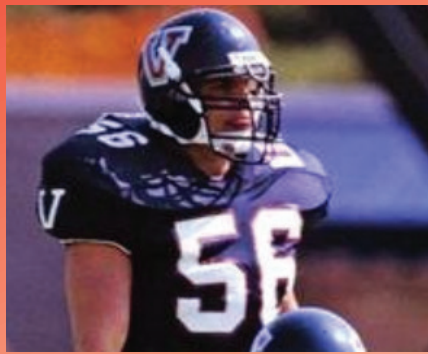




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2021 INDUCTEES

May 16, 2021



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Andy Shay, Master of Ceremonies

Andy grew up a huge sports fan as a military brat living all over the world. Being a sportswriter for a newspaper was always his dream job. He spent nearly a quarter century covering central Pennsylvania high school sports for *The Patriot-News/PennLive* and *The Sentinel* before leaving the media in 2014. Currently, Andy is the Director of Communications for the national non-profit Uplifting Athletes. He is an Operation Desert Storm Army Veteran, and he and his wife, Maureen have two children, Kaci and Brendan.

Special thanks to the following people:

Inductee Escorts

Jeremy Boone escorted by *Mechanicsburg Athletic Director, Seth Pehanich*

Colette Eckert escorted by former Shippensburg Teammate, *Stephanie Howard*

Rick Blood escorted by son, *Ryan Blood*

Haold A. Griffiths, escorted by wife, *Linda*, and son, *Joel*

Robert C. Anderson II escorted by wife, *Kathy Anderson*

David S. Heckard III escorted by father, *Dave Heckard Jr.*

Randy Roberts escorted by brother, *Laurie Roberts*

Lawrence L. Kostelac Sr. escorted by *Ken Kostelac & family*

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Gillian Smith, CVHS Senior & Girls Lacrosse

Color Guard from Cumberland Valley HS

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The West Shore Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Inc. welcomes our 2021 inductees, their families and friends to the 36th annual induction banquet.

Twenty-Nine chapters across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize the athletic achievements of men and women who rise to the "Hall of Fame" stature. The purpose of each chapter is to recognize individuals that have excelled in their chosen sport(s), inspired future student athletes, or contributed to sports and athletics through other influential capacities. This afternoon we are pleased to honor our eight inductees, the 2021 class, into the West Shore Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Inc.

Our local scholar-athletes will also be recognized this afternoon. This event serves to recognize male and female scholar-athletes from the fourteen high schools within our chapter. We award several scholarships to deserving senior athletes who demonstrate the very best characteristics of academics, athletics, and community service. We are proud to be able to give recognition to these future leaders. We would like to thank our members who generously support this initiative through their donations.

Chapter membership is open to all sports minded people. We urge you to continue your support through membership and attendance at our key events. Chapter membership is over 225 and growing. We thank you for your support and encourage you to become an active part of this chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

For more information please see the membership form included in this program. Membership is open to all.

We are proud to announce our current status as a 501(c)(3) organization.

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36th Annual Hall of Fame Recognition Ceremony

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Welcome	Andy Shay, Master of Ceremonies
Procession of Inductees & Escort	Andy Shay
Acknowledgment of Scholar-Athletes	Andy Shay
Presentation of the Colors (CVHS ROTC)	Andy Shay
National Anthem (CVHS)	Andy Shay
Pledge to the Flag	Andy Shay
Recognition of Scholar-Athletes	Andy Shay
Presentation of Scholarships.....	Andy Shay
Induction of the Class of 2021	Andy Shay
Presentation of Awards.....	Andy Shay
Closing Remarks.....	Andy Shay

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Thank you for taking us along on the ride!

The Mechanicsburg Wildcat Family

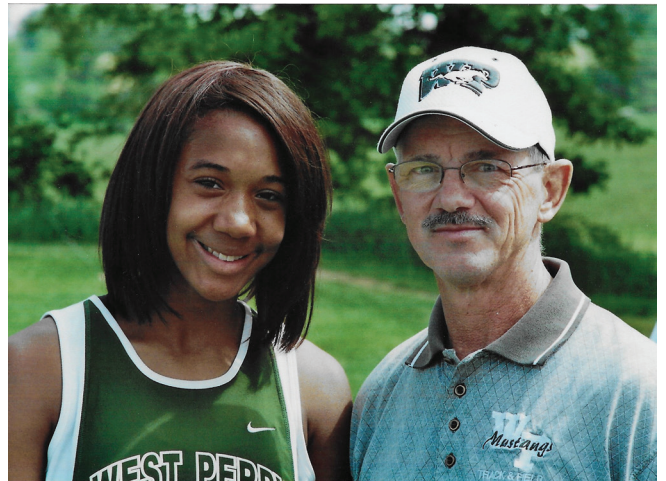


WILDCAT PRIDE!



Erin Gay, Scott Moyer, Steve Shover, Andrea Teeter, Mary Jane Wertz

Class of 2019
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Robert Anderson

After graduating from Boiling Springs High School as an Honor Student and a three sport athlete (football, basketball, and baseball) with Blue Mountain League Championships in both football and baseball, Bob enrolled at Shippensburg State College in the fall of 1969. He continued to participate in football and baseball at the collegiate level. He became the starting free safety for the football team in his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. He was selected as a tri-captain for his senior season, and by season's end he was selected to the PSAC All-Conference Team as a Safety. He was presented the "MVP" Defensive Back Award and the "MVP" Senior Award at the season ending banquet.

After graduating from Shippensburg in 1973, Bob secured a teaching and coaching position in the West Perry School District. He taught fourth grade until 2008 when he retired after 35 years. Bob continued to actively serve the West Perry School District by continuing to coach and to serve in other important capacities during his 47 years of service. He has been the clock operator for high school boys and girls basketball games and wrestling matches for the past 39 years. He has also been a substitute teacher for the school district and worked at various sporting events as a game manager and security for the past 23 years. Bob also umpired many levels of baseball during the summers of 1970 through 1990 as a member of the Cumberland Valley Umpires Association.

To say that Bob Anderson is an institution at West Perry would be an understatement to say the least. Over the course of 47 years, he has left a major impact on Mustang Athletics.

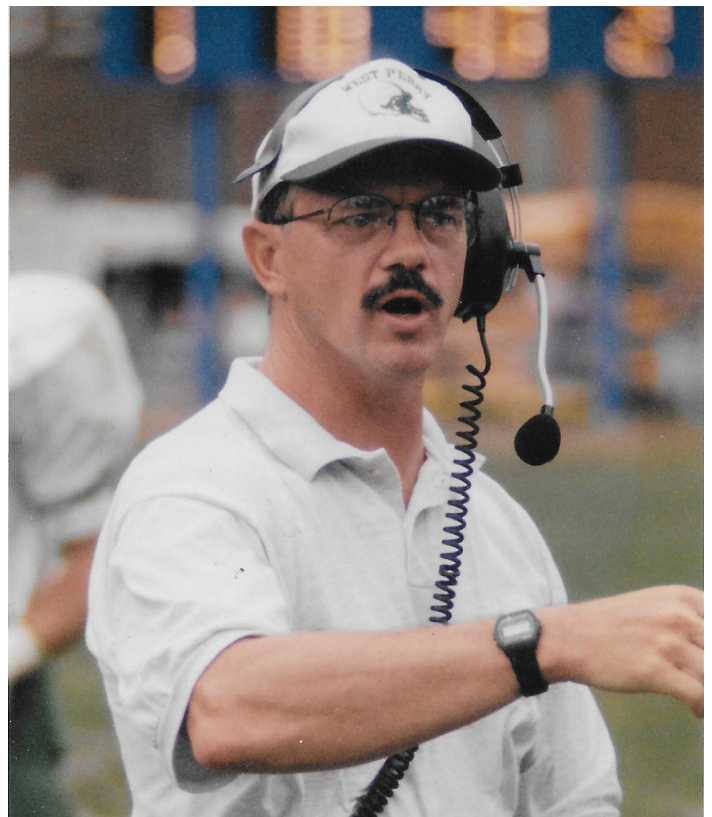
For twenty-five years (two as an assistant, 23 as the head coach), he built one of the most respected football programs in central Pennsylvania. He finished with an impressive career record of 134-97-5. During his tenure, the Mustangs won two Twin Valley Conference Championships, one Tri-Valley League Championship, and two Mid Conference Division III Championships. His finest achievement was his 1989 team, which finished with a perfect record of 10-0. It is still the last team in Pennsylvania history to finish with an undefeated regular season and not qualify for the District playoffs. His 1978 championship team featured Dave Weaver, the only player from West Perry to ever play in the Big 33 Football Classic. He was twice named Football Coach of the Year by the Old Timers Athletic Association of Central Pennsylvania in 1977 and 1989. He was also selected as the Head Coach for the 'West Squad' in the 1990 PSFCA East/West All-Star Football Game.

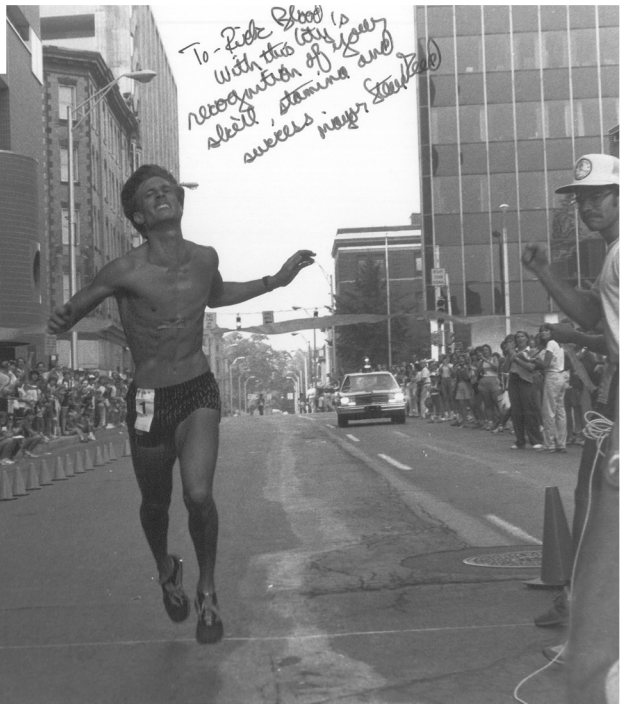
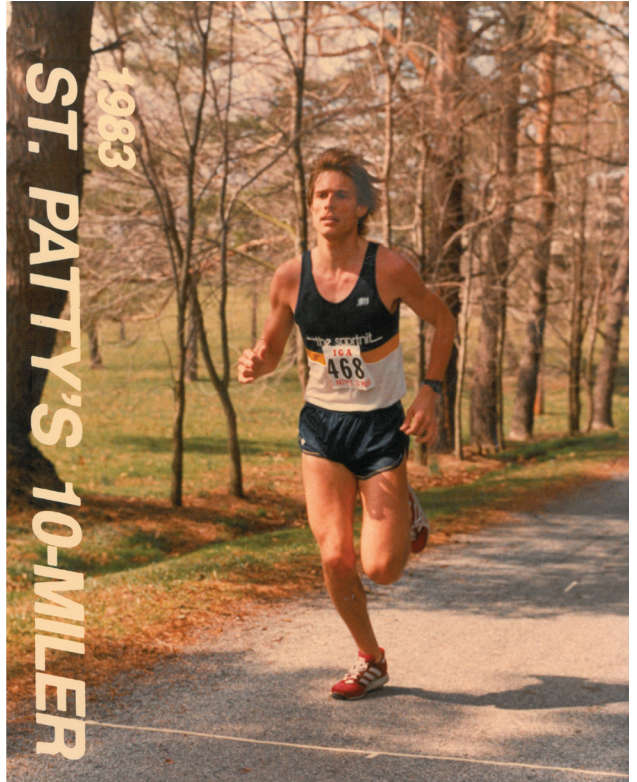
From 1974-1990, Bob served as the Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach. Over those 16 years, the Mustang baseball

