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Jared Mazzetta
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2017 Scholar-Leader-Athlete Awards Dinner

ROBERT F. CASCIOLA DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARD MICHAEL J. RENNA



Michael J. Renna grew up in West Windsor, NJ and is a graduate of WWPHS (South). Football is in his blood. His father, Gene, was a two-year starter and Academic All-American for Rutgers in the mid 1960's. His younger brother, Jim, was a multi-year starter and 1st Team All-Ivy at Princeton in the early 1990's. Mike was one of the nation's most talented defensive linemen during his time with Delaware from 1986-89. He was a 2-time, 1st Team All-American, 1st Team ECAC- All-East and All-Yankee Conference. Mike was also a Walter Payton Award finalist his senior year and elected to the University of Delaware Hall of Fame in 2008. Both his sons competed at Hun with the oldest, Chris, now a tight end for Lehigh University and his brother, Brett, heading off next fall to play lacrosse at Franklin and Marshall.

The Renna's have become the "first family" of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation. Mike is the fourth member of his family to be honored by the Chapter; his father was the 1990 Distinguished American recipient, his brother Jim received the Ed Cook Scholarship in 1989 as the Scholar Leader Athlete for West

Windsor, and Mike's son Chris was recognized last year as Hun's Scholar Leader Athlete.

After graduating from the University of Delaware in 1990 with an undergraduate degree in Finance, Mike went on to play professional football for three seasons, from 1991-93, including stints in the World Football League, Arena League and in the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles. The highlight of Mike's career was his time as the starting defensive end for the 1991 World League Champion London Monarchs. The team went 11-1, capturing the first World League championship with a win over the Barcelona Dragons in historic Wembley Stadium.

After hanging up his cleats, Mike received his master's degree in Business Administration from Cornell University. After graduation, he spent two years at M&T Bank before joining South Jersey Industries in 1998. Over the next 15 years Mike held various leadership positions at SJI before being named President and COO in 2014. The following year he was named CEO.

Mike Renna is a committed individual. He has used his talents and has worked hard to achieve success. He is a role model that continues to give back to the game and to our community. He represents what the National Football Foundation stands for: taking lessons learned on the field and in the classroom and using them to build a successful career and a strong family. Currently, Mike resides in Mount Laurel, NJ with his wife, Christina and their three children. Athletics remain a huge part of their lives and whether it's watching their daughter compete in field hockey and lacrosse games or watching the boys football or lacrosse games, you can guarantee they'll be there cheering... loudly.



Past Distinguished American Award Recipients

2017 Richard Freeman	2006 Marc Edenzon	1996 Tim Losch	1986 Albert DiMartin	1976 Royce Flippin
2015 Bernard M. Flynn	2005 Cathy DiCostanzo	1995 Bob Prunetti	1985 Robert Casciola	1975 Crosby Copeland
2014 Jeff Perlman	2004 Christy Stephenson	1994 Bill Granville	1984 Roy Schleicher	1974 Al Neuschafer
2013 Jesse Armstead	2003 Sen. Peter Inverso	1993 Cosmo Iacavazzi	1983 Jake McCandless	1973 Dr. Joseph Zawadsky
2012 Frank J. Lucchesi	2002 Patrick L. Ryan	1992 George Chandler	1982 Earl H. Dean	1972 R. Kenneth Fairman
2011 Eric Hamilton	2001 Maurice Perilli	1991 Alfred Bridges	1981 William Pierce	1971 Sen. Richard Coffee
2010 Richard P Lisk	2000 Jay Destribats	1990 Eugene A. Renna	1980 Nicholas Gusz	1970 Bert Gulick, Jr.
2009 Glenn K. Rieth	1999 William Faherty	1989 Len Rivers	1979 William McGuire	1969 Robert Cox
2008 Kelly Myers	1998 Thomas Bracken	1988 Capt. Harry Masterson	1978 Richard Landis	1968 James Kerney, Jr
2007 Chris Vernon	1997 Win Headley	1987 Lawrence Tiihoonen	1977 Francis McManimon	Fred Schluter
				1967 Don Ehret

CONTRIBUTION TO AMATEUR FOOTBALL

DAN KLIM

Dan Klim hasn't scored a touchdown or made a game-saving tackle, but the Lawrence High graduate and current East Windsor resident has contributed plenty to the game of football.

As a young athlete, Klim excelled on the baseball field. As an adult professional, Klim is helping athletes on all playing field, including the football field.

Klim is the Executive Director of the American Physical Therapy Association of New Jersey, a professional organization representing the physical therapists and physical therapist assistants of New Jersey. The professional association made up of nearly 3,000 physical therapy professionals whose strive to transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience.

The work of Klim and his organization has made great strides in the area of brain injuries to athletes. He is a member of the "Lead New Jersey" Class of 2018, a highly select program which fosters and enhances a robust network of informed and prepared leaders who work to make New Jersey a better place to live and work. Klim is a sitting member of the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey's Concussion in Youth Sports Committee and an advisory member to the New Jersey Council on Physical Fitness & Sports.

Klim holds a Master of Science Degree in Management from Thomas Edison State University in Trenton where he graduated with honors and a Bachelor's degree from Rowan University. Before transferring, he spent his first two collegiate years at Mercer County Community College as a student-athlete playing baseball and working in the Athletic Department.

In 1996, he was a member of the Mercer Baseball team that played for a national championship at USA Stadium in Millington, TN. One of Dan's first mentors out of college was Richard W. Case, who founded USA Baseball in 1978 and for whom the USA Baseball "Player of the Year" Award is currently named for.



He began his professional career developing global sports competitions and worked in the Pop Warner National Office. He has previously worked for an international health care society, medical society and was also part of the stadium suites operations team at Giants Stadium (1998-2010) in East Rutherford.

Dan currently lives in East Windsor with his wife Robyn, a school district administrator and their two children, Jordan (11) and Gracie (9). He is a volunteer coach of the East Windsor Blue Demons U12 baseball club and a fan of the EW U9 Wildcats girls soccer and Warriors lacrosse team.

Past Contribution to Amateur Football Award Recipients

2016 Ken Fisher	2003 Vince Reed	1991 Roger Hendler	1979 Ed Cook
2015 Dr. William Gomez	2002 Scott Brunner	1990 George Sperling	1978 Jack Stephan
2014 John Law	2001 Sam Jefferis	1989 Ed Farley	1977 Steve Muench
2013 Rob Radice	2000 Troy Vincent	1988 Burtis "Bunker" Hill	1976 Dr. Paul Checbro
2012 Rich Fisher	1999 Wes Kirkpatrick	1987 Joseph Fruscione	1975 Jack Petrone
2011 Paul "Bones" Vichroski	1998 David "Poppy" Sanderson	1986 John Morris	1974 Fred Holmes
2010 John D. McKenna	1997 Ron Rick, Jr.	1985 Eric Hamilton	1973 Roy Van Ness
2009 Steven J. Timko	1996 The Santuzza Oilers	1984 Jack Rafferty	1972 John Gorman
2008 Tom Murray	1995 Tony Persichilli	1983 Ron Rick	1971 Robert Sinkler
2007 Jim Fisher	1994 Harley Gaskill/Fred Stives	1982 Harold "Bus" Saidt	1970 Pete Morgan
2006 Jim Griffin	1993 Bob Jaroni	1981 Ken Kueffel	1969 Fred Schluter
2005 John Curtis	1992 Edward Naylor	1980 George O'Gorman	1968 Ed Zanfrini
2004 Steve Gazdek			

2017 Scholar-Leader-Athlete Awards Dinner

PAST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Year	Winner	School	College	Award
2016	Richard Mottram	Allentown	Bucknell	\$5,000
	Isaiah Wingfield	Lawrenceville	Harvard	\$2,500
	Taylor Twamley	Robbinsville	Penn State	\$1,500
2015	Thomier Richardson	Trenton	Gettysburg	\$1,500
	CJ Markisz	WWP-North	Bowdoin	\$5,000
	Frank Lucchesi	Steinert	Muhlenberg	\$2,500
2014	Xavier Lezynski	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	\$1,500
	Michael Curry	Allentown	Johns Hopkins	\$5,000
	Brady Hudik	Bordentown	Wagner	\$2,500
2013	Micheal Whittington	Trenton	Georgetown	\$1,500
	Matt Semple	Hopewell	Elon	\$1,500
	Nicholas DeMarie	Nottingham	Pennsylvania	\$5,000
2012	Sam Follansbee	North Hunterdon	Pennsylvania	\$2,500
	Kurt Frimel	New Egypt	Cornell	\$2,500
	Brian Schoenauer	WWP-South	Pennsylvania	\$5,000
2011	Jadaen Bernstein	Voorhees	US Naval Academy Preparatory School	\$2,500
	Nick Palladino	Allentown	Muhlenberg	\$2,500
	Chris Evans	WWP-South	Harvard	\$5,000
2010	Richard Levy	Trenton	University of Connecticut	\$2,500
	J. Walker Kirby	Lawrenceville	Harvard	\$2,500
	Ross Scheuerman	Allentown	Lafayette	\$5,000
2009	Matt Berry	North Hunterdon	Johns Hopkins	\$2,500
	Bradford Bormann	Hunterdon Central	Lafayette	\$5,000
	Douglas Bryant	Princeton	University of Michigan	\$2,500
2008	Sean Eccles	Allentown	Ramapo	\$2,500
	Anthony Russ	Lawrence	Harvard	\$5,000
	Brian Reilly	Peddie	Harvard	\$2,500
2007	Jeffrey Riemann	WWP-South	Williams	\$2,500
	Daniel Fitzsimmons	Hunterdon Central	Princeton	\$5,000
	Andrew Bourassa	Delaware Valley	Cornell	\$2,500
2006	Douglas Borchert	Princeton	Lafayette	\$2,000
	Eldred Richards	WWP-South	Albany	\$2,000
	Ryan Lupo	WWP-South	Williams	\$5,000
2005	Joshua Scassero	Florence	Stockton	\$2,500
	Nick Lezynski	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	\$2,500
	Imaniborn Etukeren	Lawrenceville	Arizona State	\$5,000
2004	David Blitzer	Princeton Day	Williams	\$2,500
	Gabriel C. Plumer	Delaware Valley	Johns Hopkins	\$2,500
	Andrew Riexinger	Notre Dame	TCNJ	\$5,000
2003	Vincent G. Giacalone	Princeton	Carnegie Mellon	\$2,500
	Matthew Ordog	Florence	Muhlenberg	\$2,500
	Brian Raike	Ewing	Pennsylvania	\$5,000
2002	David Mosteller	Princeton	Wesleyan	\$3,500
	Brian Waller	Hightstown	Coast Guard	\$2,500
	Robert Toresco	Hunterdon Central	Princeton	\$5,000
2001	Stephen Ordog	Florence	Ursinus	\$3,500
	Jay Graber	Notre Dame	Hofstra	\$1,250
	JT Hutchinson	WWP-South	Pennsylvania	\$1,250
2000	Alexander Brun	Hamilton	Rutgers	\$5,000
	Charles Nagy	Bordentown	Wagner	\$3,500
	Jonathon Johnston	Peddie	US Naval Academy	\$2,500
1999	Jason Vida	Pennsbury	William & Mary	\$5,000
	Joe Crupi	Hamilton	US Marine Corps	\$3,500
	John Brodowski	Bordentown	Muhlenburg	\$2,500
1998	Matthew Krantz	Allentown	Wake Forest	\$2,000
	Brian Lyons	Hamilton	Post Grad	\$5,000
	Isaac Bethea	Trenton	Pennsylvania	\$3,500
1997	Adam Allen	Nottingham	Lafayette	\$2,500
	Alex Wade	Council Rock	Duke	\$5,000
	Jamal Lundy	Florence	Lehigh	\$3,500
1996	Adrian Wall	Lawrenceville	Harvard	\$2,500
	Mike Azzara	Lawrence	Middlebury	\$5,000
	Brian White	Hamilton	Villanova	\$3,500
1995	Dave Czehut	North Burlington	Princeton	\$2,500
	Buck Adams	Hightstown	West Point	\$5,000
	Brett Martz	North Burlington	Pennsylvania	\$3,500
1994	Don Povia	Nottingham	Monmouth	\$2,500

2017 Scholar-Leader-Athlete Awards Dinner

PAST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (CONTINUED)

Year	Winner	School	College	Award
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 Vannozi	Notre Dame	Johns Hopkins	\$3,500
	Rick Dittman	Pennsbury	Brown	\$1,500
1993	Matt Rader	Pennsbury	Duke	\$5,000
	Ian Halpern	Princeton Day	Brown	\$2,500
	Dan Schramek	Council Rock	Penn State	\$1,500
1992	Ricky Durst	Pennington	Middlebury	\$5,000
	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
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	\$1,300
	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		1962	Pat Ryan	Notre Dame
1972	Harold Brown	Lawrence	Ed Shirk				
	Stuart Gordon	Lawrenceville	Ken Keuffel				

HISTORY OF THE 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 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 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.

