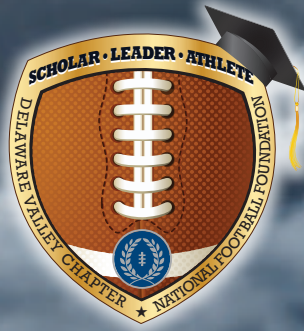


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Contribution to Amateur Football:
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Todd Smith, The Hun School

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Fred Dunphy, Florence Township Youth Football

Delaware Valley Chapter Little Scholar:
Kyle Dowgin, Bordentown Bulldogs

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Bernard "Bernie" Flynn has served as President and CEO of NJM Insurance Company since April 2008. As one of the largest and most well-respected property-casualty insurance companies in the Delaware Valley, NJM has thrived under his leadership. Bernie has been employed with NJM for more than 20 years, beginning in 1993 as a staff attorney. He subsequently was named Vice President and General Counsel in 2001, Senior Vice President and General Counsel in 2004, and President and CEO in 2008. In 2003, he was elected to the NJM Board of Directors. From 2009 to 2013, he also served as Chairman of the Board of NJM Bank FSB, which was a wholly owned subsidiary of NJM.

Bernie began his path to success in the late 1970's when he played football at Moorestown High School under legendary Quaker coaches George Masters and Dick Loring. One of his lasting memories was his senior season playing in one of Burlington County's heralded Thanksgiving Day rivalries against Rancocas Valley led by coach Bill Gordon. At the conclusion of his senior year, Bernie was named first team-All Burlington County and second-team All-South Jersey. From there, he went on to Fordham University where he joined coach Dave Rice's

Rams squad as a defensive back, and earned team MVP and first team All-East Conference honors in his senior year. Following his graduation from Fordham in 1982, Bernie earned his law degree in 1986 from Rutgers School of Law – Camden.

After completing his formal education, he began his legal career in 1987 as a Deputy Attorney General with the NJ Attorney General's office, where he went on to serve as Counsel for the Commissioner of Insurance from 1991 to 1993.

From his playing days until the present, Bernie has been actively engaged in service to his community. In October 2015, he was named co-chair of Greater Trenton, a non-profit organization whose mission is to advance economic development and revitalization projects in the capital city. He is also a founding board member of Choose New Jersey, an independent, privately funded and managed non-profit corporation which markets the Garden State as a premier location for domestic and international businesses looking to expand or relocate their operations, and served as Chairman from 2012 to 2014.



In June 2014, Bernie joined the Rutgers Business School's Institute for Ethical Leadership Executive Business Cabinet. He has served as a trustee for Public Media NJ, Inc., since 2011 and as a board member of the New Jersey Network (NJN) Foundation from 2009 to 2011. He has been a member of the New Jersey Chapter/Eastern Division of CEOs Against Cancer since 2011, board member of Junior Achievement of NJ from 2010 to 2012, and member of the Property Casualty Insurers (PCI) Board of Governors since 2008.

Under his direction, NJM has expanded upon its long-standing commitment to good corporate citizenship, supporting the communities in which its policyholders live and work. This includes the efforts of employees who give of their time and resources to help charitable organizations.

Bernie Flynn is a role model who continues to set a shining example of outstanding leadership. Bernie and his wife Ann, along with their two children, reside in Delran, NJ.

Past Distinguished American Award Recipients

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

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CONTRIBUTION TO AMATEUR FOOTBALL TRENTON ORTHOPAEDIC GROUP P.A. DR. WILLIAM GOMEZ

Trenton Orthopaedic Group, P.A. (TOG Orthopaedics) has a 50 year tradition of serving our community with physician expertise through specialty teams & patient access. Their practice has served the student-athletes in the Delaware Valley for many years, most visibly by their doctors on the sidelines during football season. Expertise is the cornerstone of quality orthopaedic outcomes. TOG Orthopaedic's physicians are Board Certified and Fellowship Trained in all Orthopaedic subspecialties to deliver injury-specific, state-of-the art surgical and non-surgical treatment alternatives through specialty teams referred to as TOG's Orthopaedic Institutes. If it is being done, their physicians have done it many times over, leading the way. Onsite physical therapy, certified hand therapy, durable medical equipment, X-Ray and MRI services fosters convenient and coordinated care. Patient access is a priority.



Leading the way is Dr. William Gomez. One of the most visible faces on the sidelines, he has been affiliated with TOG since 1988. Dr. Gomez earned his undergraduate degree at NYU Engineering/Polytechnic Institute of New York. He then matriculated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University where he earned his Medical Degree. Following graduation, he completed his General Surgery Residency at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center in New York. He also completed his Orthopaedic Surgery Residency at New York Hospital, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. He also had the opportunity to complete his Orthopaedic Fellowship in Sports Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Gomez areas of expertise are in Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy. He has professional memberships in the New Jersey and Mercer County Medical Society as well as the New Jersey Orthopaedic Society. He has served as the Orthopaedic Team Physician with the Trenton Titans, Trenton Thunder and The College of New Jersey. He has been recognized as one of New Jersey's Top Doctors, Orthopaedic Surgery; New York Metro Area Top Doctors, Orthopaedic Surgery and America's Top Physicians. He has affiliations with Capital Health System, Hopewell; Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Hamilton and St. Francis Medical Center, Trenton.

More importantly, Dr. Gomez and the TOG team have worked with numerous Delaware Valley area athletic programs to ensure the health and safety of our student-athletes. They have given of their time with many Chapter programs, including serving as team doctors for the Annual Sunshine Classic. Their willingness to work with the young people who compete yearly for their sport programs has been well documented and much appreciated. That is why for the first time, the Chapter is recognizing all the Doctors who make up Trenton Orthopaedic Group and William Gomez, M.D., Diplomate, ABOS.

Past Contribution to Amateur Football Award Recipients

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

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PAST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Year	Winner	School	College	Award
2014	Michael Curry	Allentown	Johns Hopkins	\$5,000
	Brady Hudik	Bordentown	Wagner	\$2,500
	Micheal Whittington	Trenton	Georgetown	\$1,500
	Matt Semple	Hopewell	Elon	\$1,500
2013	Nicholas DeMarie	Nottingham	Pennsylvania	\$5,000
	Sam Follansbee	North Hunterdon	Pennsylvania	\$2,500
	Kurt Frimel	New Egypt	Cornell	\$2,500
2012	Brian Schoenauer	WWP-South	Pennsylvania	\$5,000
	Jadaen Bernstein	Voorhees	US Naval Academy Preparatory School	\$2,500
	Nick Palladino	Allentown	Muhlenberg	\$2,500
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
2006	Eldred Richards	WWP-South	Albany	\$2,000
	Ryan Lupo	WWP-South	Williams	\$5,000
	Joshua Scassero	Florence	Stockton	\$2,500
2005	Nick Lezynski	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	\$2,500
	Imaniborn Etukeren	Lawrenceville	Arizona State	\$5,000
	David Blitzer	Princeton Day	Williams	\$2,500
2004	Gabriel C. Plumer	Delaware Valley	Johns Hopkins	\$2,500
	Andrew Riexinger	Notre Dame	TCNJ	\$5,000
	Vincent G. Giacalone	Princeton	Carnegie Mellon	\$2,500
2003	Matthew Ordog	Florence	Muhlenberg	\$2,500
	Brian Raike	Ewing	Pennsylvania	\$5,000
	David Mosteller	Princeton	Wesleyan	\$3,500
2002	Brian Waller	Hightstown	Coast Guard	\$2,500
	Robert Toresco	Hunterdon Central	Princeton	\$5,000
	Stephen Ordog	Florence	Ursinus	\$3,500
2001	Jay Graber	Notre Dame	Hofstra	\$1,250
	JT Hutchinson	WWP-South	Pennsylvania	\$1,250
	Alexander Brun	Hamilton	Rutgers	\$5,000
2000	Charles Nagy	Bordentown	Wagner	\$3,500
	Jonathon Johnston	Peddie	US Naval Academy	\$2,500
	Jason Vida	Pennsbury	William & Mary	\$5,000
1999	Joe Crupi	Hamilton	US Marine Corps	\$3,500
	John Brodowski	Bordentown	Muhlenburg	\$2,500
	Matthew Krantz	Allentown	Wake Forest	\$2,000
1998	Brian Lyons	Hamilton	Post Grad	\$5,000
	Isaac Bethea	Trenton	Pennsylvania	\$3,500
	Adam Allen	Nottingham	Lafayette	\$2,500
1997	Alex Wade	Council Rock	Duke	\$5,000
	Jamal Lundy	Florence	Lehigh	\$3,500
	Adrian Wall	Lawrenceville	Harvard	\$2,500
1996	Mike Azzara	Lawrence	Middlebury	\$5,000
	Brian White	Hamilton	Villanova	\$3,500
	Dave Czehut	North Burlington	Princeton	\$2,500
1995	Buck Adams	Hightstown	West Point	\$5,000
	Brett Martz	North Burlington	Pennsylvania	\$3,500
	Don Povia	Nottingham	Monmouth	\$2,500
1994	Joe Andolina	WWP	Princeton	\$5,000
	Hank Johns, Jr.	Pennsbury	Georgetown	\$3,500
	Greg Gorla	Steinert	Johns Hopkins	\$2,500
1993	Anthony Apicelli	Ewing	Princeton	\$5,000
	Brian Vannozzi	Notre Dame	Johns Hopkins	\$3,500
	Rick Dittman	Pennsbury	Brown	\$1,500
1992	Matt Rader	Pennsbury	Duke	\$5,000
	Ian Halpern	Princeton Day	Brown	\$2,500
	Dan Schramek	Council Rock	Penn State	\$1,500
1991	Ricky Durst	Pennington	Middlebury	\$5,000
	Noah Harlan	Princeton	Williams	\$2,500
	Gus Burmeister	Florence	Lafayette	\$1,500

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PAST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (CONTINUED)

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

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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.