teams won four Tri Valley League Championships, three Mid Penn Division III Championships, three District III Championships, and two PIAA State Championships. During those 16 seasons, the West Perry baseball program had an overall record of 250-74 with a 77% winning percentage. Among the players he coached were West Shore Hall of Famer Brent Milligan and Tim Rice who both went on to careers in Minor League Baseball.

For the past 32 years, Bob has served as the throwing coach for the West Perry Girls and Boys Track and Field Teams. During those years, the track teams have captured six Mid Penn Division Championships, accumulated an overall record of 574-284, with a 66% winning percentage. He has coached seven Mid Penn Conference Champions, 27 District III Medalists, three District III Champions, and six PIAA State Medalists.

Altogether, Coach Robert Anderson has coached 72 seasons of football, baseball, and track in 47 years while teaching and subbing in the West Perry School District. He has enjoyed having the opportunity to be a positive influence on the thousands of students and athletes he has taught or coached during his career at West Perry.





Rick Blood

Born August 13, 1958 at Harrisburg Hospital. Only child of James M. Blood, Jr. and Sylvia A. Blood. Grew up in Summerdale, PA in East Pennsboro Township. Attended EPASD and graduated from East Pennsboro High School in 1976.

Began running Cross Country in fall of 1973 to get in shape for wrestling, ran Track and Field in spring of 1974. Continued both throughout my high school and college careers. Attended Lock Haven University (Lock Haven State College). After graduating from "The Haven" with a degree in Health/Physical Education, I continued to train on my own to see how "good" I could become and had my eye on trying to make The 1984 Olympic Marathon Trials.

From 1980-1985, won every race in the Harrisburg/Carlisle area. Most multiple times, setting All Time Best Times in most of these road races. Some more notable races were: The Sheaffer Brother's Half Marathon and Summerfair 10K races in Carlisle, Hershey Chocolate Chase 10k, Harrisburg Races included The Capitol 5,000, YMCA ¼ Marathon, Harrisburg Mile, Kipona 10k (won six times in a row - setting a new course record each year), Harrisburg Marathon (won twice, setting a still standing best time in 1981). Others: The Last Mile 5 Miler in Duncannon and Viola Whitewater 5 Miler in New Cumberland.

Some notable National level races I qualified to compete and did well in were: The Pepsi Challenge 10k-New York, Cherry Blossom 10 Miler-Washington DC, Philadelphia Distance Run (half marathon), and The New York City Marathon in 1983 where I qualified for the 1984 Olympic Marathon Trials with a time of 2:18:13.

Cindy and I were married in May 1983. In 1985, I was working full time in a warehouse, often on overtime. It was considerably more difficult to train and travel. In June of 1985, our first child, Ryan was born. I decided at the end of that year I would retire at the age of 27 from that level of racing. It was no longer about me. Cindy and I had started our family. In December of 1987, our second child, Kari was born.

I began teaching Health/Physical Education in 1998 at East Pennsboro High School. I coached Cross Country in the fall of 2002 and 2003, coached Track and Field in 1982, 1983 and 1999 through 2011, 2017 and 2018 (head track coach for four of those years).

Running continued to be very important in my life and I continued to run on a regular basis for health and fitness. As our children grew, they showed an interest in running and being active. I began to put more time into running again and returned to competition in my 40's and 50's, even running the

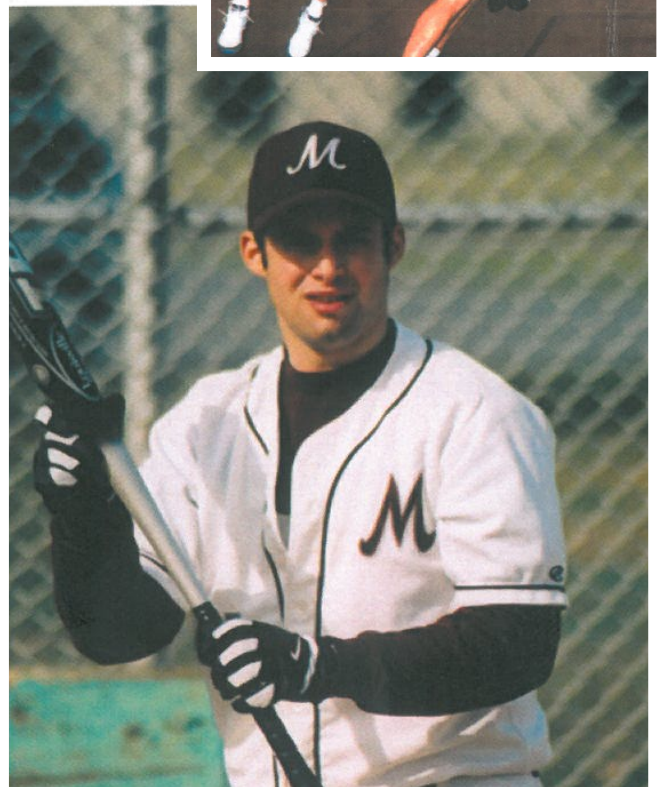
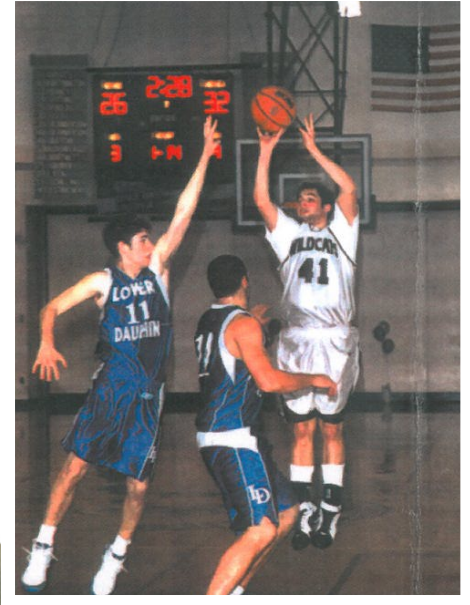
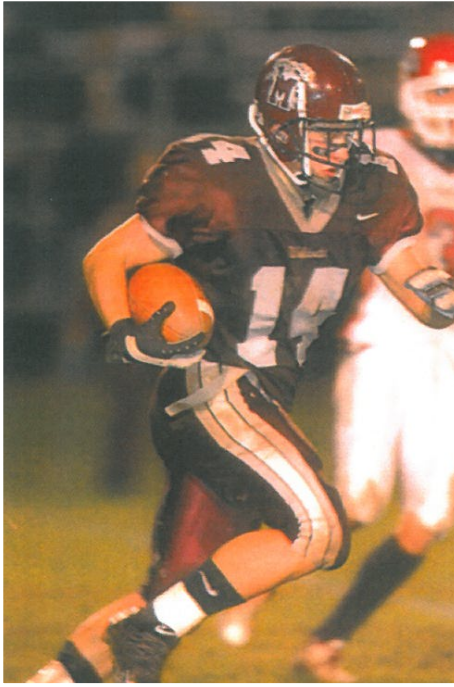
Harrisburg Marathon again in 2005 and 2006.

In the late evening hours of June 2, 2016 I was diagnosed with a dissecting aorta requiring emergency surgery in the early morning hours of June 3. I felt like I was being hit in the face with a 2x4 of reality. My wife, Cindy was with me. I called both children to let them know I loved them and told Cindy that as I went into surgery.

By trying and not being able to run in the early evening of June 2nd, running had played yet another important role, it helped to save my life. There were so many other important pieces to the puzzle that played a part, it's chilling! Six months later another surgery took place. There were complications and steps had to be taken to save my left leg.

To this day running with walking plays an important role in my life. I've been told by my doctor that movement, while difficult, is important for the circulation in my left leg. Over time it may get a little better. It also may not. As I tell people, "I'm not ready to wave the white flag yet." I will continue as long as I'm able. Onto the next chapter.....





Jeremy Boone

Jeremy Boone's journey began in September 1986 in Virginia, with two older siblings, Shawn and Kimberly. Jeremy's parents, David and Sylvia, soon relocated to Upper Allen Township in the Mechanicsburg Area School District. It was at Mechanicsburg Area School District where he developed invaluable relationships, began his educational career, and evolved his passion for athletics. Boone is a proud 2005 Mechanicsburg Area High School graduate. He was an integral member of the Wildcat Football, Basketball, and Baseball Teams during his four years at MASH.

His first years of varsity competition began his freshman year of basketball. Throughout his four years of Mechanicsburg Athletics, he earned nine varsity letters and was recognized as a top player in each sport within the area. His senior season, he was named to the all-conference teams in all three sports and was named an all-state punter. He completed his senior football season with 84 catches for 1,080 yards, six touchdowns, 44 tackles, and four interceptions, helping to guide his team to district runner up. Similarly, his high school basketball career ended placing in 3rd, while baseball concluded in quarters. All remarkable feats in each respective sport with tremendous teammates and coaches who helped facilitate his core values and principles.