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’ Saitt 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.

THE 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 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*

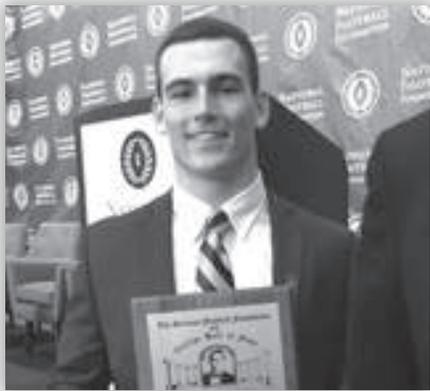
He doesn’t necessarily have to be involved in every club or program at his school, but he should have a well-rounded approach to his extracurricular activities. He doesn’t have to be the president of his class, but he should be a leader, someone who is looked up to. He doesn’t have to be the most popular 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.

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION





MAX BOYLE ALLENTOWN

Max Boyle is the kind of player and young man who helps great programs stay great. He might not grab all the headlines. But he's a team leader, he plays all over the field, does the right things off it, and excels in the classroom.

A two-year starter – including a key role for the 2016 Central Jersey Group 4 champions – Max helped Allentown make it back to the playoffs yet again.

“He shows relentless pursuit to get to his goals and there is no denying him,” head coach Jay Graber said. “Max is one of the main reasons our program enjoyed the best four-year stretch in team history. Coaching Max has been a fantastic experience. His leadership, drive, sacrifice, and determination are some of the main reasons (for our success).”

Max has excelled in a variety of areas at Allentown. He has a strong honor roll track record in the classroom and appeared in the district art show on multiple occasions while in high school. Max has also received an Academic Achievement Award for his skill in drafting.

Athletically, he has been involved in the school's winter track program as well as the baseball team in the spring. Max takes pride in his ability to be a well rounded member of the student body at Allentown, and works on the district's buildings and grounds crew in the summer. He also works at the Saint John's Roman Catholic Church.

“Max always carries himself like a gentleman,” Graber said. “Everyone who comes across him glows about what a stand up young man he is.”



MAX BRUNO WWP SOUTH

Skip Edwards has been coaching long enough that there are very few “firsts” for the veteran WW-P South head coach. Max Bruno provided him with one.

The unquestioned leader of the Pirates' football team, Bruno was named the team's unanimous captain heading into the 2017 season. With good reason. Bruno was a do-everything on offense, where he was the team's quarterback, and on defense, where he called the team's signals from his spot at outside linebacker.

“Max was really a 48-minute player,” Edwards said. “The only time he came off the field is when we were returning punts.”

A leader off the field, Max shows the same qualities in the classroom, where he's one of the top students in the graduating class at WW-P South. Even more, he brings the same energy to his classes that he does to the gridiron.

“When working in groups, Max always makes sure that everyone is participating and has a task to complete,” history teacher Matt Coburn said. “It is here where his kindness shows through the most, for whenever anyone works with Max, he makes it his job to see that they all understand what needs to be done.”

Max is heavily involved in the community away from school, specifically as a coach with the Special Olympics of New Jersey, where he helps with a variety of sports. The winner of the WW-P South football team's “Heart and Soul” award, Bruno was a first-team, all-division selection and a Mini Maxwell Award winner.

“Max is a leader,” Coburn said. “His mature nature allows him to participate and discuss topics at an in-depth and intellectual level.”



NOAH CASTOR EWING

Noah Castor has been a star on Parkway Avenue for years – on and off the field.

Castor is known for his work on the field. The team's Most Valuable Player in 2017, Noah led the team in tackles, was a top player at linebacker, defensive end, and tight end, and was a first-team, all-Valley Division selection.

"Noah epitomizes what it means to be a Ewing High School Blue Devil football player," head coach Drew Besler said. "His constant hustle and extensive work in the weight room and the practice field always made Noah exceptional compared to his peers."

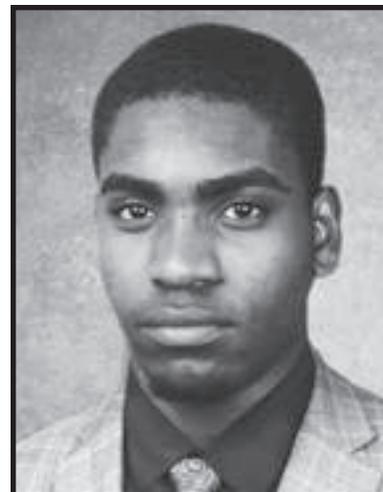
Noah's hard work in the classroom also epitomizes when Besler wants his football players to be. Castor earned the team's Scholar Athlete Award, named for Dr. Gary Keel, and awarded to the player with the highest GPA.



"Noah has become a model student at Ewing High," Besler said. "In addition to his studies, Noah has been involved in multiple service outings. He is an assiduous student who possesses a strong intellectual ability. It is his mature, sophisticated nature that keeps him focused in the classroom and unaffected by any distractions that may arise."

As Noah intends to be an Aerospace Engineer, it can be said that he is, indeed, smart enough to be a rocket scientist. There is no doubt he brings impeccable credentials to the next level.

"Any institute of higher learning would be benefited by (Noah)," Besler said. "The sky is the limit for someone who exhibits as much character as he does talent. He will leave his mark wherever he decides to attend."



ADAM CONYER PEDDIE

Adam Conyer won't soon be forgotten in the Peddie community.

"I can honestly say I've never met anyone like him," head coach Chris Malleo said. "Adam brings joy, humor, and an indefatigable attitude to all he undertakes. Nobody who meets Adam Conyer quickly forgets him. That includes everyone from opponents to teachers to classmates to referees to the people who serve him lunch daily in the cafeteria."

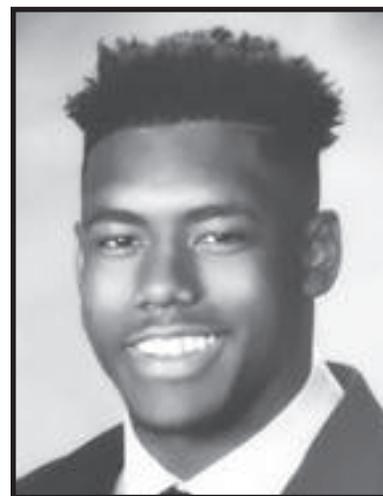
Before the season, Conyer was ranked as the best outside linebacker in New Jersey. He showed why during the 2017 campaign, leading the Falcons to a share of the Mid-Atlantic Prep League championship and completing the transformation of the school's football team into an area power.

He led both on and off the field. An injury sidelined Conyer for the first part of the season, but he still managed to make a huge influence as team captain, pushing others to achieve. He returned for the stretch run and was his usual hard-hitting, dominating force.



Accepted into the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, Conyer also led in the classroom. He excelled in Peddie's rigorous academic atmosphere, led Peddie's offseason lifting program, served in the youth choir at his church in Willingboro, and participated as a volunteer with the Special Olympics of New Jersey.

Adam has played piano competitively for a decade and runs his own sneaker business during the week. "Adam Conyer is a special young man who has earned every opportunity he has been presented," Malleo said. "I am proud to call myself his coach, and I am a better man having had the opportunity to work with him the last three years."





DAN DARGAN NOTRE DAME

Dan Dargan transferred into Notre Dame as a junior and it didn't take long for him to make his presence felt. "Once he stepped foot on campus, there was no question about Dan's character or what his role in the program was going to be," head coach Marc Lordi said. "Dan brought his determined work ethic and academic prowess with him and has been progressing in all aspects of life ever since. As a coach, I am proud to have had the opportunity to coach Dan and wish that I was able to have him in my program longer."

Dargan has made up for lost time at Notre Dame by immersing himself in the school's culture. A star linebacker and the team's Most Valuable Player on defense, Dan is also a top wrestler and member of the school's baseball program.

He volunteers for Special Olympics and Best Buddies and tutors students in Spanish at the high school. Dan is part of the school's My Brother's Keeper Club, as well as the Shades Club and Ultimate Frisbee Club. Dargan was inducted into the National Society of High School Scholars in his sophomore year.

"Dan barely left the playing field for all 10 of our games during his senior year," said Lordi, who noted Dargan was a stalwart on the offensive line and special teams as well. "Many times, younger players would look to Dan for guidance during the heat of the moment of an intense practice, or late in the fourth quarter of a close game.

"Dan remained resolute in times of chaos," Lordi said. "His character always shined through as an example for the rest of the team."



JACK DEMARESKI HOPEWELL VALLEY

Jack Demareski was a leader for Hopewell Valley head coach Dave Caldwell on the field but it was facing incredible adversity where Demareski truly has shined.

Leading into his sophomore year, Jack's mother was diagnosed with an aggressive form of Leukemia. Now in remission, Mrs. Demareski spent the next 10 months in the hospital and treatment centers. "Faced with the almost insurmountable news, Jack displayed a level of maturity and courage that was remarkable," Caldwell said. "He not only continued to maintain his grades and be a three-sport athlete, but he also became a second father to his three younger brothers. He would volunteer as a youth sports coach, assist with daily activities, and be a source of love and encouragement for his family."

Jack's efforts have continued and he was named the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Student of the Year in 2017, raising over \$43,000 through his efforts to support blood cancer research and help families in need.

A fantastic student, Demareski has participated in the National Student Leadership Conference, the Petty Officer Leadership Academy, and the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps – fitting for someone whose ultimate goal is to serve as an Officer in the United States Armed Forces. A member of the prestigious American Legion Boys' State program, Jack is a leader in the Student Movement Against Cancer club as well as Peers Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

"Jack is a model of school standards, positive attitudes, and dependability," Caldwell said. "He serves as an inspiration to all of us who strive to be strong willed in the face of adversity and challenges. I am sure he will continue to be a trustworthy friend, loyal teammate, and inspirational leader."



ERIK DEHKES NORTH HUNTERDON

All-state middle linebacker on a sectional championship team. Probably gives you some idea of the kind of season it was for Erik Dehkes. Over 100 tackles – 14 for a loss – and recognition as one of the best in Hunterdon County in a 2017 to remember for Dehkes and North Hunterdon.

But dream seasons don't happen without incredible leadership and Dehkes was off the charts there too, helping to establish a work ethic that allowed the Lions to win a challenging North 2, Group 4 field.

"Erik never missed a workout and has consistently gotten bigger, faster, and stronger throughout his four years in the weight room," head coach Jared Mazzetta said. "He is a leader through his consistent positive attitude and his steady work ethic. Erik truly sets a good example for all North Hunterdon athletes."



Dehkes sets an even better example off the field. Erik carries a weighted GPA well over 4.0 and has taken 10 Advanced Placement courses the last three years, scoring a '4' or '5' on every exam. He is a two-year member of North Hunterdon's National Honor Society chapter, treasure of the Spanish Honor Society, and part of the school's Math and Science Honor Society groups. A three-time Silver Community Service award winner, Erik was also his school's winner of the Wendy's High School Heisman competition.

Erik is heavily involved in school organizations and community service. A teen prevention education program member, Dehkes is an Interact Enable coach and also a Coach for Special Olympics of New Jersey. He is an executive member of the Relay for Life at North Hunterdon, and helped raise over \$12,000 for the group in 2016.

BRYCE FREMGEN NOTTINGHAM

Bryce Fremgen may be going to college to play baseball, but it turns out he's pretty good at this football thing as well. Fremgen earned the Charles J. "Fuzzy" Falzone award as the top lineman in Mercer County last season. He led the Northstars to another spot in the state playoffs and earned a position on the all-state Group 4 squad.

But according to veteran head coach Jon Adams, that's not why Fremgen stood out the most. "The thing that impresses me the most about Bryce is his desire to improve in everything he does," Adams said. "He is a young man with impeccable character. I am very proud of the man he is becoming. Bryce Fremgen is a winner."

As a student, Bryce is ranked among the top of the graduating class at Nottingham. Fremgen is a two-year member of the National Honor Society, a permanent fixture on the school's honor roll, and has received Academic Achievement award recognition in each of his years in high school.



He has served as a volunteer at the school's Youth Camp the past two years and serves on Nottingham's Athletic Leadership Committee. One of the best hitters in the area, Bryce has been a major contributor to Nottingham's baseball team the last few seasons including a sectional title run in 2016.