RYAN BONDOC ROBBINSVILLE

Ryan Bondoc, according to head coach Andrew Patterson, may not have been the team's MVP in 2015, but he was very much the reason Robbinsville started to get the arrow pointed upward on the football program.

"Partly this was because of his physical play on the field," Patterson said. "But more importantly, Ryan's character both on the field and in the community is so great. He is a throwback student and athlete from a time long past, where there truly was no I in team and when nobody cared who got the credit, so long as the team won."

A two-way, two-year starter for the Ravens at center and defensive tackle, Ryan excelled not just on the field but also in the classroom and in the community.



Bondoc is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and the Executive President of Robbinsville High School. He has received the school's Excellence Award in English and Chinese.

Additionally, Ryan is a Volunteer for the Special Olympics, a member of the Model United Nations club, the Project Unify club, and the Chinese club. He is a physical therapy volunteer and a middle school tutor.

"A great summary of Ryan Bondoc," Patterson said, "is that he is a selfless young man who involves himself completely in all that he does while never trying to aim the spotlight on himself. From his work with Special Olympics and Student Council... to his impeccable

academic work, Ryan is a player any coach would want on the team."



BRADEN BROWN LAWRENCEVILLE

Braden Brown made quite an impact on head coach Harry Flaherty's first year at The Lawrenceville School. But that should come as no surprise – Brown has been making his impact felt on campus and in the community for years.

Brown serves as a Coach with the Special Olympics of New Jersey and it is intensely personal for him as he also lives at home in Lambertville with a special-needs brother. He worked as an intern last summer with Eden Autism Services in Princeton and gained valuable experience working throughout the organization.

A young man whose career interests include Biomechanical Engineering and Economics, Braden was Lawrenceville's representative at a 10-day conference at the Yale School of Engineering and Applied Science last August.



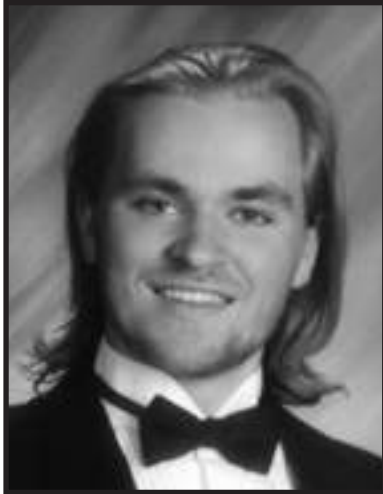
An incredibly talented all-around student, Braden became a first-year starter in 2015 and immediately served as a leader in the storied Big Red program. He wasn't the biggest player on the team, nor was he the fastest, but there's no doubt as to who was the toughest.

"Braden embodies a team first mentality," Flaherty said. "No one was more committed to protecting the legacy and tradition of Lawrenceville football. Braden's desire, passion, and effort allowed him to be a good linebacker for us this year."

An example for years to come.

"He played with more fearlessness and aggression than players who have greater size or speed," Flaherty said. "His willingness to lay himself down for his teammates serves as an example for our younger players to emulate."





RYAN CONLON HIGHTSTOWN

It didn't take long for Ryan Conlon to reveal his leadership abilities to first-year Hightstown head coach Ethan Jeros.

"Ryan was forced to learn his third completely different offensive system in four years as a quarterback," Jeros said. "Rather than look at the situation as a difficult challenge, he looked at it as an opportunity to grow and become a better player and learn. That in a nutshell describes the type of person Ryan Conlon is."

"He continuously goes above and beyond whenever he is asked to do something, no matter how big or small," Jeros continued. "As a team we have done several community service events and he is always one of the first to volunteer and make himself available. He's continued to do so long after the season has ended."

Voted the team's Most Valuable Player, Conlon is a three-sport varsity athlete, with winter track and then baseball in the spring. On top of all that, Conlon has spent five years in the school's jazz band as a saxophone player.

Ryan is a two-year member of the National Honor Society as well as the Business Honor Society. A four-time winner of the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Ryan is involved in the school's Ski club and Ecology club, as well as the Red Cross, The Volunteer for Rise Food Pantry, and DECA.

"Throughout his time in all of his extracurricular activities," guidance counselor Gerald Santoleri said, "Ryan has displayed a level of leadership that has rewarded him with more responsibility. It is a role he relishes and does not take lightly."



JORDON DEGROOTE WWP SOUTH

To stand out in your school is hard enough. To make news in your county, your state, or your region is amazing.

But to be the youngest in the nation to do something? That's Jordon DeGroote, fullback, defensive end, and captain for head coach Skip Edwards.

DeGroote, a West Windsor-Plainsboro South senior, was the youngest person in the United States to run for political office last November when he ran for school board. Pitted against the highly qualified incumbent Vice President, DeGroote ran an exceptional campaign, impressed the entire community, and made headlines with his effort. While he fell just short of victory – capturing 42 percent of the vote – anyone who can't see the bigger picture ahead for Jordon is missing the obvious.

This young man has some serious leadership chops. DeGroote has served as an intern for State Assemblyman Reed Gusciora and as a Municipal Prosecutor's aide in both Princeton and Hopewell Township. Jordon is President of the WW-P South Model UN team, ranked No. 3 in the nation, as well as a member of the school Moot Court team. He was the Governor at the American Legion Boys' State program.

"If you looked at Jordon's resume, you would assume he is about 25 years old," guidance counselor Michelle Walsh said. "Jordon has the raw qualities of leadership, deep intellect, passionate views, maturity, and intense physical energy. He has channeled these qualities into being a leader in the community, a top student, dedicated athlete, and passionate activist."



2015 SCHOLAR•LEADER•ATHLETES

JOSEPH FOGA FLORENCE

Win the day.

Legendary head coach Joe Frappolli and his staff picked that as the team motto for the 2015 Florence season. And no player typified that more than do-everything senior Joey Foga.

“What I love about Joey Foga,” Frappolli said, “is that he was a totally unselfish, team-first player. Often times he didn’t even play in the fourth quarter or he’d tell me to give his teammates the ball down near the goal line so they could score. For Joey, ‘we’ not ‘I’ was always a major part of his mindset.”

Foga did a bit of everything in leading Florence to a 7-4 record and spot in the Group I Central semifinals. Joey scored 20 touchdowns, totaled over 1,200 yards of total offense,



was a ferocious linebacker and received first-team honors on both sides of the ball.

“Joey is without a doubt one of the top five running backs who have worn the Blue and Gold in my 42 years as head coach,” Frappolli said. “This is not only about his athletic prowess as a player but moreso his unselfish team first demeanor, his relentless off-season work ethic, his commitment to be a positive team leader by his daily actions and behavior, and his unwavering loyalty to coaches, teammates, and the program as a whole.”

A Gordon Masters Scholar Athlete award winner, Joey has distributed Thanksgiving meals to residents in the community. He is a four-year Relay for Life participant, a volunteer at local soup kitchens, a tutor for local middle school students, and a summer worker with senior citizens. Truly, Joey Foga is winning the day.



MAX GATTO HAMILTON

The tradition of football at Hamilton West carries on thanks to leaders such as Max Gatto.

A two-sport athlete, Gatto has made his mark as a leader in all areas at Hamilton. He is a captain of the school’s lacrosse team and one of the top students in the senior class, with a schedule full of Honors and Advanced Placement classes.

But Max plays a much bigger role in day-to-day life at Hamilton. He is a four-year member of student government as well as the Key Club President. In that role he was recognized with the Golden Member Award at the district convention. He is also active in the Hamilton West Peer Leadership program, helping freshmen adjust to life in a new school.

“It was my honor to coach Max and I am even more thankful for the effort that he showed his teammates on a daily basis” longtime Hornets head coach Tom Hoglen said. “The



goal of every scholar-athlete at Hamilton West is to demonstrate pride, tradition, and excellence on the field and in the classroom. Max has demonstrated that he does that exceptionally well.”

Max is also part of the school’s DECA club as well as the Future Business Leaders of America.

In the community, Gatto has volunteered with the Trenton Soup Kitchen, Winter Wonderland, Lalor’s Fall Festival, Ryan’s Quest, Relay for Life, and Breakfast with Santa.

“Max is positive in attitude and possesses great compassion,” Key Club advisor Christine Marks said. “I know this will continue as he continues his education.”





RORY HELSTROM

PRINCETON

With back-to-back seasons of at least 20 touchdowns, Rory Helstrom put himself in rare company among New Jersey High School football players.

Helstrom did a bit of everything in his years at Princeton High. Starting with a three interception game his sophomore season to over 2,000 total yards his junior season as the Little Tigers won their first division title in over a decade. Rory capped his high school career with another 1,700 yards of offense to put himself among the best in the West Jersey Football League.

“Above all,” head coach Charlie Gallagher said, “Rory is an example to our younger players on how to handle being successful on the playing field as well as in the classroom. He has shown the commitment necessary to both his academics and his place on the football field.”

A first-team, all-area selection, Helstrom was named to the New Jersey Top 100. He is also one of the top lacrosse players in the area, leading the Little Tigers to a pair of Mercer County Tournament titles.

Off the field, Rory has managed to keep an elite GPA at one of the state’s premier high schools. He is a Young Life senior leader, a member of the Republican Club, and a volunteer reader at the Cranbury Elementary School.

Helstrom is a volunteer coach for the Princeton Junior Football League and a custodial engineer at the Cranbury School.

“Rory,” Gallagher said, “has done a yeoman’s job both on and off the field in everything that he does.”