In addition to his sport activity, Boone also participated in Lift for Life and other community involvement opportunities. Upon graduation, Boone received a walk on offer to join The Pennsylvania State University's Nittany Lion Football Team. While at Penn State, he backed up Ray Guy Award-finalist and future NFL punter, Jeremy Kapinos. He earned a starting position in 2007, punting 59 times for an average of 43 yards per punt. Boone led the conference in punting that season and was named first-team All-Big Ten. He earned Academic All-Big Ten and Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars honors. Boone averaged 43 yards per punt in the 2008 season and again led the conference in punting. He had 15 punts inside the 20 yard line and was an inaugural recipient of a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar Award. In 2009, he led the Big Ten with a 48.8 yard average, ranked number two in the nation, and was named Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week following week five. Boone currently holds Penn State's punting career average at 43.1 yards.

In addition to his football accolades, Boone was a philanthropic member as he was involved in the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, Special Olympics, and Habitat for Humanity International. He was also a member of Penn State's Student Athlete Advisory Board. Boone successfully earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary

education in 2009 and is honored to be a Penn State Football Letterman today.

At conclusion of his collegiate football career, Boone started his own corporation, Alpha Financial Leaders, Inc., and partnered with Lincoln Heritage Life Insurance Company. Through his profession, Boone prides himself on helping members of the community, leading others within the industry, and making a positive impact. When he is not in the office or in the field building his business, you can find him spending time with his wife and three children.





Colette Eckert

In 1981, at the age of 10, Colette Eckert fell in love with the sport of tennis. After first viewing the game on the family television and being captivated by the sound of the ball hitting the strings, she was hooked! From there Eckert became laser focused to do all she could to learn the game, experience the joy of winning, and to help make the game accessible for anyone who wanted to play.

As a teenager attending Cumberland Valley High School, given the deep field of competition, Eckert had all the challenges she needed in her sport. While at CV, Eckert played four years of varsity tennis, earning a career singles record of 49 – 1 and a career doubles record of 44 – 4. During her years of high school play, she earned five Mid-Penn Conference Championships at #4 singles ('87), #1 singles ('88), and #2 singles ('89), and paired with Catharine Bratton at #1 doubles ('88 & '89).

Eckert next attended Shippensburg University where she was fortunate to experience true team synergy and collective success. While at S.U., Eckert earned a career singles record of 31 – 11 and a career doubles record of 56 – 9, playing primarily with long-time friend and doubles partner, Christine Keffer. During her four years, Eckert became a 3-time PSAC champion at #3 doubles ('90), #4 singles ('92), #2 doubles ('92) and earned 81 career victories. Eckert and Keffer won the PSAC doubles championships in 1990 and in 1992, a season in which they were undefeated. They also share a school record of 18 consecutive victories in doubles competition from 1992-93. Also, Eckert is 1 of 3 players in the school's history to win a singles, doubles, and team championship within a single year ('92-'93). For Eckert and her S.U. teammates, the crowning achievement for their hard work was winning the 1992 Team PSAC Championship title, as Shippensburg upset nationally-ranked California (PA).

From 1996 – 2005, Eckert received a wonderful opportunity to put her passion for tennis to work with the United States Tennis Association / Middle States Section. It is here she held the position of Central PA District Coordinator, and focused her energies on promoting, teaching and growing the game of tennis. During her years with the USTA, and as a certified teaching professional with the USPTR organization, Eckert traveled throughout PA, DE, NJ, and WV conducting USA Junior Team Tennis district, sectional and regional events; school assemblies, in-service trainings for physical education teachers, and provided support to local programs. During her

USTA tenure and beyond, Eckert served as a USTA National Trainer with the focus of conducting Community Development Workshops geared to model a fun, games-based approach to teaching tennis for the masses. Eckert has also been an instructor for USTA Arthur Ashe Kids Day event at the National Tennis Center, and in 2010 was 1 of 8 USTA instructors selected to teach at the annual White House Easter Egg Roll Event, where she worked alongside the legendary Billie Jean King.

In addition, Eckert was a member of the USTA/MS board from 2013 – 2014 and has held various coaching positions at Lancaster Country Day School, Red Lion High School, Hempfield Area Recreation Center, Camp Hill Tennis Club, and Messiah College Tennis Camps. In adult play, Eckert's experiences include years of USTA and World TeamTennis league play at the 4.5 level.





Hal Griffiths

I began teaching at Bible Baptist School in the fall of 1991. Prior to moving to Mechanicsburg, I had been the Athletic Director for four years at a very small school in northern Virginia. I have worn many hats at Bible Baptist School/West Shore Christian Academy. They include teacher, Principal, Assistant Principal, and Athletic Director. I served as the Athletic Director for 17 years.

My coaching career looks like I could not decide what sport to coach. I coached softball four years, varsity volleyball one year, middle school volleyball three years, and middle school girls' soccer four years. The reality is that I had the privilege of starting several programs at BBS. I started the middle school girls' soccer and volleyball programs. I was able to coach both teams to get the programs off the ground.

Basketball, however, has always been my sport of choice. I started officiating basketball in 1992, but once my children began to play basketball for the school, I knew I wanted to be at their games rather than officiating in another town. So, I gave up officiating after four years and focused on coaching basketball. I coached at various levels, depending on where my children were in the program. Including six years in Virginia, I coached basketball for 27 years. A definite highlight was coaching my daughter Lisa all four years of her high school basketball career.

Another highlight of my career was starting a Saturday morning elementary basketball program in 1995 that ran for ten weeks during the winter. We taught fundamentals and played organized games. Each year several of the varsity players would volunteer as coaches and referees. But we didn't just focus on basketball. Each week we would have a "time out" when we would focus on an important truth of the day. The truth might be anything from "Living for Christ" to "Always Giving Your Best" to "The Importance of Teamwork." I oversaw that program until 2012. I also have organized numerous missions trips with high school students to foreign countries. On three occasions we went to Jamaica to share the gospel through soccer camps.

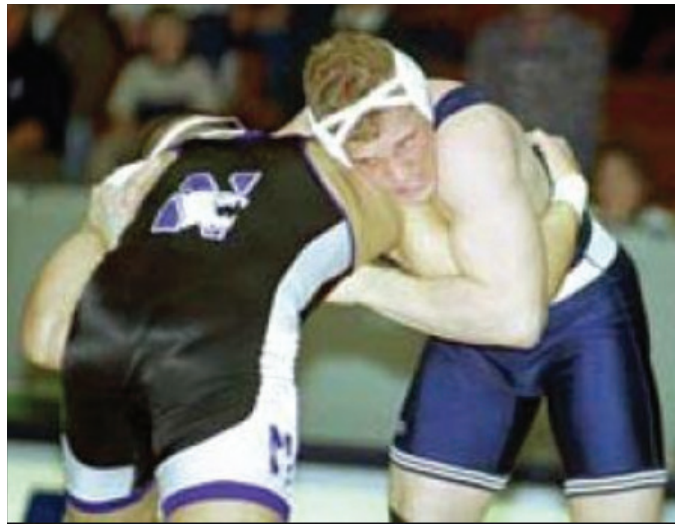
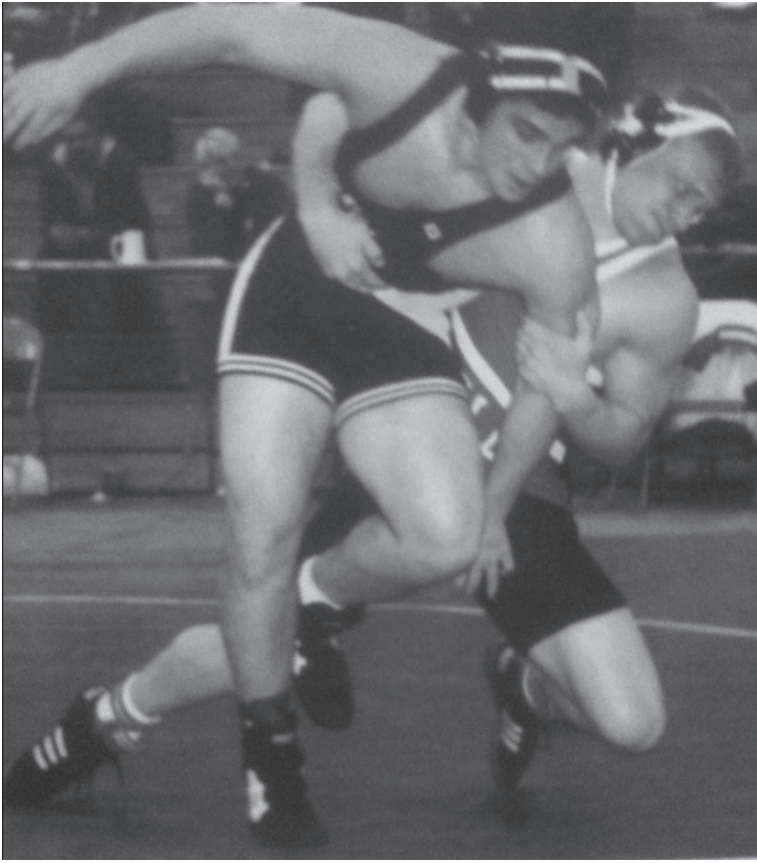
A third highlight has been the opportunity to serve on the PIAA District 3 Committee for 18 years. I have had the honor of rubbing shoulders and working side-by-side with some of the greatest men in high school athletics. Some of these men, like Pete Fackler, John Ziegler, and Jim Ellingsworth have been friends and mentors to me. Serving on this Committee gave me the opportunity to serve as the District 3 Volleyball Chairman for three years and the District 3 Cross Country Chairman for the last fourteen years. I also served four years

on the PIAA Board of Directors as the state Private Schools Representative.

Once I retired from coaching basketball in 2013, I wanted to remain involved, so I volunteered to keep stats and be the official scorekeeper. I have also served as the official scorekeeper at all District 3 basketball games held at the GIANT Center since 2010.

Through all the peaks and valleys of life God has always been faithful. He has given me the opportunity to have a job that I have enjoyed. He has given me the opportunity to be involved in the lives of kids as a teacher and as a coach. He has orchestrated events to enable me to be involved in so many things I have enjoyed. God has also given me a loving wife who put up with the late nights over and over and over. To God be the Glory—Great things He has done.





Dave Heckard

Written by my friend Mr. Randall "Mike" Booher

Dave graduated from Cumberland Valley High School in 1996 and is a 2000 graduate of Villanova University. While at CV Dave was a three year varsity letter winner as a football player, as well as a four year Varsity letter winner in wrestling.

On the football field Dave played on both sides of the ball. He was a Mid-Penn League 1st Team Linebacker in both his Junior and Senior seasons. As a senior Dave was a First Team Fullback, First Team Linebacker as well as Mid Penn Defensive Player of the year. Dave was also named to the Associated Press (Large School) 1st Team All State Defense his senior year. The Carlisle Sentinel named him as one of the area's top linebackers his junior season and as Player of the Year his senior year.

