bryan
	Paul Dahlman	Pennsbury	Ernie Baugher
1967	Tom Butterfoss	Princeton	Dick Wood
	Mike Drulis	Notre Dame	Walt Porter
	Robert Krugler	Peddie	Edmund Paul
1966	Sylvester Micir	Bishop Egan	Dick Bedesem
	Stephan Kessler	Pennington	Howard Poore
1965	James Colbert	Neshaminy	John Petercuskie
	Warren McManus	Peddie	Edmund Paul
1964	Mark Savidge	Hun	Hawley Water
1963	Will Dickey	Lawrenceville	Jack Reydel
1962	Pat Ryan	Notre Dame	Walt Porter



HISTORY OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER'S SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE AWARDS DINNER

The first Scholar/Athlete dinner hosted by the Delaware Valley chapter was a lot like a small family get-together as a group of prominent area business leaders and sportsmen, brought together by local sportswriter Jimmie McDowell gathered at The Carteret Club in downtown Trenton to honor a high school senior football player who had been even more successful in the classroom.

In 50 years that small gathering to honor Notre Dame High senior Pat Ryan has grown to become the most prestigious football dinner in the Delaware Valley, possibly in the entire Garden State.

No longer is it just one player being saluted and receiving a certificate. Now the Delaware Valley chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame honors graduating senior football players from 30 schools in six Central Jersey counties, each of them receiving at least a \$1,000 scholarship with money raised from various businessmen and women throughout the area.

Just as the great game of football has grown over the last 50 years, so has the Delaware Valley chapter dinner, which awards a scholarship pot of \$50,000 — largest in the nation. The chapter is also the oldest in the U.S. with an honor roll of Distinguished American and Contribution to Amateur Football award winners that is a 'Who's Who' of the football world.

Within five years after it was founded the DelVal chapter dinner had grown into a community-wide event that honored athletes from two dozen schools on both sides of the Delaware River and presented its coveted adult awards to political, civic and business leaders in the Trenton area.

Co-sponsored by the Trenton Times and later the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, the Scholar/Athlete program grew from the cozy surroundings of the Carteret Club to venues like Barrett's El Condado Restaurant in Ewing, the Colonial Firehouse Ballroom in Hamilton and the West Trenton Ballroom Ewing to the Princeton University campus and eventually to the grand ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Princeton.

The tradition of bestowing the Distinguished American Award on prominent area business leaders like Don Ehret, Times publisher James Kerney Jr. and Fred Schluter eventually saw political leaders Sen. Franny McManimon, Mercer County executive Bob Prunetti - a scholar/athlete at Trenton High in 1972 - Sen. Pete Inverso, former Hamilton mayor Maurice Perilli and New Jersey banking legends Bill Faherty, Tom Bracken and Tim Losch headline the top dias.

Educational leaders Dr. Crosby Copeland of the Trenton Public Schools and Al DeMartin of Hamilton, athletic leaders Ken Fairman, Royce Flippin, Jake McCandless and Bob Casciola of Princeton University, Coca Cola president Bill Pearce of Princeton, NJSIAA executives Roy Schleicher and Steve Timko and lifelong football men and prominent coaches Win Headley, Len Rivers and Cosmo Iacavazzi were among the honorees named Distinguished Americans for having taken the lessons learned on the gridiron to become prominent area leaders.

Baseball Hall of Fame sportswriter Harold 'Bus' Saidt of the Times, former NFL stars Troy Vincent (Eagles) and Scott Brunner (Giants), popular area radio sports broadcasters Vince Reed and Roger Hendler, the father-son tandem of Ron Rick and Ron Jr., and local coaching legends Dr. Ken Keuffel (Lawrenceville), Eric Hamilton (College of NJ), Steve Muench (Ewing), Sam Jefferis (South Hunterdon), John Curtis (Princeton) and Jim Griffin (Hightstown) helped add to the DelVal chapter's reputation for saluting the best of the best and continue the reputation the Delaware Valley chapter has always held for being the first - and the most successful - of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame chapters.

2012 SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETES

ROBERT ALBANIR SOUTH HUNTERDON

A first-team all-conference selection in 2012, Robert Albanir helped South Hunterdon return to the NJSIAA playoffs for the first time in almost a decade.

As the smallest school in the state to sponsor football, South Hunterdon has always relied on players like Albanir who excel on both sides of the ball and literally don't get any plays off. A running back and outside linebacker throughout his career, Albanir rushed for 676 yards and six touchdowns with no fumbles. On defense, Robert intercepted three passes, forced two fumbles and recovered two more. He finished with 58 tackles, including 33 solo.

Robert was voted MVP for offense as both a junior and a senior by the team's coaches and his teammates recognized him as winner of the Eagle Award in 2012. He was second-team all-conference and honorable mention as a junior, which merely set the stage for the accolades that Albanir received in 2012.

"Robert displayed his leadership qualities throughout the season," head coach Toby Jefferis said. "He is an excellent student-athlete at South Hunterdon, and he is a great leader both on and off the field."

A three-sport athlete who plays both basketball and baseball, Albanir is also active in music and participates in the school's chorus. He was a captain for the school's "Night at the Nest" and is a two-year member of the National Honor Society.

In the summer, Albanir displays his love for cars by working as a part-time mechanic.



JAKE ANDREJCIC NOTTINGHAM

Nottingham brought its fans along for an amazing ride in 2012, as the Northstars became the first Mercer County school to capture a sectional title since 1989 and first Mercer public school to win it all since 1985.

At the heart of the Northstars this year was star defensive lineman Jake Andrejcik.

A two-time WJFL first-team selection, and third-team all-state choice by MSG Varsity, Andrejcik came up biggest in the biggest games Nottingham has ever played.

Check out this playoff run – three sacks in a come-from-behind win over Manasquan. A huge game in a tight semifinal win over Long Branch. And despite an ankle injury, Jake had two more sacks plus a number of tackles in the title game win over Neptune.

Nottingham became the first local team ever to knock off three Shore Conference teams in a season.

But his playoff performance is only a tiny part of the story. Andrejcik kept the team together when head coach Jon Adams was diagnosed with kidney cancer in the spring of 2012.

"Jake was our voice," Adams said. "He leads in the community and in our hallways. He led our breakdowns and pregame rituals. He was the guy who corrected the little things that needed to be addressed after practice to make sure our guys stayed focused."

A member of the National Honor Society and Academic Honor Roll, Andrejcik annually volunteers at the Rotary Club breakfast. A member of DECA, Jake is near the top of his senior class and plans to major in Engineering next year.





CHANDLER BELL HOPEWELL VALLEY

The only head coach of Hopewell Valley’s modern football era, Dave Caldwell, makes it clear how he feels about linebacker Chandler Bell.

“Student-athletes encounter various rigors that typical students are not exposed to,” Caldwell said. “Chandler meets these challenges with enthusiasm, effort, and efficiency. Chandler Bell would be a valuable asset to any organization that associates itself with character and leadership qualities.

“Since the (re-start) of Hopewell Valley’s football program,” Caldwell continued, “I have not nominated a more worthy candidate.”

A natural leader, according to his coach, because of his superlative actions and work ethic, Chandler earned all-conference honors as a senior and is a three-sport varsity athlete at Hopewell.

As a well-rounded student, Chandler belongs to the National Honor Society, participates in the school’s Peer Leadership program, and is active in the Student Movement Against Cancer.

He has taken a number of church mission trips, taught younger basketball players in various clinics, participated in the Relay for Life, and helped refurbish a local house as part of Project 70.

“Overall, Chandler is an extremely motivated, respectful, and warm individual,” Caldwell said. “His character and personality make working with him a pleasure and privilege. Not only does he tend to his responsibilities in the classroom and on the field, he does so with an enthusiasm and passion that cannot be taught. Student-athletes encounter various rigors that typical students are not exposed to. Chandler meets these challenges with enthusiasm, effort, and efficiency.”

DANIEL BERG THE LAWRENCEVILLE SCHOOL

Daniel Berg’s leadership helped Lawrenceville head coach Danny O’Dea guide the Big Red to the Mid-Atlantic Prep League title in his first year.

“Dan was the person most responsible for the success and atmosphere of unselfishness that were hallmarks of this year’s team” O’Dea said. “Dan has the ability to positively influence those around him with his own work ethic and toughness as well as his approach to teammates. He lead his teammates to accept a new system and a take a positive approach to everything they did as a team.”

A standout at the heart of the defense for Lawrenceville, Berg averaged almost 10 tackles a game at middle linebacker and led the defense to major wins against Blair Academy and The Peddie School. He forced three fumbles and recovered two.

The Glen Ridge native is a Dean’s List and Honor Roll student at Lawrenceville, and Vice President of the Hamill House dorm on campus. He is involved in the Kiwanis Club, the Sportsman’s Service League, the Surf Club, and as a volunteer for the Newark Lacrosse Clinic and Toni’s Soup Kitchen.

An all-MAPL first-team linebacker, Daniel has established himself as one of the best lacrosse players in the state. A part of back-to-back MAPL championship teams at Lawrenceville, Berg has been named to the ESPN Class of 2013 high school player watch list. He plays for a top travel program in the summer.

“Dan,” O’Dea said, “is a true student athlete in the greatest sense of the word.”



JADAEN BERNSTEIN VOORHEES

A gifted scholar, athlete, and leader, Jadaen Bernstein has made an impact at Voorhees High School in so many ways.

In football, he was one of the leading players for head coach Robert Angstadt’s team. An all-West Jersey, all-county, and all-area selection by the Express Times, Bernstein has been Voorhees’ top linebacker the last two years.

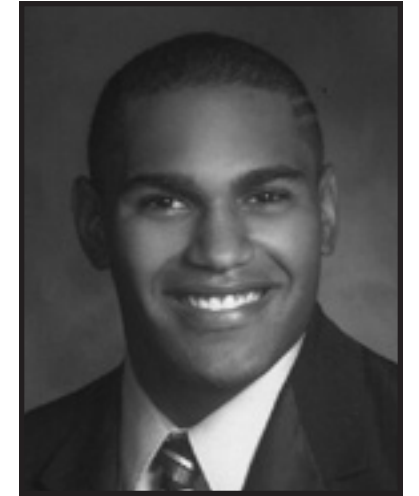
“Jadaen really pushes himself to perform optimally by achieving challenging goals,” Angstadt said.

