

**PARAMUS HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

**INAUGURAL
INDUCTION DINNER**



November 12, 2009 6:30 p.m.

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WELCOME,

Tonight we induct the Inaugural Class of the Paramus High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The committee has been preparing for this event for two years. We have a wonderful group of people we are inducting, dating back to the late Fifties. Best wishes and congratulations to all the honorees and enjoy the evening.

FIRST ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS TO BE INDUCTED

The Paramus High School Athletic Hall of Fame was founded to honor, pay tribute to and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who, either through participation, support or interest have made outstanding contributions in the field of interscholastic athletics and who have helped bring recognition, honor, distinction and excellence to Paramus High School.

PARAMUS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

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PROGRAM

Flag Salute

Invocation

Welcome

Introduction of Guests

Greeting

Presentation of Inaugural 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

Mayor James Tedesco

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John DeGasperis

Herbert Hoeland

Robert Kingsley

Lou Lanzalotto

Constance Story

Ernie Unger

SPECIAL AWARD

Warren "Pops" Tashian

Dinner

CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAMS

1962 – N.N.J.I.L. and State Sectional Champion Football Team

1995 – N.N.J.I.L. and County and State Sectional Champion Girl's Volleyball Team

STUDENT ATHLETES

Richard Schiesswohl – '63

Jerry Giampetruzzi – '64

Robert Mulcahey – '65

Rick Holdt – '69

Maria DeVita – '76

Michael Brown – '76

Neil Hanley – '82

Trey Bauer – '83

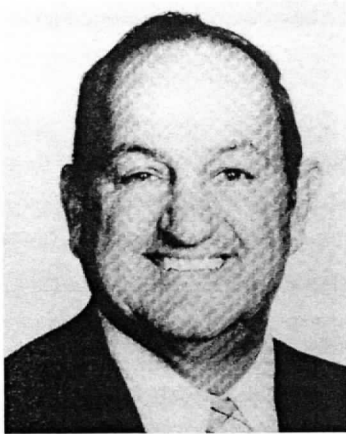
Lauren Cacciamani Tom – '96

Michael Bassett – '98

Closing Remarks

*Hail Paramus, blue and white for posterity
Sons and daughters, sing her praise til' eternity
Raise the chorus, speed it onward let our watchword be
Hail all hail good fellowship Paramus, we love thee*

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JOHN DEGASPERIS **HEAD FOOTBALL COACH**

John, who is being recognized for his role as PHS football coach, had his own outstanding high school athletic career at St. Cecilia High School in Englewood. Earning varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball, he was named to the All-County and All-Metropolitan teams in 1946 for his achievements in football. In 2000 The Record placed him on its All-Century football team. Vince Lombardi, his high school coach, called him the best high school player he ever coached. John had the distinction of playing for three football Hall of Fame coaches: Vince Lombardi at St. Cecilia's and Bill Murray and Dave Nelson at Delaware. John graduated from the University of Delaware in 1952, where he was captain of the football team.

After his military service, John began his teaching and coaching career at St Cecilia's. In 1959 he joined the PHS staff as a physical education and driver education teacher. From 1959-1963 John was assistant football coach and became a major force in helping Coach Bill Peck's teams compile a record of 26-13-2. The 1962 team won the league and sectional Group III state championships. John became head coach in 1964, a position he held for 14 seasons. His teams had a combined record of 71-51-4, winning the league championship in 1969. He retired in 1994 after 35 years in the district.

John and his wife Ann live in New Milford. They have six children: Bill, John, Judy, Donna Jean, Tom, and Mike.



HERBERT HOELAND **HEAD BASKETBALL COACH AND** **DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**

Herb graduated from Bogota High School in 1946, where he earned varsity letters in basketball and baseball. He received a B.S. degree from Seton Hall University before completing graduate work at Montclair State University and Teachers' College, Columbia University.

After serving in the military, Herb joined the Paramus school district in 1953 as an elementary teacher before moving to PHS when it opened in 1957 as a physical education teacher. He was the first basketball coach, holding the position from 1957 to 1964, and his teams compiled a varsity record of 69-25. The 1960-61 team won the N.N.J.I.L. Christmas Tournament, while the 1963-64 team reached the finals of the County tournament. Herb's crowning achievement came during the 1962-63 season, when his team had a record of 23-3 on its way to winning the league, county, and state sectional Group III championships. From 1957-64 he was also the assistant baseball coach.

Herb then served as Director of Athletics and Supervisor of Health and Physical Education from 1964 until his retirement in 1992. During this time he was instrumental in expanding the boys' athletic program and in 1973 planning and supervising the beginning of girls' varsity sports. He served the district for 39 years.

Herb and his wife Helen now divide their time between their homes in Paramus and Long Beach Island. Their children---Jim '72, Linda '74, and Tom '78---are graduates of PHS.

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ROBERT KINGSLEY

HEAD BASEBALL COACH

Bob graduated from Hackensack High School, where he earned varsity letters in basketball and baseball. He received a B.S. degree in 1952 from New York University and a Master's degree from Teachers' College, Columbia University.

Following military service, Bob became an elementary teacher in the Paramus schools. When PHS opened in 1957 he moved there to teach physical education and became the first baseball coach, a position he held for 24 years. His varsity teams won 268 games. In 1963, '64, '65, and '76, his teams were league champions. The 1964 team also won county and state Group IV sectional titles. Bob was an assistant basketball coach at PHS for 24 years.