As a wrestler, Dave was four year starter for Cumberland Valley from 1992-1996. His high school record was 111-17 and he became the first wrestler at Cumberland Valley to reach 100 wins. Dave was a PIAA State Qualifier as a sophomore, junior and senior and 2X District 3 Champion. In the PIAA State Wrestling Tournament Dave was a 2X finalist. In 1996 he became Cumberland Valley's 4th PIAA State Champion at 189 lbs. Dave was also a Cadet All American in Freestyle/Greco Roman Wrestling. In all of his final three seasons he was named a Mid-Penn 1st Team All Star and to the Patriot News Big 13 Team. After his senior season, the Carlisle Sentinel named Dave Wrestler of the Year and 1996 Male Athlete of the Year.

Dave earned an athletic scholarship to play football at Villanova University. At Villanova he was a four year starter at linebacker and named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference Team as a senior. In his first college game against Rutgers Dave earned Atlantic 10 Conference Rookie of the Week and as a senior was the recipient of the Villanova Coaches Helmet Award for "Hard work, Leadership and Dedication." Long time Villanova Football Coach Andy Tally said, "Dave was one of the toughest players he had ever coached."

After graduating from Villanova with a degree in Secondary Education, Dave used a fifth year of eligibility to attend Penn State University and join the Penn State wrestling team while earning his M.A. Degree in Education Administration. Dave won the team award for the senior with the most wins while posting a 23-11 record. He and former Cumberland Valley teammate Jeremy Sauvé were honored with the Eleventh Man Award for "Leadership and Dedication" and he was named to the All-Academic Big Ten Team.

After leaving Penn State, Dave returned home to Cumberland Valley and became an assistant wrestling coach to Roger Barrick. In 2004-05 season Dave took over the Cumberland Valley head wrestling coach position, which he still holds today. Dave also was an assistant football coach

under long time coach Tim Rimpfel. From 2015-2019 Dave served as Cumberland Valley's Head Junior High Football Coach where his teams posted a combined record of 40-5.

One of Dave's long-time assistant coaches, Claudio Valeri had this to say about Dave, "Dave Heckard has been the fearless leader of this magic carpet ride. Dave has always been a great ambassador for Cumberland Valley and truly bleeds Red and White. He doesn't tell the kids what they want to hear but what they need to hear."

Dave has coached 52 Sectional Champions, 24 District 3 Champions and has had 59 of his wrestlers qualify for the PIAA Wrestling Championships. He has coached three of his wrestlers to PIAA State Wrestling titles. He has also coached five NCAA Division 1 wrestlers who have competed in a NCAA Division I wrestling tournament.

Cumberland Valley Athletic Director Mike Craig had the following words on Dave, "Dave Heckard is a tireless worker as a Head Coach and he gets his kids to buy into his program.



Dave is the kind of coach that the kids know he cares, so they are willing to work hard for the program and represent Cumberland Valley in a positive manner on the wrestling mat."

Currently, Coach Heckard surpasses long time Coach Don Humes as the most winningest wrestling coach in CV history where his record currently stands at 259-81.

Dave has been inducted into both the Cumberland Valley High School Football Hall of Fame and the Cumberland Valley Wrestling Hall of Fame and in 2011 he was inducted into the District 3 Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame. Dave is in his 19th year as a Social Studies teacher and coach at Cumberland Valley High School and currently resides in Mechanicsburg with his wife Casey and daughters Emma (11) and Samantha (8).

Lawrence Kostelac Assumes Duties as Varsity Looks to League Competition

This year's varsity basketball team looks to a bright future under the leadership of coach Lawrence Kostelac.

Coach Kostelac came to Trinity in 1966, leaving some excellent basketball seasons behind at McDevitt. He coached junior varsity teams to 22-0, 21-1, re-

ords, and led their freshmen to an excellent 18-1 season.

Upon coming to Trinity, Coach Kostelac assumed command of Trinity's athletic department as Athletic Director. In addition to fulfilling his busy job as varsity coach, he works

at coordinating all the sports at Trinity. His job entails such tasks as acquiring game officials' equipment, and scheduling the numerous sports events.

As for the prospect of the coming basketball season, Coach Kostelac stated that the Shamrocks will be able to contend in their league. He also stated that his team, lacking in height, will stress defensive and running skills. Coach Kostelac's defense has developed beyond his expectations, and the running attack, although needing work, is improving. He stresses that his team has the talent, and he wished to bring it out.

Working under him two hours a day, six days a week, and at times on Sundays, the varsity looks for a good season.

Besides being Athletic Director, freshman football coach and coach of this year's varsity basketball team, Mr. Kostelac also works as a Math teacher



GOOD ADVICE: Coach Kostelac talks over the strategy with Reno Fuhrman which eventually brought in a 77-63 victory over the Panthers.

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Kostelac Joins Staff At Trinity

Lawrence Kostelac

Brother Andrew, Trinity High School Principal, has announced the resignation of Fred Bennett as athletic director and the appointment of Lawrence L. Kostelac to the post.

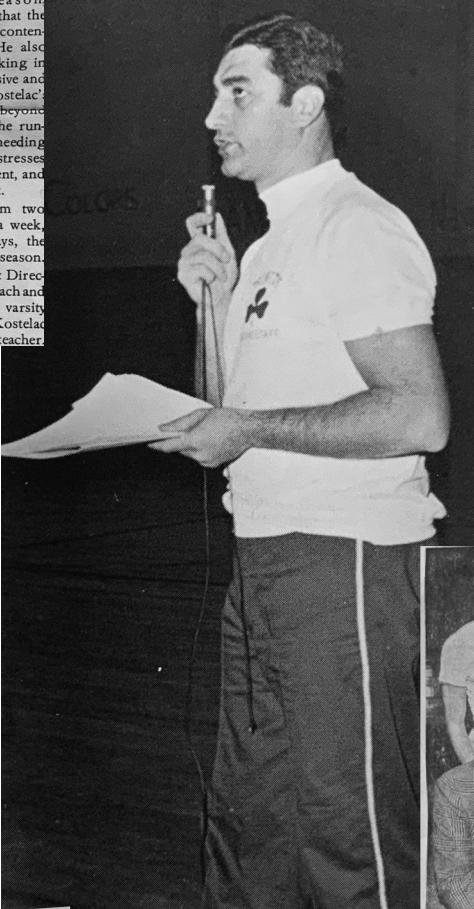
Kostelac, 31, of 112 Hampden Ave., Camp Hill, also will be assigned to the football and basketball coaching staffs at the Shiremanstown school.

A native of Steelton, Kostelac was a 1932 graduate of Bishop McDevitt High School and a 1937 graduate of Millersville State College.

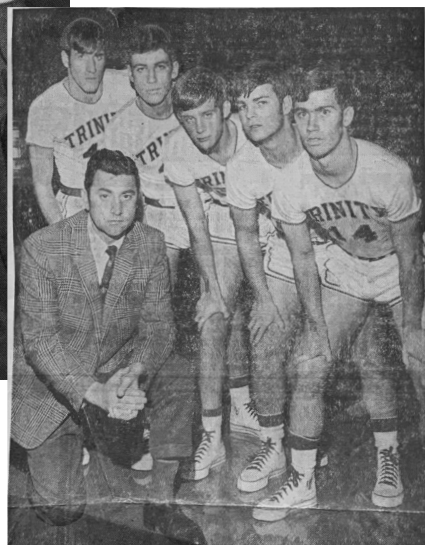
For the past eight years, he has been a teacher-coach at McDevitt. He coached JV football three years and was varsity line coach one season. He handled the freshman basketball team two years, and was JV coach for six.

Bennett, who played Trinity take its first steps in the world of scholastic sports, has been athletic director in the three years the school has been in existence. He resigned to devote more time to his insurance business and plans to continue as a football and basketball official.

"All of us at Trinity are extremely grateful to Mr. Bennett for the dedicated and competent service he has given to our school," said Brother Andrew. "He has performed a most difficult task well."



TRINITY—Coach Larry Kostelac prepares members of his Trinity basketball team for the Shamrocks' debut in the Central Penn. Catholic League. Kneeling are (from left) Steve Fuhrman, Kostelac and Lee Arcadiopane. Standing are (from left) Tom Rodrigo, Kevin Moirney, Jack Wharton and Mark Walker.



TRINITY'S TOP FIVE—Coach Larry Kostelac sends his Trinity charges against Cedar Cliff Saturday night. Left to right are Steve Bischof, Steve Ertz, Jim Wharton, Frank Burke and John Geppi.



MEMBERS of the Central Pennsylvania Catholic League pose with trophies awarded by Father Leo Bierster, assistant superintendent of schools, at a banquet in Camp Hill. Representing their schools were, left to right Marino De Filippo, Bishop McDevitt, junior varsity basketball; Joe Rado, Lourdes Regional, varsity basketball; Lawrence Kostelac, Trinity basketball; John Thomas, Delone, which shared jayvee cage honors with Bishop McDevitt.



Larry Kostelac

Lawrence L. Kostelac, Sr., born in Steelton, PA was a 1953 graduate of Catholic High School (currently known as Bishop McDevitt High School) where he played football and basketball. He matriculated to Millersville State Teacher's College where he was a four year letter winner in football. He graduated in May, 1957 with a BSED in Mathematics with a minor in History and a week later married his high school sweetheart, the former Virginia Marie Cernugel.