Another sport where Bernstein excels is wrestling, as he has been a state medalist in each of the last two years. A two-time Region V champion, Bernstein was a USA Wrestling Cadet National Finalist in 2011.

“I not only respect him tremendously,” wrestling coach Eric Hall said, “but also believe that he is the most special young man that I have ever coached. More importantly, I want to convey that his benevolent personality and relentless work ethic would have nothing but a positive effect on a student body, school, and tradition of excellence.”

A volunteer for Special Olympics, member of the Superintendent’s Students for Quality Life Committee, French club, Students for Change organization, and Student Council, Bernstein is a Paul Robeson Renaissance Award Winner. A High School Heisman state finalist, Jadaen is also a talented musician, as he has performed for 11 years and plays the piano, trombone, and bass guitar.

Bernstein is part of the Marine Corps Fitness Team with the second highest score in New Jersey. He will be attending the United States Naval Academy in the fall.



JUDE BRENYA HIGHTSTOWN

One of the top defensive linemen in Mercer County, Jude Brenya is as notable for what he has done off the field.

Brenya is part of the school’s O Ambassador Club, the Project Green Club, the African American Awareness Club, and editor of his school’s newspaper. He tutors fellow Hightstown students and is a freshman mentor this year.

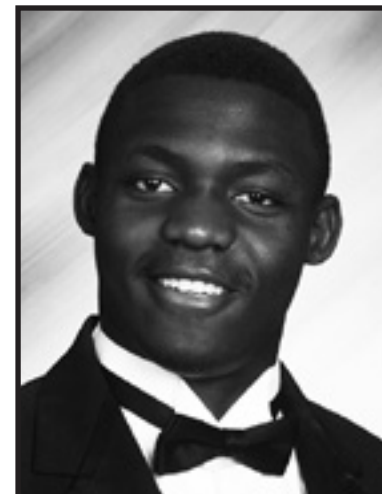
“Jude is one of a small handful of student athletes who will be remembered not only for his ability to play football at the highest level,” head coach Pete Brescia said, “but also for the character and dignity with which he carries himself every day.”

With a schedule full of honors classes, Jude has had the opportunity to make an impact among the teachers at Hightstown.

“I have been teaching over 30 years and Jude is as impressive a young man as I have taught,” said Dr. David Williams, who teaches Honors level English at Hightstown. “He is bright, polite, well spoken, always interested in the subject matter, and a natural leader – both in class and on the football field.”

Jude is also involved at the local Ghana Baptist Church, where he serves as an instrumentalist and a youth leader and Sunday school teacher.

An accomplished two-sport athlete, Jude is also one of the top track and field throwers in Central Jersey. He holds the school record for most pull ups and as a three-time winner of the President’s Academic Fitness Award.





WILL BRITT DELAWARE VALLEY

A ferocious offensive lineman for one of the best rushing attacks in the area, Will Britt helped lead Delaware Valley to great heights in 2012.

Recognized as an all-Hunterdon and all-conference selection and earning second-team, all-West Jersey honors, Britt anchored a line that rushed for over 300 yards per game last fall. Delaware Valley qualified for the Group II Central playoffs and finished the season 7-3.

“Willie is a quiet, respectful young man who carries himself in a manner that is more like an adult,” head coach Michael Columbo said. “He is a monster of a young man physically; however, he brings an approach that is most unassuming. He has shown to be as much of a well rounded individual as we have here at Delaware Valley Regional High School.”

That versatility shows up in his resume, most notably as an Eagle Scout. Britt is also a member of the National Honor Society, the Varsity Club and the calculus league. He is a math tutor, a blood drive organizer, and a Tournament of Champions volunteer.

Will is a distinguished honor roll student and a member of the NJ Stars Program. He has received straight A’s throughout his high school years.

“Will demonstrates the discipline, the determination, and the positive attitude that are necessary to be successful in life,” english teacher Brian Smith said. “It is clear to me that his time on the football team and with the National Honor Society helped develop those skills in all aspects of his life.”

CHRIS CARDINALI THE HUN SCHOOL

“I have been asked over the years why I have been coaching for so long,” Hun’s long-time assistant John Law said. “The answer is very simple. I get a chance to coach a student-athlete like Chris Cardinali.”

Cardinali has truly made an impact at The Hun School. A Monroe Township native, Chris received the school’s West Point Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award and is a member of the Cum Laude Society. He is a four-year volunteer coach for the Monroe Township Pop Warner program, a Dartmouth Book Award winner, and has received High Honors every semester at Hun.

A member of the Advanced Studio Art Honors Class, Chris has had his artwork displayed in a number of art shows.

Taking some of Hun’s most challenging courses, Cardinali has maintained a 94 GPA. He traveled with the People to People program to Italy and Greece and with EF Educational Tours to France and London.

While the artistic nature of Chris has come through, so has the physical side of Cardinali. A high-motor, hard-nosed defensive player, Cardinali has been the heart of head coach Dave Dudeck’s defense.

“As a coach,” Law said, “you can look into a player’s soul and see what kind of character that he possesses. Chris has a soul like no other. He has a burning flame inside of him that fuels his desire for greatness.”

That desire will no doubt make Cardinali successful at the next level when he starts college in the fall.



MICHAEL ANTHONY CIARAMELLA ROBBINSVILLE

Michael Anthony Ciaramella’s leadership helped Robbinsville turn around a rough start and post a four-game winning streak late in 2012 that included an impressive victory over Holy Cross.

Ciaramella was one of the reasons Robbinsville went 4-1 in the second half of the season. A top student, musician, athlete, and community member, Ciaramella is as well rounded a high school student as you’ll ever find.

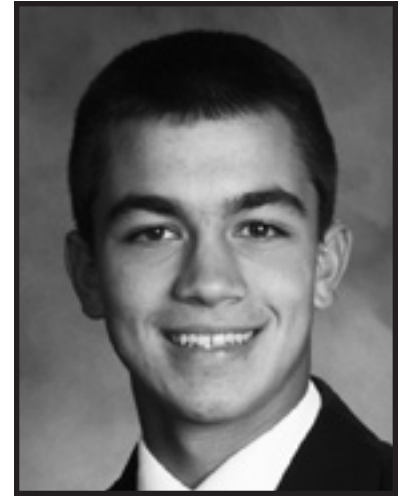
Besides football, Ciaramella is a pitcher and outfielder in Robbinsville’s excellent baseball program and became a black belt in 2008. Academically, he has a weighted GPA of 4.47 and has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Honor.

This National Honor Society student has also been inducted into the National Society of High School Scholars. Ciaramella is a President’s Education award winner as well as winner of the NAESP American Citizenship Award.

In his countless hours of community service, Michael has served as an assistant coach for Special Olympics, worked with the Nottingham Little League Challenger Division, and served as an assistant ski instructor for Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports. Additionally, Michael helped install a new computer network at Pond Road Middle School.

A founding member of Robbinsville’s Special Olympics Project Unify, Ciaramella is also an exceptionally talented musician and this year is taking a pair of music courses at Princeton University.

Ciaramella also helped to start a five-piece band that has recorded a sound track for a documentary, Michael has performed improvisational duet guitar renditions of Christmas carols for St. Gregory the Great Church.



GAIBRIEL DEGUZMAN HAMILTON

A beast on the offensive line for the Hornets, Gaibriel is one of the top students in the senior class at Hamilton West.

One of the premier linemen in the Colonial Valley Conference, deGuzman will be extremely difficult to replace.

“A coach does not not replace (Gaibriel),” assistant coach Michael Papero said. “A coach can only hope that he is lucky enough to find a player who has just some of the characteristics that Gabe has.”

DeGuzman’s legacy at Hamilton is an impressive one. A peer leader and member of the National Honor Society as well as the National Technical Honor Society, Gaibriel has participated in the Relay for Life, the Miracle League, and the Junior fashion show.

“Gaibriel attacks his studies as well as he attacked players on the football field,” said head coach Tom Hoglen, referring to DeGuzman’s course load, which demonstrates success in numerous Honors and Advanced Placement classes.

Away from school he earned a second degree black belt from Hamilton Martial Arts and has instructed young students as they attempt to achieve similar goals.

DeGuzman was named first-team all-area and received recognition from the 12th Man TD Club as the offensive lineman of the week.

“Gaibriel has worked hard to accomplish all of his goals and always puts the team’s goal ahead of his,” Hoglen added. “Gaibriel represents his school and family well and I am very proud of all that he has accomplished here at Hamilton.”





DREW DICKISON NORTH HUNTERDON

North Hunterdon's Drew Dickison was not only his team's top big-play receiver, but he was also its source of leadership.

"Drew is a leader through his consistent positive attitude and his outstanding work ethic," head coach John Mattes said. "Drew is an outgoing young man with great character. He is personable, well-mannered, and makes a positive contribution to our school every day."

Drew is involved in a number of student organizations at North Hunterdon. He is a member of the prestigious Academic Achievement Society and volunteers for the Diocese of Metuchen Roman Catholic Church. As an entrepreneur, he sells sport-inspired items with a mission to share profits towards helping underprivileged athletes.

On the field, Drew caught 29 passes for 459 yards and intercepted three passes on defense, where he also forced two fumbles and knocked down six pass attempts. As a special team ace, he averaged 21 yards per punt return.

Those numbers earned him first-team all-county honors, as well as second-team all-area. He won the school's Robert Barnett Leadership Excellence Award and received the Maxwell Football Club's Mini-Max Award.

Drew is a two-sport athlete at North Hunterdon and one of the top students in the senior class. He will continue his career at The College of New Jersey in the fall.

"His performance on the field has set a high standard for his teammates for not only this year," Mattes said, "but for athletes at North Hunterdon in the years to come."

ZACK DIGREGORIO PRINCETON

While Zack DiGregorio may not be your stereotypical quarterback according to Joe Gargione, the Princeton High head coach made it clear who he counted on for leadership during the 2012 season.