During his very successful coaching career, Bob earned many individual honors: Coach of the Year in 1975 from the Bergen County Coaches Association and The Daily News, the Bergen County Coaches Century Victory Club, the National High School Coach Award from Scholastic Magazine, the Thomas Della Torre Award from the Y.M.C.A. of Greater Bergen County, the Howard H. Bollerman Sr. Memorial Award from the Bergen County Coaches, and induction into the N.J. Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. Bob also served as interim Director of Athletics and Supervisor of Health and Physical Education during the 1994-95 school year. He retired in 1995 after 41 years of service in the Paramus schools. He remains active in high school basketball, however, through his involvement in the Basketball Officials Association.

Bob and his wife Claire live in Paramus. Their children Jim'78, Ed'78, Robbie'83, Elizabeth'86, and Matt'88 are graduates of PHS, where Matt is now a math teacher.



LOUIS LANZALOTTO

(Posthumous Award)

HEAD TRACK COACH

Lou was a 1944 graduate of Union Hill High School in Union City, where he earned varsity letters in basketball and baseball. He graduated from Montclair State University in 1948, playing varsity basketball during his years there. In 1960 he earned a Master's degree in social studies.

Lou served in the military before joining the Paramus schools in 1953 as an elementary teacher. He moved to PHS in 1957 and became the first track coach, a position he held until 1978. His teams compiled an impressive dual meet record of 173-50-3 while winning nine league championships. Lou coached a remarkable 21 consecutive winning seasons. The 1965 team had an 11-0 dual meet record, won the league and state Group III championships, and received national recognition

The Bergen County Coaches Association chose Lou as Coach of the Year in 1965 and 1973. After his coaching career ended, he remained active in the sport, serving as one of the leading track officials in the county and state. Lou was a charter member and organizer of the Paramus Run and a member of the Recreation Commission. He was secretary-treasurer of the Bergen County Coaches Association for 25 years. The annual Lou Lanzalotto Meet of Champions is named in his honor. Lou served as chairperson of the social studies department at PHS from 1958 until his retirement in 1988. His career in the district spanned 35 years.

Lou and his wife Julie are both deceased. Their children Steve'70, Janet'73, Lou'76, and Jim'80, are graduates of PHS.



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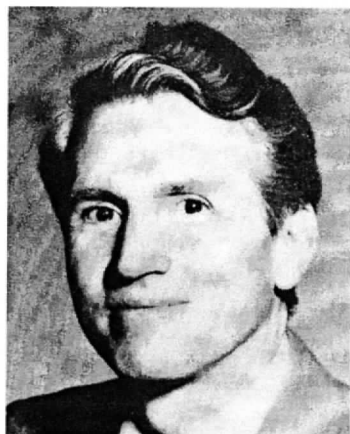


CONSTANCE STORY **HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH**

A graduate of Westwood High School, Connie received a Bachelor's degree from the College of New Jersey before earning a Master's degree at Montclair State University. She joined the PHS faculty in 1965 as a physical education teacher. In 1973 she was appointed to start and coach the girls' volleyball team. In her 18 years as coach, her teams compiled a remarkable record of 336 wins and 58 losses. They won eight league, nine county, and four state Group III sectional championships. Connie has also been an assistant track and field coach and was the first girls' tennis coach at PHS.

Connie has received many individual coaching awards. The Bergen County Coaches Association selected her three times as Coach of the Year. She is a member of their Century Victory Club, with 100 wins in 1981 and 300 wins in 1989. She was inducted into the N.J. State Coaches Hall of Fame and received the N.J.S.I.A.A. Volleyball Sports Award. In 1993 Connie was honored with both the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award and the N.J.A.H.P.E.R.D. Professional Achievement Award. The Y.M.C.A. of Greater Bergen County named her the 2007 recipient of its William J. "Mickey" Corcoran Service to Youth Award.

Connie continues to teach the students of PHS as a member of the physical education department.



ERNEST UNGER

HEAD SOCCER COACH

As a member of the Hackensack High School Class of 1955, Ernie earned three varsity letters in soccer and was named first team All-County. He continued with this sport at Rutgers University, from which he received a B.A. degree in 1959. He played soccer for four years and was given the Alfred B. Sasser Award for leadership, initiative, team spirit, and loyalty, the same award one of his PHS players would receive several years later. He was also selected to the All-Legacy team.

Ernie joined the PHS faculty in 1959 as a German and English teacher. He was the school's first soccer coach, a position he would hold for 39 years. His teams won more than 300 games, including being a finalist for the state Group III sectional championship in 1961. Ernie was a true teacher of the game. His players were known for their individual skills, teamwork, competitiveness, and sportsmanship. Among the many honors he received were his membership in the Bergen County Coaches Century Victory Club and his inductions into the N.J. State Coaches, Bergen County Coaches, and Hackensack High School Halls of Fame.

Ernie was the strong foundation of the PHS German program throughout his career. His love of teaching the language earned him district and state recognition and the respect and appreciation of his students. He retired in 1998 after 39 years of teaching. He and his wife Judy recently moved to Ames, Iowa.