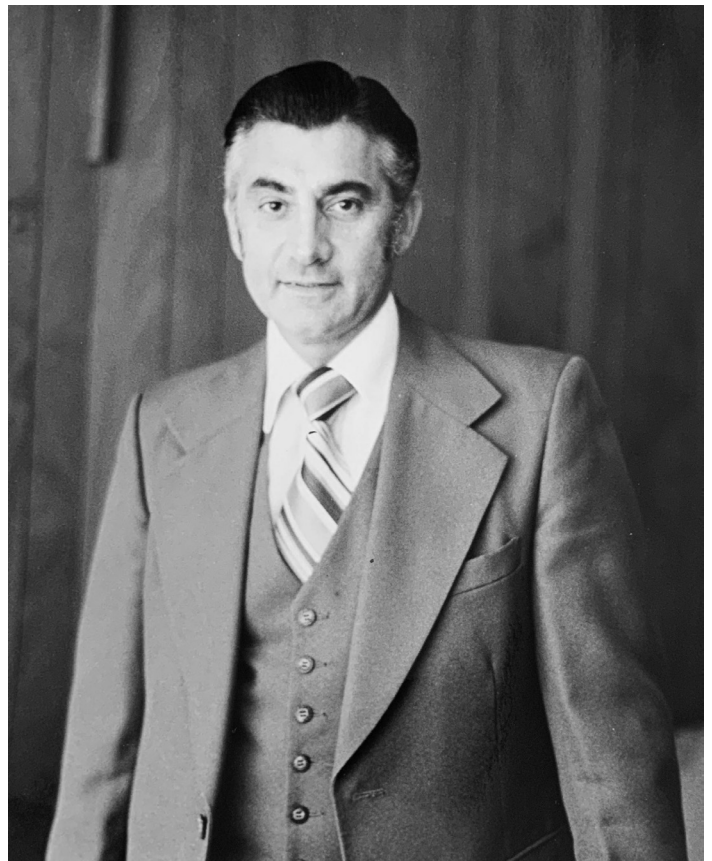
Msgr. Walter Shaull, the Principal at Bishop McDevitt at the time, hired Mr. Kostelac for the fall of 1957 to teach Math and History, as well as coaching JV football and basketball. Mr. Kostelac remained in this capacity until he moved to Trinity High School in the fall of 1966 where he continued teaching in the classroom. He was also hired to be Athletic Director and to coach JV football, basketball, and golf. The following year, Mr. Kostelac was named Head Basketball Coach in addition to his Athletic Director and teaching duties. He became the Dean of Student Affairs during the 1969-1970 school year, a job that took him out of the classroom. He remained as Head Basketball coach until the 1972-1973 season, and served as the Athletic Director through the 1983-1984 school year. Kostelac retired from Trinity High School in 1988, culminating a 31 year career as an educator.

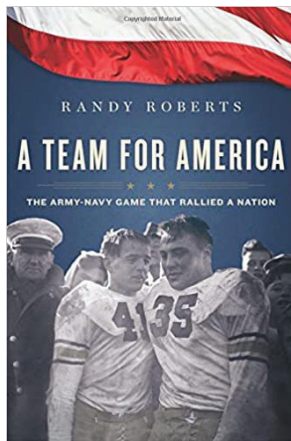
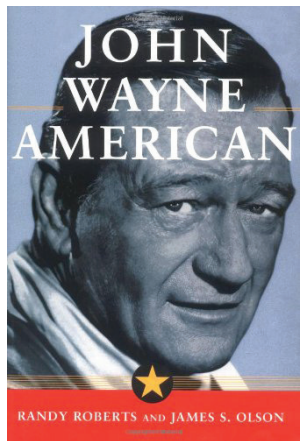
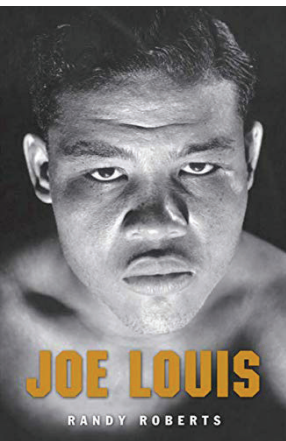
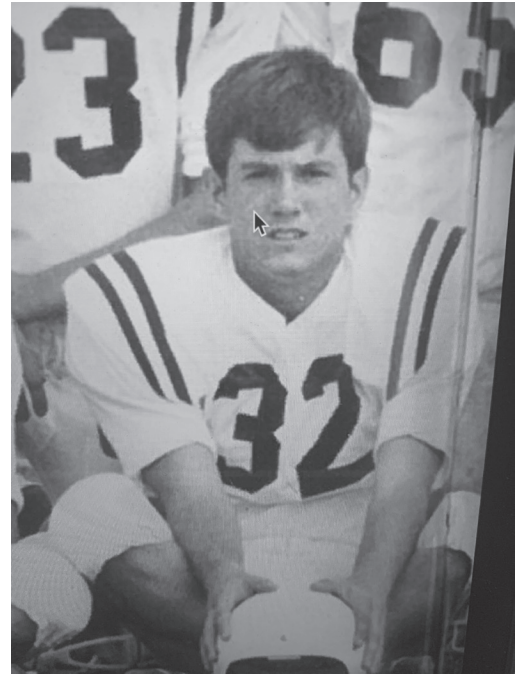
In the 1970 yearbook dedication to Mr. Kostelac, it says that he "embodied for the students the dynamic Trinity spirit through growing, learning and living. He calls each student to advance and progress, move forward and make Trinity greater." This yearbook dedication was the student body's "concrete symbol of our deep respect and admiration." The same sentiments were once again expressed in 2001 at the announcement of the Lawrence L. Kostelac, Sr. Scholarship Fund which was started by the Class of 1978.

It was during Mr. Kostelac's 18 year Athletic Director tenure (1966-1984) that he made an impact in local high school sports. He is one of the Founding Fathers of the South Central League and the Mid Penn Conference. Over the years, he held various positions within these leagues. Additionally, he served as a member of the Pennsylvania Catholic Interscholastic

Athletic Association through his role as the Eastern Region administrator. It was during his tenure as Athletic Director that a number of coaches and athletic administrators worked under his tutelage and would go on to have successful careers in high school athletics. A few of these individuals would later be honored as Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, West Shore Chapter inductees: Tim Rimpfel, George Yeager, Harry DeFrank, and Larry Kostelac Jr.

While at Trinity, Mr. Kostelac was a strong presence in the halls while his five children attended and graduated in the late 70's and early 80's. His 12 grandchildren also graduated from Trinity High from 2001-2013. Mr. Kostelac started a family business, Kostelac's L'Koste Villa Restaurant in Mechanicsburg the fall of 1986. The restaurant was his passion until his death in January 2002. His presence as a Trinity High School icon is still evident to this day.





Randy Roberts

Randy Roberts was born in 1951 outside of Pittsburgh in New Kensington. His father, Cliff, was a World War II veteran and politician, and in 1956 the family moved to the Harrisburg area, settling in Camp Hill. Randy had two brothers—Laurie a standout three sport athlete at Camp Hill High School, and Craig an exceptional high school athlete and major college football player, so sports became something of a family tradition. Some of his fondest memories were watching Gillette Cavalcade of Sports' Friday Night Fights with his father, and listening to him tell stories of the legendary Pittsburgh fighters. His father died in 1963, when Randy was twelve, leaving the family with warm memories and a passion for sports.

Coaches, of course, did not replace his father, but they and the sports they coached gave structure and purpose to his high school years. He played football, basketball, and tennis in high school. On one level athletic competition is about winning and losing, but on another level—and in retrospect—it teaches how to work as an individual and as a team, and how to accept failure as much as success. Everyone in this room who has played a sport knows that it gave more to them than they gave to it.

In High School Randy played varsity football, basketball, and tennis. During his junior and senior football seasons, CHHS were 7-3 (with two one-point losses) and 8-1-1. He played three years of varsity tennis, and during those years the squad lost only one team match. His success equaled that of his squad: in singles and doubles he lost only once in dual matches.

From CHHS Randy went to Mansfield State University to play football, however after a successful freshman season in which he led his team in interceptions, he concentrated on tennis. In his two years on the team, at the state meet he was a finalist and semifinalist.

Randy went to Mansfield with designs on becoming a history teacher and a coach, but as an undergraduate he became increasingly interested in history and decided he wanted to teach at the university level and write. He received an MA from the University of Nebraska and a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University, and since 1988 has taught at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. At Purdue, he has won a number of teaching awards, including Liberal Arts Teacher of the Year (three times), the Charles B. Murphy University Teacher of the Year, and Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Indiana Professor of the Year. Purdue has also designated him as a Distinguished Professor and the 150th Anniversary Professor.

Although Randy never became a high school history teacher and only coached a few teams that featured his twin daughters Alison and Kelly, he never lost his passion for sports. Convinced that sports as much as politics absorbed the passions of Americans, he began to write about the importance of sport (and film) in American culture. He has written or co-written more than twenty-five books, including ones on Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Muhammad Ali, Mickey Mantle, Oscar Robertson, Joe Namath, Bear Bryant, Ronald Reagan, Charles Lindbergh, and John Wayne. He has also written books on the Battle of the Alamo, the War in Vietnam, West Point football in World War II, the 1973-1974 NCAA basketball season, Pittsburgh sports, and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Over his long career, he has been nominated for four Pulitzer Prizes, and he has received a number of national book awards. Just recently, he was honored by the Boxing Writers Association of America with the A. J. Liebling Award for "outstanding boxing writing."

But this induction is special. On the West Shore, in sight of Harrisburg skyline and the Blue Mountains, Randy learned to love sports and made lifetime friendships with teammates. Here, he swears, he can still hear the voice of his father extolling the virtues of Harry Greb, Billy Conn, and Fritzie Zivic, three of Pittsburgh's greatest boxing champions.





PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Past Inductees

1983

Brandt L. Cook
Anthony Kinn*
Richard Shipp*
Robert G. Wrightstone*

1984

George Bowen, Sr.*
Gordon "Buck" Jones*
Kevin Morrissey
Fred Peifer*

1985

Malvern "Wit" Baker*
Guy Bucher, Jr.*
Henry "Shorty" Gasull*
Anthony E. Kinn*
Charles W. Krout*
George F. Wrightstone*

1986

Dr. James Blacksmith
Richard Bowen
Brandt Cook, Jr.
Robert Craig*
Mickey Minnich
Walter C. Witmer*

1987

Daniel Bashore*
Robert Bostic*
Dr. Donald Ernst*
George Fetrow
Larry Fox*
Kenneth Hultzapple
Russel P. Poole*

1988

Bill Robison
Harry Chapman, III*
Bruce J. Holcombe
Paul R. "Slug" Bowen*
Warren C. Gill, Sr.*

1989

George E. Eater*
L. Carol Moser
Dr. Samuel R. Mowery
Edward J. Nugent*
Bill Rickenbach

1990

Dr. William A. Blacksmith
John H. Gross*
Rocco A. "Rocky" Ortenzio
Merle L. Wise*

1991

Darryl B. Bower
Dean Fencel*
Wayne Howell
Kenneth C. Hilbish
Dr. David M. Joyner
Stephen C. Sauve*
Mike Smith*

1992

Gary Cooper
Frank L. Snyder, Sr.*
Charles "Charlie" McCullough*
Lynn Paxton
Tom Guise
Richard L. "Dick" Rohrer
Peter "Pete" Kramer
Dean "Dino" Deitrich
Dr. Donald E. "Tick" Enders
William C. "Bill" Dittmar*
Earl E. "Bud" Kohlhaas*