"This past offseason, Zack really took control of the team because he wanted to build on the success of last year," Gargione said. "He worked very hard in the weight room and with conditioning drills, and never had a problem questioning a teammate if he missed a workout. All of his teammates respect him and that is because he leads by example."

The 2012 "Iron Tiger" award winner threw for over 800 yards and seven touchdowns, and guided the team to a win over Group III South finalist Northern Burlington. One of top players on the school's baseball team, DiGregorio is active in a number of school and local organizations as well.

A three-year member of student government, Zack is part of the youth group at St. Paul's Catholic Church, helps raise money for Muscular Dystrophy with Ryan's Quest, and helps to raise money and awareness for Ataxia Telangiectasia with Derek's Dreams, an organization started by the DiGregorio family.

Zack, a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, is the anchor of the Princeton High school news show, a student representative on the Superintendent's meeting on HIB policy, and attended the National Youth Forum on Medicine, where he was selected as closing ceremony speaker.

"It was an honor," Gargione said, "to coach Zack for four years."



COLIN FITZPATRICK NORTHERN BURLINGTON

Colin Fitzpatrick's leadership and pinpoint passing helped the Greyhounds advance to the brink of a South Jersey Group III title.

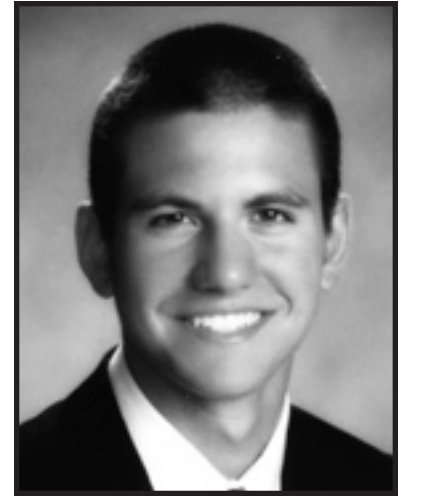
The school record-setting quarterback threw for 1,864 yards (3,232 for his career) as NBC advanced to the Group III South championship game before falling. Fitzpatrick earned second team Group III offense recognition and is a two-time Gordon Masters Football Club All-Academic honoree as well.

"Colin is a true gentleman of the game," head coach Jonathan Reising said. "He has intuitive instincts that have helped him excel at quarterback. Although Colin has excelled on the football field, he is not boastful and is the consummate team player. He is much happier when the team wins over his individual performance."

Reising also credits Fitzpatrick with being one of the finest students he's had the privilege of teaching. One of the top students in the senior class at Northern, Colin is a three-year member of the Chinese National Honor Society and has been in the National Honor Society for two years. He is a camp counselor and volunteer coach for the Junior Greyhound football camp, a Toys for Tots chairperson, and a tutor for fellow NBC students.

Colin also helped to gather non-perishable items, gift cards, and clothing for victims of Hurricane Sandy.

"Colin is an active member (of the Northern community) and is always trying to help others," Reising said. "He is an outstanding young man and has a bright future in front of him. It has been my honor to have coached him the past four years."



ETHAN JOHNSON NEW EGYPT

There was no question at all where New Egypt head coach Luke Sinkhorn was going to turn to for leadership with his 2012 team.

"I have known Ethan Johnson for four years as his coach," Sinkhorn said. "I am consistently in awe of his drive, maturity, and humility."

Ethan developed into one of the premier defensive backs in the area in 2012, earning first-team, all-WJFL Freedom Division honors. He helped a young Warriors squad improve as the season progressed.

"Ethan has come to appreciate the real dedication and drive that it takes to be a football player," Sinkhorn said. "He shines in the classroom through his constant hard work and dedication to detail. He challenged himself by taking a challenging class schedule. Just as he does on the field, Ethan challenges himself and his classmates to achieve more."

A member of the REBEL club at New Egypt, Ethan has also helped raise money and awareness for Garden State German Shepherd Rescue. Additionally, he has given his time to work with the United States Air Force Public Affairs at the airshow at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

An honor roll student, Johnson has twice been selected for a Youth Leadership program that included invitations to Washington D.C.

"Ethan deserves any accolades, awards, and successes that come his way," Sinkhorn said. "More importantly, he will continue to strive to attain success in the future. He has been a humble leader within our school community for four years."





JORDAN KELSO BORDENTOWN

Jordan Kelso's play on the field and leadership off of it helped Bordentown reach the NJSIAA playoffs for the first time in over a decade.

A 4.0 GPA student in the classroom and three sport varsity athlete for the Scotties, Jordan averaged over 20 yards per catch and one touchdown for every four receptions during the season.

"Jordan provides leadership to his teammates through both his actions and his words," head coach Stephen Perry said. "He was in the weight room every day during the summer months, pushes himself and his teammates to work harder and harder, and continually encourages and tutors the younger players."

With eight Honors courses and three Advanced Placement offerings, Jordan has pursued a rigorous course load at Bordentown. He was chosen to participate in the New Jersey Teen

Prevention Education program this year, is a member of the school's National Honor Society chapter, part of the Bordentown ON POINT program, and active in Student Council.

He is an assistant coach in the Bordentown Bulldogs youth football program, acts as a student tutor, and even hosted the school's talent show last year.

"Jordan is someone I consider to be one of the best this generation has to offer the future," school guidance counselor Jodie Glenn said. "He is a strong, confident young person. He is a role model who teaches by example. I wish all of my students were as dedicated and focused on succeeding in their future endeavors as Jordan Kelso."

JEFF MATTONELLI STEINERT

Jeff Mattonelli – Steinert's Mr. Versatility – will be incredibly difficult for head coach Dan Caruso to replace in 2013.

Caruso has plugged Mattonelli in all over the field the last couple of years and almost always received outstanding results. A natural running back, he has seen time as a slot receiver, as a quarterback, a defensive back, a safety – basically wherever Caruso needed him.

"He made an impact on our program from Day 1 as an undersized sophomore," Caruso said. "He beat out two seniors for a starting job and has never looked back. His attitude and drive were key factors contributing to the success of Steinert football the past three years."

A first-team all conference selection as a senior, Mattonelli won the Rich Fornaro Thanksgiving Day MVP Award in the annual showdown against Hamilton. An outstanding player on the state powerhouse baseball team, Mattonelli is also one of the premier students in Steinert's senior class.

A four-year honor roll student and National Honor Society member, Jeff's weighted GPA is over 4.0 and has qualified him for numerous Academic Awards. A member of the school's VISA Club (Vision in Student Athletes), Jeff leads discussions about future plans for student athletes in the school.

Jeff is a Peer Leader and part of Steinert's state recognized DECA team. He is part of the Steinert Key Club and Ski Club and is an active student tutor.

"Jeff Mattonelli," English teacher Andrew Sinkleris III said, "embodies all that you want in a scholar athlete."



DONALD McBRIDE TRENTON

Donald McBride stood tall in an up and down season for Trenton as a tremendous leader.

"Donald led the team not by intimidation, but by encouraging others to move forward in hard times on the field," coach Joe Misnik said. "Through the short time I've had the opportunity to know him, a strong sense of quiet confidence has drawn others toward him. The characteristic that I admired most in Donald is his dedication to the team and his fellow teammates."

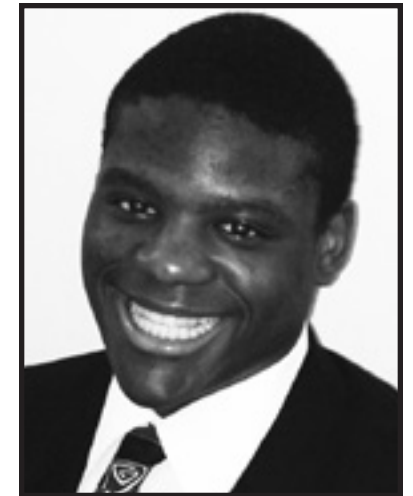
A two-year starter on both the offensive and defensive line, Donald is also a top student. McBride is a two-year member of the National Honor Society, a state Rising Scholar recipient, part of the Trenton Teen Leadership Corps, and part of the New Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Young Lions.

"Donald understood the challenges he has had to overcome to become a good football player," Misnik said. "He confronted all challenges with enthusiasm and great pride for the game of football. He exceeds what every coach desires in an athlete."

He is a two-sport athlete at Trenton and also volunteers at North Trenton Little League.

"Donald has his mind set on attending the best college or university," said Deirdre Brown, his AP Calculus teacher. "He is a hard-working, selfless leader who will not let anyone deter him from his dreams."

"Donald is a well-rounded student who loves sports and a quality education," Brown continued. "He really shines when he is around students who love to be challenged academically."



DYLAN NIR THE PEDDIE SCHOOL

Truly a Renaissance man, Dylan Nir has made a unique impact on the Peddie campus.

It is way too simplistic to consider Nir just a football player, even though he's a very good one. Head coach Frank de Laurentis called Dylan the team's most durable and dependable lineman the last two years, starting every game for the Falcons.

"Every team has or would want at least one player like Dylan," de Laurentis said. "I wish we had 30 like him. He is a high energy player. He is always at full speed. From the minute he hits the field, he is in high gear."

But that is just the tip of the iceberg for Nir. He has a passion for theatre and has taken an active role in many school productions. As a public speaker, he was named Outstanding Delegate in the Model United Nations program, participated in the annual political conference at the Hotchkiss School, and came in second place at the Peddie School Declamation contest.

A high honors student all four years at Peddie and an AP Scholar with Distinction in numerous instances, Nir has immersed himself in the school's Asian Studies Program, which has included a pair of trips to China. He is part of Peddie's Jewish Heritage Club and a volunteer lifeguard for Special Olympics.

Other notable school activities include the International Politics Club and the opportunity to design, propose, and execute his own Summer Signature Experience. In doing so, Dylan documented the stories and lives of the homeless in Washington D.C.'s Franklin Park.