"During his time in our program here he has demonstrated strong leadership skills and a wonderful work ethic," Adams said. "He has a strong set of values he learned from his family. Bryce is an unselfish player and a high character young person. He has always been a positive influence on the younger members of our program."



KYLE FRIMEL NEW EGYPT

Mr. “Do Everything” for New Egypt the last few seasons, Kyle Frimel led the Warriors to one of their best records in school history in 2017.

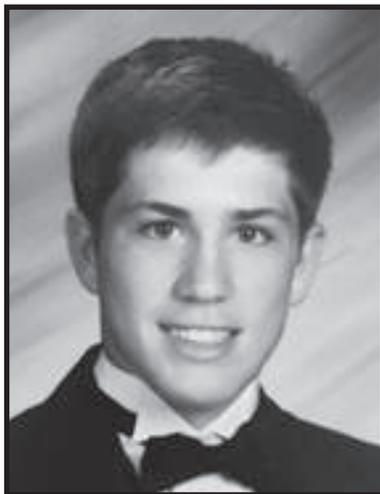
New Egypt finished 7-3 and Frimel was a major reason why. A three-year varsity starter, Frimel accounted for over 2,000 all-purpose yards as a quarterback in 2016 and 2017. He was team defensive MVP as a linebacker in his sophomore season and second-team, all-state Group I as a utility player due to his prowess on both sides of the ball.

“Kyle always demonstrates a mature attitude and determination to improve,” said head coach Steven Fence, who benefitted from Frimel’s leadership on the gridiron. “I recommend Kyle for any endeavor he sets his mind to.”

Frimel’s credentials in the classroom back up Fence’s claims. Kyle is in the Top 10 percent of his graduating class. He is a Future Business Leaders of America Agribusiness regional winner. Kyle is a National Honor Society member and an FBLA officer. He participates in the school’s Environmental club, French club, and serves as a student advisor.

“Kyle’s ability to balance demands from school and extracurricular activities shows his understanding of the importance of education and a strong work ethic,” Fence said. “Kyle is a natural leader and a highly respected member of the school community.”

Active on the New Egypt varsity baseball team, Kyle also volunteers as a referee in the town’s recreational basketball program. He is an avid fisherman and hunter, with a passion for wildlife and preserving the great outdoors.



SEAN HADDOCK HIGHTSTOWN

As Hightstown’s football program has grown in recent years, so has the leadership of Sean Haddock. “The greatest gift of coaching is to see the transition a young man makes as he matures from a boy into a young man,” head coach Ethan Jeros said. “Seeing Sean make this transition has been a joy every step of the way.”

Hightstown took a big step forward in its rebuilding last year and Sean’s steady hand was a major reason why. A vital cog in the Rams’ secondary, Haddock also helped mentor younger players by his example on and off the field.

“Sean has an uncanny ability to be a leader by his actions,” Jeros said. “He is a man of few words, but he is looked upon as a positive leader and role model by his peers and his teammates. That is not something that can be coached, that is a character trait that you either have or don’t. Sean oozes with this quality and it is a joy to have seen the growth of this young man the past three years.”

Under Jeros the Hightstown program has various volunteer opportunities and Haddock is active in all of them – from handing out turkeys at the food pantry at Thanksgiving to working at a soup kitchen to distributing gifts as a Christmas gift giveaway. Haddock is not only a tireless worker on the field, but also in the classroom and community as well.

A four-year member of the lacrosse team, Haddock volunteers at Cherry Tree Pre-School and is the sports editor for the school newspaper. “The future is incredibly bright for Sean,” Jeros said.



CHRISTIAN HLEWICKI LAWRENCE

One of the top linemen in Mercer County, Christian Hlewicki led the Cardinals to a state playoff berth on the field and accomplished even greater things off it.

The football credentials are there of course. Two-time team Lineman of the Year. Twice named first-team, all-division, offensive lineman. Selected as a second-team, all-state, Group III lineman. School record for most pancake blocks in a season. Hlewicki accomplished all of these things during his career with the Cardinals and did them all with pride.

But his off-the-field exploits make Hlewicki stand out even more and raise his high school career to a level that few have equaled. President of the school's DECA chapter, where he has been recognized at the state, regional, and international level for excellence in sports marketing. Hlewicki was recognized as one of the top 10 in the nation at the DECA Carer International Development Conference in California.



The credentials roll on. A member of the model congress program. A Life Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, where Christian has also served as a junior assistant scout master and senior patrol leader.

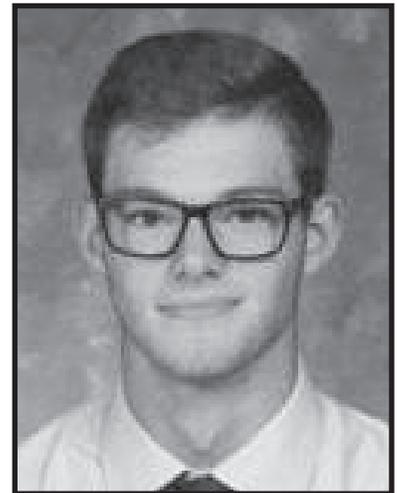
Of course there is more. Hlewicki is a member of the school Spirit Committee. He volunteers as a mentor for the Lawrence Little LAXer program and the Special Olympics of New Jersey. And even with all of the extracurricular activities, Christian maintains a top GPA with numerous AP courses.

“Christian has the respect of his teachers, peers, and co-workers,” Marketing Education coordinator Diane Schneck said, “but he does not rely on peer influence for his decisions or his behavior. The quiet and reserved side of Christian gives way to a dynamic, forceful, energetic, well-respected leader.”

PAT HOLLY THE HUN SCHOOL

Patrick Holly was only at Hun for two seasons but that was more than enough time to leave a lasting legacy as Raiders quarterback. In those seasons, Holly threw for over 5,000 yards with 56 touchdown passes and a 77 percent completion rate. He was 16-1 as a starter, as Hun won the Mid-Atlantic Prep League title outright in 2016 and shared it last season. The state and MAPL Prep Offensive Player of the Year in 2017 with 33 touchdown passes and 2,700 yards in eight games, Patrick went from a backup QB when he arrived at Hun and left with a numerous scholarship offers.

“Patrick came to Hun with the will to succeed,” Raiders coach Todd Smith said. “He has grown into a leader, developed himself into an elite level QB, and established himself as a top student. He’s been a role model citizen and has stayed humbled throughout his entire experience.”



At the same time Patrick set record on the football field, he established himself as a leader in the classroom as well. Taking a schedule loaded with Advanced Placement and Honors classes, Patrick has expertly navigated an intense academic curriculum. “Patrick’s hard work on the football field allowed him the scholarship offers,” Smith said. “But it was his hard work in the classroom that opened the door for him to attend Harvard University. He will serve as the bar for future Hun student athletes.”

A three-year member of the school’s Latin Club, Holly is part of the youth group at the Mount Carmel Church. At Hun, he participates in the Stock Market club, the Red Shield club, the Fishing club, Operation Smile, and the Table Tennis club.



NICK KLOUTIS STEINERT

Nick Kloutis is the kind of person who makes a coach's job so much easier. "He is a young man who works hard, doesn't care about personal glory, pushes himself and his teammates every day, and leads on the field by example," Steinert head coach Dan Caruso said. "He is a fierce competitor and the consummate team player. Nick always puts his teammates first and is willing to do whatever a coach asks of him. He is essentially a coach's dream."

In 2017, that meant switching from his natural position at center to left tackle for the good of the team. Kloutis threw all of his energy into learning the new position and was recognized as a second-team, all-Patriot Division lineman. Better yet, the Spartans enjoyed another winning season under head coach Dan Caruso.

Kloutis, who was recognized by this chapter as its Little Scholar of the Year in 2013, continues to excel in the classroom. A National Honor Society member, he has earned the President's Education award all four years of high school and the Steinert Football Boosters Academic award the last three years.

If it seems like Kloutis is everywhere in the community, it is with good reason. Nick has been a great contributor to the Steinert Key Club almost from the minute he first stepped through the school doors in ninth grade. He has volunteered at numerous charity events, bike drives, pancake breakfasts, fundraisers, and days that simply make Hamilton Township and the surrounding area a better place to live. "Nick goes above and beyond in getting involved in events outside the football world," Caruso said. "This selflessness is true to Nick's personality and represents who he truly is as a young man."



STEVEN KOPITS PENNINGTON

Steven Kopits really did seem to be everywhere for head coach Jerry Eure's Red Raiders in 2017. Strongest offensive lineman on the team? Check. Kopits was a major reason the Pennington ground game was in force for most of the season. Leading tackler on defense? Check. Week after week, Steven seemed to be at the top of the charts.

Special teams? Check. Never take a play off? Check. Heck, Kopits even sang the national anthem before a few of Pennington's home games. What else would you expect from a Renaissance Man who has some serious musical theater credentials (*Beauty and the Beast* and *Hair* among others) and has been inducted into the International Thespian Society. Kopits is the founding member of *Lookin' 4 Treble*, an all-male, student-directed, a capella quartet.

Steven Kopits is one of those people who laughs at the label of being "just a football player." Besides winning the team's Ironman Award in 2016 and the Coaches Award last season, Kopits excels in the classroom, is actively involved in the community, and has spent the last three summers working as a camp counselor.

Kopits is currently completing Pennington's Global Studies Certificate Program. He volunteered in the Haiti Konekte service project last summer with local schools, churches, and orphanages. Steven is a past participant in the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia's Mock Global Counterterrorism Forum.

"For all of the above reasons, Steven has earned the respect and admiration of the coaching staff, players, and teachers at the Pennington School," veteran head coach Jerry Eure said. "He has distinguished himself in many ways during his years here at Pennington. He is a worthy candidate for this recognition."



ALEX MAURO LAWRENCEVILLE

Alex Mauro worked hard to become Lawrenceville's top lineman. But that shouldn't be a surprise. Anyone at the school will tell you that's just how Mauro is.

"Alex developed himself into a strong, tough, physical football player and a guy who could play every position on our offensive line," head coach Harry Flaherty said. "His commitment and work ethic have been among the best I've seen at the high school level. He lived up to (being captain) by setting the example for younger players, encouraging them and often taking them under his wing after practices and lifts for extra work and development."

Alex is a prime example of a scholar-leader-athlete. In the classroom, he is a top student at one of the top prep schools in the United States. Winner of the John H. Imbrie Cultural Studies award, Alex is a high honor roll student who is also the senior columnist for a student run political magazine.



As far as athletic leadership is concerned, Mauro is also captain of the spring Track and Field team. Alex is also musically inclined. A member of the jazz band and allegro council, Mauro has helped to put on the Allegro show performance in each year of high school.

Many of Alex's interests have been focused on community activities. He has served as a counselor at the Lawrenceville School performing arts camp. Alex is a musical performer at a local nursing home.

Additionally, Alex is a prefect which is a vital leadership experience at the school. "He is a cut above our team and student body when it comes to selfless leadership," Flaherty said.



ANTONIO MARINO BORDENTOWN

Players like Antonio Marino are hard to replace anywhere. At a smaller school, where Marino filled so many roles for Bordentown coach Stephen Perry, it is almost impossible.

"Antonio was a quality player on both sides of the ball," Perry said. "He was one of our top offensive linemen and was smart enough to be our "swing" lineman. When anyone needed a sub, Antonio would be the one to move wherever we needed and then we'd adjust accordingly. He was also our signal caller as an inside linebacker on our defense. He is athletic, smart, tough, and incredibly coachable."

A four-year starter for the Scotties, Marino has been recognized by the George Masters Memorial football club of Burlington as an unsung hero. He will be a four-year varsity thrower on the track and field team as well – specializing in shot put, javelin, and discus.

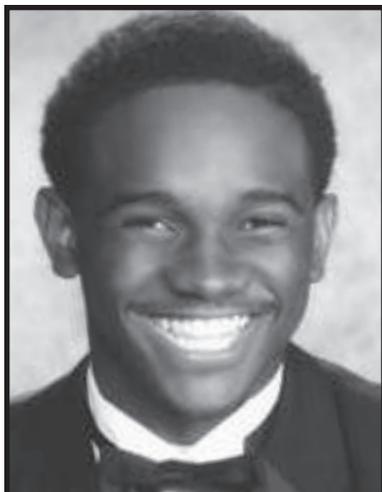


Meanwhile, Antonio is one of the top students in his graduating class and a four-year fixture on the honor roll. He is a Homecoming committee volunteer, has participated in the Isaiah Project, and been involved with the school's "Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat" theatre performance.