1993

Don Humes
Ralph Klinepeter, Jr.
Bruce Larson
Terry Lieweke
Ben McClure
Ryan Priest
Tim Rimpfel
Gregg Mace
Jack Parry
Les Reed
Steve Sefter

1994

Lorraine Klippel
Gerald Wood
Dave Sauve
John Martin*
Bobby Moorehead*
Lester "Red" Rhoads*
John Johnson*
John Kambic
Barbra Cutillo
Jim Sauve

1995

Bradley R. Cashman
Victor S. Morrison
James Vincent Taylor*
Margaret "Peg" Rushong
Earley*
Jill Cicierski
John Michael Repetz
Ed Tabor*
Robert "Turk" Kreitzer*

1996

Harry F. DeFrank*
George F. Hempt*
Margery L. "Peanut" Orris*
William G. Quinn*
Peter G. Richter
Ross R. Sheesley*
Steven Summers*
Bruce E. Vogelsong*
Elmer H. Wertz*

1997

Al Bowman
Larry Fredrick
Dave Heckard
John D. Weaver, Sr.
Ann Schenck Dallam
Samuel Gruber
Nancy Updegrove Sweger
Calvin Williams III

1998

Raymond T. Erney, Jr.
Lana K. Glaser
John W. Groller
Don Heiges
Mark A. Mattern
Jerry J. Radocha
Rev. Richard F. Shover*

1999

Rusty Owens
Wayne Hostetler
Bob Hempt, Jr.
Stan Bulota*
Mary Gundel*
Tom Kirchhoff*

2000

Fred Bennett*
Jay W. Cleveland, Jr.
Amy Holman Hempt
Keith Polito
Bill Schell
Ken Roseberry
Marc Torquato

2001

Anna Baldini
John Cook
Amy Earley
Brian Fisher
Greg Gross
Danny Sheaffer
Frank Snyder, Jr.

2002

Barb Adams
Punky Barrouk
Lenny Czarnecki*
Bill Denison
Bob Gill
Grover McLaughlin*
Pete Rhodes
Janice Trapp

PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME - Past Inductees

2003

Matt Benton
Sid Bream
Scott Erney
Stan Gelbaugh
Frank Sudak

2004

Rich Eichelberger
Steve Keim
Ed Palmer
Jeff Sauve
Mike Scheib
Clarence Walters*

2005

Mike Mausner
Jim Rowe
Chris Semoff
Evan Semoff
Don Shirley*
Bernard Thrush
Bret Wagner

2008

Eric Sauvé
Mickey Finnegan Goyette
Karen Hertzler
Jon Sauvé
Lynn (Houck) Kreider
Rich Lichtel*
Bob Ortenzio
Bill Polito

2009

Andy Musser*
Barry Houser
Jeff Teeter
Ben Rushong
Jon Ritchie
Lawrence Cox
Mike McElrath
Phyllis Beck
William Biddle•

2010

Kyle Brady
Bruce Brubaker, Jr.
Irene Cekovich
Charles Clement, Jr.
Janet Thomas Gulley
Earl Hoffman
Kurt Kanaskie

2011

Lynne Yost Bower
Joe Carr*
Janet Dicks
Geoff Honeysett
Walter Kramer
Tyler Lenda
Chip Lundy
Nick Mallos
Gerald Soltis
Rick Taylor

2012

Bud Engle
Karen Hamill
Stan Jones*
Brent Milligan
Helen McMillen Sauve
James E. Smith
Rob Smith
Steph Tighe Sutton
Kyle Wagner

2013

Charlie Adams
Terry Destito
Mike Edwards
Mike Kazor
Glenda Pae
Judith Patton
Tim Rice
Chrissy Walker-Skozilas
Steve Zientek

2014

Dr. Ed Batista
Carol Guise Bowman
Craig Helmuth
Missy Lender
Mary Jane Moyer
Steve Peters
Jo Rupp
Steve Sudak
Mark Ulsh
Mike Zeigler

2015

Barry BJ Barnes
Roger Barrick
Dwight Fulton
Karen Kirchhoff Klock
Angie Loy Reisinger
Craig Roberts
Larry Sawyer
Thomas Tarsavage
Carla Thomas

2016

Rita Balaban
Nick Berra
Joda Glossner
Eric Johnson
Harry Johnson*
Kathy McCauslin-Cadieux
Ezra Sassaman
Jeff Thompson
George Yeager

2017

Gwen Wentz Alexander
Betty Lou Bischof-Andrade
Lois Brommer Duquette
Ginny Honeysett
Ron Lewis
Bruce Z. McLanahan II*
Dick Richardson
Scott Shirley

2018

Amy Backel
Robyne Bostick
Larry Kostelac, Jr.
William Patrowicz
Shelly Stallsmith
Coy Wire

2019

Erin Gay
Scott Moyer
Steve Shover
Andrea Teeter
Mary Jane Wertz

2020

Cancelled due to
COVID-19 Pandemic

2021

Robert Anderson
Rick Blood
Jeremy Boone
Colette Eckert
Hal Griffiths
Dave Heckard
Dr. Randy Roberts
Larry Kostelac, Sr. *



WEST SHORE CHAPTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME, INC. 2021 Scholar-Athlete Nominees

The West Shore Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Inc. announces the Class of 2021 Nominees for the Earley Family Scholarship

Our chapter serves to recognize and honor the outstanding senior student athletes who have dedicated themselves to excellence in the classroom, community and athletics by using their talents to the best of their ability.

BOILING SPRINGS

Carly Galbraith
Andrew VonStein

CAMP HILL

Julia Raich
Jackson Thompson

CEDAR CLIFF

Allison Delozier
Scott Leland

CUMBERLAND VALLEY

Julie Jekot
Tyler Distenfeld

EAST PENNSBORO

Caeley LeTersky
Gavin Garlinger

MECHANICSBURG

Talia Gilliard-Jackson
Josh Jamiolkowski

NEWPORT

Amiyah Priebe
Eric Lawler

NORTHERN

Jenna Breon
Jordan Heisey

RED LAND

Karlee Alt
Chance Stout

SUSQUENITA

Laurel Stuempfle
Theron Marsh

TRINITY

Gloria O'Neil
Makoa Niebel

WEST PERRY

Madison Morrow
Tyler Wonders

WEST SHORE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Sofia Godoy
Jeb Buehler



Margery (Gery) Schnarrs of East Pennsboro High School and Tyler Schwarzman of Mechanicsburg High School were the recipients of the \$1000 scholarships last year. Due to Covid-19 we were unable to hold the event but still honored our local scholar-athletes!

2021 Scholar-Athlete Nominees

Boiling Springs

Carly Galbraith: Carly is ranked in the top 10 percent in her class and plans to attend Salisbury University in Maryland to study exercise science. She has been accepted into the Clarke Honors College at SU and will also continue her softball career. The two-sport athlete has earned four varsity letters as a field hockey goalkeeper and three more playing shortstop for the Bubblers on the softball diamond. Editor of the school yearbook, Carly has earned Distinguished Honors three of four years and in 2019 received the Scholar-Athlete Award for both sports she plays.

"I'm proud of who I've become through the struggles of the pandemic. Everyone faced challenges and had to make changes to their lives. I'm glad that I was able to overcome them and use the unusual situation to my advantage. I have utilized the majority of my time to prepare myself for college and for the real world. Having to juggle multiple tasks in a day, every day of the week, will soon be the new normal for me in college, but I know that I am prepared and ready to conquer that challenge when it comes."

Andrew VonStein: Ranked in the top 25 percent of his class of 166, Andrew plans to attend Millersville University to continue his golf career and major in either Business or Engineering. A three-sport athlete for the Bubblers who earned nine varsity letters in golf, basketball and baseball, Andrew excelled on the links. He was the team captain his senior for the District 3 team champions and he finished top 15 individually at districts. Andrew has gained valuable experience each summer for the past four years working at Mayapple Golf Course. He also volunteers to coach kids in baseball and basketball.

"It was very disappointing that I did not get to finish my junior year (especially missing baseball season!) and have not had a normal senior year. However, I chose to not think about that. I chose to focus on the positive things. I got to golf a lot, spend tons of time with my family, and learn to be a more grateful person. There were lots of things I missed out on, but I was lucky that my family and friends stayed safe and healthy. My grandmother did have to go into the hospital, but thankfully she was alright after a few days. This is not the way I envisioned my last year and a half of high school, but I definitely will never forget it!"

Camp Hill

Julia Raich: A three-time All-State, two-time All-Region and 2020 All-American soccer player, Julia owns all the scoring records possible at Camp Hill. Ranked in the top 5 percent of her class, she plans to attend Penn State University to major in Engineering Science and continue her soccer career. Julia has earned 10 varsity letters in four sports, soccer, track and field, cross country and basketball. She was the team captain for soccer each of the last three years. A distinguished honors student every semester and also a member of NHS, Julia has also devoted significant time and effort to Special Olympics and TOP Soccer in service of others.

"I have spent my life successfully balancing accelerated coursework, maintaining straight A's, playing on multiple elite soccer teams simultaneously, and working and coaching individuals with disabilities. I want to continue to lead a life of excellence in academics, athletics, and service, and, with the

help of this scholarship program, I am confident attending Penn State for soccer and engineering science as a Schreyer Scholar will allow me to accomplish this life goal."

Jackson Thompson: Jackson is headed to Virginia Tech University in the fall and plans to major in Business while looking to continue his baseball career with the Hokies. He has earned 11 varsity letters for the Lions, four each in basketball and baseball plus three as a member of the golf team. Playing on championship high school teams and being part of AAU and Showcase Teams during the offseason has allowed his exploits on the diamond to blossom. An honor roll student every marking period, Jackson has participated in Mini-Thon and serves a buddy for the Camp Hill Little League Challengers program.

"At the age of 14, during a routine trip to my Pediatrician, I was unexpectedly diagnosed with an Atrial Septal Defect (ASD). Measuring 20mm in size, I endured a major heart procedure to close my defect and subsequently had to undergo six months of intense and monitored rehabilitation. With the support of my family, school, friends, and outstanding physician I was able to make a full recovery and resume all normal activities. However, with the rapid onset of the COVID-19 pandemic I now found myself having to confront my past heart issue and the welfare of my family all over again. I took it upon myself to learn as much as possible about the COVID-19 virus to better educate myself and those around me. I have personally learned some very valuable life lessons as a 'high-risk' candidate for COVID-19. Each day is truly a gift, I take nothing for granted and cherish all those around me. I am extremely thankful and blessed to be where I am today and look forward to what God has planned for me in the future."