NICK PALLADINO ALLENTOWN

The winningest quarterback in the history of Allentown football, Nick Palladino accomplished a rare feat for a school that's been around for over a half century. He and his teammates improved upon the school's best football season three years in a row.

Under Palladino's leadership, Allentown qualified for the NJSIAA playoffs for the first time ever in 2011 and won a postseason game for the first time in 2012. The Redbirds demolished the school record for wins with a 9-2 season.

The second-team, all-Group III selection at quarterback, Palladino threw for over 1800 yards and 22 touchdowns last season. He threw for over 4,000 yards in his varsity career.

"He has taken the role of leader and embraced it the best way possible," Allentown coach Jay Graber said. "He is a tireless worker who expects nothing but success, and anything less is unacceptable."

With all of his accomplishments as a student-athlete, Nick also finds the time to give back to the community. He participates in a number of community service activities including Religion Summer Camp, boxing food for different food drives, coaching youth football and basketball, working with special needs students for Buddy Baseball, and working Freshman Orientation.

Palladino was also nominated to attend a National Youth Leadership Forum on national security. He excels in the classroom with a 3.9 GPA.

"Nick has taken the role of leader within our community very seriously," Graber said, "and he has enormous potential, not only as an athlete, but also as a student and a leader."

TYRONE PARKER WW-P NORTH

One of the fastest football players in the state of New Jersey is this year's award winner from West Windsor-Plainsboro North.

Tyrone Parker's speed was one of the main reasons he was a first-team all-conference selection. The lightning quick running back, defensive back, and return specialist finished fifth in the state last year in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.79 seconds.

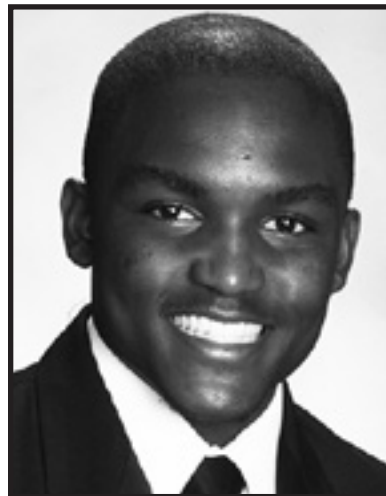
He was similarly elusive for head coach Chris Casamento's team and proved to be a tremendous leader for the Northern Knights.

"Tyrone leads by example on and off the field," Casamento said. "His character and loyalty to the West Windsor-Plainsboro North football program is second to none."

As one of the leaders in the senior class at North, Parker has an outstanding academic and leadership profile. A People to People student ambassador, Parker brings those leadership qualities to school on a daily basis.

He has taken part in four different ministries at church and has volunteered in numerous Feed the Children programs. Additionally, Parker has given his time to a number of holiday food drives and spent two years as an Interact Club Powder Puff coach at North.

"Tyrone is one of our hardest working student athletes and one who leads by his example both on and off the field," Casamento said. "Tyrone is a very gifted individual both academically and athletically who will continue to dedicate himself and continue to excel at the university of his choice."



SHURMAN RIGGINS LAWRENCE

Lawrence head coach Rob Radice will lose his Mr. Versatility when Shurman Riggins graduates in June. Riggins was the team's starting quarterback his sophomore year before switching over to linebacker and running back in his junior and senior campaigns.

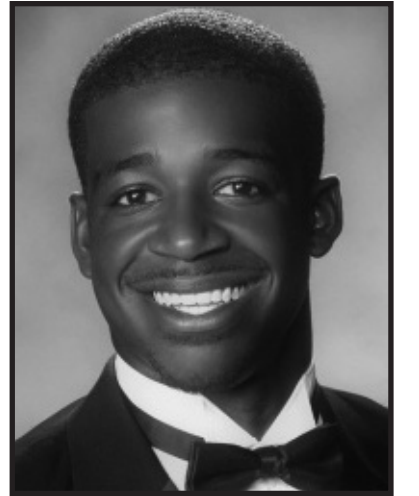
"He is an excellent leader who leads by example with an outstanding, contagious work ethic on the field," Radice said. "He plays very smart, is extremely coachable, and does anything the coaches ask of him."

Riggins is an outstanding leader off the field as well. He was just one of 36 students chosen to participate in the prestigious NFL Wharton Peer Leadership program, a four-day course focused on leadership, professional development, and financial education. A member of the school's DECA club, Shurman placed in the Top 12 in the world at the International Career Development Conference.

Shurman is a bank teller for the local First Choice branch and the branch within the school at Lawrence, while he has served as a junior counselor for the Special Olympics at Camp Shriver.

Other places where Shurman has made an impact in the community include the his volunteer work at Lawrence Township Fraternal Order of Police events. Riggins is a teacher assistant as well as a THREADS member at Lawrence High School.

"Shurman is the consummate student-athlete who makes coaching a pleasure," Radice said. "He is well respected and liked by his coaches, teachers, and his peers. He is the type of person you love to coach and love to be associated with."



AARON SALAGA FLORENCE

For 70 years, Florence football has been a force in the state of New Jersey. Head coach Joe Frappolli's tenure has been marked by legendary players and leaders of impressive stature. And yet one of the state's winningest all-time coaches ranks Aaron Salaga as one of the best of the best.

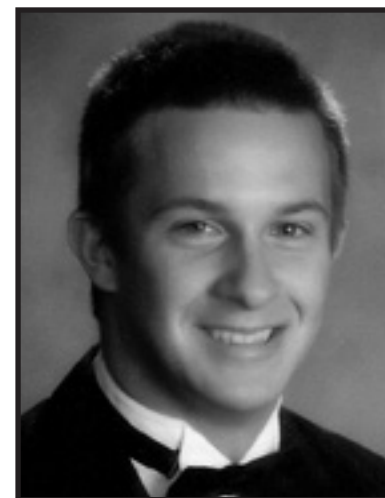
Salaga suffered a broken leg during an October game that may have ended his season early, but it certainly didn't limit his impact on the Flashes. He helped coach his replacement and willed his team to win from the sideline as Florence captured its sixth sectional title in school history.

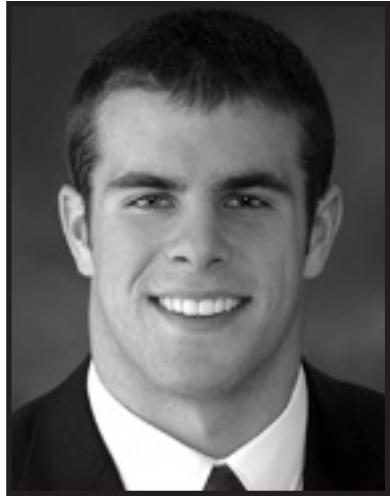
"Being with Aaron and his teammates every day from early informal workouts through the championship game in December," Frappolli said, "you could feel, sense, and just see how they followed Aaron's lead, even after he was injured. He was the glue – the juice – for this championship team. He was so well liked and respected by his peers because

of his demonstration of unselfishness and the way he treated all members of the team as equals."

Aaron is a three-sport athlete at Florence and a two-year varsity captain in football. A class officer for all four years of high school, Salaga has attended the Model UN for the past three years. Aaron participates in the Math Club and the Environmental Club and he is an altar server at St. Nick's Church.

"Aaron is truly a rock in all aspects of his life," Frappolli said, "but he has an electricity about him that makes everyone around him excel and feel better about themselves."





BRIAN SCHOENAUER WW-P SOUTH

Brian Schoenauer finishes high school as the leading all-time rusher in Mercer County high school history. His numbers are eye-popping and his highlight film is endless and he will be talked about for many years.

Brian Schoenauer graduates West Windsor-Plainsboro South as an all-around student that will be talked about for even longer.

“Statistically, Brian may never be matched and replacing Brian the football player will be hard to do,” head coach Todd Smith said. “Replacing Brian Schoenauer the citizen will be impossible.”

But this is a football dinner so here are the football numbers – 15 school records and five Mercer County records including career rushing yards (5,070), total yards (5,506), touchdowns scored (65), points scored (407), and total carries (661). Brian finished with

27 100-yard games (falling short only in his first varsity game and then leaving a game in the first quarter of his senior year due to injury), 11 200-yard games, and an even 300 against Rancocas Valley as a senior.

“Perhaps Brian’s most apparent quality, though, is his modesty,” Smith said. “Some of Brian’s most nerve-racking moments this season came during interviews when reporters kept prodding him to talk about himself.”

One of the top students at WW-P South, Brian will be attending the University of Pennsylvania and the prestigious Wharton School of Business. He is a two-year member of the National Honor Society, a Boys State honoree, a peer leader, member of the school’s Improv Club, an altar server at St. David the King Church, a talented musician, and an accomplished actor, who has twice held the lead role in school performances.

“Brian is kind and compassionate, honest, strong, and friendly,” Smith said. “These traits have allowed Brian to bring together groups of students and adults that normally would not work, collaborate or associate together.”

In other words, the truest definition of a leader.

ZACHARY THARP NOTRE DAME

Veteran head coach Chappy Moore didn’t have to think long to come up with his captain for the 2012 Irish season.

“The label of captain for Zach was a formality,” said Moore, referring to his do-everything senior. “Zach was already our leader.”

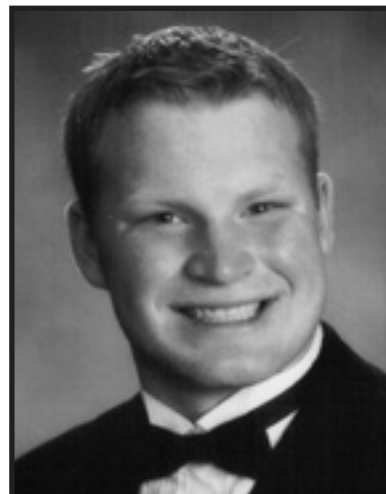
An all-conference selection at linebacker, Tharp led a young Irish team into the challenge of competing in the state’s toughest postseason bracket. With 120 tackles, eight sacks, and 20 tackles for a loss, Tharp was a disruptive force who earned recognition from the New York Giants with the weekly Timex Heart of a Giant award late in the season.