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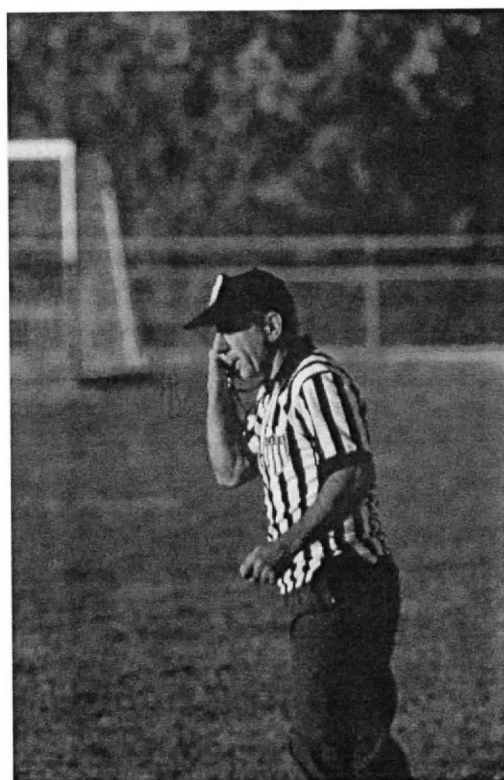


WARREN "POPS" TASHIAN SPECIAL AWARD

Although he was not a graduate of PHS, Pops is one of the greatest Spartans of them all! He has been a loyal supporter of Paramus athletics since they began in 1957 and still regularly attends games and meets. He was a member of his own school football team as a student at George Washington High School in New York City. He is a World War II veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in 1944 in a bombing mission over Germany. Pops flew 25 missions as a belly gunner in a B17. After leaving the military, he worked for 37 years for the U.S. Postal Service.

Pops has been a Paramus resident since 1955. For more than 20 years he coached Babe Ruth League baseball teams, taking four of them to the state playoffs. His sons Paul '62 (deceased) and Ken '64 were varsity lettermen in football and wrestling. Pops served as an administrative aide at PHS from 1972-1979. He was active for many years as a sprinter in senior track events throughout the state and region. Now, at age 95, Pops is the senior active soccer official and softball umpire in the county. The Y.M.C.A. of Greater Bergen County presented him with the Most Inspirational and Courageous Award in 2004.

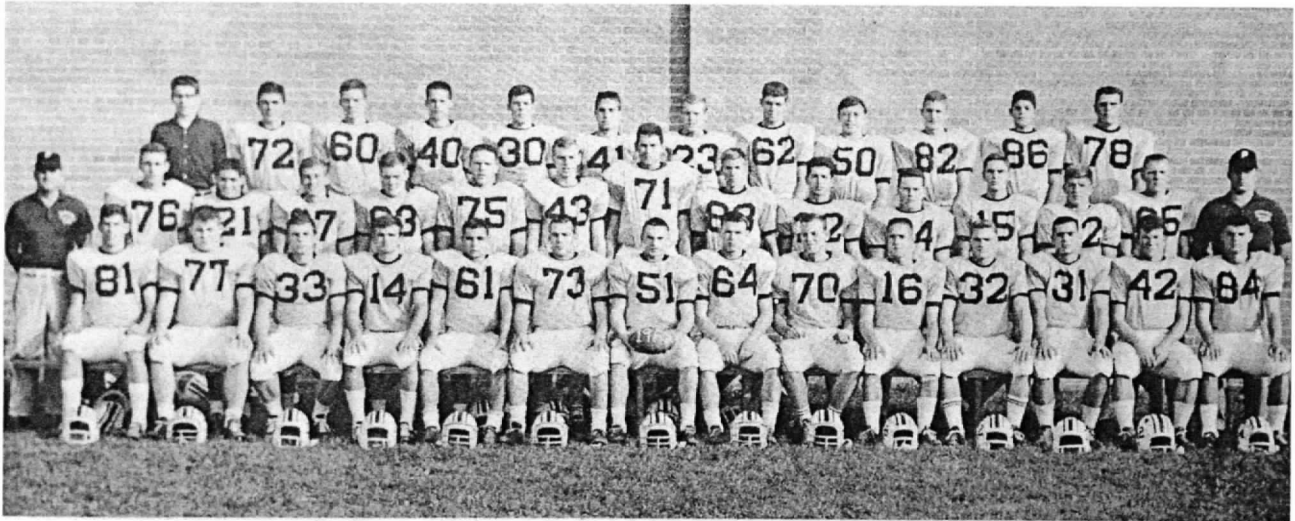
A positive attitude toward life, joy in each day, and a spring in his step---all of these combine to make Pops an inspiration for all of us. Few can match his Spartan loyalty!





1962 N.N.N.I.L. AND STATE GROUP III SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

RECORD: 8-1



Dave Landau, Joe Kutniewski, Rich Trinchieri, John Bouranel, Frank Rulli, Mike Capitman (Captain), Jim Carpenter (Captain), Butch Turner (Captain), Bob Reme, Howie Behnke, Allen Kuebler, Bob Cortese, Pete Kessler, Jerry Giampetruzzi, Mr. John DeGasperi, Ira Goldberg, Lou

Bivona, Jack Maltagliatti, Howie Kirker, Al Tundel, John Robinson, Jeff Zayas, Don Sanns, Joe Incandela, Jim McManus, Bruce St. Thomas, Ron Cheslock, Jeff Runz, Mr. Bill Peck, John Thompson, Tom Moneuse, Bill Boyle, Howie Grohman, Kieth Verheek, John Murray, Dave West, Jim Finch, Kevin Millar, Dan Holovach, Len Zander, Ken Navarchi.