"Antonio provided the leadership that allowed us to have a successful season," Perry said. "He did this through his actions and his words. Antonio was in the weight room every day during the summer months. He pushed himself and his teammates to work harder and always encouraged and tutored the younger players."

Passing down that kind of legacy is what helps make programs thrive.





MALCOLM MILTON TRENTON

In just a short time, Malcolm Milton made a huge impact on the Trenton football program and campus – leading the Tornados to the state playoffs in Greg Hyslop’s first year as head coach. Malcolm transferred into Trenton in the middle of his junior year and almost immediately showed that he’d be a force in the classroom and on the field.

“I have had the honor to get to know Malcolm this past year, not only as a football player, but also as a young man,” Hyslop said. “For a student to be able to transfer and adapt to a new environment so easily speaks volumes of what type of student he is in the classroom. Malcolm’s leadership skills and character off the field are the reasons he is nominated for this award.”

Malcolm plans to study Mass Communications and Journalism in college, and this 2017 New Jersey Rising Scholar told quite a story with his play on the field, as he won the team’s Lorenzo Square award as linebacker of the year and earned second-team, all-division accolades with over 10 tackles a game and three interceptions on the season.

One of the top students in his graduating class, Milton has also spent the last four summers working at Black Bear Lake in Millstone, operating and monitoring rides and activities, and transporting people or other items throughout the campsite.

“Malcolm is a well spoken young man who looks you right in your eyes when you talk to him,” Hyslop said. “This is another characteristic not found often enough in people.”

In just a short time, Malcolm Milton made a big impact.



BRIAN MURPHY WWP NORTH

Leadership comes through most in times of adversity and Brian Murphy shined in that area last season.

Murphy was placed in a difficult position heading into 2017. A first-team, all-division quarterback a year earlier who threw for over 2,000 yards and 24 touchdown passes, Murphy was left without a team in his senior year when WW-P North was forced to cancel varsity football due to lack of players.

Rather than head elsewhere, Brian decided to stay where he started and captained a team that played a JV-only schedule. His brother Kevin was a senior captain for WW-P North a few years earlier, and Brian wanted to end his career the same way.

“Brian will always be remembered as a high character person first, and then a great quarterback,” WW-P North head coach Jeff Reilly said. “Brian was a relentless lifter in the weight room, a tone setter on the practice field, and a fiery competitor on the game field. He is the example that will set the foundation for (West Windsor) football in years to come and the model for what we want our athletes to be here.”

Brian has served the community through athletics. A coach at the Northern Knights Youth Football camp, Murphy was also volunteered at the Princeton Special Sports camp. He has worked as a coach for the West Windsor Wildcats Youth Football camp as well. Brian is an honor roll student at North and team captain of the school’s basketball team as well.

“It is a pleasure to have coached Brian Murphy,” said Reilly, “But an honor to know him and cherish the bond we have developed.”



ADAM MUSA PRINCETON

Adam Musa has been Princeton's strongest offensive lineman the last two seasons but his most impressive statistics come off the field. Musa logs 32 volunteers a month with Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad as an EMT with a state license. He is going through training to become a Rescue Technician and simultaneously going through pilot training at Princeton Airport.

Even more impressive is that Musa does all that and still maintains his spot as one of the top students in the senior class at PHS. "Adam is very conscious of not missing either football or his EMT training. He has always approached me several months ahead to make sure football and his EMT work never cross paths," Princeton head coach Charlie Gallagher said. "I think that says a lot about this young man's organizational skills as well as his commitment to both of his passions."



A member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club as well as the Big Brother / Big Sister leadership program, Musa runs and operates a snow removal service for my neighborhood. He offers handyman work and small engine repairs as needed. He is President of the school's Republican club chapter and also played two years on the Princeton High lacrosse team.

Musa earned the school's Academic Honor award in Grade 11 and 12 and was selected second-team, all-Patriot lineman in 2017.

"Our program will be hard-pressed to replace such a fine young man of Adam's caliber," Gallagher said. "Coaches always look for players who want to be coached – the coachable kid. Adam Musa defines that."



MARK PACINI FLORENCE

Mark Pacini, according to his head coach Joe Frappolli, is just an old school kid in an old school football program. "Mark is a 'yes sir, no sir, thank you sir' kind of individual in a 'me first' mentality sort of world," Frappolli said. "Things like hard work, paying your dues, caring and giving back to others. Faith, honor, family, courage in the face of adversity – those are things who define who he truly is as a person."

Pacini was an exceptional leader for a young Flashes football program that locked up its 14th straight trip to the Central Jersey playoffs. He rushed for almost 1,300 yards on the season and cracked the century mark in eight of Florence's 10 games. Mark scored 16 touchdowns but just as importantly, according to Coach Frappolli, he was an excellent blocker when he didn't have the ball. Just another example of Pacini's team-first attitude.



Also a terror as a strong side defensive end, Mark was recognized as a Mini-Maxwell Award winner, only the second in school history. A third-team, all-state selection, Mark was a leader in the weight room as well, cracking the Flashes' 1,000 pound club.

A four-year, Principal's List honor roll student, it seems like Mark gives every remaining minute of his free time to the Florence community.

Mark is an officer in the National Honor Society, a four-year member of the school's Environmental club, and a participant in the school's Relay for Life program. He has given his time as a volunteer to diverse organizations – from Read Across America to the school's blood drive to Science night at a local charter school to singing holiday songs throughout FHS. "Mark," Frappolli said, "is truly a humble, remarkable young man."





HEZEKIAH PATTERSON HAMILTON

Veteran head coach Tom Hoglen couldn't have asked for much more out of a leader than he received from Hezekiah Patterson. A three-year varsity starter at quarterback, Patterson set school records for most completions in a game and a career, as well as highest completion percentage in a season.

While Patterson put up gaudy numbers on the field, he put up similarly impressive numbers off of it. Not only is Patterson among the top of the graduating class at Hamilton West, but he also has maintained a near-4.0 GPA and shown significant leadership by mentoring students in business at one of the district's elementary schools.

"The goal of every scholar-athlete at Hamilton West is to excel on the field and in the classroom," Hoglen said. "Hezekiah has demonstrated that he can do both exceptionally

well. He has demonstrated what Pride, Tradition, and Excellence at Hamilton West is all about. I cannot think of a more deserving Scholar-Athlete to receive this award than Hezekiah Patterson."

A sprinter on the school's track team, Patterson has given much of his time to improving the school and community. As part of the school's beautification project, Hezekiah helped build the school pond. Additionally, he has been a role model as a camp counselor at the Team 85 summer camp, where he was responsible for the well being of campers between the age of 3 and 12. Interestingly, Team 85 is the massive fitness and wellness center in Bordentown developed by former NFL wide receiver Kevin Johnson, whose high school days date back to when he was a quarterback at Hamilton West.



JOHN SHEA ROBBINSVILLE

It hasn't been the easiest of times on the field for Robbinsville head coach Andrew Patterson. The program fights a recurring battle in the numbers game, and with a lack of quality depth, the results haven't been the best.

This makes what John Shea has done at Robbinsville even more impressive. Under incredibly adversity, in a game where the bottom line is all too often the judge, Shea "makes being a teacher and a coach worth it," according to Patterson.

Not just because he's one of the team's best players on both sides of the ball, either.

"Jack effortlessly combines intelligence, wit, humility, leadership, and compassion into one tightly secured package," Patterson said. "He harbors the ability to analyze the complex, overcome the insurmountable, and assist the less fortunate all in one breath. He can lead a team, control a discussion, and slip intelligent

humor into a conversation almost effortlessly. John Shea is simply one of a kind."

It should come as no surprise then that Shea has excelled in all aspects of the Robbinsville community. A four-year member of student government, Jack is in the National Honor Society, the World Language Honor Society, and is a Positive Education Initiative member. His academic portfolio is filled with Honors and Advanced Placement classes, his weighted GPA is over 4.0, and he is a four-year honor roll student.

"Having taught Jack in his sophomore year in Honors English," said Patterson, "and having watched him grow into the role of captain of the varsity football team during my tenure, I assure you he is highly respected by faculty, coaches, and peers alike. Interacting with Jack on a daily basis for his entire high school career has been an absolute pleasure.



DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER LITTLE SCHOLAR **JAYSON JENKINS**

Jenkins started in the West Jersey Youth Football League as a 6-year old and now a 6-foot, 13-year old he has represented his Bordentown team and the game in an outstanding manner.

“Coming into the program Jayson was always a hardworking and respectful player,” said Michael Smith, the President of Bordentown Youth Football and Cheer, Inc. “As a young man Jayson continues to work hard both academically and athletically,” added Smith. “He is always respectful to his coaches and his fellow players. He leads by example on the practice and the game field, as well as socially and in the classroom. Jayson comes from a military family, so discipline is in his blood.”

Jenkins is an eighth grader at St. Raphael’s School and is looking to attend high school next year. He is looking forward to the application process at Moorestown Friends, Lawrenceville Prep and Notre Dame.

On the field, Jenkins displayed his talents as a quarterback for two years for the Bordentown Bulldogs and the last three seasons he has been a running back. The talented young man’s favorite quote comes from Michael Jordan, “you must expect great things from yourself before you can do them.”

Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Willis Crenshaw, the former NFL player, Jenkins has made spectacular play and spectacular play during his career with the Bulldogs. Jenkins football passion began at a young age and whether it’s at quarterback, running back, the offensive or defensive line the young man is going to be the consummate team player.



Looking forward to playing football in high school, the Ohio State fan, also plays basketball both at the travel level and for St. Raphael’s in the Catholic Youth Organization,

While Jayson has a lot of talent, he also has a lot of family support. “I am happy to have the Jenkins family affiliated with the Bulldogs program and to have coached Jayson,” said Smith. “Jayson Jenkins will be a great addition to the Delaware Valley chapter of the National Football Foundation.”

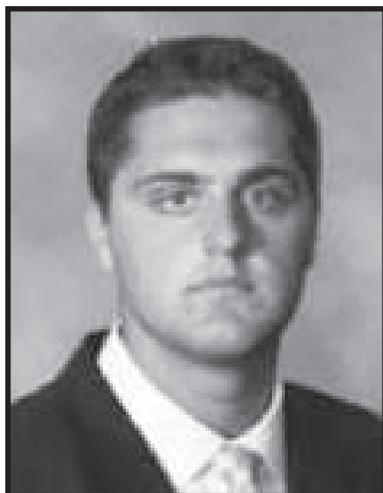


Past Delaware Valley/Pop Warner Little Scholars

2016 Alfred Woods Florence Flashes	2009 Harvey E. Butler III, WW-P Pop Warner	2005 Michael Garofola Hamilton Pop Warner	2002 Marc Zamarin Hillsborough Dukes
2015 Kyle Dowgin Bordentown Bulldogs	2008 Brian Schoenauer, WW-P Pop Warner	2004 Ryan McDermott Hamilton Pop Warner	2001 Daniel Clark Hillsborough Dukes
2014 Joseph Brown Warrior PAL	2007 David Dudeck III, Burlington County Pop Warner	2003 James Bea Hillsborough Dukes	2000 Bassil Salmon East Windsor PAL
2013 Nick Kloutis Hamilton PAL	2006 Connor McElwee, West Windsor Wildcats		1999 Robert Damiano Hamilton Pop Warner
2012 Will James Hamilton PAL			1998 Ryan Biolsi Flemington Pop Warner
2011 Kyle Liedtka Hamilton Pop Warner			1997 Jason Auletta Hamilton Pop Warner
2010 Carson Vey Hopewell Valley Pop Warner			1996 Michael Taylor Hamilton Pop Warner



EARL H. DEAN SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE TREVOR OSLER - THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



Trevor Osler came to The College of new Jersey after a great high school career at Cherokee High.

He then capped off a great collegiate career at The College of New Jersey leading the Lions to a 4-6 mark, including winning four the final five games.

“When I first arrived at TCNJ and watched film of this young man in his Junior season, to say I had concerns is an understatement,” said TCNJ first-year coach Casey Goff. “But, all those concerns were brushed away when he arrived for camp in August. He commanded this team and made eye popping improvements in all aspects of his game.”

It was Osler’s command of the team and positive attitude that brought the Lions through some rough spots early in the season and one that saw him recognized by the New Jersey Athletic Conference earning ALL-NJAC second team honors.

He was third in the conference in passing averaging 204.4 yards a game and fourth in total offense with 1,823 yards in the 2017 season.

He has set the example for kids within our program as we move forward without him,” said Goff. “His senior season is proof that success still comes down to hard work and perseverance and this program is forever grateful for his efforts.”

An Engineering major, it was Osler’s accountability, demeanor and determination that allowed him to become a leader, on and off the field and vocally and by example.