JOSHUA HUGHES

EWING

At 6-foot-6, 295 pounds, Joshua Hughes is quite literally the Big Man on the Parkway Avenue campus of Ewing High School.

But it’s not just size where Hughes stands tallest among his peers. Sure, Hughes was the team’s best lineman, team captain, winner of the Daniel Bernoskil Lineman award, and a first-team, all-division star with over 20 pancake blocks.

But what truly epitomizes what Hughes means to Ewing High is the fact that he is a model student involved in multiple clubs, service organizations, and sports.

Hughes is nearing completion of his Eagle Scout project, has worked with the Veterans of Foreign Affairs, and participated in food drives for Trenton shelters. He’s an avid outdoorsman, having hiked 15 of the 46 Adirondack Mountains and explored five states through hiking, camping, biking, and boating.

He’s also owner and operator of Josh’s Wood Shack which has developed many positive relationships in the community.

A President’s Education award winner, Joshua has received the Mercer County Technical Schools Achievement award and is a BSA Senior Patrol Leader. Hughes has also been presented with the Kids Bridge Youth Humanitarian Award.

“Joshua’s dedication and commitment to the Ewing community is what makes a person like him so special,” Ewing head coach Drew Besler said. “The sky is the limit for someone like Joshua who exhibits as much character as he does talent. He sets the standard for what it means to be a student-athlete and he will surely leave his mark wherever he decides to go to school.”



XAVIER LEZYNSKI

NOTRE DAME

First-year Notre Dame head coach Marc Lordi knows that you don't get young men like Xavier Lezynski through your program all that often.

"Xavier is a once-in-a-generation type of person who positively impacts everyone he meets and will always put others before himself," Lordi said. "I cannot imagine what my first year as the head coach at Notre Dame would have been like without him, and we all will miss him next season when he moves onto bigger and better things. I am proud to have coached him and will be better because of him."

And that is the kind of sentiment that is expressed to a person when you go through the halls at Notre Dame. An all-county quarterback, Lezynski has meant so much more to the ND community that his passing numbers. A National Honor Society and Spanish

NHS member, Xavier is President of the school's Catholic Athletes for Christ chapter, a Peer Leader, part of Campus Ministry, and a young man selected to attend two state Student Government conventions.

One of the top students in the Class of 2016, Xavier has participated in a long list of community service activities – from the Polar Plunge to raising money and having his head shaved for cancer research to the Special Olympics and the Buddy Walk for the Trisomy 21 Foundation among countless others.

When administrators at ND needed someone to speak on behalf of the athletic department to the school's Board of Trustees, they knew exactly where to turn. He frequently speaks to community groups and candidates for enrollment at the school. "Xavier possesses a mature integrity," ND principal Mary Liz Ivins said, "that is quite rare."



FRANK LUCCHESI

STEINERT

Steinert's turnaround into an eight-win playoff semifinalist took place long before the first game in September. Frank Lucchesi made sure of it.

"We needed to completely change our offseason approach," head coach Dan Caruso said. "To make this work, I needed the players to buy in, especially the upperclassmen. Frank bought in from Day One and was the driving force behind our culture change. He not only worked to better himself and prepare for the season, but also made sure his teammates did the right things to get ready as well. His attendance in offseason events was 100 percent and many times he called and picked up his teammates to make sure they were there too."

That leadership was vital in a season that included a playoff victory over Burlington Township as well as a Thanksgiving win over

rival Hamilton. The Fuzzy Falzone award winner for best lineman in the county, Frank played multiple positions on offense and defense and never came off the field during games.

"His attitude and drive," Caruso said, "were the key factors contributing to the success of Steinert football this past season." Frank worked just as hard in the classroom and in the community. One of the top students in the senior class, Frank is a National Honor Society member and officer in the Italian National Honor Society.

Lucchesi volunteers his time to set up and run the Hamilton Township NEDA Walk to benefit those suffering from eating disorders and participates in the Out of Darkness Walk to raise money for suicide prevention. He prepares food backpacks for the hungry with Mercer Street Friends, is a Special Olympics volunteer, and organized students for an anti-bullying event with the KidsBridge Tolerance Museum.





CJ MARKISZ WWP NORTH

Just look at the all-time West Windsor-Plainsboro North record book to see the impact that CJ Markisz had on the Northern Knights' football program. All-time leading rusher. All-time leading scorer. Three-time, all-WJFL honors. Two-time school Offensive Player of the Year. These numbers don't come by accident and they aren't easily replaced. And yet that just scratches the surface of what Markisz has meant to the program.

"It is a pleasure to have coached CJ," head coach Jeff Reilly said, "but it is an honor to know him. CJ exemplifies leadership on and off the field with his fiery competitiveness and complete understanding of the game of football. He was always the one to organize team talks when he knew the group needed another voice than the coaches."

An outstanding student in the highly competitive environment of WW-P North, CJ will continue his academic and athletic career at Bowdoin College. A peer leader at the school and member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society, Markisz routinely filled his schedule with Honors and Advanced Placement courses and then succeeded at the highest level.

CJ is an accomplished musician. He is first violinist in the school's symphonic orchestra, where he also serves as historian. He's privately played the piano the last eight years. An altar server at St. David the King Catholic Church since 2007, CJ trains younger parishioners to become altar servers as well. He is actively involved in the Yellow Ribbon Week, a week-long suicide prevention awareness program.

"Players listen to CJ and coaches enjoy working with him," Reilly said. "CJ will move on and accomplish many more things in his life, but he will always be remembered for the impact he had on WW-P North."



ROBERT MARRON NORTH HUNTERDON

Robert Marron enjoyed a prolific 2015 season on the field for North Hunterdon and head coach Jared Mazzetta appreciated the work Marron put in off the field as well.

"In his senior season," Mazzetta said, "his coaches elected him to serve as a constant leader. Robert handled the additional responsibility by not only becoming more vocal in his relationships with the team, but by becoming even more visible in his consistently outstanding play." On both sides of the ball, Marron put up big numbers for the Lions. He rushed for over 1,000 yards and scored 14 total touchdowns. Defensively, he recorded 91 tackles, three interceptions, and 14 passes broken up.

In his varsity career he has scored a touchdown rushing, receiving, on a punt return, on a kickoff return, on an interception return – and passed for a two-point conversion. "His performance on the field set a high standard for athletes at North Hunterdon for years to come," Mazzetta said. "Robert is an outstanding young man with great character who makes a positive contribution to our school and community."

The team's Most Valuable Player and a Maxwell Cub Mini Max award recipient, Marron is a Relay for Life committee member and a Feed The Need volunteer at North Hunterdon. Additionally, Marron takes part in Interact & Able, is a volunteer for Special Olympics, an executive council member, and a student ambassador.

A talented athlete, Robert is one of the top lacrosse players in the state and will be continuing his career at Rutgers University.



JORDAN MCGRIFF THE HUN SCHOOL

Jordan McGriff has been the definition of leader for the Hun School program since the moment head coach Todd Smith arrived on campus two years ago.

McGriff has physically transformed himself into one of the best two-way lineman in the state. A first-team, all-MAPL selection on offense and defense, McGriff paved the way for an explosive Hun offense. The Raiders went undefeated, won their second straight league championship, and have a 15-1 record the last two seasons.

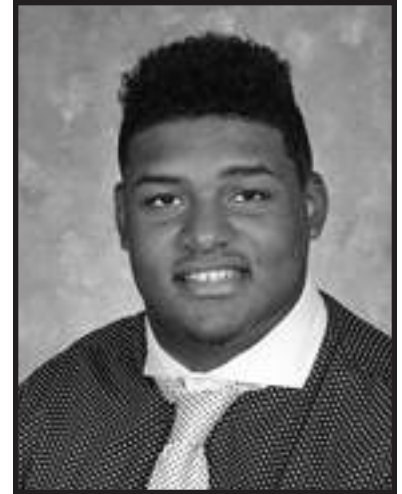
But there is much more to McGriff, who is a leader every day on campus. Jordan is a Head of House at Hun – one of the four groups into which students are divided for community activities. He is a long-sanding member of the student Senate, elected by his peers. As a senior on dorm, he is central to the boarding community and provides friendship to those in the resident program.



“Jordan serves as a spokesperson for the Hun school and exemplifies everything the school stands for,” Smith said. “He excels in the classroom as well, finding a balance between athletics and academics. His ‘A’ average has opened up doors for Jordan that are reserved for our nation’s finest students.”

A four-year member of the National Honor Society, Jordan is also a fine actor and starred in school productions of *Hairspray* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. He is a school TV anchor, a member of the Black Student Union, the debate club, and a Special Olympics Volunteer.

“Jordan’s work ethic, combined with his character and personality, have earned him the right to attend some of our nation’s finest institutions,” Smith said.



JASON MEISNER PEDDIE

An undersized offensive lineman with a huge heart, Jason Meisner served as a symbol of the 2015 campaign for the Falcons as well as a sign of some bigger things to come.

Under first-year head coach Chris Malleo, the Falcons were often outmanned but rarely, if ever, outthustled. Peddie finished 5-3 and showed promise of what could be in store. Meisner at times gave up 100 pounds to the person lined opposite him but brought a throwback mentality to the job, doing whatever necessary to get the job done.

“Jason’s diminutive size is countered by incredible courage and heart,” Malleo said. “Jason Meisner is one of the most fantastic young men I have had the pleasure to coach, and I’m excited that he is garnering the recognition he so deserves.”