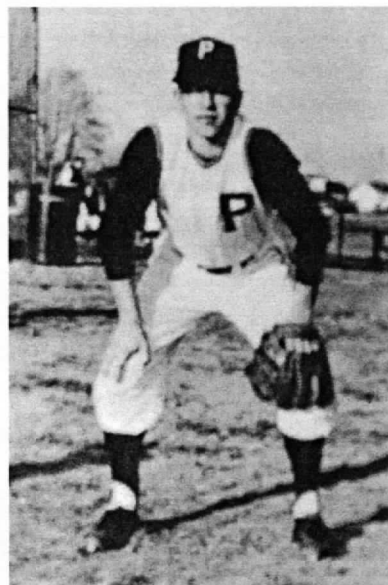


RICHARD SCHIESSWOHL CLASS OF 1963

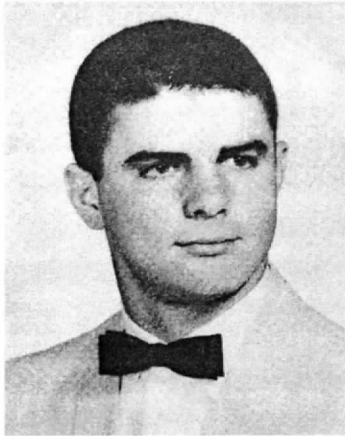
Rich was a three- sport letter winner at PHS. He lettered in football as a sophomore, in soccer as a junior and senior and in baseball for all three years. An outfielder and pitcher, he helped lead the 1963 baseball team to the league championship. In 1961 and 1962 Rich was the dominant soccer player in the county, being named first team All-League and All-County for two years. During the 1962 season, he scored 36 goals in 18 games, with 33 of these in 14 league games. Both were records at the time. His 56 career goals remain the PHS record. Rich was named first team All-State in 1962, a fitting end to his high school soccer career. He was a member of the George W. Hodgins Chapter of the National Honor Society at PHS.

Graduating from Rutgers University in 1967, Rich earned three letters in soccer there. He set a freshman scoring record and was varsity captain in 1966. Named to the All-America soccer team in 1965, Rich was also chosen for the Rutgers All-Legacy Team and received the Alfred B. Sasser Award in 1966 for his leadership, initiative, team spirit, and loyalty.

Prior to retirement Rich was an analytical chemist with Novartis Pharmaceuticals. He and his wife Liz (Hodgins) '63 live in Monroe NY. They have two daughters, Kristin and Amy.



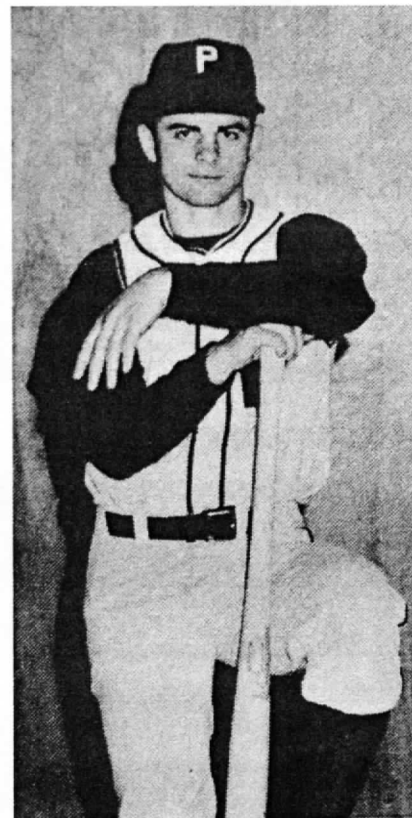
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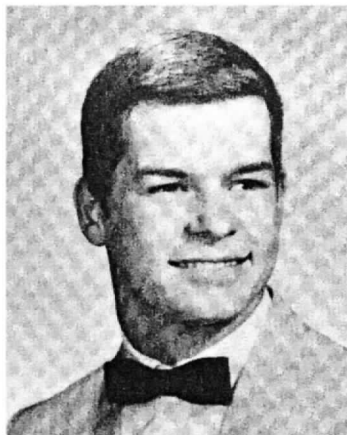


JERRY GIAMPETRUZZI CLASS OF 1964

Jerry played football, basketball, and baseball at PHS, earning nine letters in these three sports. He was captain of the 1963 football team and the 1964 basketball team. As a football player, Jerry helped lead the 1962 team to the league and state Group III sectional championships. He was named first team All-League end in both 1962 and 1963 and then chosen for the All-County first team in 1963. The Record recognized him on the All-Decade (1960-69) and All Century teams. Jerry also received All-League honors in basketball in his senior year. He was a starter on the 1963 team, which won league, county, and state Group III sectional championships. Jerry also earned recognition in baseball. Named as an outfielder to the first team All-League and All-County teams in 1963 and 1964, he was a vital part of the 1964 league, county, and state Group IV sectional championship teams. He earned first team All-State honors in 1964 and was chosen by The Record for its All Decade (1960-1969) first team. During his career at PHS, he played on a total of nine league, county, and state championship teams.

Jerry went on to play professional baseball for two seasons with the Philadelphia Phillies organization. He spent the major part of his business career in the architectural drawing and design fields in both the United States and the Virgin Islands and later as planning manager for Darling International, Inc. Jerry has three children--- Jason, Shawna, and Heather.