“The credit and criticism a quarterback faces when his team wins or loses is something that makes the position so unique to me,” Osler told The Trentonian this season. “I try to always play within myself and the system and trust that the other ten guys on my side of the ball will do their jobs. When that type of trust and responsibility stays in tact it's usually a recipe for success.”

The remarkable qualities Osler displayed on the football field will pave the way for a very successful life off the field, too.



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

Year	Nominee	Coach	Year	Nominee	Coach
2016	Tom Cilla	Wayne Dickens	1993	Tom Maxwell	Eric Hamilton
2015	Andrew Lachawiec	Wayne Dickens	1992	Corey Landing	Eric Hamilton
2014	Joe Urciuoli/ Jake Weiss	Wayne Dickens	1991	Chris Shaw	Eric Hamilton
2013	Chris McLaughlin	Wayne Dickens	1990	Mike Tierney	Eric Hamilton
2012	Greg Burns	Eric Hamilton	1989	Bob McGinty	Eric Hamilton
2011	Jay Donoghue	Eric Hamilton	1988	Mike Wargo	Eric Hamilton
2010	Andrew Mason	Eric Hamilton	1987	Joe Clifton	Eric Hamilton
2009	Colin Weber	Eric Hamilton	1986	Ernie Liberati	Eric Hamilton
2008	Marc Fabiano	Eric Hamilton	1985	John Papa	Eric Hamilton
2007	Dan Dornacker/Andy Larkin	Eric Hamilton	1984	Jim Ball	Eric Hamilton
2006	Ryan Ross	Eric Hamilton	1983	Bruce Peditto	Eric Hamilton
2005	Leeaire Brown	Eric Hamilton	1982	Sam Miserendino	Eric Hamilton
2004	Jim Dabrowski	Eric Hamilton	1981	James Carvalho	Eric Hamilton
2003	Scott Paterson	Eric Hamilton	1980	Ron Anello	Eric Hamilton
2002	Tim Kosuda	Eric Hamilton	1979	Steve Butfilowski	Eric Hamilton
2001	Mike Wendell	Eric Hamilton	1978	Tom Hendricks	Eric Hamilton
2000	Curt Monday	Eric Hamilton	1977	Tom Thompson	Eric Hamilton
1999	Richard Falletta	Eric Hamilton	1976	Keith Waters	Carmen Piccone
1998	Michael Feeney	Eric Hamilton	1975	Doug Prefach	Carmen Piccone
1997	Joe Sciarrone	Eric Hamilton	1974	Eric Hamilton	Dick Curl
1996	Joe Scaravaglione	Eric Hamilton	1973	William Paskewich	Pete Carmichael
1995	Steve Guidette	Eric Hamilton	1967	Robert Taylor	Bob Salois
1994	Scott Dickson/John Reising	Eric Hamilton	1965	George Stratman	Bob Salois

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JUDGE ARTHUR LANE SCHOLAR-LEADER-ATHLETE RICHARD BUSH - PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Even before Richard Bush arrived at Princeton University, head coach Bob Surace knew the Tampa, Fla. native had what it would take to make it as an Ivy League football player. “Dick played for one of the best high school programs in the country at Plant High School in Tampa,” Surace said. “One of the coaches there, John Few, is a Princeton alum who raved to us about this young center’s knowledge of the game. Indeed, Dick was advanced enough to get on the field as a freshman after we suffered some injuries and then played a little more as a sophomore.”

Bush eventually took on a bigger role for the Tigers, alternating at center with Mason Darrow as a junior before taking over as Princeton’s No. 1 center this past season. An Academic All-Ivy League selection, Bush started all 10 games at center and helped Princeton post the second-ranked passing offense in the FCS, as well as the fourth-ranked total and scoring offense.

“By junior year, we were rotating him behind a really good senior center in Mason Darrow,” Surace said. “Dick played well in that role but when he was elevated to the



No. 1 job this season, his confidence soared. His calls, communication, and skills shot way up. I’m grateful we had 12 players recognized on this year’s All-Ivy teams, but I had one big disappointment. I think Dick played as well, if not better, than every center in the league.” Bush was the recipient of the Richard W. Colman Award, which honors scholarship, athletic skill, team contribution, and sportsmanship among seniors.

In high school, Bush earned all-state, all-region and all-county honors on the offensive line. As a senior, he did not allow a sack all season and was named Most Outstanding Lineman in Hillsborough County and was a National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Scholarship Award recipient. Bush led his high school team to four district championships, two state semifinals and one state championship.

Past Princeton University Scholar-Athletes

Year	Nominee	Coach	Year	Nominee	Coach
2016	Scott Carpenter	Bob Surace	1990	Marin Graja	Steve Tosches
2015	Matt Arends	Bob Surace	1989	Steve Hillgeist	Steve Tosches
2014	Mike Zeuli	Bob Surace	1988	Greg DiFelice	Steve Tosches
2013	Phil Bhaya	Bob Surace	1987	David Wilson	Steve Tosches
2012	Andrew Starks	Bob Surace	1986	Rob DiGiacomo	Ron Rogerson
2011	Ivan Charbonneau	Bob Surace	1985	James Petrucci	Ron Rogerson
2010	Matt Zimmerman	Bob Surace	1984	Mark Berggren	Frank Navarro
2009	Daniel M. Kopolovich	Roger Hughes	1983	Kevin Guthrie	Frank Navarro
2008	Ryan Coyle	Roger Hughes	1982	Brent Woods	Frank Navarro
2007	Rob Toresco	Roger Hughes	1981	Scott Oostdyk	Frank Navarro
2006	Colin McDonough	Roger Hughes	1980	Mark Bailey	Frank Navarro
2005	Andrew Wilson	Roger Hughes	1979	Ted Soti	Frank Navarro
2004	Jon Veach	Roger Hughes	1978	Andy Stephens	Frank Navarro
2003	Time Kirby	Roger Hughes	1977	Dave Powers	Bob Casciola
2002	Cameron Atkinson	Roger Hughes	1976	Kevin Fox	Bob Casciola
2001	Robert Ferrell	Roger Hughes	1975	Robert Beible	Bob Casciola
2000	Mike Higgins	Roger Hughes	1974	Dale Spiegel	Bob Casciola
1999	David Ferrara	Steve Tosches	1973	William Cronin	Bob Casciola
1998	Alex Sierk	Steve Tosches	1972	John Bartges	Jake McCandless
1997	Tim Greene	Steve Tosches	1971	Paul Ondraski	Jake McCandless
1996	Mark Washington	Steve Tosches	1970	Kirk Liddell	Jake McCandless
1995	Carter Westfall	Steve Tosches	1969	Keith Mauney	Jake McCandless
1994	Mark Berkowitz	Steve Tosches	1968	Richard Sandler	Dick Coleman
1993	Keith Elias	Steve Tosches	1967	Robert Weber	Dick Coleman
1992	Steve Tuffillaro	Steve Tosches	1966	John Bowers	Dick Coleman
1991	Jonas Sheehan	Steve Tosches	1965	Richard Rogers	Dick Coleman

HANK JOHNS COACH OF THE YEAR **JARED MAZZETTA - NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL**



What a year for the North Hunterdon Lions football team. The 2017 season saw them win only the second state championship in school history. The first and only championship came in 1975. Thirty seven years is a long wait, but in only his fourth year as Head Football Coach, Jared Mazzetta led the Lions to an 11-1 record (most wins in a season) along with the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 State Championship this past season. For that, Jared Mazzetta is this year's Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation Hank Johns Coach of the Year.

North Hunterdon's season was a culmination of hard work that started with Mazzetta's three years as Offensive Coordinator at NHHS before assuming the reigns as Head Coach in 2014. During this time, the Lions now hold every offensive record including single season total yardage, total TD's and highest scoring average. Along with the state championship, the Lions finished ranked #11 in the final NJ.com rankings and saw Coach Mazzetta collect the North 2 NJ Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year award along with being named the Lehigh Valley Coach of the Year.

Mazzetta is a product of Hunterdon Central High School where he played on the 1998/1999 state champion football teams, serving as captain on the '99 team. A 3 year letterman and a NJ All-State TE, Mazzetta went on to Virginia Tech. A true scholar-athlete, he was a 4 time letterman and was named captain of the 2004 ACC championship team and played in the Sugar (2004), Diamond Walnut (2003), Insight (2002) and the Gator (2001) Bowls during his career. To cap off his time in Blacksburg, Virginia, he was named to the ACC All-Academic team in 2004.

Most importantly, his is a terrific teacher. He received his BA degree in Health and Physical Education from Virginia Tech in 2004 and his Masters Degree in Health Promotions in 2005. He is a member of the Health and Physical Education Department at North Hunterdon, teaching H&PE along with Strength and Conditioning. He has continued his education in Health, Human Nutrition and Exercise along with Strength Training since graduation.

Coach Mazzetta is also busy when not in the classroom or on the field. He and his lovely wife Rebecca have 5 year old Mason and 2 year old Dylan at home. He is involved in his community. The many students and athletes he has taught and coached in his ten years at North Hunterdon have benefitted from his knowledge and experience. He not only talks the talk but walks the walk. Coach Mazzetta is an asset to the game of football and the Delaware Valley Chapter is proud to award him our Coach of the Year named after another excellent teacher, excellent coach and wonderful person, Hank Johns.



Past Hank Johns Memorial Coach of the Year Recipients

2016 Drew Besler Ewing High School	2007 Matthew Perotti, Hunterdon Central	1995 Charlie Pirrello, North Burlington	1985 Bill Long, Pennington
2015 Todd Smith, Hun School	2006 Tom Hoglen, Hamilton West	1994 Jerry Eure, Pennington	1984 Mike Ortman, Morrisville
2014 Jay Graber, Allentown	2005 Todd Smith, WWP South	1993 Ken Keuffel, Lawrenceville	1983 Chappy Moore, Notre Dame
2013 Dave Caldwell, Hopewell Valley	2004 Ken Mills, Lawrenceville	1992 Keith Wadsworth, Princeton	1982 Pete Quinn, Trenton
2012 Jon Adams, Nottingham Joe Frappolli, Florence	2003 Joe Frappolli, Florence	1991 Joe Frappolli, Florence	1981 Bruce Martz, Ewing
2011 Dan Caruso, Steinert	2002 Kevin Kelly, Conwell Egan	1990 Harold Beatty, Trenton	1980 Jim Walker, Princeton Day
2010 Luke Sinkhorn, New Egypt	2001 Frank deLaurentis, Peddie	1989 Tim Hadden, Burlington Twp.	1979 Bruce Martz, Ewing
2009 Chappy Moore, Notre Dame	2000 Frank Gatto, Steinert	1988 John Mackay, Peddie	1978 Bill Long, Princeton
2008 Dave Caldwell, Hopewell Valley	1999 Jon Adams, Nottingham	1987 Tom Stuart, WWP	1977 Bob Hart, Bensalem
	1998 Jim Meert, Hunt. Central	1986 Kurt Vollherbst, Princeton	1976 Chappy Moore, Notre Dame
	1997 Len Weister, Lawrence		1975 Sam Jefferis, South Hunterdon
	1996 Keith Hartbauer, Hamilton		

CONTRIBUTION TO YOUTH FOOTBALL

ERIC UPDEGRAFF

The great game of football has long been a passion for Eric Updegraff and when poor eyesight limited his ability to play the game competitively he turned that passion into spreading the game to the youth leagues.

He has been involved in the Hightstown-East Windsor Youth Sports Leagues since 2012.

Since that initial contact he has done just about everything in the Hightstown-East Windsor group.

“Leagues like HEWYBL provide another entry point into this great game,” said Updegraff. “We have some fantastic athletes.”

Athletes that have learned a lot of Updegraff whether they went on to play football in high school and college or not.

Over the years, Updegraff has been a coach, a division head, a player evaluator, he has overseen the draft and has served as the Vice-President of Flag Football.

“Since that time participation has blossomed,” said Updegraff. “We had a 57 percent increase in 2017 and we expect more than 600 players to participate between our spring and fall seasons in 2018. We have also increased fundraising, created a coach’s clinic for new and returning coaches and increased fundraising.”

It has been a family affair for Updegraff, his wife Patricia and their sons David and Shawn.

Patricia can often be found at the snack bar with other volunteers. Eric’s love of coaching kids has spread to David and Shawn. Each has now coached a team of younger kids for three seasons. David coaches in our JV Division, while Shawn coaches in our Sophomore Division.

It is that kind of dedication and devotion that has made Eric and his family a vital piece of the great success of the Hightstown-East Windsor youth league.



“I am blessed to be surrounded by fantastic board members, dedicated coaches and tons of parents who volunteer their time to our league,” said Eric. “Just like success on the football field, our success as a league is really is a team effort.”