Tharp started three years for Notre Dame as an offensive guard, defensive end, middle linebacker, and long snapper. He earned the Maxwell Club’s Mini-max award, was a Times of Trenton Defensive Player of the Week, and one of the top players in the area.

Additionally, Zach participates in the Armed Forces Club, the Catholic Athletes for Christ, the Irish Strength Club, and food drives for Catholic charities. He is a Special Olympics volunteer and was a stage hand for the school’s production of Peter Pan.

A member of the Italian Honor Society, Tharp has won the Academic Award for Health and Physical Fitness.

“Zach is a young man who lives by high values,” said Mary Ann Liptak, the chairperson of the English and World Languages department at Notre Dame. “Zach exemplifies the highest of values and lives them consistently in what he says, does, and in my class, writes.”



ANTHONY TUCKER-BARTLEY EWING

Drew Besler’s first year as head coach of the Ewing Blue Devils was made much easier by Anthony Tucker-Bartley.

A three-year starter for the football team, Anthony was the team’s Most Valuable Player and first-team, all-division middle linebacker. He finished 2012 with 107 tackles, two sacks, an interception, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

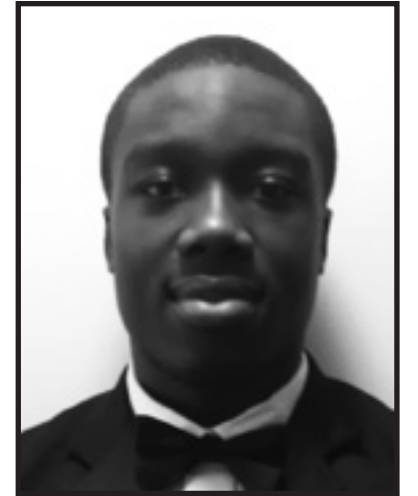
Anthony has become a model student at Ewing High during his four years. Also a member of the swimming, track, and lacrosse teams at Ewing, Anthony has developed his leadership abilities through a variety of athletic opportunities.

“The sky is the limit for someone like Anthony,” said Besler, “who exhibits as much character as he does talent.”

Tucker-Bartley is involved with numerous activities at EHS. He is a member of the Peer Leadership Program at Ewing, which allows him to work with the freshman class on topics such as drugs, alcohol, and anger management. Anthony has also taught sports as well as the arts to students at the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

“Anthony enjoys the freedom to learn and create according to his own style,” Besler said, “but he is always very respectful to other peoples’ perspectives and opinions.”

One of the top 10 students in his graduating class, Tucker-Bartley is a three-time winner of the football program’s scholar-athlete award. A National Honor Society member, Anthony enjoys tutoring his fellow students so that they, too, can achieve academic success.



JAHMIR WHITE THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

One thing stands out in head coach Jerry Eure’s mind when it comes time to explain what Jahmir White has meant to the Pennington School football program.

“Over the last four years,” Eure said, “Jahmir has played seven different positions on offense and defense. He could have been great at one position but instead he chose to be good at all seven of them.

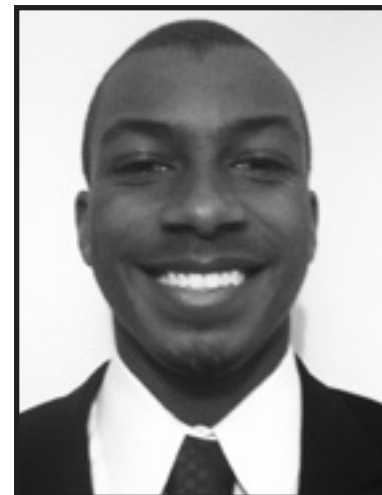
“Jahmir did this for the good of our team,” Eure continued. “He would do anything to make the team better even if it meant playing several positions. His outstanding character and mature attitude was a positive influence on our entire team.”

A versatile student just as he is a versatile football player, Jahmir has made his mark on a number of school music groups. He is part of the Upper School chorus and an H2X (Hip Hop group) member. He participates in the Youth choir at the Beauty Grove

Primitive Baptist Church and has played percussion for six years. Jahmir was chosen to be a part of the Pennington Singers, a select choral group at the school.

Academically, Jahmir is among the elite in the senior class at Pennington. An American Legion Boys State delegate, White is a three-year member of the Dean’s List and a People to People Student Ambassador. Jahmir is a peer leader at Pennington and was part of the Junior proctor program.

“The entire Pennington community recognizes him as a positive role model,” Eure said. “Jahmir comes from a close family with high values which show through him.”



JUDGE ARTHUR LANE SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE
ANDREW STARKS • PRINCETON UNIVERSITY



Following consecutive 1-9 seasons, the Princeton University football team experienced a four-win turnaround this past season and was in contention for its first share of the Ivy League title since 2006.

The Tigers’ resurgence should come of no surprise when head coach Bob Surace has young men like Andrew Starks leading the way.

“I am tremendously proud of the progress these guys have made, the way they competed in my four years here as well as this year,” Starks told The Times of Trenton after the season finale against Dartmouth. “Battling through the adversity is a tribute to the type of guys we bring to Princeton.

The linebacker led Princeton – and finished second in the Ivy League – with 96 tackles, capping his collegiate career with a 16-tackle showing against Dartmouth and was a second-team All-Ivy selection for the second straight season.

The 6-foot-2, 240-pound co-captain was a three-year starter and saw significant action as a freshman in 2009, earning the Harland “Pink” Baker ’22 Award as Princeton’s top defensive freshmen.

A graduate of Plainfield North (Ill.) High School, Andrew is the son of Kevin and Lenora Starks, who both work for Proctor & Gamble. Kevin was a tight end at the University of Minnesota and was a 1986 draft pick by the Atlanta Falcons. He has a brother, Alex, and two sisters, Jennifer and Jordan.

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

EARL H. DEAN SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE
GREG BURNS • THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



Greg Burns was a tenacious linebacker for The College of New Jersey football team for the past four seasons. He had one of the best careers in the 88-year history of the Lions’ football program, and capped it off with a brilliant season as co-captain in 2012.

Burns will graduate with a degree in Health and Exercise Science Teaching. He has been recognized as a TCNJ Scholar Athlete, achieving a cumulative average over 3.2.

A 6’ 1” linebacker, Burns facilitated a workhorse mentality on the football field and never stopped hustling. That quality led him to end more plays after the snap than any other defensive player in the history of TCNJ’s football program. He became the all-time leading tackler his senior season and finished his career with 353 takedowns.

In 2012, Burns led a talented corps of linebackers for the Lions. He led the team in tackles in seven of its ten games and produced double-digit takedowns in four contests. Burns produced 14 tackles and forced a fumble against SUNY Cortland. He posted a season-best 15 tackles and a sack in his final game in uniform against Rowan University.

Burns led the conference with 103 tackles. As a result, he was named not only to the first team New Jersey Athletic Conference as a linebacker, he was also named NJAC Defensive Player of the Year. Burns was also named First Team All-American by D3football.com and to the ECAC Division III All-Region South First Team.

For his career, Burns finished with 353 tackles, including 23.5 tackles for a loss of 53 yards. He recorded eight sacks, deflected 10 passes, forced four fumbles, recovered three loose balls, and picked off three passes. He was an All-NJAC Second Team selection in 2010 and 2011. A co-captain his junior and senior seasons, Burns played in every game from 2009-2012 (a total of 40), starting the final 31 games of his career.

The son of Jim and Collette Burns, Greg is a 2008 graduate of Hamilton West High School where he played under former Lion Tom Hoglen. During his time at TCNJ, Greg has also enjoyed performing volunteer work for Special Olympics and helping coordinate team efforts for Cupid’s Chase, a national 5k event that helps raise money for individuals with disabilities. One of his main goals following graduation is to attend graduate school and eventually become a head football coach.

Past Trenton State College/College of New Jersey Scholar-Athletes					
Year	Nominee	Coach	Year	Nominee	Coach
2011	Jay Donoghue	Eric Hamilton	1991	Chris Shaw	Eric Hamilton
2010	Andrew Mason	Eric Hamilton	1990	Mike Tierney	Eric Hamilton
2009	Colin Weber	Eric Hamilton	1989	Bob McGinty	Eric Hamilton
2008	Marc Fabiano	Eric Hamilton	1988	Mike Wargo	Eric Hamilton
2007	Dan Dornacker	Eric Hamilton	1987	Joe Clifton	Eric Hamilton
	Andy Larkin	Eric Hamilton	1986	Ernie Liberati	Eric Hamilton
2006	Ryan Ross	Eric Hamilton	1985	John Papa	Eric Hamilton
2005	Leeaire Brown	Eric Hamilton	1984	Jim Ball	Eric Hamilton
2004	Jim Dabrowski	Eric Hamilton	1983	Bruce Peditto	Eric Hamilton
2003	Scott Paterson	Eric Hamilton	1982	Sam Miserendino	Eric Hamilton
2002	Tim Kosuda	Eric Hamilton	1981	James Carvalho	Eric Hamilton
2001	Mike Wendell	Eric Hamilton	1980	Ron Anello	Eric Hamilton
2000	Curt Monday	Eric Hamilton	1979	Steve Butfilowski	Eric Hamilton
1999	Richard Falletta	Eric Hamilton	1978	Tom Hendricks	Eric Hamilton
1998	Michael Feeney	Eric Hamilton	1977	Tom Thompson	Eric Hamilton
1997	Joe Sciarrone	Eric Hamilton	1976	Keith Waters	Carmen Piccone
1996	Joe Scaravaglione	Eric Hamilton	1975	Doug Prefach	Carmen Piccone
1995	Steve Guidette	Eric Hamilton	1974	Eric Hamilton	Dick Curl
1994	Scott Dickson/ John Reising	Eric Hamilton	1973	William Paskewich	Pete Carmichael
1993	Tom Maxwell	Eric Hamilton	1967	Robert Taylor	Bob Salois
1992	Corey Landing	Eric Hamilton	1965	George Strattman	Bob Salois

SELECTION PROCESS

The name of the young man selected as the top Scholar-Leader-Athlete was not pulled out of a hat. He has gone through a rigorous screening process. His credentials on the field, in the classroom and in the community have been thoroughly scrutinized and discussed many times over by the members of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame’s Scholarship Committee. The scholarship committee is made up of several members of the Delaware Valley Chapter who have a deep and abiding respect and love for scholastic football.