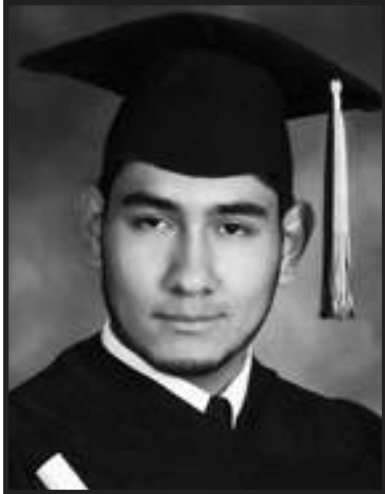
A second-team, all-MAPL selection, Meisner is an honor roll student with interests in business and finance. He is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars,

part of the Young Entrepreneur Club, as well as the Future Business Leaders of America.

Jason is also a prefect on campus, a residential student assistant who mentors and guides the underclassmen throughout the school year.

“Jason’s excellence on the field is complemented by his talent and exuberance in the classroom,” Malleo said. “Maintaining a rigorous academic schedule along with athletic commitments is no small feat at a school like Peddie. Academic achievement and football accomplishment are not binary, and Jason has proven that excellence is a standard he adheres to.”





FABIAN MORA NOTTINGHAM

On one of head coach Jon Adams' youngest teams ever, Fabian Mora played a vital role on both sides of the ball. "He was a mentor for our younger guys and a coach on the field," said Adams, who often times started four sophomore linemen. "He also played fullback for us at times and was on several of our special teams units."

"Fabian won Nottingham football's highest honor – the Greg Mihalik Memorial Northstar Award. This award is given to the player who demonstrates a selfless attitude at all times. Fabian truly embodied the spirit of Greg Mihalik." That's high praise coming from Adams, who has guided the Northstars program for over a quarter-century and led Nottingham to the 2012 NJSIAA Group III Central championship. There have been many great players and leaders coming from the Nottingham program, including Nick DeMarie, now at the University of Pennsylvania, who took top honors at the chapter dinner two years ago.

Mora was the team's top offensive lineman and a two-year starter for Adams. He helped lead Nottingham to a spot in the 2014 postseason, where the Northstars lost to Carteret, the eventual section champion.

A top-notch wrestler who qualified for the NJSIAA Region Tournament round in 2013, Fabian is also a standout lacrosse player, as he is a three-year varsity starter for the Northstars. He was voted by his peers as the team Most Valuable Player a year ago, and also received recognition as an all-CVC defenseman. Fabian has also volunteered at the Trenton Soup Kitchen.



CHRISTOPHER PHAM HOPEWELL

Chris Pham was a major reason Hopewell Valley was able to stay on top as one of Central Jersey's top football teams in 2015. A starting defensive back, Pham was locked on the opponent's top wide receiver each week and led the team with four interceptions.

"Chris took the challenge personally," assistant coach Rob Radice said. "He is an excellent leader who leads by example, with an outstanding, contagious work ethic on the field. He plays very smart, is extremely coachable, and will do anything asked of him to help the team win."

In Chris's two years as a starter, the Bulldogs finished 15-5 with a pair of playoff appearances. Academically, Chris is an excellent student with a schedule complete with Advanced Placement and Honors classes. He is Vice President of the National Honor Society, a member of the Latin Honor Society, and a 2015 American Legion Boys State delegate.

Chris was selected by the NFL to attend their prestigious High School Player Development leadership conference last summer. He is also a member of the Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Peer Leadership. Pham volunteers with the Pennington United Methodist Church Youth Group as well.

With such a diverse portfolio it is no wonder that one of Pham's dreams recently came to fruition. Recently, Chris was accepted into the United States Naval Academy and he has accepted his appointment.

"Chris is the consummate student-athlete who makes coaching a pleasure," Radice said. "We're all very proud of him. He is the type of person you love to coach and someone who makes the people around him work harder by his example."



JOE PRITCHARD ALLENTOWN

The best lineman for a team that was in the Top 10 in the state of New Jersey for total offense, Joe Pritchard was an integral component to the continued success of Allentown's football program.

"Joe embodies what our program at Allentown stands for," said Redbirds head coach Jay Graber. "He is an extremely hard working and tough two-way lineman. He never missed a practice and was an iron man for us on our line for three years."

Pritchard was recognized as one of the top offensive lineman in New Jersey – an all-area and all-Group 4 first-team selection, and an all-state third-team choice. But that doesn't take into consideration his success in the classroom and desire to help in the community.



For four years he has participated with the Freedom Fest, parking cars and volunteering his time. He also serves as a basketball coach in the local recreation league, where he works with others to improve their game.

Joe excels academically at Allentown with a strong GPA and course load. He helps others by serving as an AP Calculus tutor.

"Joe is a goal setter who also possesses the work ethic necessary to accomplish his objectives," school counselor Carol Bost said. "Joe is a 'gentle giant' with a big heart. He is a keen observer and will naturally reach out to others who are having a difficult time or just need a friend. While his athletic and scholarship accomplishments have been solid, Joe never developed an ego or sense of false pride."



BRYANT SANCHEZ TRENTON

Trenton continued its resurgence under new head coach Mohammed El-Sherbini and senior captain Bryant Sanchez was a major reason why.

The Tornadoes qualified for the Central Jersey playoffs for the third straight season and the Top Tornado Award winner excelled as a two-way starter at guard and linebacker. In 2014, he helped Trenton earn its first playoff win in over two decades.

He also provided stellar leadership to a re-energized program.

"Bryant led by example on the field as a leader with his character and physicality," El-Sherbini said. "He also led off the field as one of the top students in the school."

Ranked No. 4 in the Class of 2016 at Trenton and a member of the prestigious Princeton

University Preparatory program, Sanchez has spent the last three years in the Novo Nordisk mentoring program, making connections and learning key skills from members of a global business leader.

Bryant is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and shows the time management and communication skills needed to be a success after graduation, with a schedule that includes mostly Honors and Advanced Placement classes. Bryant also participates in the Gear Up program, whose goal is to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education.

"Bryant is a poised and accomplished young man," Math teacher Josephine Devasagayaraj said. "He has superior interpersonal skills and works equally well independently or collaboratively. He is loved and respected by both his peers and his teammates."





PRINCE ST. CYR LAWRENCE

Prince St. Cyr is a winner on and off the field.

With a weighted GPA above a 4.0, St. Cyr is in the Top 20 of his senior class at Lawrence High School. Never one to allow a difficult situation to become an excuse, Prince has served as an example for all of his teammates.

"I have always been impressed with his work ethic and his dedication to any endeavor he has been involved with," Lawrence head coach Nathan Jones said. "Prince demonstrates hard work on the football field and in the classroom, willing to spend the time and effort required to improve his skills wherever he is."

Prince has spent four years in the prestigious Princeton University Preparatory Program, is a two year member of the World Language Honors

Society, and a former President's Award winner. He is a member of the school's STEM Club and participated in track for two years.

Through Prince's involvement in the Student Leadership program at Lawrence and his years playing sports, he has earned the reputation of outstanding role model.

"A quick glance at his transcript is enough to attest to Prince's dedicated work ethic and determination to do his best at all time" Lawrence English teacher Michele Haughey said. "His peers recognize this as well. Prince is always a popular partner for group projects because students know his leadership skills will help keep them on task and push them to be better versions of themselves."



GINO TORTORIELLO NEW EGYPT

So many people will be trying to replace Gino Tortoriello's impact when he graduates from New Egypt. Start with football. The team captain, Tortoriello rushed for almost 800 yards as an all-division fullback and one of the team's best defensive players at linebacker and safety. Gino was the team's MVP and Offensive Player of the Year.

But Gino is a three-sport captain for the Warriors. He's an undersized center for the basketball team whose trademark hustle earned him the "Warrior Award" after his junior season. Tortoriello is also the captain for baseball, a three-year starter who is the team leader as catcher.

"Gino is an outstanding student, athlete, and person," head coach Philip McGuane said. "It is as a person where Gino truly shines. He is honest, hardworking, dedicated, and compassionate."

Tortoriello has a strong sense of community. He was a volunteer coach at the school's annual Junior Warrior Football Camp for middle school kids and helps with the New Egypt recreational basketball program. Additionally, Gino has taken part in the school's annual Relay for Life and has done community service on multiple occasions with the Carteret Elks.

"Gino is very creative, responsible, and works extremely well with others who enhance his academic and work achievements," said Lynn Pryzbylowski, who coordinates the school's Senior Optional internship program. "He is open minded and welcomes new ideas and concepts. Gino's work ethic is his strongest quality, and it allows him to go above and beyond his duty to complete assigned tasks for school or athletics."



CHRISTOPHER VENEZIA

NORTHERN BURLINGTON

Chris Venezia, according to Northern Burlington head coach Jon Reising, is the kind of player that every football coach wishes they had in greater quantities.

“Although Chris has excelled on the football field,” Reising said, “he is never boastful and is the consummate team player. He is much happier when the team wins instead of an outstanding individual performance. Due to a need for lineman this year, Chris volunteered his services for the betterment of the team and moved from running back to offensive line. He was always willing to help the younger players learn the nuances of the game of football and improve their abilities as athletes.”



A second-team, all-league selection, as well as a Mini Maxwell award finalist and member of the Gordon Masters All-Academic squad, Chris is in the top 10 percent of the senior class at Northern. A National Honor Society member, Chris is on student council as well as an active member of the Robotics Club. In addition, Chris is a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, a cause close to his heart after his own family nearly lost their house to fire when he was in eighth grade.

A two-year captain of the lacrosse team, Venezia has made his presence felt at Northern in many areas.

“Chris is one of the finest students I have had the privilege of teaching in my career,” Reising said. “Both his peers and the faculty here have incredible respect for Chris, for the excellent work and quest for knowledge that he strives for every day.”



NATHANIEL WIGGLEY

BORDENTOWN

With one of the most diverse portfolios you will find, Nathaniel Wiggley is the Renaissance Man of Bordentown.