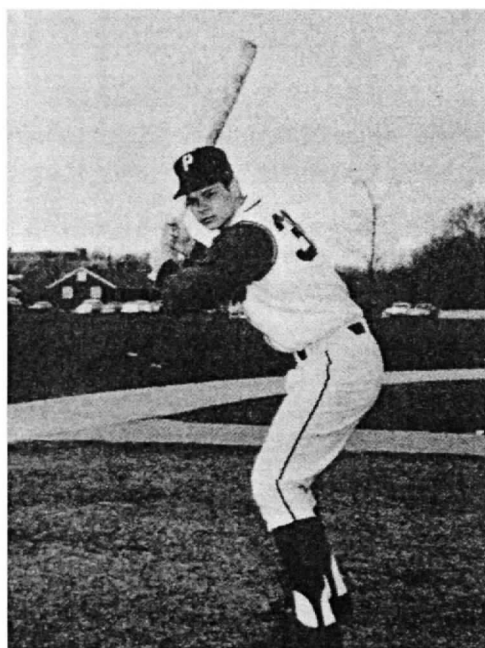




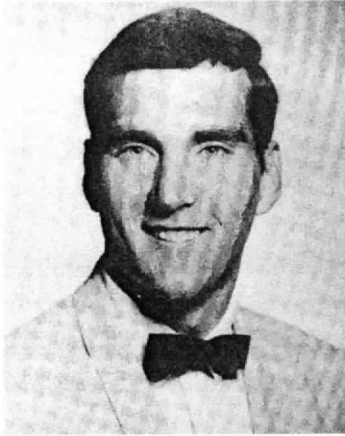
ROBERT MULCAHEY **CLASS OF 1965**

Bob was a football and baseball star at PHS, earning two letters in football and three in baseball. Co-captain of the 1964 football team, he received first team All-League and All-County honors as a tackle. He was a three year starter on the baseball team as both a third baseman and a pitcher. In 1964 he helped lead his team to league, county, and state Group IV Sectional championships. That year he was chosen first team All-League and All-County as a third baseman. The next year he received the same recognition, this time as a pitcher. Leading the team to a league title that year, he had a 10-2 record with 114 strikeouts. Bob received All-State honors in 1965.

Bob attended Columbia University School of Engineering and then went on to sign a professional baseball contract with the San Diego Padres organization, where he played for two seasons. He is the owner and president of Wire Displays, Inc. Bob and his wife Beth live in Allendale. He has two children.



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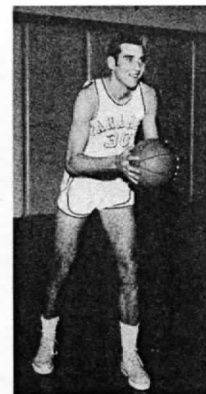


RICK HOLDT **CLASS OF 1969**

Rick was a three-sport athlete at PHS, earning two letters in football, three in basketball, and three in baseball. As an end in football and a first baseman in baseball, he received league and county recognition. Rick was a three-year starter in basketball; his outstanding play earned him many honors. He was the only the second player in N.N.J.I.L. history to be named first team All-League for three consecutive seasons. In his junior and senior years, he was also a first team All-County selection. Rick led the league in scoring in 1968 and 1969 (as team captain), averaging 28 points and 12 rebounds per game. The team compiled a record of 46-3, winning two league championships and two Holiday Festival titles. The 1969 team finished the regular season with a 21-0 record. Another highlight of his career was being named to the All-State team and being selected as a Parade Magazine All- America team member. Rick ended his basketball career at PHS as the leader in all individual and career offensive statistics. The Record recognized him as one of the top ten Players of the Decade (1960-69). The Y.M.C.A. of Greater Bergen County selected him as one of the top Male High School Athletes of the Year in 1968.

Rick graduated from North Carolina State University in 1973 after playing basketball there for four years. He was named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference freshman team and then went on to earn three varsity letters. He was a member of the 1973 NCAA championship basketball team.

After graduation Rick coached basketball at the high school and college levels. He is now the district manager for Republic National Distributors. He and his wife Teresa have three children and live in Hickory NC.