What the scholarship committee is looking for is someone with:

- 1. Outstanding academic application and performance – a Scholar**
He doesn’t necessarily have to be the smartest student in his school, but he should be a good, solid student. He doesn’t have to be a “book worm” or even a straight-A student, but he should be studious, persevering, dedicated and have a proper knowledge of what study means to the value of education. He should be a better than average student who is genuinely interested in his studies without a serious subject weakness.
- 2. Outstanding school leadership and citizenship – a Leader**
He doesn’t necessarily have to be involved in every club or program at his school, but he should have a well-rounded approach to his extracurricular activities. He doesn’t have to be the president of his class, but he should be a leader, someone who is looked up to. He doesn’t have to be the most popular student in his school, but he should be well-respected by his classmates, teammates and opponents.
- 3. Outstanding football ability and performance – an Athlete**
He doesn’t necessarily have to be the best football player in the area, be he should be a good one with a proven record of performance. Ideally, he should be a player who is more concerned with team accomplishments than his personal statistics. He should display courage, persistence and sportsmanship and an overall feeling for the game of football as well as have respect for his coaches, teammates and opponents.

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

These young men have excelled for their football teams, in their studies and have demonstrated leadership qualities in their schools and their communities.

The winners are chosen among nominees from public and private schools in the Delaware Valley which encompasses Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth and Somerset Counties in New Jersey. The athletes are nominated by their football coaches and hare the endorsement of their guidance counselors and principals.

These biographical sketches, because of space limitations, are brief and therefore do not cover all of the qualities of the individual nominees.

This year’s group has outstanding classroom averages and each young man has an excellent opportunity to claim the top awards. Their achievements, on and off the field, make for interesting reading.

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER LITTLE SCHOLAR
WILL JAMES • HAMILTON PAL



Will James’ impressive resume certainly supports his selection as this year’s Delaware Valley Chapter Little Scholar Award recipient. Upon reading the recommendations from a few adults who have gotten to know the 8th grader at Reynolds Middle School in Hamilton, it is even more apparent that he has a bright future ahead of him.

“The greatest qualities this young man possesses, in my opinion, are his sportsmanship and leadership abilities,” said John DiLissio, Will’s coach in Hamilton PAL. “William is as eager to share his football knowledge with younger and more inexperienced players as he is to learn more about the game and its true meaning.”

Will has played in the Hamilton PAL Football League since 2008, while also playing Hamilton YMCA Basketball and baseball in the Hamilton Little Lads, Nottingham Little League and Nottingham Babe Ruth League. He is more than just an accomplished athlete, however.

He is also active as a youth baseball coach – helping coach the Nottingham Little League 7-Year-Old All-Stars last summer – as well as volunteering as a youth camp counselor for the CYO of Mercer County and at Sacred Heart Church.

“Over the years I have had the opportunity to watch Will develop from a child to a throwback type young man,” said John McKenna, Athletic Performance Director at Notre Dame High School. “He has been involved in my foundation of youth training programs for the last five years. Will handles himself way beyond his years. He always enters with a handshake and leaves the same way, as he looks you straight in the eye with respect. As we train he is the first one to assist others with either instruction or encouragement.”

Will’s desire to help others and maturity beyond his years also extends to the classroom, where he holds a 3.9 GPA and is on the Honor Roll at Reynolds. “Whenever we begin a group project in the ELA/ALP’S class, his fellow classmates, who respect and admire this young man, seek Will’s involvement,” said Nancy McKeen, Teacher of the Gifted at Reynolds Middle School. “His classmates know that they can depend on him to produce quality work, count on his cooperative nature to keep the group on task, and rely on his agreeable, humorous nature and leadership skills to aid them in the production and completion of the project.”

Will is also involved with the Sound Crew and School Production at Reynolds. While at University Heights Elementary School, he was on the Honor Roll and participated in the President’s Education Awards Program and the Mercer County Science and Engineering Fair.

Will lives in Hamilton with his proud parents, Bill and Megan, and his two younger brothers, Brendan and Colin.

Past Delaware Valley/Pop Warner Little Scholars

2011	Kyle Liedtka Hamilton Pop Warner	2004	Ryan McDermott Hamilton Pop Warner	2002	Marc Zamarin Hillsborough Dukes
2010	Carson Vey Hopewell Valley Pop Warner	2003	James Bea Hillsborough Dukes	2001	Daniel Clark Hillsborough Dukes
2009	Harvey E. Butler III, WW-P Pop Warner			2000	Bassil Salmon East Windsor PAL
2008	Brian Schoenauer, WW-P Pop Warner			1999	Robert Damiano Hamilton Pop Warner
2007	David Dudeck III, Burlington County Pop Warner			1998	Ryan Biolsi Flemington Pop Warner
2006	Connor McElwee, West Windsor Wildcats			1997	Jason Auletta Hamilton Pop Warner
2005	Michael Garofola Hamilton Pop Warner			1996	Michael Taylor Hamilton Pop Warner



CONTRIBUTION TO YOUTH FOOTBALL
TERRANCE STOKES



Mr. Terrance Stokes is a product of the Trenton Public School District and a graduate of Trenton Central High School’s Class of 1991. He participated as a member of the football and basketball programs at Trenton Central High School. During his senior season, he was selected as a winner of the one of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame’s scholarships. Mr. Stokes continued his education at the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a degree in African American Studies. While attending the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Stokes was a four (4) year member of the Quakers football team. He was the starting running back on back-to-back undefeated Ivy League Championship teams, two-time unanimous 1st Team All-Ivy selection and an All-American selection. He was selected to participate in the Epson-Ivy Bowl in Osaka, Japan. Mr. Stokes is the holder of many records of the University’s football program and ranks near the top of the record books for career rushing yards, all-purpose yards and rushing attempts.

Upon graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Stokes returned to Trenton, NJ where worked as a Youth Specialist for the Trenton Housing Authority. In 1997, he embarked on a career in financial services. He has worked in Retail Banking in New York and as a Relationship Manager for a Wall Street Investment Banking firm. In 2002, Mr. Stokes decided to leave Wall Street and return to his hometown to continue working with young children. He has been a History teacher at a charter school, a football and basketball coach at a charter school and a football coach at Trenton Central High School. Through his work at the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy at Thomas Edison State College, Mr. Stokes was able to impact the lives of countless students and student-athletes in the Mercer County area.

Mr. Stokes believes in giving back to his community through service. He serves as President of the Trenton Pop Warner Football and Cheer program. Mr. Stokes also serves on the Board of Directors of Anchor House, Central Jersey Pop Warner, and Love Thy Neighbor Community Development and Opportunity Corporation (an organization started by Troy and Tommi Vincent). He is also a Commissioner for the Ewing Township Redevelopment Agency. To maintain his relationship with high school student athletes, Mr. Stokes serves as the public address announcer for Trenton Central High School’s football and basketball games.

Mr. Stokes currently works in Communications for the New Jersey Schools Development Authority. He resides in Ewing Township with his beautiful wife, Fareeda (co-owner of SBR Realty in Trenton) and their four (4) children, Terrance II, Caleb Joshua, Kyle Michael and Rhian Mikala.



Past Contribution to Youth Football Award Recipients

2011	Jon Butler	2004	John Knapp
2010	Andrew Aromando	2003	Paul Fletcher
2009	Fiore Masci	2002	Mark Clements
2008	Charles “Chuck” Moon	2001	Greg Neiderman
2007	Mike Brodock	2000	Cindy Allen
2006	Dennis Todd	1999	Bud Ralston
2005	Paul Sumners	1998	Ferguson Reaves
		1997	Henry Cole

JACK MILLARD MEMORIAL FOOTBALL OFFICIAL AWARD
GREG BELLOTTI



Very few individuals have experienced all facets of football like Greg Bellotti, this year’s recipient of the Jack Millard Official of the Year Award. The son of a long time Hudson County football legend (Gerry Bellotti), Greg grew up around high school football camps and practices at age 4. By age 11, Greg was playing organized football and began freshman football at St. Peters Prep at age 13.

At the ripe age of 16, Bellotti completed his high school career and wanted to continue to play. He enrolled at Trenton State College, where his presence was quickly felt. By his sophomore year he was starting and as a junior he garnered many awards including “Champion All-America”. When his career ended with a broken leg during his senior year, Bellotti graduated and began his working career.

Once his son was a few years old, Greg thought it would be a good time to get involved and began coaching youth football. After three seasons, amassing a record of 1-24-1, Bellotti was approached by a gentleman who asked if he had considered officiating.

In 2004, Bellotti began officiating high school football as part of the NJFOA Mercer and in 2010, began officiating college football with the ECFOA Philadelphia.

Bellotti’s original high school officiating crew was comprised of legends George Wah, Ron Hoehn and John Terry, along with fellow rookie Joe Bellina. During his first year, Bellotti remembers telling his wife, “I have been involved with football for 25 years and there is so much I need to learn”.

Greg married a two-sport TSC athlete, Florence native Lisa Rebeles, who competed for the Lions in field hockey and lacrosse. Greg and Lisa have two children, Joseph (14) and Mary (12). Lisa began the field hockey program in town eight years ago and also runs the lacrosse program. Greg stays involved coaching Pop Warner football, basketball and the 7th-8th grade girls’ lacrosse team. “Sports are very important to us as a family,” Lisa says. “We stress dedication, effort and teamwork on and off the field from our kids. Lisa generally gets the final word in at home - she is the one that has a National Championship ring,” said Greg.

“Outside of family, football has had the single most impact on my life,” added Greg. “In the late 70’s and early 80’s, people didn’t know about dyslexia - making the grade was so difficult for me, but I knew if I didn’t cut it in school, I wouldn’t be able to play. Football drove me to get a college degree and I feel obliged to make sure I do my part to make sure football continues to be around in the future for all kids. I truly believe that football is the greatest of sports and my love of the game along with experience playing, watching and coaching gives me great perspective as an official. I am honored to be able to officiate and continue to be with such fine people.”