A team captain and all-division selection, Wiggley truly did a bit of everything for head coach Stephen Perry.

“On the field he is athletic, smart, tough, and very coachable, but that only shows one side of his character,” Perry said. “Nate does a great job of providing leadership to his teammates. As one of our captains this year, Nate helped carry field equipment, helped his teammates with on-field assignments, picked up teammates who were down, and encouraged and tutored the younger players.”

It may not take a brain surgeon to be a successful player, but Wiggley wants to study neuroscience in college. A two-year National Honor Society member, Nate was a Boys State delegate and constant on the Honor Roll.



A competitive tournament chess player for many years, Nathaniel has won Central Jersey Chess Tournaments. He’s currently working on his Eagle Scout Project, which will be completed next month. He is an on-stage actor, a member of the Youth Choir at his church, and part of the Select and Male Chorus at his school.

“Nate has been one of a select few that have managed to become a leader in the eyes of his peers and the staff for always doing the right thing,” history teacher Michael Brennan said. “He possesses a moral compass not seen in many teenagers and just seems to have a knack for understanding the big picture at all times.”





DUNCAN ZAVANELLI PENNINGTON

Pennington head coach Jerry Eure gives credit for the Red Raiders being one of the area's most improved teams to two-way starting lineman Duncan Zavanelli becoming one of the area's most improved players.

"Duncan worked hard in the weight room to get strong enough to dominate on both sides of the ball," Eure said. "He is the biggest reason we went from 2-7 (in 2014) to 6-3 (in 2015). Whenever we needed a big play, he would come through for us and make something happen. The younger players really looked up to him for guidance and direction and he earned the respect and admiration of the coaching staff, the players, his teachers, and his classmates."

The team's "Ironman" Award winner, Zavanelli has long maintained an impressive resume in the classroom.

Duncan is a member of the Pennington School Chapter of the Cum Laude Society and the school's Terry William Weiler '66 Memorial Scholarship Award winner. He is a National Merit Commended scholar, an AP Scholar with Honor, and has maintained a consistent presence on the High Honors list at Pennington.

Last summer, Duncan participated in an internship program at Princeton University, in the school's Engineering Research Center on Mid-Infrared Technologies. The year before, he participated summer engineering program at Drexel University.

Additionally, Duncan participated in a school supply drive for students affected by earthquakes in Nepal. He has volunteered at the Homefront's Hutchet House as well as the Bethel African Methodist Church of Pennington. Zavanelli also served on a Jersey Shore park cleanup team, repairing shore parks damaged by Hurricane Sandy.



THOSE THRILLING DAYS OF YESTERYEAR.

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, but 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 have 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.

2015 SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE AWARDS DINNER

EARL H. DEAN SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE ANDREW LACHAWIEC • THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



Andrew Lachawiec (Belford, NJ/Middletown North) was a standout tight end and student-athlete for The College of New Jersey football team for three seasons. His presence on the field was matched only by his excellence in the classroom.

An international business major, Lachawiec was a member of the Dean's List and graduated from TCNJ following the 2015 fall semester. He also studied at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics and speaks some Chinese Mandarin. Lachawiec is currently working as a finance intern for The Webster Apartments.

On the football field, he played tight end for the Lions for three seasons. Lachawiec appeared in 25 games and compiled 37 catches for 405 yards during his career. He caught three touchdown passes, including a pair his sophomore season in a victory at William Paterson University. On special teams, Lachawiec made 25 tackles, eight of which were solo takedowns.

During his senior year, Lachawiec enjoyed his finest season on the gridiron. He amassed 23 receptions for 247 yards. In the season opener, Lachawiec caught five passes for 54 yards, capped by a five-yard touchdown reception. He made at least one catch in eight of nine games played, and contributed to the Lions

winning their final four games of the season.

At the annual TCNJ football brunch in December, Lachawiec received the prestigious Earl H. Dean Scholar-Leader-Athlete Award. Dean was the first director of athletics at the college, while coaching the football, basketball, and track programs and is credited with giving the football team the nickname, "Lions". The award is presented to a senior with the highest grade point average, who also makes significant contributions on the football field.

A TCNJ Scholar-Athlete, Lachawiec was also a member of the New Jersey Athletic Conference All-Academic Team. He assisted with hurricane relief efforts in Lavalette, NJ, performed volunteer work for Special Olympics, and also provided volunteer work for the Morristown, NJ community.



Past Trenton State/The College of New Jersey Scholar-Athletes

Year	Nominee	Coach	Year	Nominee	Coach
2014	Joe Urciuoli/ Jake Weiss	Wayne Dickens	1993	Tom Maxwell	Eric Hamilton
2013	Chris McLaughlin	Wayne Dickens	1992	Corey Landing	Eric Hamilton
2012	Greg Burns	Eric Hamilton	1991	Chris Shaw	Eric Hamilton
2011	Jay Donoghue	Eric Hamilton	1990	Mike Tierney	Eric Hamilton
2010	Andrew Mason	Eric Hamilton	1989	Bob McGinty	Eric Hamilton
2009	Colin Weber	Eric Hamilton	1988	Mike Wargo	Eric Hamilton
2008	Marc Fabiano	Eric Hamilton	1987	Joe Clifton	Eric Hamilton
2007	Dan Dornacker	Eric Hamilton	1986	Ernie Liberati	Eric Hamilton
	Andy Larkin	Eric Hamilton	Year	Nominee	Coach
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
Year	Nominee	Coach	1979	Steve Butfilowski	Eric Hamilton
2000	Curt Monday	Eric Hamilton	1978	Tom Hendricks	Eric Hamilton
1999	Richard Falletta	Eric Hamilton	1977	Tom Thompson	Eric Hamilton
1998	Michael Feeney	Eric Hamilton	1976	Keith Waters	Carmen Piccone
1997	Joe Sciarone	Eric Hamilton	1975	Doug Prefach	Carmen Piccone
1996	Joe Scaravaglione	Eric Hamilton	1974	Eric Hamilton	Dick Curl
1995	Steve Guidette	Eric Hamilton	1973	William Paskewich	Pete Carmichael
1994	Scott Dickson/	Eric Hamilton	1967	Robert Taylor	Bob Salois
	John Reising		1965	George Strattman	Bob Salois

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JUDGE ARTHUR LANE SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE MATT ARENDS • PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

He arrived at Princeton with an impressive resume as an all-star defensive football player and a top-ranked scholar.

He has continued to add to that list of achievements during his four years at Old Nassau.

A national semi-finalist for the William Campbell Trophy, which is the top academic award in college football, the former all-state player and academic honoree in Minnesota, Matt's list of accolades is unmatched.

This past season he was the Tigers team captain and an All-Ivy League selection at linebacker after ranking in the Top 15 in the league in tackles and tackles for losses. He led Princeton with 63 tackles even though it was his first season playing at linebacker.

It earned him the prestigious Richard Colman Trophy at Princeton's awards banquet.

In 2014 on the way to receiving Academic All-ivy recognition in his first season playing at safety, Matt recorded interceptions and double-digit tackles in games against Penn and Yale.



As a high school all-state honoree at Prior Lake (Minn.) High School Arends was an All-

State first team selection and the Star Tribune Scholar Athlete and first team Academic All-State honoree.

As an outstanding safety and wide receiver he won All-Conference recognition three straight years leading Prior Lake to the sectional title and in baseball was all-conference three times leading the team to two sectional titles, and was team captain.

Son of Rhonda and Tim Arends, Matt is a foreign policy and affairs major at Princeton.

He was a two-time class president in high school and a four-year board scholar honoree.



Past Princeton University Scholar-Athletes

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

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DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER LITTLE SCHOLAR KYLE DOWGIN



Kyle Dowgin not only has the potential to play high school football, he can also stay on the field and perform in the halftime show if need be.

And that's just a sampling of his talents, as this year's Little Scholar award winner possesses everything one would want in a student-athlete.

The Reynolds Middle School 8th-grader from Yardville has been a standout player for both the Hamilton Revolution and Bordentown Bulldogs. As a Youth All American Linebacker at O-D Camp, Dowgin was selected to the 2013 O-D Bowl in Florida. He has been a starter on offense, defense and special teams all eight years of youth football and is a six-year member of the Irish Strength Club.

"A sub-par effort on the field will find a way to permeate a player's world; school, family, relationships," said Sidney Tucker, Kyle's current coach with the Bulldogs. "At the same rate, a player who continually goes above and beyond to better themselves and those around him will find a way to always be exceptional. Kyle Dowgin is not only an exceptional football player, leader and athlete, he is an exceptional young man."

Exceptional in so many ways.

Also a standout wrestler, Kyle finds plenty of time for other things. He plays saxophone in the Reynolds band and has been blowing the sax since third grade. He has a GPA of 3.98 and was a Science Fair winner in fourth grade. He made the Pop Warner Eastern Region 6th-grade Scholar Team, has made the honor roll every year in school, getting straight A's numerous times. Kyle is currently in a 10th-grade Honors Geometry class.

Dowgin is in Reynolds Early Act Club, takes part each year as a Miracle League "Buddy", served homeless veterans on the USS NJ for two Thanksgivings, and takes part in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge each year.

"Kyle has displayed that he is a great role model for his peers and younger students at Reynolds," said math teacher Kathleen Lyon. "He shows citizenship. . .he is respectful to staff and peers, as well as honest and trustworthy. He brings a positive attitude and energy to class each day, which helps his peers be just as upbeat as he is."