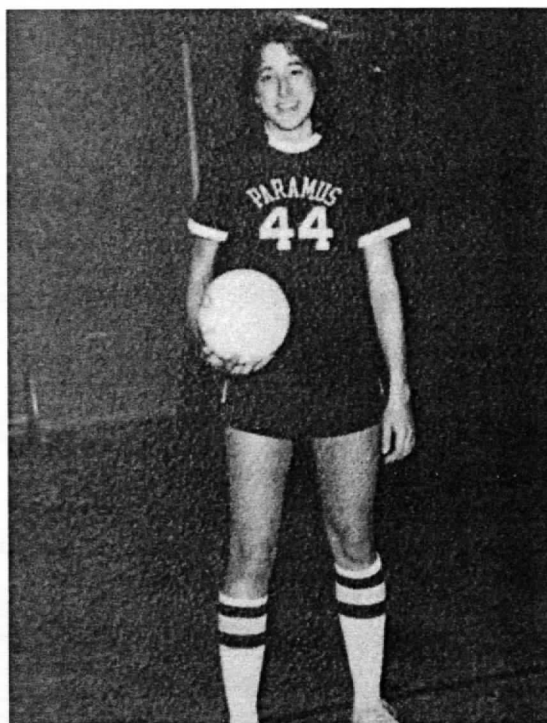


MARIA DEVITA

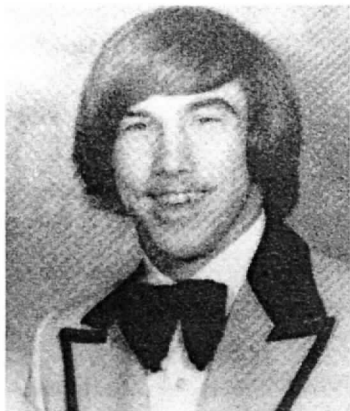
CLASS OF 1976

Maria is the first in a long line of outstanding female athletes at PHS. She played volleyball, basketball, and softball, earning three letters in each sport. As captain of the volleyball team in 1975, she helped lead the team to a County championship, earning All-League honors along the way. In basketball Maria was named first team, All-League, in 1975 and 1976 (as team captain) and first team All-County in 1976. During her senior year she averaged 19 points and 10 rebounds per game. Playing first base on the softball team, she was once again first team, All-League in 1975 and 1976 and first team All-County in 1976. The Y.M.C.A. of Greater Bergen County named her one of the top Female Athletes of the Year in 1975. Maria was a member of the George W. Hodgins Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Maria graduated from Georgetown University in 1980, where she earned two letters in volleyball and three in basketball. She was captain of the 1980 basketball team. In 1996 Maria was inducted into the Georgetown Athletic Hall of Fame. By that time, she had received a medical degree from the Georgetown School of Medicine. Dr. DeVita is presently a physician at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. She and her husband Keith have three children and live in Englewood.



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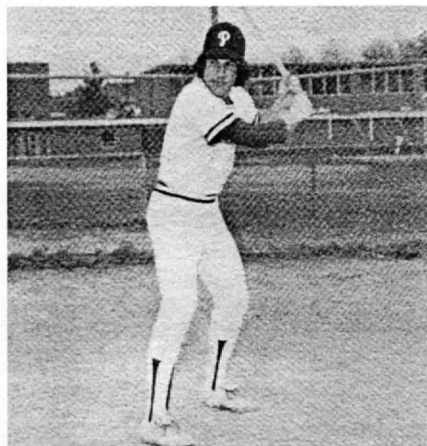


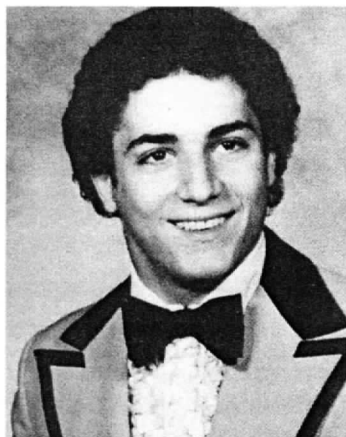
MICHAEL BROWN **CLASS OF 1976**

Mike received nine letters while at PHS, three each as a starter in football, basketball, and baseball. As a point guard in basketball, he received All-League honors. In football he was a first team All-League defensive back for two seasons and the career leader for interceptions, 16 in 3 years. As a senior, Mike received first team All-County honors as well as All-State recognition. The Record named Mike Athlete of the Week during the 1975 football season. Excelling in baseball as well, Mike was named as an outfielder on the first team All-League as a junior and senior before being chosen first team All-County. He also received All-State honors. His league-leading batting average in 1976 helped the team gain a league championship. He holds several season and career baseball records. The Record named him to its All-Decade (1970-79) first teams in both football and baseball and then to the All-Century team in baseball. The Y.M.C.A. of Greater Bergen County honored Mike in 1975 as the Male High School Athlete of the Year and again in 1979 as its College Athlete of the Year. He was a member of the George W. Hodgins Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Mike graduated from Columbia College, Columbia University, in 1980, where he received three letters in football and four in baseball. He was named first team All-Ivy in football and was awarded the David Smyth Cup given to the outstanding player. Mike holds the Columbia record for career interceptions, 15 in 3 years. In 1979 he received All-America recognition in football. He was also a starter on the 1977 Ivy League championship baseball team, team captain as a senior, an All-Ivy honoree, and recipient of the Lou Gehrig Award as the Most Valuable Player. After four seasons he held a combined six season and career baseball records.

Mike is Managing Director for Investments at U.S. Trust Company. For 21 years he served as a Paramus Board of Education trustee. He and his wife Marianne (Schmelzer) '77 live in Manhattan. Their children Michael '01 and Katie '04 are also PHS graduates.