A team that has a great leader in Eric Updegraff and a man that spreads his passion for the game of football to the youth of Hightstown and East Windsor.



Past Contribution to Youth Football Award Recipients

2016	Mike Smith	2011	Jon Butler	2006	Dennis Todd	2001	Greg Neiderman
2015	Fred Dunphy	2010	Andrew Aromando	2005	Paul Sumners	2000	Cindy Allen
2014	Scott Stanton	2009	Fiore Masci	2004	John Knapp	1999	Bud Ralston
2013	Jim O'Rourke	2008	Charles "Chuck" Moon	2003	Paul Fletcher	1998	Ferguson Reaves
2012	Terrance Stokes	2007	Mike Brodock	2002	Mark Clements	1997	Henry Cole

JACK MILLARD OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR **SABRINA ISOM**



The Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Inc. is pleased to recognize Sabrina Isom as its 2017 Jack Millard Official of the Year.

Sabrina is a native of Trenton, NJ. She credits her father as her “biggest fan” who always participated on the teams she played whether as a coach, or in some other capacity. She was particularly drawn to basketball and football which, interestingly, foreshadowed her forays into officiating later in life.

After graduating from Notre Dame High School, Sabrina attended Rider University and later graduated from Thomas Edison University. The summer before her freshman year at Rider, Sabrina was the statistician for the infamous Men’s Basketball League at Cadwalader Park in Trenton, NJ. On the strength of that experience, she obtained a work-study position at Rider as the Varsity Women’s Basketball “bookkeeper” which she parlayed into similar positions with the Trenton Flames and Shooting Stars, two local semi-professional basketball teams. During this time, Sabrina also began taking classes as a basketball official. Sabrina feels her experience working basketball games has been enormously beneficial in terms of her rapid evolution as a football official, particularly from the standpoint of officiating

mechanics. She is currently officiating at the NCAA Division 2 level for the Central Athletic Collegiate Conference and the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, but has her sights set on openings with Division 1 conferences.

In 2010 she joined the Central Jersey Chapter of the New Jersey Football Officials Association as a cadet. She is grateful to Larry Gunnell and Armando Rosario for affording her opportunities to work youth football games which she feels were critical to her early development. Sabrina joined Troy Stevenson’s officiating crew in 2012 and has been a reliable member ever since, working multiple positions during Friday evening high school varsity football contests. Sabrina credits Troy with seriously challenging and “pushing her” to be the best. In 2014, Sabrina joined the Eastern Collegiate Football Officials Association (“ECFOA”) which serves numerous athletic conferences including the Northeast Conference, New Jersey Athletic Conference, and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. Sabrina is currently a field judge on Lee Page’s crew and feels the experience and training she’s had while with the ECFOA has prepared her to work at even higher levels of football. This past November, Sabrina was tabbed to work a Centennial-MAC Bowl Series game at Albright University (vs. Susquehanna University) which she describes as the pinnacle of her football officiating career to this point. Milt Halstead, the venerable Commissioner of the ECFOA, remarked that Sabrina is “a good official with high upside potential, and interest from other NCAA Division 1 conferences.” Lofty praise, indeed, from one of the long-time deans of college football officiating!

When not working games, attending clinics, or otherwise honing her officiating craft, Sabrina enjoys travelling, relaxing with her dog, Mocha, spending time with family/friends, and volunteering in various capacities in her local community. Sabrina is currently employed as an Analyst by Conduent, a New Jersey-based business process services company. She is also a licensed real estate agent and a member of the Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star, a Co-Freemasonry organization.



Past Jack Millard Memorial Football Official Award Recipients

2016 Hank Johns, Jr.	2011 George Wah	1998 Tom McCreesh	1985 Jack Watro
2014 Scott Heiser	2010 James S. Moscarell	1997 Merckle Cherry	1984 Paul Chopko
2013 Tom Carr	2009 Joe Shaw	1996 Larry Gunnell	1983 John Zorzi
2012 Greg Bellotti	2008 Raymond F. Stupienski III	1995 Barry Cicale	1982 Al Fullman
	2007 Jim Wilno, Jr.	1994 Tom Considine	1981 Vince Boccanfuso
	2006 Ed Harris	1993 Jim Wilno, Sr.	1980 Jack Millard
	2005 Karl “Tinker” Johnston	1992 Angelo Giambelluca	1979 George Wah
	2004 John Welling III	1991 John Terry	1978 Norm Van Arsdalen
	2003 Troy Stephenson	1990 John Sheets	1977 Chuck Schroeder
	2002 Al Verdel	1989 Byron Crammer	1976 Jake Bartolino
	2001 Vince Boccanfuso	1988 Ernie Coluccio	1975 Sam Cortina
	2000 Tim Teel	1987 Ron Hoehn	1974 Tony Mascherin
	1999 Jim Cleary	1986 Jim Wilno, Jr.	



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EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER AWARD KEVIN MCCORMAC

Chris McCormac is the 2017 Delaware Valley Chapter recipient of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Award. His leadership in the community, amongst his fellow athletes, and on the playing field represent the power that Special Olympics athletes have to impact those in their everyday lives. If his name sounds familiar, the reason might be his brother Kevin was recognized at last year's event.

Chris has been a Special Olympics New Jersey athlete for more than 2 decades, serving in multiple positions throughout his tenure: an athlete, board member, coach, and an official. In 2008, Chris was the first SONJ athlete to carry the Special Olympics torch for the first Law Enforcement Torch Run in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He was also a proud member of Team New Jersey's Flag Football team during the 2010 USA Games in Lincoln, Nebraska, helping lead his teammates to a bronze medal. During the 2014 USA Games held here in New Jersey, Chris served as the coach for Team NJ's flag football team. This time, leading his team to a silver medal! In 2015, Chris was inducted into the Special Olympics New Jersey Hall of Fame for his work and commitment to the organization.



During the year, Chris has also participated in floor hockey, tennis, bowling, basketball, and track & field in addition to the aforementioned sports. He currently works full time with Drytech, Inc. in Cookstown, NJ.

In the community, Chris is an active member in a number of volunteer opportunities inside and outside of Special Olympics New Jersey. For several years, he has served with the Special Olympics Athlete Congress, the governing body representing Special Olympics New Jersey athlete's interests. Outside of Special Olympics, Chris is also active with the Garden State Champions Lions Club where he serves as Treasurer and also volunteers as a Fire Police Officer for Burlington Township.



Chris' family is heavily involved with Special Olympics New Jersey. His parents, Jerry and Renee, serve as coaches for hockey and tennis, and his wife Lauren, who was the first female to play Special Olympics Flag Football, participates in tennis and bowling.

Chris is a role model for other athletes with his actions on and off the field. It is with great pride that the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation, along with Special Olympics New Jersey, present the Eunice Shriver Champions Award to Chris McCormac.

Past Eunice Kennedy Shriver Award Recipients

2016 Kevin McCormac

2015 Steve Rodenbeck

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2017 Scholar-Leader-Athlete Awards Dinner

NICK GUSZ GOOD GUY AWARD CONSTANCE DENICOLA EMBLEY



When looking for a "Good Guy" in the sport of football, one has to look no further than at Allentown High School. Arguably one of the more successful public school football programs during the past five years, one of the biggest fans of the team and the sport sits in the big chair at AHS. Constance "Connie" Embley is the principal of the Redbirds and is also one of the more enthusiastic and supportive school administrators in our Chapter area. She is definitely a leader who believes in the value of competitive academics and athletics.

Connie is a local product graduating from Lawrence High School. Her academic journey continued at The College of New Jersey (Trenton State College) where she earned her undergraduate degree in Special Education. She has also received two Masters Degree for TCNJ, one in Special Education and one in Educational Leadership. During this time, Connie taught special education for twenty years at Princeton High School. A true educator, she used her education and experience and crossed over to the administrative side and became a Vice Principal at Allentown

High School where she served for 12 years before taking on the position of Principal in 2010. She has led the school to academic success while being a strong advocate for outside the classroom activities.

Maybe more importantly, she is also a Mom. Her son John, a former Notre Dame student-athlete and football teammate with current Allentown Football Head Coach Jay Graber under Chappy Moore, along with his wife Gina, live in Maryland. Connie is the proud Grandmother of two wonderful grandchildren, 3 year old Olivia and 1 month old Penelope. Her daughter Julie is highly successful living and working in New York City. Connie herself is still a resident of Lawrenceville.

When it comes to the game of football, there may be no bigger fan. While she claims to continue to root for the NY Giants, Saturdays in the Fall she wears red. She has always admitted to having a love for football and the lifelong lessons that are learned from the game. Connie was instrumental in the development and assistance with the National Football Foundation last year recognizing Ricky Mottram as the Eastern Regional Scholar-Leader-Athlete in New York (*see photo right*). She has been a football Mom, a football fan and an administrator who helps to promote the good in the game. It is for that reason that we are proud to present Constance "Connie" Embley with the Chapter's Nick Gusz Good Guy Award.



Past Nick Gusz Good Guy Award Recipients

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There may not be a sports journalist alive who gains the admiration of more people by saying less than Bob Nuse.

Bob is known for his laid-back quiet attitude and sharp sense of humor, which he waits for just the right time to unleash. He speaks volumes with few words, and his writing says even more.

For over 30 years, Nuse has crafted stories that Delaware Valley football players will cherish for a lifetime. It's not just a job for Bob, but a cherished fabric of his life. His friendly manner with players, coaches, officials and fellow journalists – and the relationships he has formed with many of them -- make Bob a perfect recipient for the Tony Persichilli Meritorious Service Award.

Named after the late, great area scribe, the Persichilli award winner embodies what high school football writers should be about — respectful of the game and those who participate in it, while documenting their achievements in fair and positive ways. Few have done it better than Nuse while working for the Princeton Packet publications since 1985.

A graduate of Bridgewater-Raritan West and Rutgers University, Bob ran track and cross country in high school, which is only fitting since he has run a marathon when it comes to covering youth football. His first game came across the bridge when he covered Bill Quirk's Hun team at Jenkintown (Pa.). He has never looked back.

Since then Nuse has documented high school football for several Packet papers, covering Hightstown, Peddie, Hamilton, Nottingham, Steinert, Princeton, Montgomery, Hun, Princeton Day, Pennington, Lawrence, Notre Dame, Hopewell Valley and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Schools; along with Princeton University. He also did games for The Trentonian during that time and has been Packet sports editor for over 20 years.

An avid Phillies fan, Nuse has covered every sport imaginable; from fencing to field hockey and baseball to bocce. One of the most respected lacrosse officials in New Jersey, Bob has been a referee in the sport since 1991 and the state assignor since 2001. He has twice received the NJSIAA meritorious service award and was inducted into the NJ Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2017.

When he's not reffing or writing, Bob enjoys participating in the activities of his wife Joan, a successful Hun coach, and son Brendan. Other interests are breakfast with the famed Broad Street Diner Friday Morning Club, rooting for the Phillies, reading books, mowing the lawn and volunteering at Princeton United Methodist Church and Cornerstone Community Kitchen.