Past Delaware Valley/Pop Warner Little Scholars

2014 Joseph Brown Warrior PAL	2008 Brian Schoenauer, WW-P Pop Warner	2005 Michael Garofola Hamilton Pop Warner	2001 Daniel Clark Hillsborough Dukes
2013 Nick Kloutis Hamilton PAL	2007 David Dudeck III, Burlington County Pop Warner	2004 Ryan McDermott Hamilton Pop Warner	2000 Bassil Salmon East Windsor PAL
2012 Will James Hamilton PAL	2006 Connor McElwee, West Windsor Wildcats	2003 James Bea Hillsborough Dukes	1999 Robert Damiano Hamilton Pop Warner
2011 Kyle Liedtka Hamilton Pop Warner		2002 Marc Zamarin Hillsborough Dukes	1998 Ryan Biolsi Flemington Pop Warner
2010 Carson Vey Hopewell Valley Pop Warner			1997 Jason Auletta Hamilton Pop Warner
2009 Harvey E. Butler III, WW-P Pop Warner			1996 Michael Taylor Hamilton Pop Warner



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HANK JOHNS COACH OF THE YEAR TODD SMITH • HUN SCHOOL

Todd Smith has accomplished quite a lot during his 11 seasons on the sidelines at West Windsor-Plainsboro South, Hopewell Valley, and The Hun School. He began his head coaching career with nine straight wins, was the offensive coordinator for a state champion, and his players have set numerous school and county records.

But he had never coached an undefeated season – until last fall. Under Smith's guidance, Hun was the only team in the area to win all of its games, and the Delaware Valley Chapter is proud to present him with this year's Hank Johns Coach of the Year Award.

After a successful eight-year run at WW-P South and a one-year stint as OC during Hopewell Valley's state championship run, Smith has created a juggernaut in two years at Hun. The Raiders went 7-1 and won the MAPL title in Smith's first year, but were even better in 2015.

Anchored by a dominant defense, Hun outscored its opponents, 310-46, en route to an 8-0 record and another MAPL championship. The Raiders had two relatively close nonconference wins vs. Poly Prep (16-0) and Canada Prep (12-9) before running roughshod through its five MAPL rivals. Their closest MAPL game was a 28-12 win against Blair Academy and they ended the season with convincing routs of Lawrenceville (36-0), Peddie (40-13) and Mercersburg (62-0). They posted three shutouts and scored 28 points or more in six games.

The perfect campaign raised Smith's coaching record to 78-23 and the two conference championships at Hun join the six division titles earned at WW-P South as team successes. As impressive as the wins and losses are, however, is Smith's ability to produce record-setting performances and players who have earned lofty accolades and competed at the collegiate level.



While at WW-P South, Smith coached the all-time leading passer (Connor Farrell) and rusher (Brian Schoenauer) in Mercer County history and five of his players earned 12th Man TD Club Player of the Year honors. In the past two seasons, Smith has coached two 12th Man TD Club Prep Players of the Year and one Prep Lineman of the Year. In total, Smith has coached 48 players who have played college football. Three of his former players (Ryan Lupo – 2006, Chris Evans – 2011, Brian Schoenauer – 2012) were also top scholarship winners at the Scholar-Leader-Athlete Awards Dinner and Smith was a recipient of the Hank Johns Coach of the Year Award after his debut season in 2005.

Smith, who starred on the gridiron at Hunterdon Central and The College of New Jersey, actually experienced more success away from the football field in 2015 – perfect season and all. First, he married his wife Jennifer, who played soccer at Lawrence High and Seton Hall University, and the couple welcomed their first child, Grayson, in September.

Past Hank Johns Memorial Coach of the Year Recipients

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

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CONTRIBUTION TO YOUTH FOOTBALL FRED DUNPHY



Fred Dunphy began his involvement with the youth football leagues in Florence as a volunteer coach returning to his roots in the Florence Pop Warner program. He did this for seven years before joining the staff of legendary Florence High coach, Joe Frappolli. Filing many roles and always keeping the game he loved close. He worked with the high school staff after many long days as a landscaper, hardscraper and irrigation specialist and still finding time for his wife Gina and three small children.

Then in 2011 with his daughter Isabella ready to become a cheerleader in the youth league and sons, Michael and John Paul ready to don the blue and gold Dunphy again took on the task of a head coach in the youth program.

“As an outstanding player for Florence High and alumnus he goes above and beyond in his actions and deeds,” said Frappolli, of Dunphy, his son-in-law. “When we talk to our high school players about caring for other people and dedication to others in need and giving back to the community, Fred epitomizes that attitude. We are truly blessed to have people like him involved in our program. He is the real deal as to giving of oneself.”

It was that unselfish, kids and community first, attitude that saw Dunphy elected president of the Florence Township Youth Football & Cheer Association in 2013. Seeing the decline in football and cheer registration numbers and the dramatic affect that technology was having on the kids Dunphy began strategizing and he recruited a new board to begin working with parents and coaches to change the struggling program.

Dedicating valuable time to meet with various leagues to find the best fit for the Florence kids he brought them to the West Jersey Youth Football League. It has now been a three-year relationship that, thanks to the efforts of Dunphy, continues to grow stronger. “Fred and his wife, Gina’s commitment to the young people is invaluable,” said Frappolli. “As a volunteer the time he spends in all facets of the youth football program words can’t describe. I’m amazed at his dedication, energy level and loyalty. He spends countless hours in something he truly loves and believes in.” It is that love and belief that has Dunphy meeting year round with the board and the coaches to create ideas to enhance the program and keep pride blooming in Florence.

Under his leadership, new uniforms were purchased, the concession stand was renovated and partnerships were forged with Chick-fil-A and other businesses to sell many food items. Local clinics are being held and the organization is a vital part of any town event, including participating in the town parade. Dunphy is always making sure flyers are being distributed to keep the interest at a high level and each year a banquet is held to honor and recognize the kids that cheer and play football. He is always donating his time – and equipment – to seed, water and manage the local fields rather than having to outsource the funds.

Dunphy brought back the Annual Youth Football Community Bocci Ball Tournament that was held by the Italian Club. Dunphy also provided work and his equipment to the American Legion Post 194 to restore their grounds. He has also begun a golf tournament to help defray the cost of the youth programs.

Dunphy is a special person giving back to the community and never asking anything in return, but the youth of Florence learn the value of faith, family, Florence pride and a strong sense of community involvement.

Fred and Gina along with their children, Isabella (14), Michael (11) and John Paul (10) are what Florence pride is all about.



Past Contribution to Youth Football Award Recipients

2014	Scott Stanton	2009	Fiore Masci	2005	Paul Sumners	2001	Greg Neiderman
2013	Jim O'Rourke	2008	Charles "Chuck" Moon	2004	John Knapp	2000	Cindy Allen
2012	Terrance Stokes	2007	Mike Brodock	2003	Paul Fletcher	1999	Bud Ralston
2011	Jon Butler	2006	Dennis Todd	2002	Mark Clements	1998	Ferguson Reaves
2010	Andrew Aromando					1997	Henry Cole

EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER AWARD STEVE RODENBECK

As the recipient of the inaugural Eunice Kennedy Shriver Award, Steve Rodenbeck, embodies the spirit of Special Olympics on and off the field. His leadership in the community, on the field, and in his workplace represent the power that Special Olympics athletes have to impact those in their everyday lives.

A Special Olympics New Jersey Athlete for close to 20 years, Steve has been involved in Special Olympics New Jersey's Flag Football program since the inception of the sport in 2007. A proud member of Team New Jersey's Flag Football team during the 2010 USA Games in Lincoln, Nebraska, Steve lead his teammates to a bronze medal. The first ever in the sport of Flag Football.

Steve is a 2007 graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University with a 3.7 GPA, achieving a Phi Omega Epsilon Award for distinguished academic performance. He parlayed his education into full time employment with TD Bank, where he has worked as the Conference Center Coordinator at TD Bank's New Jersey headquarters. In 2015, Steve was recognized by TD Bank with a WOW award, an honor given to TD employees for "catching employees doing right" in their everyday.

In the community Steve is an active member in a number of volunteer opportunities inside and outside of Special Olympics New Jersey. Volunteering as a Global Messenger for Special Olympics in which he goes out on behalf of the organization to speak on a number of initiatives within the community. He is currently serving as Chairperson for the Athlete Congress, the governing body representing Special Olympics New Jersey athlete's interest. Outside of Special Olympics, Steve is active with the Garden State Champions Lions Club where he serves as Vice President and head of the Fundraising committee.



Steve is the type of individual that the Delaware Valley Chapter wants to recognize. He is a believer in giving back and that we all have that responsibility in our community. He is a person that impacts the lives of others, just as the opportunities that Flag Football and Special Olympics have provided to him. The Chapter is proud to partner with Special Olympics New Jersey and start the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Award, and proud to have Steve Rodenbeck be the first recipient.



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NICK GUSZ GOOD GUY AWARD DAVID S. MCWILLIAM



During the 2015 year, the Chapter lost another long time founding member when Nick Gusz, the former Athletic Director at The Lawrenceville School, passed away. Well known for his many anecdotes and plaid jackets, Nick served as the emcee and toastmaster for the Chapter Scholar-Leader-Athlete dinner for over 30 years. His sense of humor and understanding of the game made for many delightful events. It is in his honor that the Delaware Valley Chapter recognizes an individual who represents all the attributes of a Nick Gusz-passion, participation, understanding and humor, all things that make for a "Good Guy".

David S. McWilliam has a long relationship with the game of football. A 3 year starter at fullback and linebacker for the Kearny High School football team, he had an outstanding career being named MVP and captain in his senior year. After starting on the State Group 4 championship baseball team, he took his talents to Montclair State, where he was a three year starter and Captain his senior year. Dave's successful career as a student-athlete was capped off with his induction into the Kearney High School Athletic Hall of Fame. And now the real story begins!