Past Jack Millard Memorial Football Official Award Recipients

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



HANK JOHNS COACH OF THE YEAR
JON ADAMS, NOTTINGHAM



For Jon Adams the final game of the 2012 season will always stay fresh in his memory. What makes that historic win over Neptune at The College of New Jersey so memorable is what it brought Adams, the Northstars and Mercer County football. By dominating the vaunted Shore Conference team, Adams’ Northstars brought Mercer County its first NJSIAA state championship since 1989 – and Nottingham it’s record-setting 11th win. It was the second time Adams took the ‘Stars to a sectional final, and this time they finished a sweep of Shore Conference teams with comeback wins over Manasquan, Long Branch and finally Neptune.

Adams, whose son Stephen shared the QB duties with Luke Westerberg for the Northstars, has also coached swimming, basketball and track and field at Nottingham. The 2012 track team, with many of his football players having leading roles, helped win the C.J. III sectional title.

A Steinert grad who was an all-star tight end/wide receiver for Steve Simek’s Spartans in the late ‘90s, Adams went on to star at Glassboro State (now Rowan University) before returning to his hometown and getting an assistant job at Steinert. Then after a budget cut, Adams moved up Klockner Road to Nottingham where he has been for 23 seasons.

While a player at Steinert (1978-82) Adams led the CVC in receptions with 39 and set a Spartan record with 12 catches in the Thanksgiving Day game against Hamilton. Playing for head coach Ted Kershner at Glassboro, Jon earned NJAC Player of the Week acclaim in a 1986 game against William Paterson. He earned an MAT from Marygrove College in 2000.

Adams was an Educational Aide at Steinert (1987-88) when he coached the Spartans freshman program. Two years later he was at Nottingham and after a winless first year (when he had the lowest number of players in the county), has built the ‘Stars into a consistent contender in Mercer County. His teams have made the NJSIAA playoffs in 1993, ‘99, 2000, ‘01, ‘05, ‘08, ’10 and 2012 when they opened with a record five shutout wins. Jon has compiled a 109-111-4 career record and a 6-7 playoff record.

Jon was Trenton Times Coach of the Year in 1991, 2005, 2012, Trentonian Coach of the Year in 1993, 2000, 2005, 2012 and Trentonian Sportsman of the Year in 2012. He has also won the DelVal chapter Hank Johns Coach of the Year award in 2000 and 2012, and in May will be presented with the Golden Wave Club’s Fr. Clarence O’Shea Coaching Award. Active in community youth sports and area football, he has also worked with the Sunshine All-Star Game, serving as Offensive Coordinator five times.

Jon and his wife Elaine live in Columbus with sons Jon Jr. and Stephen. Last June, Jon had to take a leave from his post to undergo a partial nephrectomy of the left kidney to remove cancerous tumors. Dr Alan Wein, Head of Urology at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, performed the surgery and Jon has had a clean bill of health since.

It helped make his coaching success last fall an even more remarkable story in Delaware Valley football.

Past Hank Johns Memorial Coach of the Year Recipients

2011	Dan Caruso, Steinert	1999	Jon Adams, Nottingham	1987	Tom Stuart, WWP
2010	Luke Sinkhorn, New Egypt	1998	Jim Meert, Hunterdon Central	1986	Kurt Vollherbst, Princeton
2009	Chappy Moore, Notre Dame	1997	Len Weister, Lawrence	1985	Bill Long, Pennington
2008	Dave Caldwell, Hopewell Valley	1996	Keith Hartbauer, Hamilton	1984	Mike Ortmann, Morrisville
2007	Matthew Perotti, Hunterdon Central	1995	Charlie Pirrello, North Burlington	1983	Chappy Moore, Notre Dame
2006	Tom Hoglen, Hamilton West	1994	Jerry Eure, Pennington	1982	Pete Quinn, Trenton
2005	Todd Smith, WWP South	1993	Ken Keuffel, Lawrenceville	1981	Bruce Martz, Ewing
2004	Ken Mills, Lawrenceville	1992	Keith Wadsworth, Princeton	1980	Jim Walker, Princeton Day
200	Joe Frappolli, Florence	1991	Joe Frappolli, Florence	1979	Bruce Martz, Ewing
2002	Kevin Kelly, Conwell Egan	1990	Harold Beatty, Trenton	1978	Bill Long, Princeton
2001	Frank deLaurentis, Peddie	1989	Tim Hadden, Burlington Twp.	1977	Bob Hart, Bensalem
2000	Frank Gatto, Steinert	1988	John Mackay, Peddie	1976	Chappy Moore, Notre Dame
				1975	Sam Jefferis, South Hunterdon



HANK JOHNS COACH OF THE YEAR
JOE FRAPPOLLI, FLORENCE



If you ever wondered what it takes to become a coaching legend then just check out the resume of Florence High’s Joe ‘Frap’Frappolli.

In his 39 seasons as head coach of the Florence Flashes his teams for seven years in a row were champions of the Burlington/Olympic Football League Freedom Division Conference.

His 2003 team was voted No. 1 team in all Burlington County; won the Small Schools Trentonian Cup and were NJSIAA Central Jersey Group I State Champions with a 21-14 victory over reigning champ Keyport, which had won 22 in a row.

Last Decembver Frap’s Flashes won in two overtimes over Shore Regional to take another C.J. I title

In 2005 when Florence had a 35-7 victory over New Providence to capped another undefeated 12- 0 season and ran the win streak to 36 consecutive.

With 20 football championships in his career including a South Jersey Group I Sectional state crown in 1985 and five Central Jersey Group I championships its no wonder Joe is he winningest coach in all South Jersey football.

He has been honored for several Coach of the Year awards over his career including twice by the Delaware Valley Chapter of National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame .

In January, 2005 at the Princeton Hyatt Joe was honored along with several other area coaches as part of the All American Football Foundation with the prestigious President Gerald R. Ford All American Coaching Award. He was inducted into the N.J. Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

Joe currently has 275 wins, 118 losses and 5 ties for a career record that puts him with more career wins than any other coach in Burlington County and South Jersey history. He became the all-time winningest coach in South Jersey in 2007 with 231 career victories.

A trustee and one of the founders and past presidents of the Bill Gordon/George Masters Burlington County Football Club, Joe has coached in several North/South All Star Games, the N.J. Governors Bowl, the Adam Taliaferro Foundation South Jersey Coaches Hall of Fame Game at Rowan.

A Florence native who he lettered for three years in football and baseball and one year in track, Joe played quarterback under Joe Papp, the legendary Florence football coach. In 1965 he moved on to Wilkes College where he lettered four years in football at quarterback, receiver and special team player.

At Wilkes ‘Frap’ was part of a team coached by Roland Schmidt that put together a 23-game win streak for the longest winning streak in small school football at the time. Wilkes won 4 MAC titles, and was also winner of the Lambert Bowl for small school supremacy in all of Eastern College football. The only loss Frappolli experienced at Wilkes was to Upsala in the third game of his freshman season.

Also head baseball coach at Florence for 17 years (1970-1986) he compiled over 200 plus victories, several league and South Jersey titles, and back to back NJSIAA Group I Championships in 1985 and 1986.

Joe’s coaching staff includes homegrown Florence talent like Nick Lubrano and Steve Ordog who are Holy Cross graduates. Florence former players and volunteer coaches and assistants Dan Hegarty, Cesar Pereda, Fred Dunphy, Tony Luyber, Peppi Pichette, Don Nemeth, Joe’s brother John and son Joseph J. all played in college and now give back to the team dedication by volunteering their time and expertise to the program.

‘Frap’ married his Florence High sweetheart Donna 39 years ago. A former Florence cheerleader and cheer coach, Donna Frappolli held down the home front and is directly responsible for raising their four children who all graduated from Florence High and played a number of sports .

Joe and his wife sponsor the Thanksgiving Food for Needy program where cheerleaders and football players deliver turkeys and food baskets to needy in the community.

They also sponsor the Holiday Gift Giving Drive during Christmas, while in the summer Joe and his staff volunteer their time conducting a youth football camp for Pop Warner players - - The Joe Frappolli Youth Football Camp.