Cedar Cliff

Allison Delozier: Ranked in the top 20 percent of her class of 298, Allison had her choice of three schools that offered her a four-year ROTC scholarship and she chose the University of Delaware because of its exceptional engineering school involving her major, Electrical Engineering, and the level of its ROTC program. A three-sport athlete, Allison earned nine varsity letters in lacrosse, diving and soccer. She plans to play club lacrosse at Delaware. A member of Girl Scout Troop 20713 since kindergarten, Allison is an NHS student, class officer, JROTC member and part of the Junior Leadership Program.

"One of the activities that I'm most proud of, I started in 2013, called "Walk a Mile for a Veteran". It started because I had been at the opening of the Harrisburg House for Homeless Veterans and the leader from our American Legion said that Pennsylvania has 60,000 homeless veterans. After the event, I kept thinking that it was a huge number of people that had served for us and when they needed help, they were on their own. I decided that if we could help by raising awareness, money and supplies for the Harrisburg House we could make an impact. After starting the walk in middle school, I joined the JROTC when I began high school. I am proud of the impact that the walk had for those who served our country. Not just the dollars and supplies, but educating people about the challenges that veterans face when they return after service. How they fight PTSD, addictions and the emotional separation from a safety net to help them."

Scott Leland: Scott plans to attend Shippensburg University

to major in Computer Science and continue his soccer career. A four-sport athlete for the Colts, he has earned nine varsity letters in soccer, track, football and volleyball. As a senior soccer player, he earned several all-star recognitions and was twice named Colts Defensive Player of the Year. Scott is an NHS student and has served in Spanish Club as President, Key Club, Mini-Thon and volunteered at New Hope Ministries and Bethesda Mission.

"There is one thing that I learned because of the pandemic. I learned to be grateful for what you have. When I heard that we wouldn't be able to attend the summer camp for soccer I was upset. I was sad I wouldn't be able to make memories with my teammates like the year before. I then realized that I should be happy that I was even having a season because I know how it feels to have your season taken away after all the work you put in. So now I try to treat every practice like it's my last."

Cumberland Valley

Julie Jekot: Julie is ranked in the top 15 percent of her class of 579 and plans to attend LaSalle University to continue her basketball career and major in Business and Sports Management. A four-year letter winner who served as the team captain as a senior, Julie is a member of the 1,000-point club, won a District 3 championship and made an appearance in the PIAA Final Four. A member of the CV Honor Roll all four years, she has been a part of the Golden Years Club, Mini-Thon and Key Club.

"My grandfather, who we called Pop-Pop, was a staple at all Cumberland Valley Girls Basketball for years. I was very close to him and it was always important to me that he was there cheering me on. On December 15th, 2020, he suffered a fall and broke his hip. He was moved into a nursing home where we would visit at his window. We were not allowed to go into the building because of the pandemic. We kept cheering him on to get better so he could see me play with my little sister Jill, whom he had been waiting patiently for the past 3 years to see us play together. Unfortunately, he contracted COVID-19. In less than a month Pop-Pop passed away. I missed seeing him this season at my games. In his memory, we put his hat that he wore to every game, where he sat. It gave me and my sister comfort knowing he was watching over us."

Tyler Distenfeld: Tyler is ranked No. 17 in his class of 579 and plans to attend Denison University in the fall to study Biology and continue his swimming career. In the pool he has earned seven varsity letters for the Eagles as a member of the swim and water polo squads. The two-time swim team captain qualified for the Mid-Penn and District 3 championships all four years and is a seven-time state finalist. In addition to volunteering around the pool, Tyler took part in Mini-Thon, started his own service project and made masks during the pandemic quarantine.

"During the pandemic, I realized how many people I can help through volunteering. I spent my time during quarantine making masks for my community. More specifically, I spent around 32 hours with my mother to make over 200 masks for my family, neighbors, friends, doctors, and nursing homes. After delivering the masks, I realized how grateful everyone was and that they now felt safer. This motivated me to volunteer more within my community by timing at more swim meets and to make the "Save Our Trees Day" in my neighborhood an annual event."

East Pennsboro

Caeley LeTersky: Caeley is ranked No. 8 in her class of 199 and plans to attend Arcadia University to study Physical Therapy and continue her field hockey career. She is also considering track and field at the collegiate level. A three-year NHS student, Caeley earned four varsity letters in field hockey and three as a track and field athlete. In 2020, she earned the Pennsylvania Field Hockey Coaches Association (PFHCA) Team GPA Award. Caeley is involved in several service activities at Fort Hunter, did Mini-Thon, coach youth field hockey and plays a large role in a scholarship foundation event.

"I am naturally a very social and talkative person. I enjoy hanging out with my friends whether it is on or off the field. Athletics have always been a big part of my life, so when everything stopped during quarantine it was hard at first. I missed going to practice and seeing my teammates and friends. However, instead of focusing on the negatives, I decided to use this time to better myself and think of the positives. Once quarantine began, I started running several miles every day, pushing myself more and more. Additionally, I would lift and do other workouts daily. It served as a good way to use my energy and show my optimism. Another main part of my life through the pandemic was spending more time with my family. We started watching movies and shows together, cooking and baking new foods, and even going on hikes together. It was nice to have extra time to be with them."

Gavin Garlinger: Gavin is bound for Bloomsburg University where he plans to pursue a degree in Special Education and Early Childhood Education. A three-sport athlete for the Panthers, he's earned varsity letters in football, baseball and wrestling. The three-time letter winner as a member of the football team was voted as a team captain his senior year. A consistent first and second honors student, Gavin has served as a Panther Pack volunteer for five years, was part of Young Life and served as co-editor/President of the yearbook.

"These are pressures that I've put upon myself and are real from many high school student-athletes. We are perfectionists, and find it hard when we don't achieve our full potential. It's a delicate balance of setting goals and realigning goals when needed. I'm thankful to have family, friends, teachers and coaches that have given me the guidance and assurance to keep moving forward to achieve my goals. Not only have they pushed me before my senior year and the pandemic, but they have pushed me to stay on track in academics and athletics which led me to perform to the best of my ability."

Mechanicsburg

Talia Gilliard-Jackson: Talia is the all-time leading scorer at Mechanicsburg, male or female, and also owns the record for most single points a game in school history with 32. She plans to attend California University of Pa. and plans to study either Criminology or Early Childhood/Secondary Education and continue her basketball career. In addition to being an All-State and Player of the Year basketball player, Talia also played soccer all four years and earned a varsity letter in track and field. An honors student who is ranked No. 125 in her class, Talia has been involved in Lift For Life, Mini-Thon and Student Council.

"People who do not know me personally may not be aware that during the pandemic I was not able to see my grandparents."

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My grandmother has a compromised immune system and had to immediately go into quarantine due to the coronavirus. Her and my grandfather are two of my biggest supporters. I was used to seeing them on a weekly basis. Now I have to see them via Facetime or if I stop by their house, I have to wave to them from six feet away, while wearing my mask. I haven't hugged my grandparents since March of last year. Even though they couldn't make it to my games in person, they always made sure to live stream them. They always texted me to wish me good luck before every game and would call me after every game to let me know they were there in spirit and how proud of me they were. So not only was I struggling to play my last season because of Covid-19, but I was also struggling with the lost time with my grandparents that I will never be able to get back."

Josh Jamiolkowski: Josh is headed to George Mason University with an interest in business but keeping his options open in terms of declaring a major. He also plans to continue his baseball career. A two-sport athlete for the Wildcats, Josh has earned six varsity letters in basketball and baseball. He earned varsity letters in both sports as a freshman and started as a first-year player for the baseball team. He has volunteered as part of Operation Wildcats and has also helped out at youth baseball camps.

"I grew a lot as a player during the pandemic. At first, after hearing the news, I was disappointed and unmotivated. Then, my instincts kicked back into place and I worked hard every single day to get better as a ball player. I focused on improving my body and physique to be more athletic. I changed my diet and ate better. I threw a lacrosse ball against a wall to get ground balls and did that for hours. Last but not least, I hit often with my Dad and brother. For the most part, I would daydream about the time I would be able to play the sport I love again."

Newport

Amiyah Priebe: Amiyah is ranked No. 4 in her class out of 74 and plans to attend Dickinson College in the fall to study Environmental Science and continue her cross country and track and field careers. A four-sport athlete for the Buffaloes, Amiyah has earned 10 varsity letters in field hockey, cross country, basketball and track. As a senior she finished third in the District 3 championships and competed in the PIAA Championships. Amiyah is an NHS student, is involved in Student Council, is President of the Environmental Club and part of FFA.

"This pandemic has taught me resilience. When track season was cancelled last year, I was disappointed. My goals of setting new records and competing at States were out of reach at that point. For a while, I let myself fall out of shape and was pessimistic. I slowly began to realize, however, eventually things will get better. I started to use the shutdown as an opportunity to spend more time working on myself. This year was full of surprises and change, but each day is as good as you make it. It can be hard to find the good in bad situations, but I'm glad I persevered and adjusted to this new atmosphere. I'm ready to take on this season and the rest of the pandemic no matter what obstacles I face."

Eric Lawler: Eric is ranked No. 6 in his class of 74 students. He plans to attend Penn State University and pursue a degree in finance. A distinguished honor student every quarter, Eric received the Presidential Award his freshman

and sophomore years. He has earned 10 varsity letters in four sports, baseball, soccer, basketball and cross country, including three varsity letters in baseball, soccer and basketball. An NHS student, he also participated in FFA, student council and spirit club.

"Before the pandemic I was unsure what I wanted to with my life. As the pandemic went on, I spent more time on my family's dairy farm. I thought I might want to be a chief financial officer in big business or something like that. But I have come to realize the legacy my grandfather has made with his very large dairy farm (1,500 cows) and I want to have some part in that. I want to learn how to run the farm so when my grandfather passes the farm won't go away. During the pandemic I have gained determination and passion for farming, which I never thought I would say."

Northern

Jenna Breon: Jenna is ranked No. 14 in her class of 271 and plans to attend Nova Southeastern University with two diverse options in play going forward. She plans to study either Marine Biology or Elementary Education with a minor in Spanish. Her passion is finding the best avenue that allows her to make an impact on others. A three-sport athlete, Jenna has received six varsity letters in golf, swimming and lacrosse. She was the team captain in lacrosse this season and in the fall competed in the District 3 golf championships. A distinguished honor roll and NHS student, Jenna is an instructor for a program that helps kids form therapeutic relationships with horses.