Dave began his teaching and coaching career in 1977 at Steinert High School. Fast forward thirty nine years and we recognize a terrific person for being a big part of the Delaware Valley athletic arena. During that time, Dave transitioned from the classroom and the field into the Athletic Director's chair at Steinert. From that position, he moved up into school administration taking over as a Vice Principal at Reynolds Middle School and Nottingham High School, staying very active helping to promote healthy activities of his students through athletics. His next move was to Principal at Grice Middle School before finally settling into the position that best suited his talents, the proud Principal at Hamilton West High School. His influence on the staff, students and the athletic program was immediate-hard work, competitive programs and good sportsmanship.

Currently, Dave serves as the Student Life Administrator at Notre Dame High School, where he continues to influence students with their academic, athletic and career choices. He is still a visible sight at games, and remains active in the community. He has been honored by the NJSIAA for his service on numerous committees, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National PTA and by the Wilson Center in Hamilton Township for Outstanding Community Service. For all he has done for the Chapter in all his various roles, it is with great pride that David S. McWilliam is the inaugural recipient of the Nick Gusz Good Guy Award.

Past Jack Millard Memorial Football Official Award Recipients

2014	Scott Heiser	2009	Joe Shaw	1997	Merckle Cherry	1985	Jack Watro
2013	Tom Carr	2008	Raymond F. Stupienski III	1996	Larry Gunnell	1984	Paul Chopko
2012	Greg Bellotti	2007	Jim Wilno, Jr.	1995	Barry Cicale	1983	John Zorzi
2011	George Wah	2006	Ed Harris	1994	Tom Considine	1982	Al Fullman
2010	James S. Moscarell	2005	Karl "Tinker" Johnston	1993	Jim Wilno, Sr.	1981	Vince Boccanfuso
		2004	John Welling III	1992	Angelo Giambelluca	1980	Jack Millard
		2003	Troy Stephenson	1991	John Terry	1979	George Wah
		2002	Al Verdel	1990	John Sheets	1978	Norm Van Arsdalen
		2001	Vince Boccanfuso	1989	Byron Crammer	1977	Chuck Schroeder
		2000	Tim Teel	1988	Ernie Coluccio	1976	Jake Bartolino
		1999	Jim Cleary	1987	Ron Hoehn	1975	Sam Cortina
		1998	Tom McCreesh	1986	Jim Wilno, Jr.	1974	Tony Mascherin



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TONY PERSICILLI MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD **GEORGE O'GORMAN**

It has been a sports writing career that began over 50 years ago and has touched many lives in so many ways.

George began his career with the Burlington County Times back in the early 60's and he covered many of the legends of county football including, Bill Gordon, Franco Harris, Dave Robinson, George Masters and many of the memorable Florence teams of Joe Papp.

Right from the start it was easy to see that O'Gorman was a workaholic, as he'd cover two and three events in a day. While, it might be perceived that his workload would diminish the finished product nothing could be farther from the truth.

From the first story to those of today George always goes above and beyond to get the job done and get it done right.

There was a time when he worked for both Trenton papers. He'd work for one on a Friday night covering football and then for the other at a Saturday game.

Football and in particular the New York Giants have been a passion of his for years and for many years he covered the Giants, including their Super Bowl victories.

Around 1968 O'Gorman became a full-time writer for the Trenton Times and with began a great run as one of the most respected most admired and most loved sportswriters in the Mercer County Area.

He stayed with the Times until 1976 when the late sportswriter Jim Davis lured George to The Trentonian. And as they say the rest is history as to this day he is still turning our stories for The Trentonian.

George was also a feared lineman in the Mercer County Flag Football league for many years.

Blessed with an amazing memory of players and games gone by O'Gorman is a walking encyclopedia of the history of high school sports in the entire state. Possessing a great knowledge of all sports, he has been lead high school football writer at the Trentonian for many years and whether it was keeping stats, writing features about a player or a coach, or just covering games his name became synonymous with high school football.

He has given much more than time and great reporting to the athletes and coaches of Mercer County and has been set the standard high for covering high school sports in the state and he is a true legend in Delaware Valley sports.

George resides in Hamilton with his wife, Eileen.