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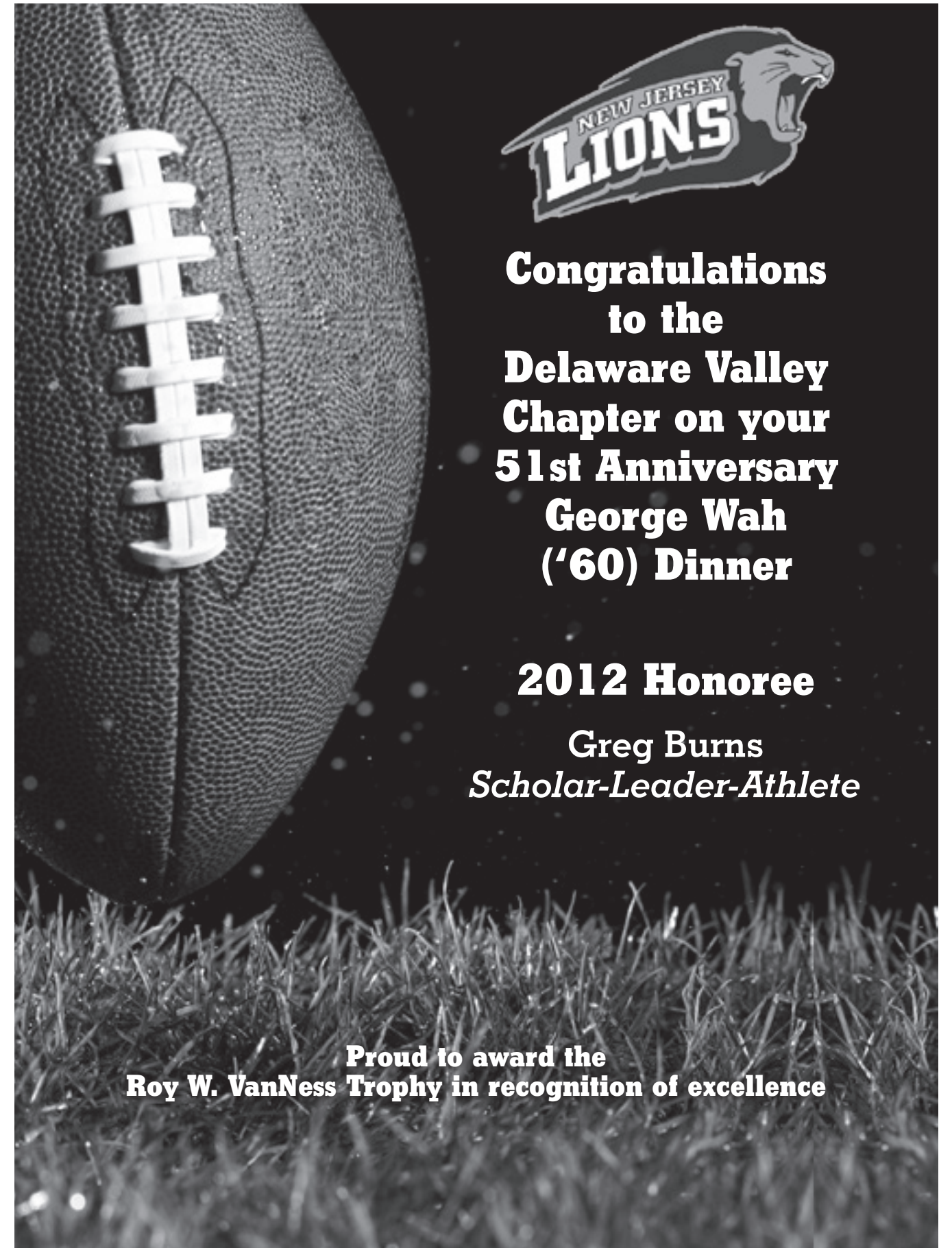
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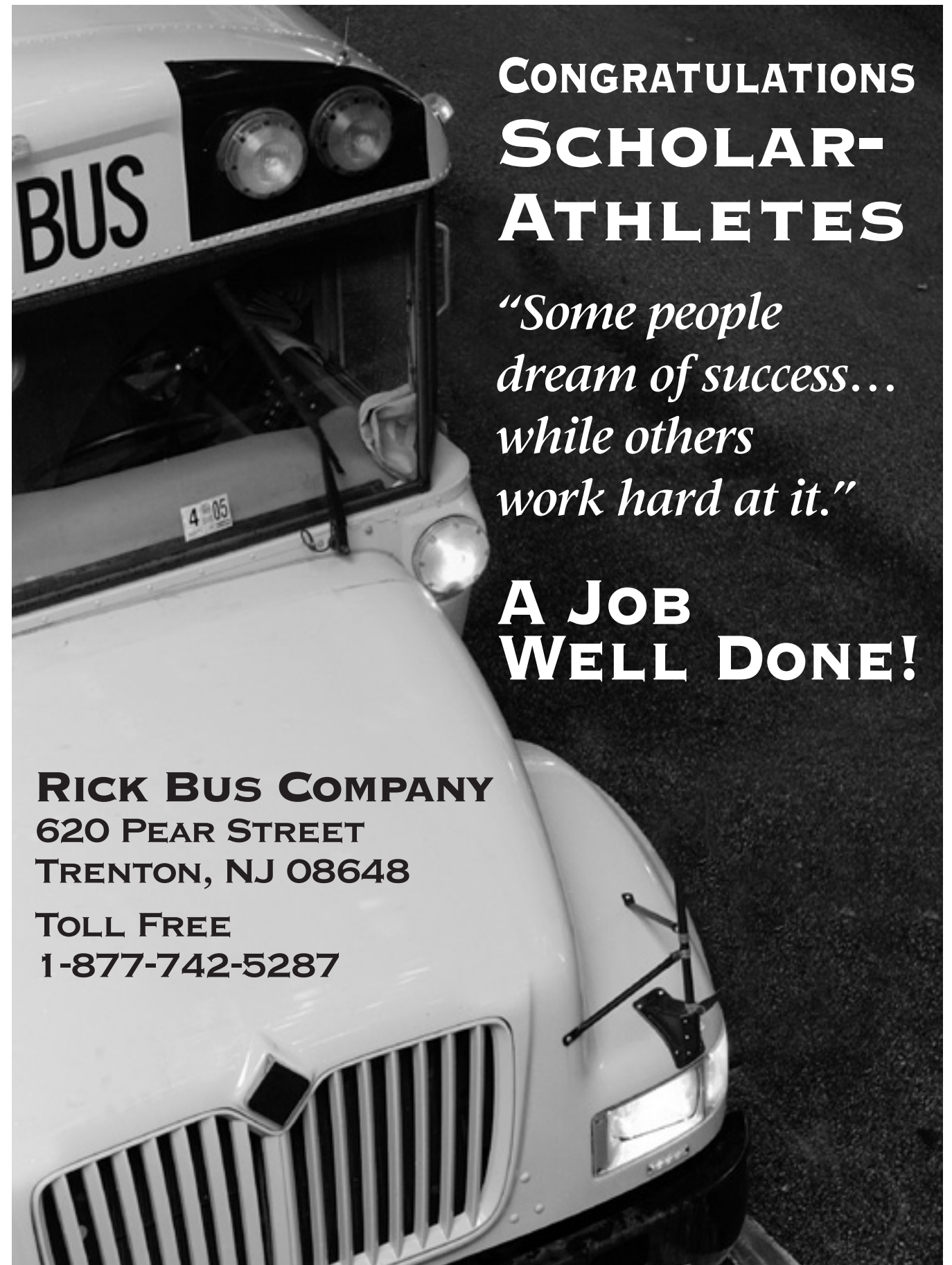
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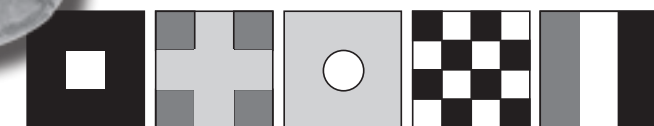
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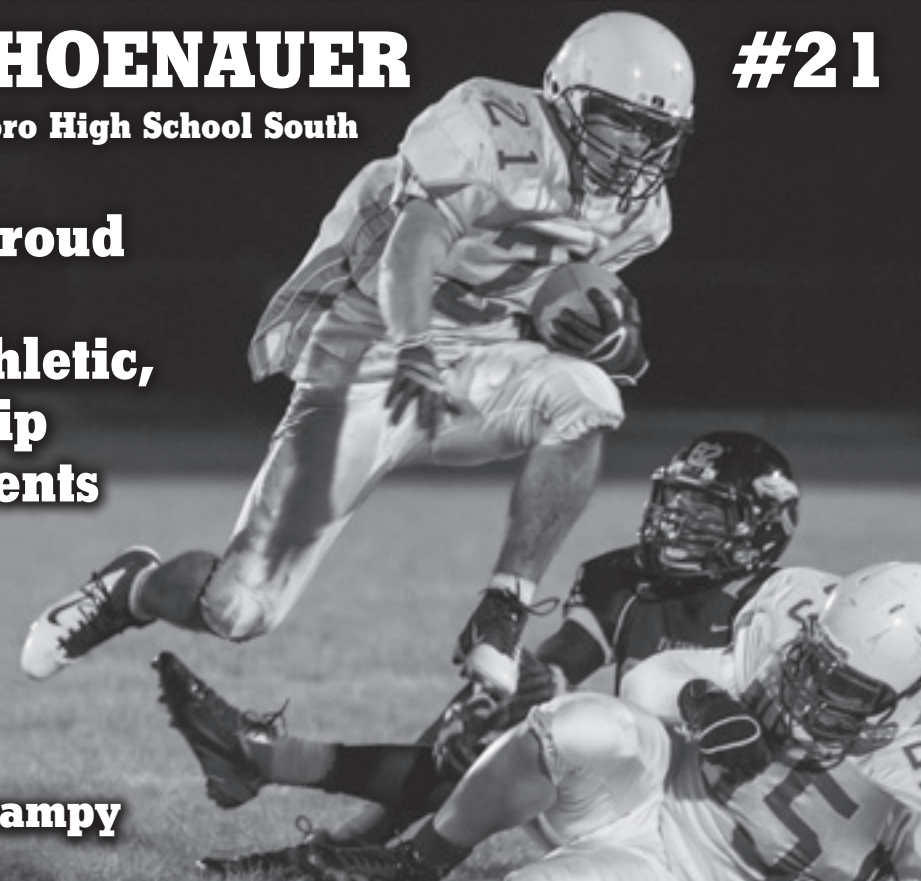
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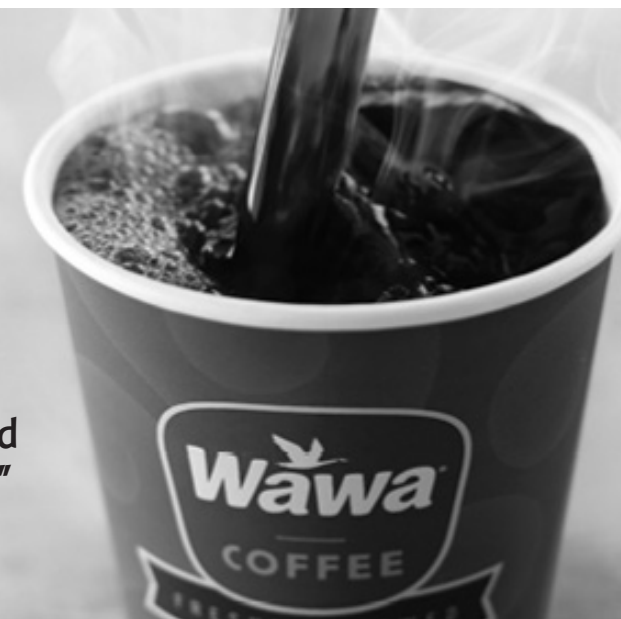
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