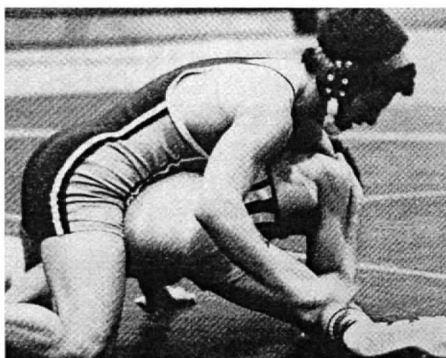
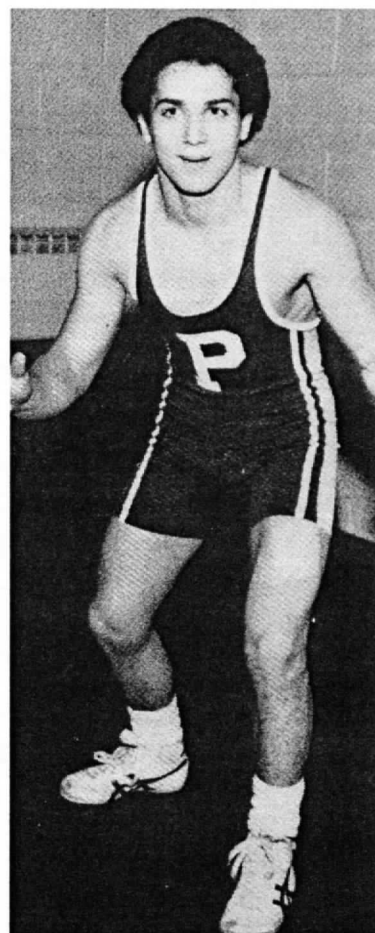


NEIL HANLEY CLASS OF 1982

Neil has the distinction of being the only PHS wrestler to win a State championship, doing so in 1982 in the 122 lb. weight class. Neil played football and baseball in his first two years of high school, but earned his three varsity letters in wrestling. Captain of the 1982 wrestling team, he earned many honors throughout his career: District champion in 1981 and 1982; Regional champion in 1982; and Bergen County Coaches Tournament champion in 1981 and 1982. He was named first team All-League and All-County in 1982, when he was also a Record Athlete of the Week. The Record later selected him for its All-Decade (1980-89) team. He is a member of the Bergen County Hall of Fame. When he graduated, Neil was the co-holder of the record for the most career wins---75.

Neil attended Old Dominion University, where an injury ended his wrestling career. In 1986 he received his Bachelor's degree and then went on to receive his M.B.A. at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Now a successful businessman, Neil lives with his wife Debra and children Marissa, Kaila, and Collin in Mahwah. He remains involved in wrestling, serving as Mahwah's Youth Wrestling Commissioner and assistant middle school coach.



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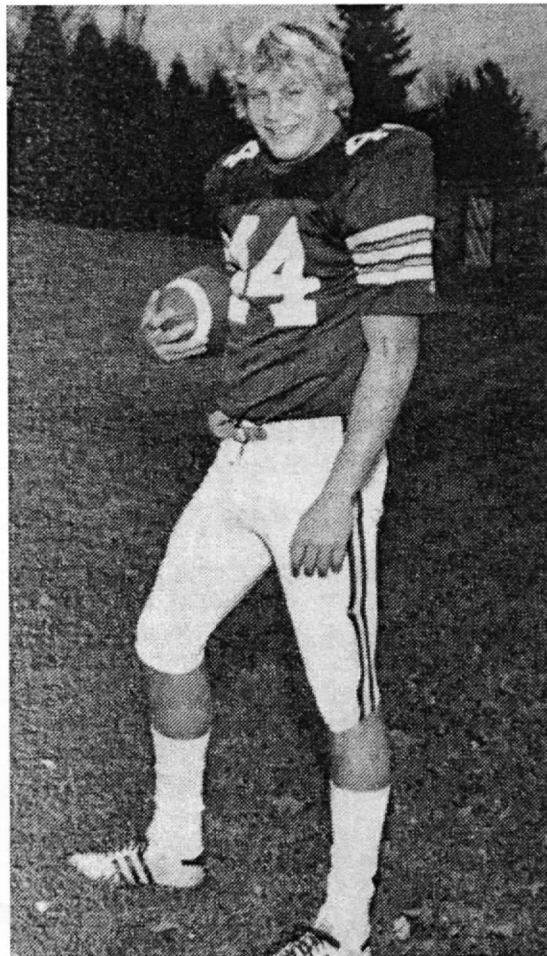


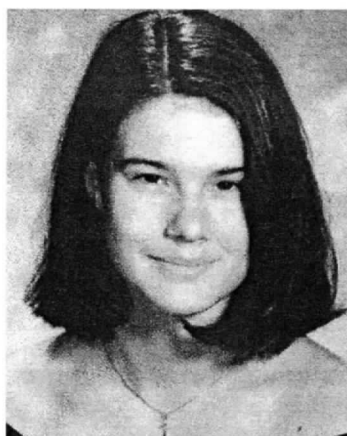
TREY BAUER **CLASS OF 1983**

Trey was a three- sport letter winner at PHS, earning one letter in basketball, three in track, and four in football. As a member of the track team Trey was the freshman demi-decathlon champion and held the school record in the javelin throw. In football Trey was a four-year starter as a linebacker and running back, chosen captain in his senior year. He was named first team All-League as a junior and senior and then first team All-County as a senior. The Record selected Trey for its All-Decade (1980-1989) first team as well as its All-Century team. He holds the PHS record for career tackles and interceptions by a linebacker. During Trey's football career, his father Charlie was the team's head coach.

Trey graduated from Penn State University in 1987, earning four letters in football. As a senior and team captain, he was the starting linebacker on the 1986 national championship team and was named to the All-East team. He also received third team All-America honors. After four years he was Penn State's fifth all-time leading tackler. He played in the Senior Bowl All-Star Classic. The Y.M.C.A. of Greater Bergen County selected Trey as the Male College Athlete of the Year in 1987.

Trey is currently senior vice-president at Rockdale Securities. He and his wife Maureen live in Garden City, Long Island, with their five children.