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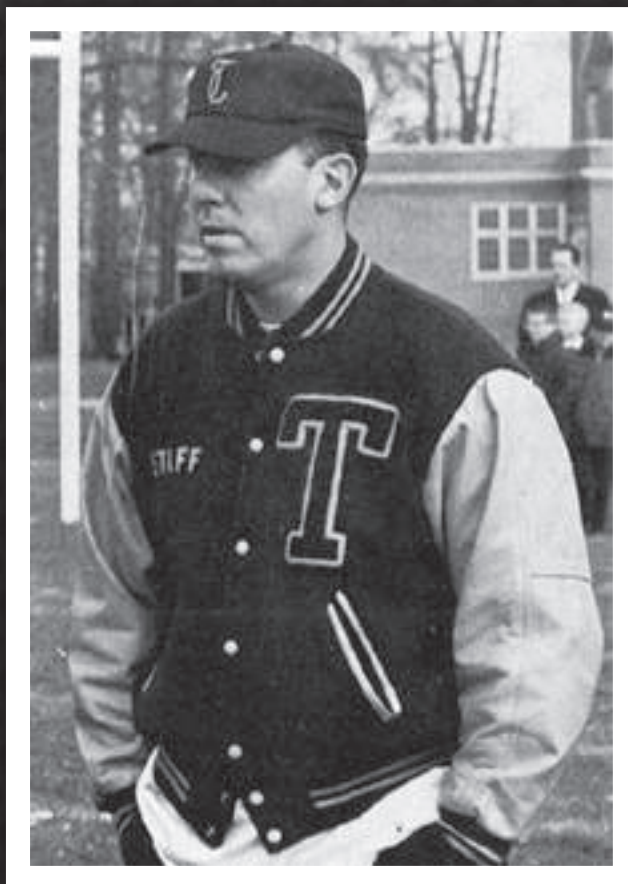
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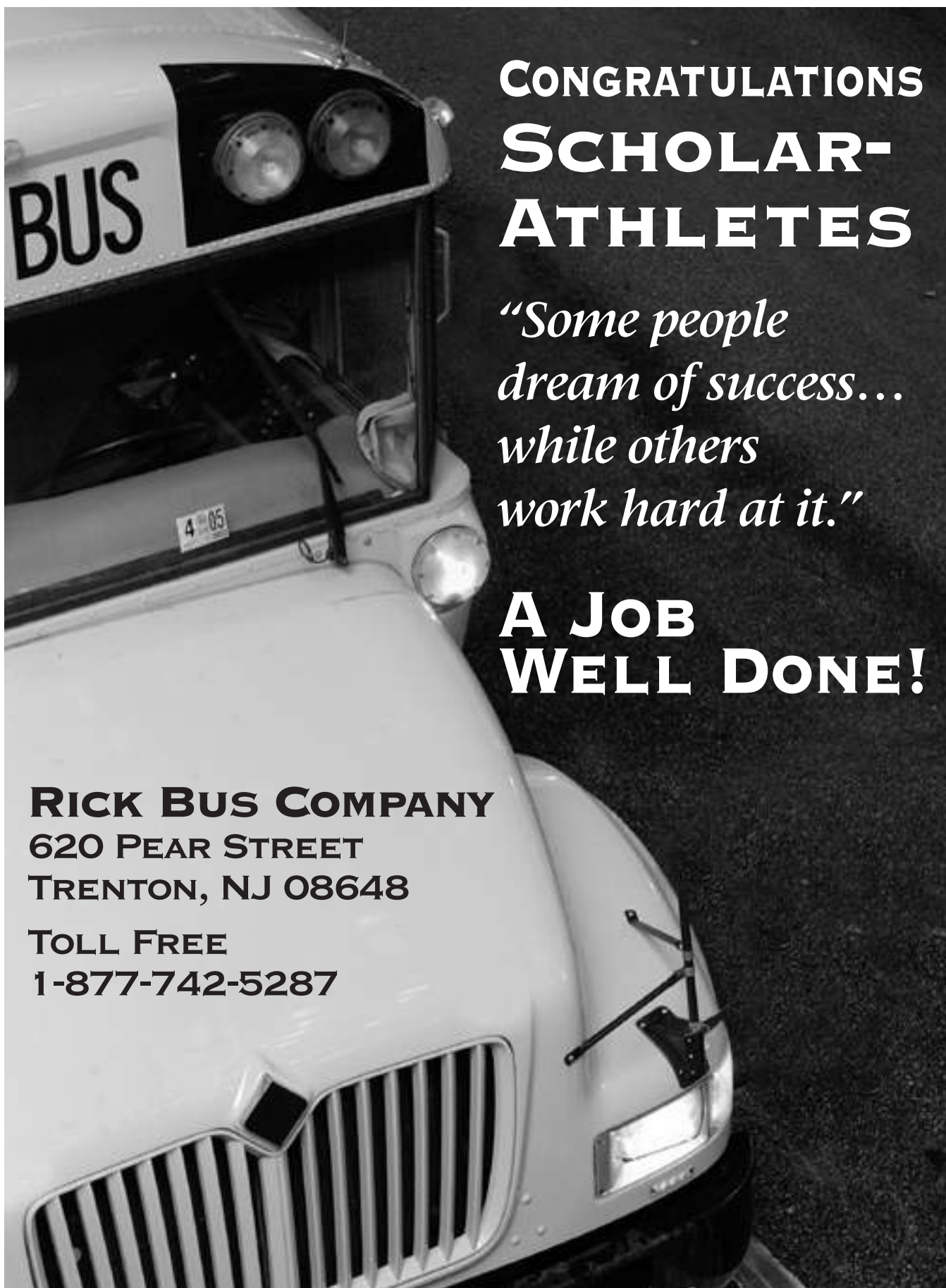
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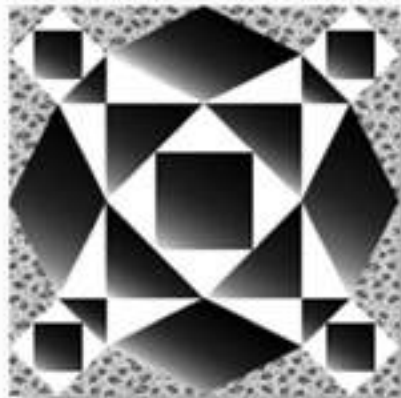
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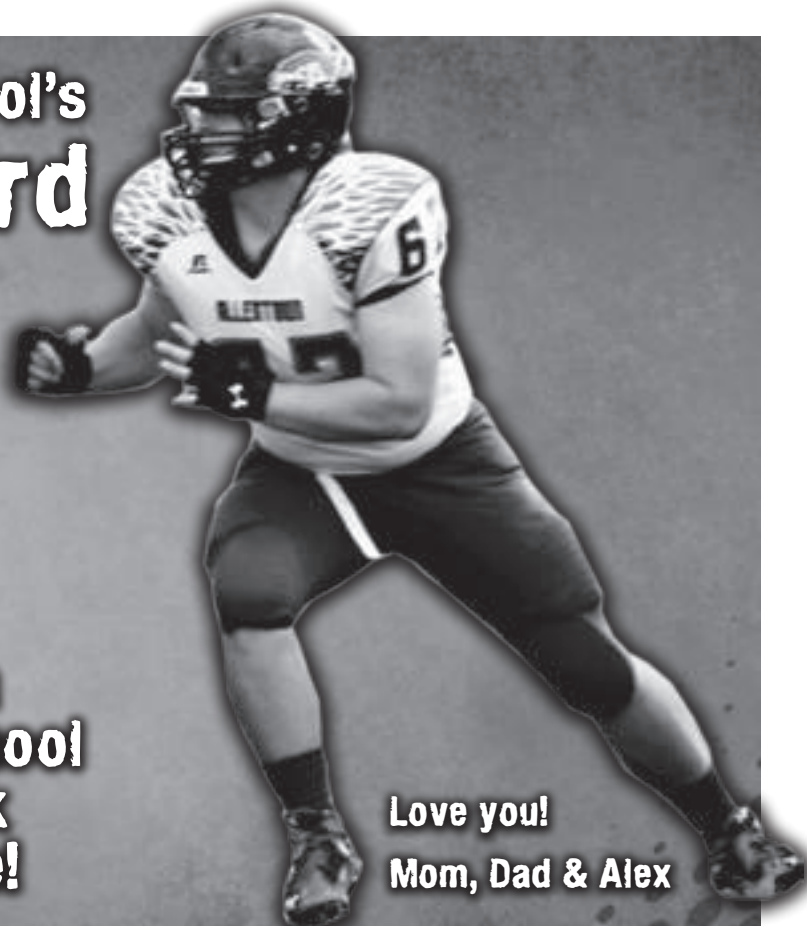
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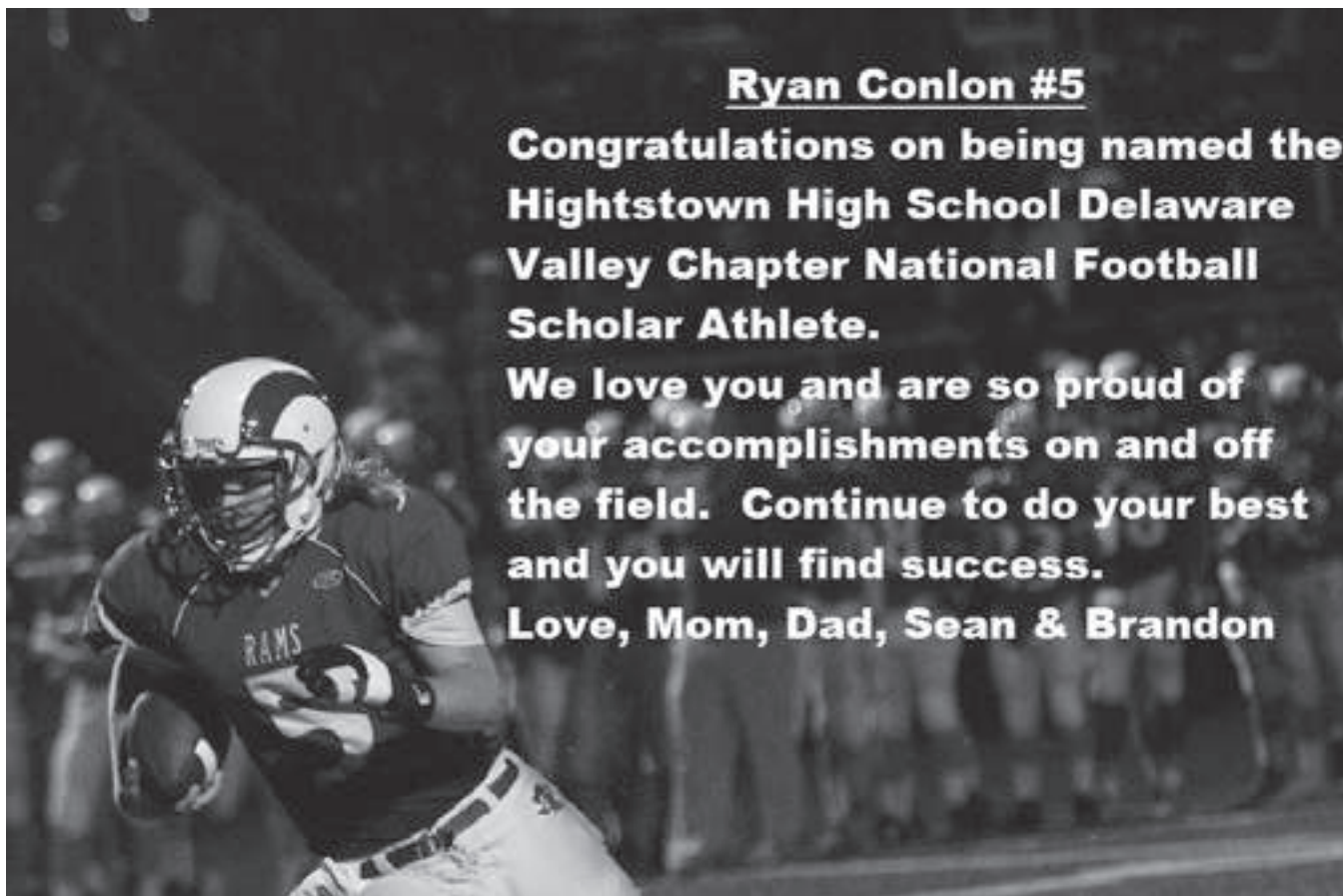


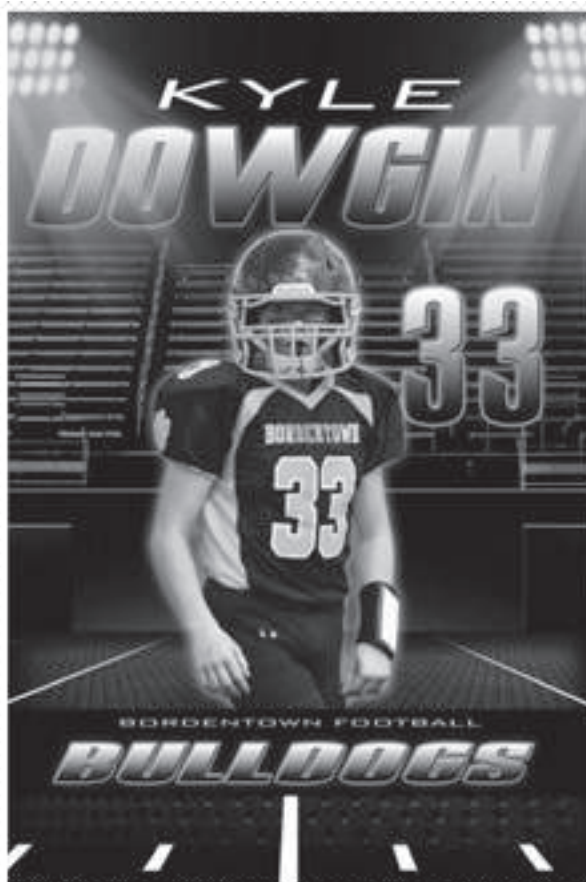
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ABOUT THEM AFTER THE FACT...AND WATCHING THE CLIPS THAT I COULD. YOU'VE GONE
FROM VERY LITTLE FB KNOWLEDGE, TO BEING ONE OF THE BEST OFFENSIVE LINEMAN IN
THE AREA. YOUR HARD WORK IN THE CLASSROOM AND WITH THE BOY SCOUTS, AND EVEN
WITH THE WOOD CHOPPING ENTERPRISE JUST GOES TO SHOW YOUR VERSATILITY, INTER-
ESTS, AND COMMITMENT ARE WIDE RANGING...AND REMINDS ME MUCH OF MYSELF AT THE
SAME AGE. I ONLY WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN AROUND TO EXPERIENCE MORE OF IT WITH
YOU. GOOD LUCK WITH COLLEGE BALL, AND YOU CAN GUARANTEE I'LL MAKE IT TO THOSE
GAMES!

**I LOVE YOU...I AM PROUD OF YOU....
AND I KNOW YOU WILL GO ON TO DO GREAT THINGS.**



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OF ALL YOU'VE
ACCOMPLISHED.

WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
ALL YOUR FUTURE
WILL BRING.

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