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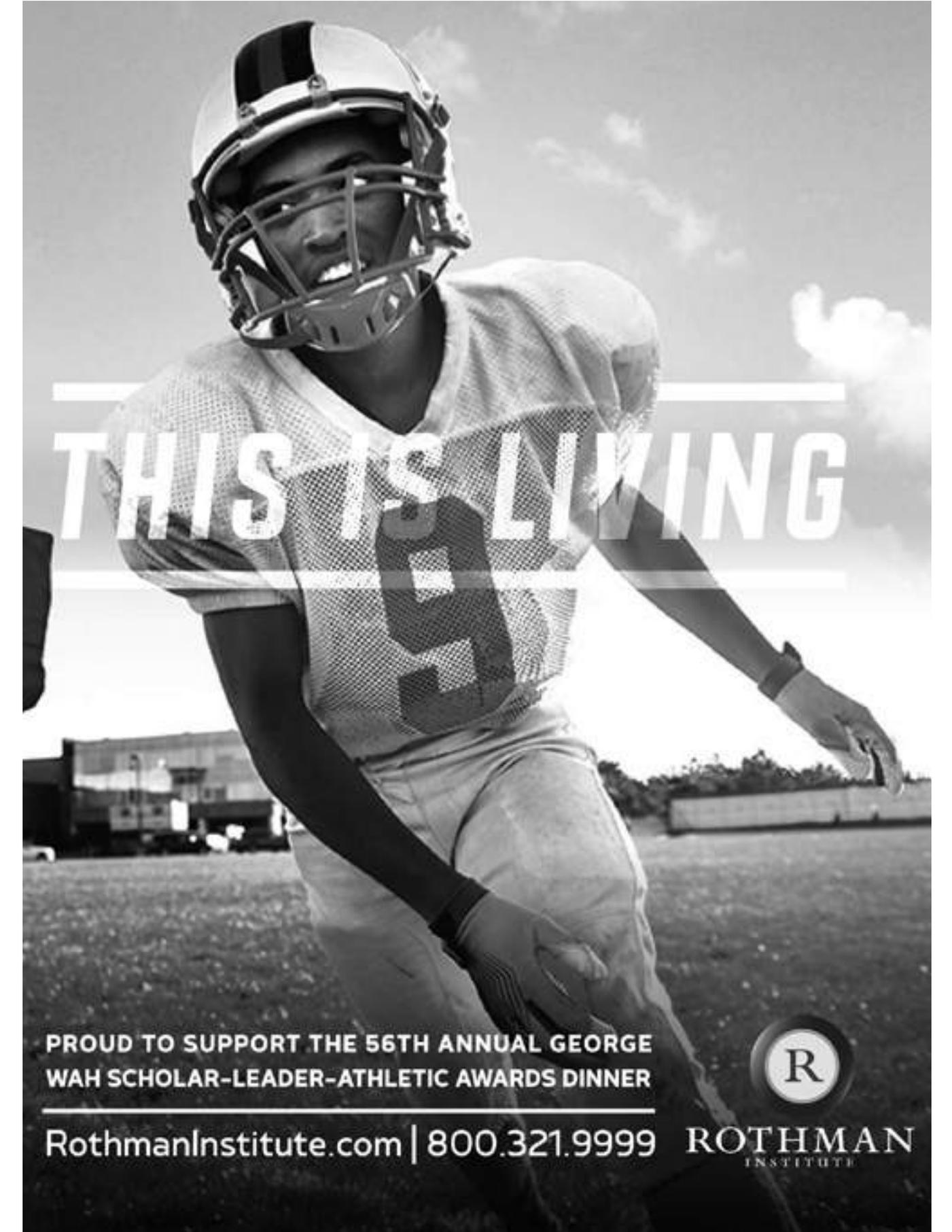
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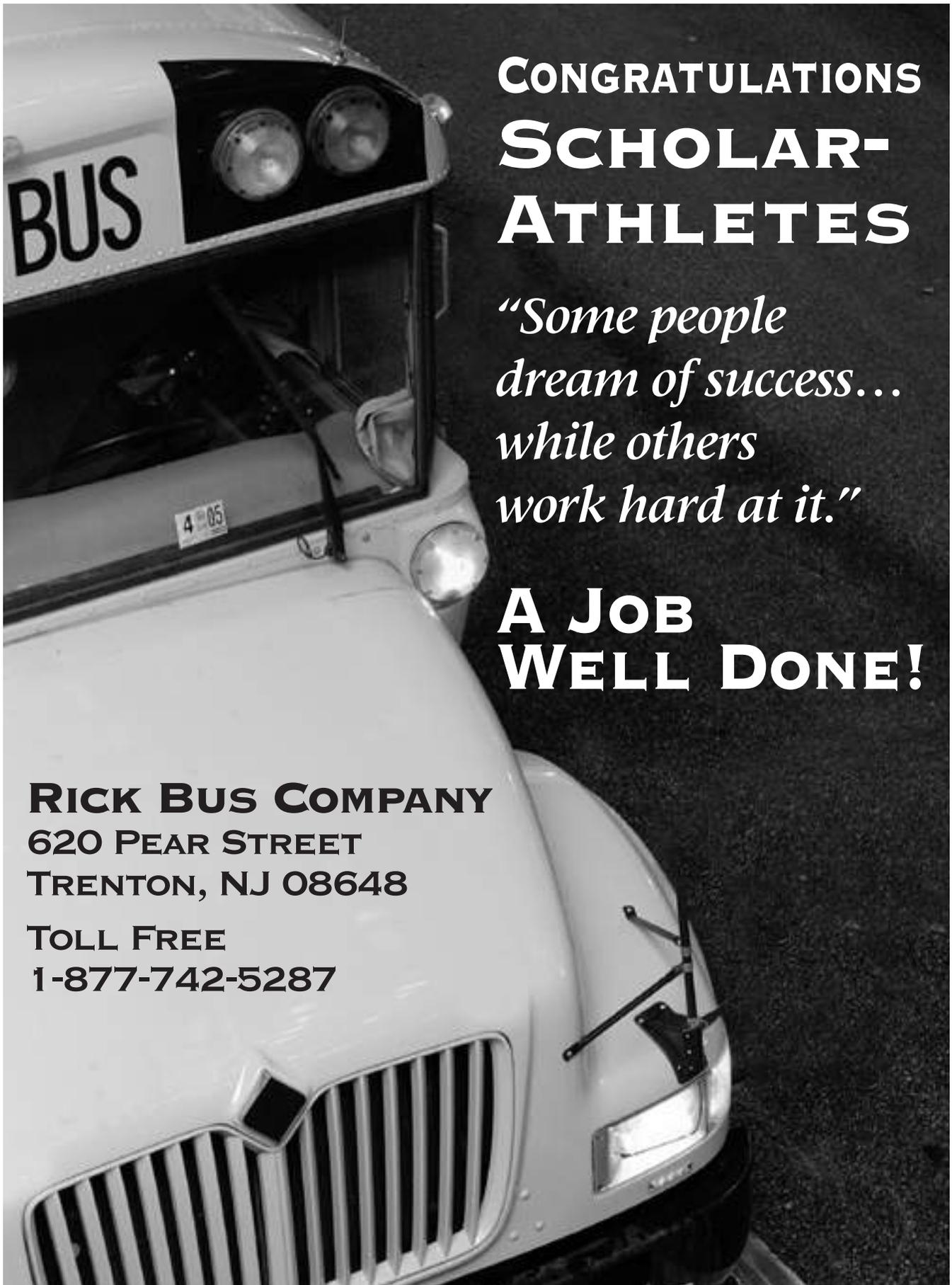
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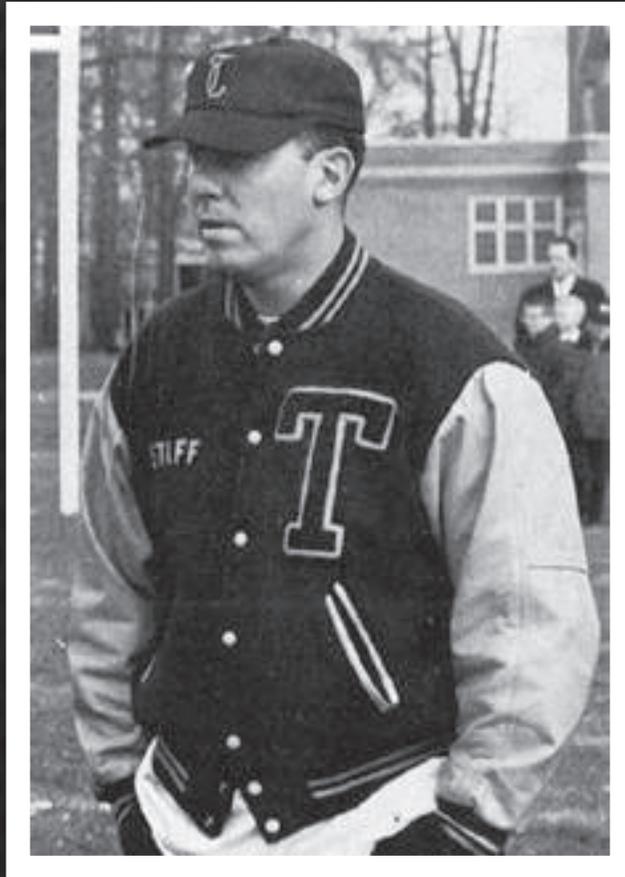
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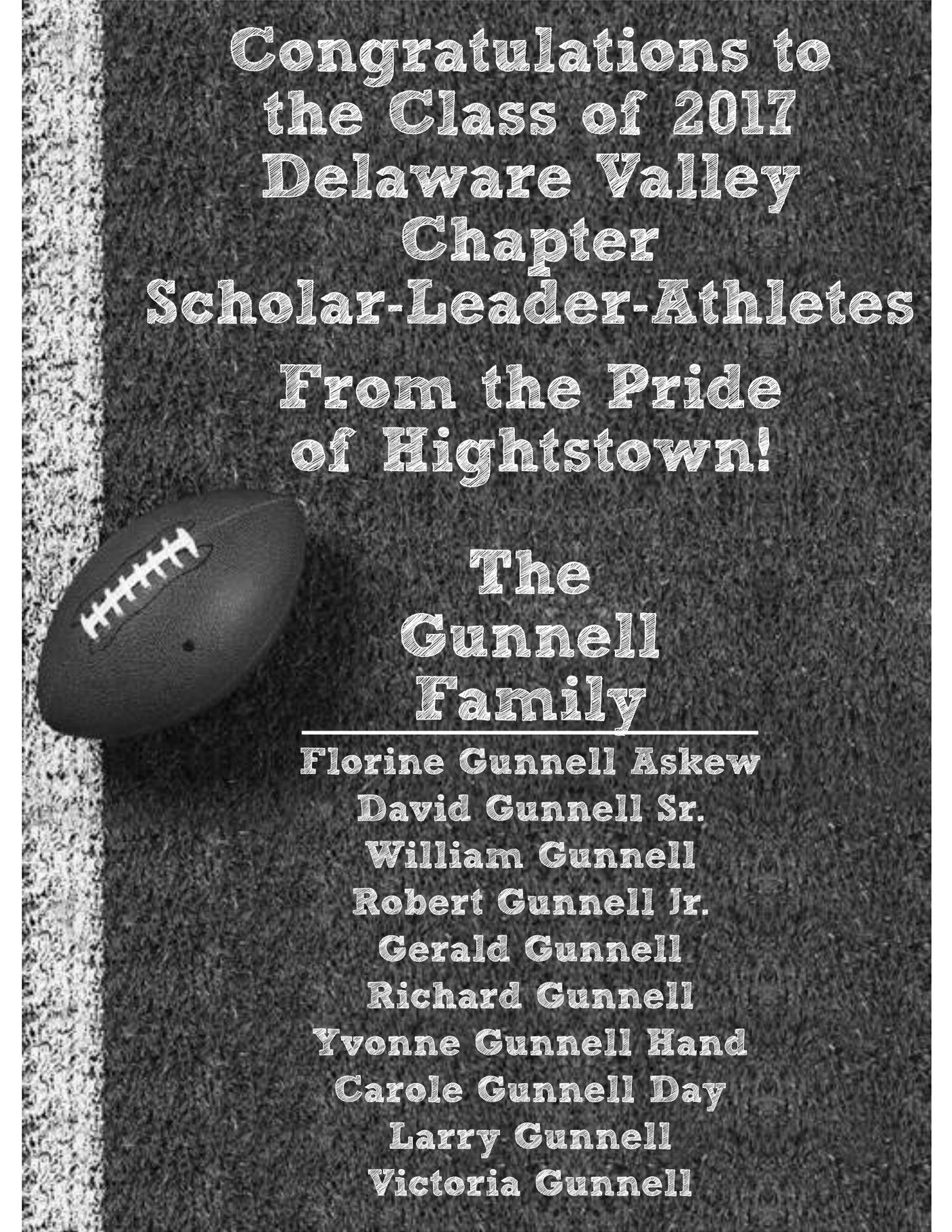
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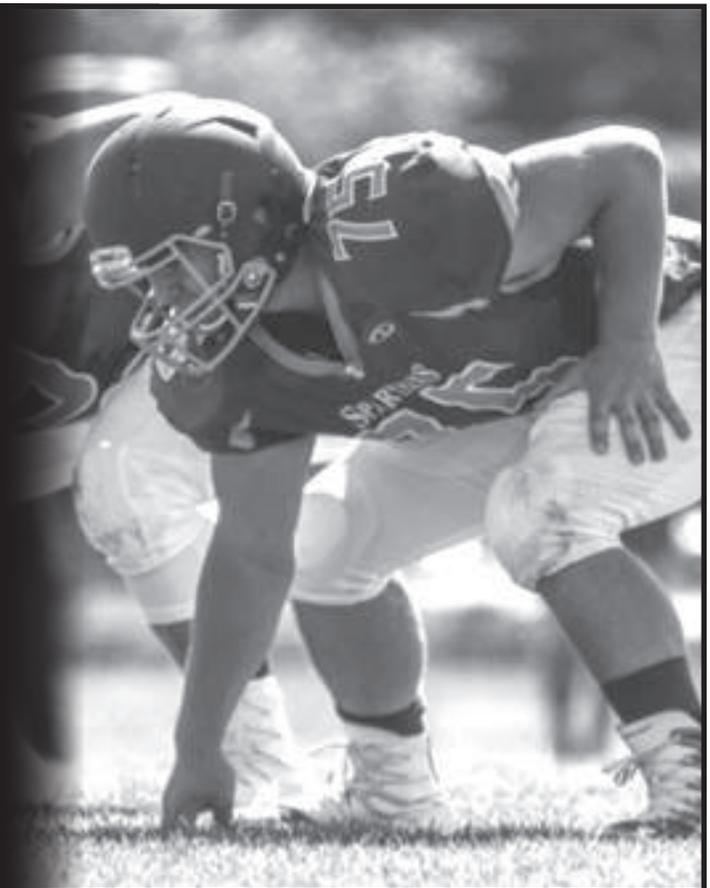