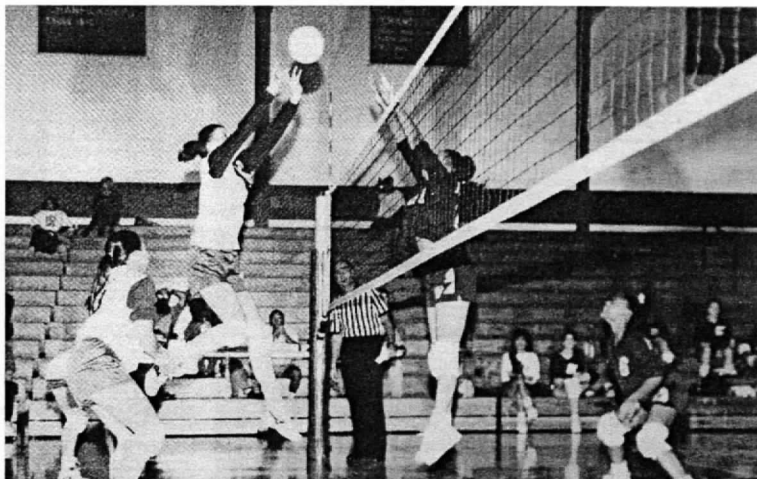


LAUREN CACCIAMANI TOM CLASS OF 1996

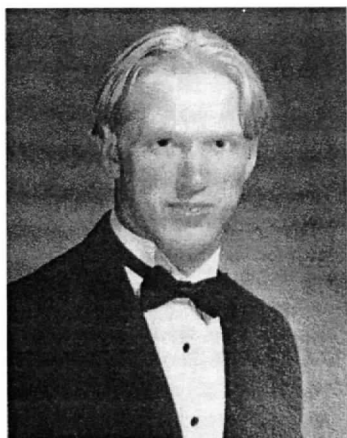
A volleyball standout at PHS, Lauren was a three-year starter and letter winner. She also participated in indoor and spring track for her first two high school years. Selected first team All-League and first team All-County for three varsity seasons, Lauren was the dominant player in the county and the state during her senior year, when she led her team to an undefeated season and to league, county, and state Group III championships. Lauren was selected first team All-State and then named an All-America player by Parade Magazine. The Record named her Athlete of the Week during the 1995 volleyball season. In the summer of 1995 she was a member of the U.S. Junior Olympic Team. While at PHS she was a member of the George W. Hodgins Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Lauren graduated from Penn State in 2000 after playing volleyball for four years and receiving many honors and awards, including first team All-Big Ten for four years and Player of the Year and Female Athlete of the Year in both 1999 and 2000. She was named an All-America and Academic All-America for three years. Playing in three N.C.A.A. national finals, Lauren and her team won the championship in 1999, and Lauren was selected tournament M.V.P. and NCAA Co-Player of the Year. Penn State honored Lauren as Female Athlete of the Year in 2000. In 1999 the Y.M.C.A. of Greater Bergen County chose her as the Female College Athlete of the Year. She was recently inducted into the N.J. State Athletic Hall of Fame.

Lauren and husband Laurence now live in Philadelphia with sons Jayden and Logan.



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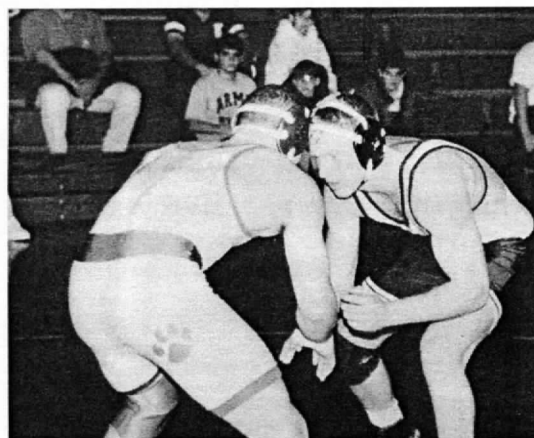


MICHAEL BASSETT **CLASS OF 1998**

Mike was a three-sport athlete at PHS, earning eleven varsity letters---three in football and four in wrestling and baseball. He received All-League recognition as the quarterback of the 1997 football team. In four years as a varsity wrestler Mike compiled a record of 108-20, with 75 pins. County champion twice, district champion three times, and region champion once, Mike placed fifth in the state as a junior and fourth as a senior. He was selected first team All-County in 1998. For his accomplishments in baseball, Mike was named first team, All-League for three years and first team All-County for two. His prodigious hitting earned him first team All-State honors as a junior and senior as well as high school All-America recognition as a senior. Mike holds the PHS records for homeruns (34), hits (139), doubles (26), and RBI's (138). In 1998 The Record named Mike Athlete of the Week and later placed him on its All-Century team. The Y.M.C.A. of Greater Bergen County selected Mike as one of the top Male High School Athletes of the Year in 1998.

Mike graduated from George Washington University in 2002, earning four letters in baseball. He holds the school records there for homeruns (62), hits, and RBI's. Drafted by the Cincinnati Reds organization, he spent two seasons in professional baseball.

Mike is now employed by AXA Equitable as a financial planner. He lives with his wife Samantha and daughter Kylie in Hackensack.





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Raise the chorus, speed it onward let our watchword be
Hail all hail good fellowship Paramus, we love thee*

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