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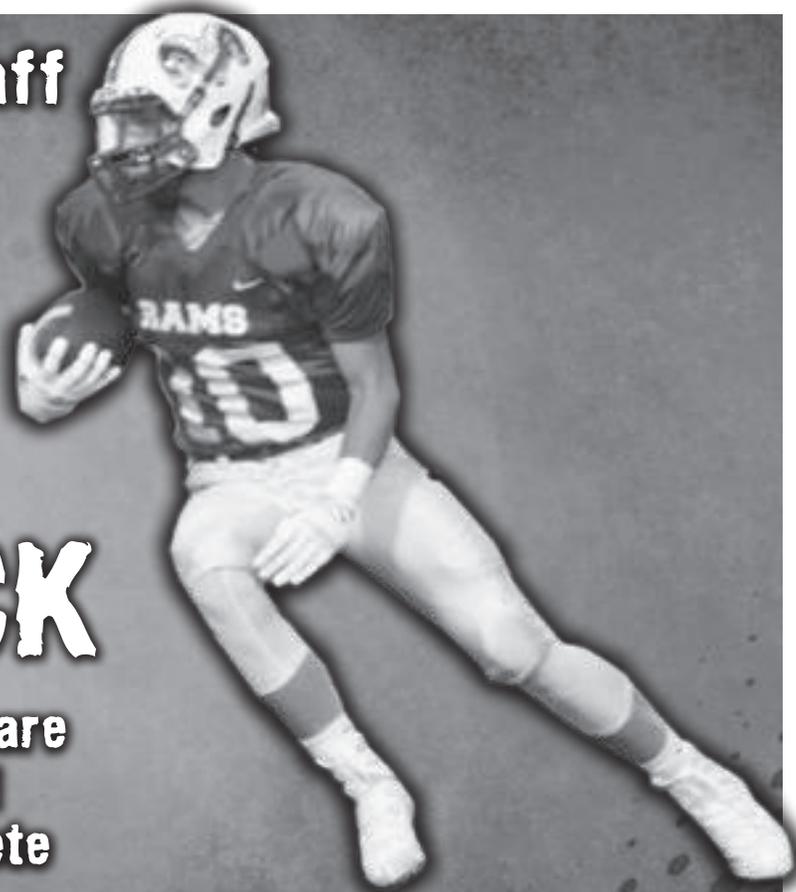
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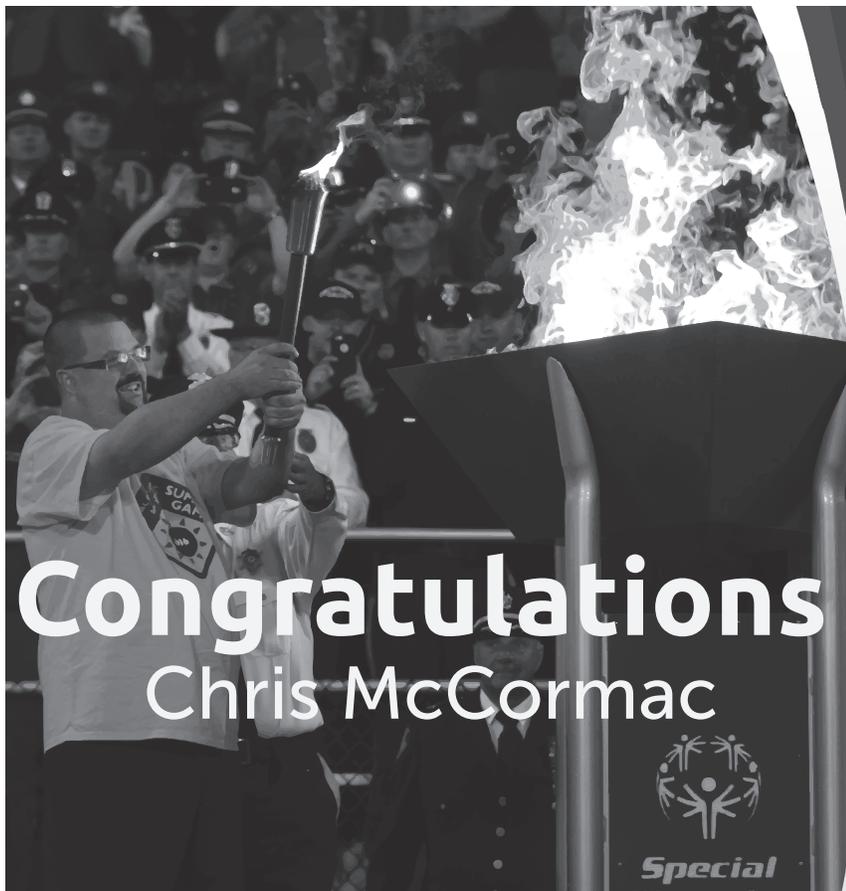


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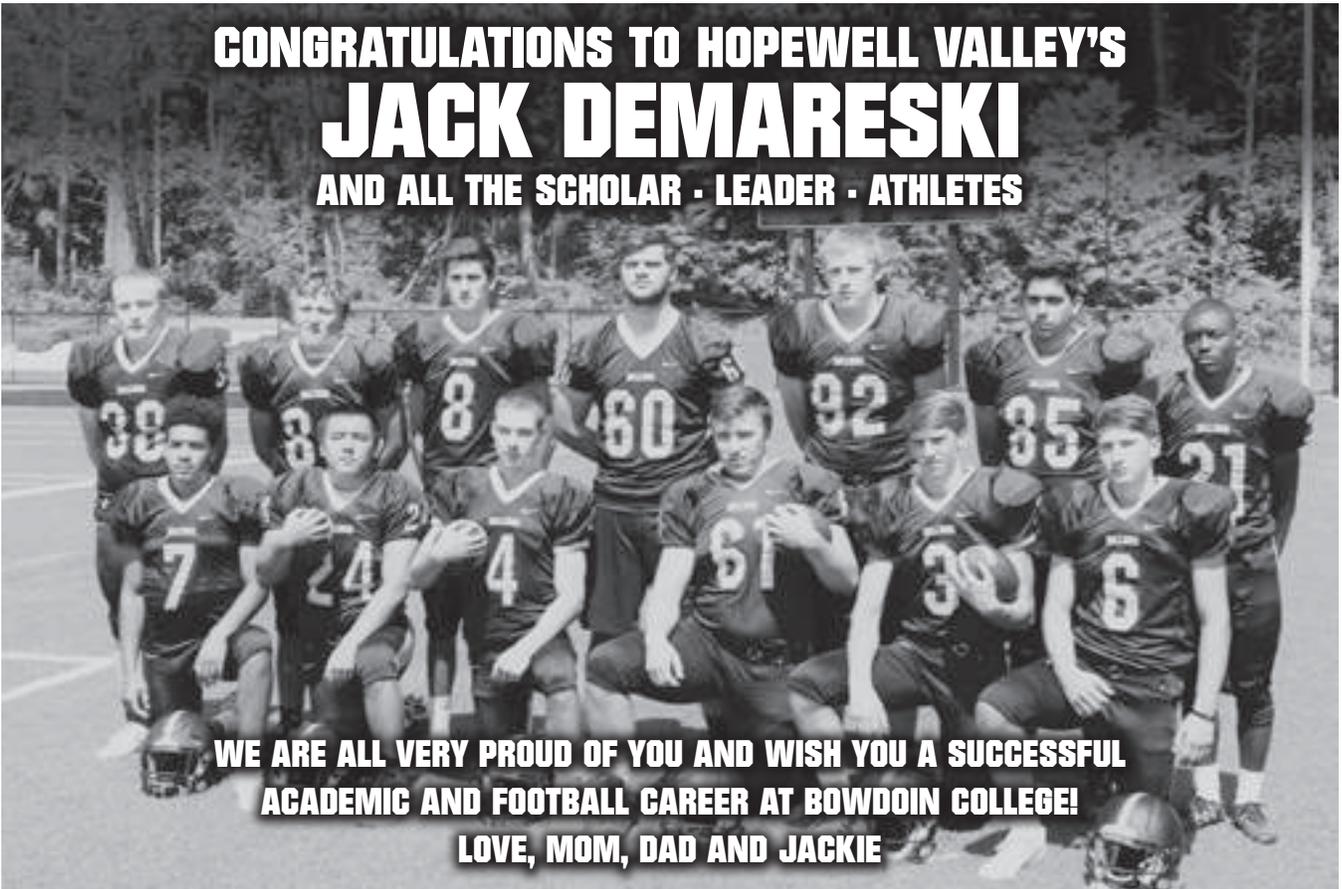
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#25 MAX BOYLE

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Attitude...
determines how well you do it

-Lou Holtz

We are so PROUD of your ability, motivation and attitude! Your dedication to the sport you truly love has made watching you a joy!
Love, Mom, Dad and Sammy

Thank you to all the Redbird Coaches throughout Pop Warner and High School football!

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CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN MURPHY!

You have exhibited tremendous teamwork, leadership and maturity throughout your football career at North, and have made your school and family proud. We will miss watching you play this great game of football, but can't wait to see what your future holds....

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kevin and Kathryn

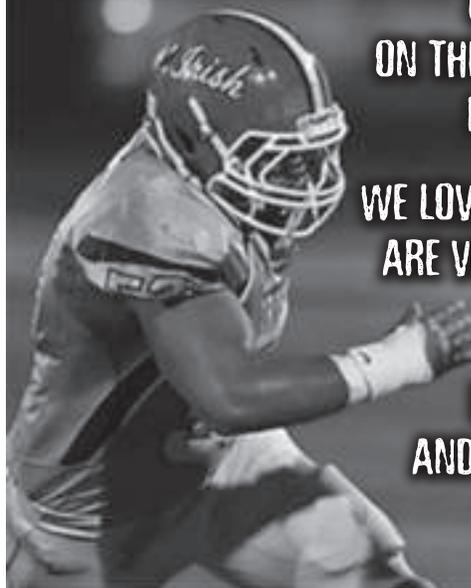
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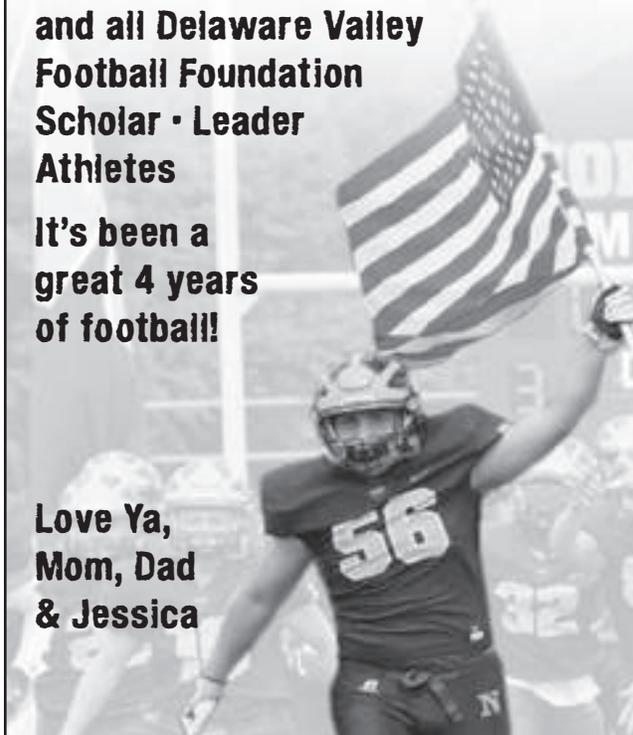
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& Jessica



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Coach David Caldwell • 10.27.17

**Thanks to Coach Caldwell
and all the Bulldog Coaches
for your role in developing
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...and for some great football.**



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Congratulations and Best Wishes...
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Trenton High School**
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