"Sports are my happy place, my safe place even. When I was a freshman and sophomore, I experienced bullying and it took a toll on my mental health. I tried not to let it get me down but when it did, I would go outside and play wall ball or practice shooting and all the shame and humiliation I felt would disappear. I had sports and that was something that no one could take away from me. Sports helped get me through the pandemic as well. During the beginning months and throughout the summer it was easy to get caught up in all the awful things that were happening because of the coronavirus but sports gave me an outlet. This past year I have made it a priority to work with younger athletes and check in on my teammates so that sports can be their safe place too. Sports have helped me get through hard times and taught me many lessons that I will carry with me for the rest of my life."

Jordan Heisey: Jordan is ranked top 5 percent of his class at Northern and plans to attend Lock Haven University to study pre-physical therapy and continue his football career. His ultimate goal a Doctoral degree in physical therapy. A two-year NHS student who has been on the distinguished honor roll every marking period, Jordan has earned nine varsity letters in football, basketball, track and lacrosse. The standout football player earned various all-conference and all-star selections over his three seasons. Off the field he has been active in the Mini-Thon at Northern.

"My freshman basketball season was very trying. I had just injured my shoulder at the end of the football season and did not really expect to make the varsity team. Surprisingly I made the varsity team, and the upperclassmen were very accepting and included me in everything. As the season went on, I worked my way up the depth chart until I had earned significant playing time. This season taught me the importance of hard work, leadership, acceptance and teamwork."

Red Land

Karlee Alt: Karlee is ranked in the top 25 percent of her class of 248 and plans to attend Queens University of Charlotte to study nursing and continue her field hockey career. A four-year varsity letter winner in field hockey, Karlee was team captain as a senior and earned second team All-State honors. She has been involved in Mini-Thon, Friendship Club and became an NHS student as a junior. A former gymnast, Karlee revealed she has battled a severe eating disorder that required in-patient treatment her sophomore year.

"During this pandemic, I have realized that I am extremely interested in nursing and being involved in a hospital. As a result, this year I got a new job at Messiah Lifeways. I work as a dining specialist and deal with the residents who live there by serving them during meal times. I love this job because it gives me the opportunity to give back, help, and care for the elderly in our community. It has been very special because I have gotten the opportunity to spend time with these residents who have not gotten the chance to be with any of their family. I use every day as an opportunity to put a smile on my residents faces and help them feel joy in such a sorrowful time in life."

Chance Stout: Chance is ranked in the top 20 percent of his class and plans to enroll in Houghton College to dual major in International Development and Environmental Studies. He also plans to continue his soccer career. Chance has earned eight varsity letters in soccer, swimming and track. A standout swimmer who earned four varsity letters, soccer is his passion and he served as team captain his senior year. A two-year NHS student, Chance also sings in the Chamber Choir, was part of Student Council and lived six years of his life in Bangladesh.

"As many churches closed during the last year due to the pandemic, my church, St. John, stayed open with COVID-19 protocols. I was a vital volunteer during this time. I helped provide Live-Streaming of the services; and singing in both the worship praise band on Saturday evenings and in the traditional Choir on Sunday mornings each week. In addition, due to the pandemic, the church started a puppet show for Sunday mornings and I played 'Chicken Little' each week for the kids."

Susquenita

Laurel Stuempfle: Laurel is ranked No. 2 in her class of 98 students and aspires in the medical field focused on neurology. She plans to attend either Ursinus or Lafayette College and focus on Biology with a premed track and minor in Spanish. Her ultimate goal is to become a doctor. Laurel earned five varsity letters in basketball and softball for the Blackhawks, but is a standout on the hardwood where teams she played on won PECO tournaments, qualified for districts all four years and qualified for the PIAA Championships three times. A distinguished honor roll and NHS student, she has excelled in science fair competitions and as a sophomore won a local and regional American Legion essay contest.

"I am a person who is persistent and dedicated to everything that I do and because of this, I have created a rule for myself to always go "another mile." To me, this means that no matter what I am doing, I will always take one step further. In the classroom, when I am told I only need to memorize 10

polyatomic ions, I make sure to memorize 20. On the court, when I miss a shot, I make sure to try even harder to get the rebound. At work, when someone is having a bad day, I not only treat them with kindness, but I make sure to add a free cookie into their bag. I believe that life needs to have this extra mile in order to get the most out of it. Being the best that I can be is never enough. My persistence and dedication to everything that I take on is my way of doing the most that I can for myself and others. To me, this second mile does not have to specifically be related to me. I love to help others, whether I'm giving them a surprise with their food or passing them the ball to get the shot; it leaves me satisfied every time. Without this persistence and dedication to "another mile" I would not be who I am today."

Theron Marsh: Theron is ranked No. 28 in his class and plans to attend Tiffin University and study Sports Marketing. He also plans to continue his soccer career and earned a partial athletic scholarship. A two-year NHS student, Theron has been an honor roll or distinguished honors student all four years. He has eight varsity letters in soccer, basketball and track. On the soccer field is where he excels, though. The four-year starter and three-time TVL All-Star owns four school scoring records including most goals in school history.

"When the pandemic hit in March, it really hit me hard. My biggest year of travel soccer had just been canceled, all of the college showcases and big events my team was signed up for were canceled just like that, I was crushed. But I look back in it now and I wouldn't change a thing. I took this time to better myself not only physically but mentally. I realized that while my opponents maybe taking it easy and relaxing, I will not be doing the same, I practiced my craft day in and day out. When I look back on last year I see a person that totally changed their work ethic to outwork everyone and that will forever be something I do."

Trinity

Gloria O'Neil: Gloria will attend the University of Pittsburgh and plans to study Nursing. She earned nine varsity letters for the Shamrocks in cross country, basketball cheerleading and lacrosse. She was the lacrosse and cross-country team captains as a senior. Gloria has been a first honor student all four years and a two-year member of NHS. She has several top three finishes in various Science Fair competitions, been involved with Mini-Thon and served as a gospel choir leader.

"During this pandemic, I learned to never take things for granted. Starting my junior year, I would have never imagined I would get my lacrosse season and many more things taken away. I'm so grateful that sports were able to happen this year. They are a huge part of my life and I honestly don't know what I would do without them. Even though I may have to wear a mask or play fewer games I am so grateful for having the opportunity for something. Yes, it all clearly stinks and it's nowhere near the senior year I've dreamed of I am still grateful for everything. I am a very positive person and make the best out of all situations."

Makoa Niebel: Makoa plans to attend a four-year university and study business as well as learning some languages. His schools under consideration include California Baptist University, Messiah University, Roanoke College and Arizona

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State University. The NHS student is the co-founder of the FCA Club at Trinity and has completed more than 60 hours of community service. A four-year varsity letter winner as a wrestler, Makoa had a stellar final season capped by becoming a District 3, Section 1 champion and a District 3 runner-up.

"One, if not the most significant, determining factor of socio-economic success is being raised in a home with both a mom and a dad present. According to this school of thought, my biggest weakness should be that I was raised in a single-parent household, but I think it has actually become my biggest strength. Statistically, youth raised in single-parent households are more likely to drop out of school, be incarcerated, commit crimes, have behavioral problems, commit suicide, and display many other negative behaviors. To put a number on it, 70 percent of all high school dropouts are from a fatherless home. I was raised in a fatherless home. I feel like this time has been especially hard for children who do not have both parents in their lives."

West Shore Christian Academy

Sofia Godoy: Sofia is ranked No. 1 in her class and plans to attend the University of North Carolina Chapter Hill to major in Political Science with focus on the law and becoming a future lawyer. A four-sport athlete at WSCA, she earned 10 varsity letters in soccer, basketball, lacrosse and track. Soccer is her standout sport where she set the school record for goals scored and was a two-time team captain and All-State selection. A two-year NHS student, Sofia was a forensics original oratory district champion in 2019 and a two-time state qualifier.

"The next four years are not going to be easy, and it is uncertain how soon things will go back to "normal". By taking what I learned in 2020, I am approaching the next four years with a new perspective on the world and the situations surrounding it. These are not going to be easy at times, but we need to rise above and use the opportunities that are given to us. Additionally, in my career, I know that there will be challenges that may seem impossible to overcome, and I can choose to give up or stand up for change and action. It is easy to be overcome with frustration and anger when things do not turn out as expected, but I have learned the importance of gaining composure and leading the fight for a fix and a solution."

Jeb Buehler: Jeb is ranked No. 2 in his class and plans to major in Economics and Finance. His choice of schools includes Washington and Jefferson Bucknell University, Elon University, Messiah University, Franklin and Marshall College and Princeton University. The distinguished honor roll student has earned eight varsity letters in basketball, soccer and baseball. On the basketball court he's a 1,000-point scorer, earned four varsity letters and has been the team captain since his sophomore season. President of NHS, Jeb has a passion for coaching youth sports and has been heavily involved in mentoring young players and is a member of the Spiritual Life Committee.

"COVID-19 adequately changed my plans for my basketball career. Going into the spring of 2020, I planned on putting a large amount of work into basketball. Not only into myself, but also into my teammates. I had been a team captain and knew that I would need to lead this team in order to be successful. Over the initial months of quarantine, my coach and I set up a Zoom meeting schedule where we had optional team workouts,

I also set up a few small challenges for my team to do over the weekends. I was able to keep many of my teammates involved and developing for our upcoming season. This experience with COVID-19 expresses a leadership quality that I pride myself on. I have grown as a leader more than I could have ever imagined learning new skills in both managing things around me and speaking in small groups or public settings. Being a leader defines who I am, and it is a quality I will take with me for the rest of my life."

West Perry

Madison Morrow: Madison is ranked in the top 10 percent of her class of 153 and plans to attend Misericordia University and major in Speech Pathology while continuing her cross country and track careers. A three-sport athlete for the Mustangs, Madison has earned eight varsity letters in soccer, basketball and track. A distinguished honors student, she has her own dog sitting business, has been involved in Mini-Thon, Student Council and volunteered at the Perry County Food Bank and Animal Shelter.

"This pandemic has definitely shown how versatile and flexible I need to be. Things changed and still are changing on a day-to-day basis due to the coronavirus whether it is school or community conditions. I missed most of my junior track season which was upsetting but adjusted and moved on. I, along with many others, had so many things cancelled over the past year, but I think this pandemic has definitely shown how resilient humans are in the face of adversity."

Tyler Wonders: Tyler is ranked in the top third of his class of 150 at West Perry and plans to join the United States Navy with a goal of one day becoming a police officer. He earned seven varsity letters for the Mustangs playing football and wrestling. He was a football conference all-star his senior year, a two-time captain of the wrestling team, won a sectional title as a junior and qualified for the PIAA Championships each of the final two years.

"I am the person willing to go the extra mile whenever necessary and always willing to lend a hand and help those who may be struggling and or having a tough time. I'm very determined and will work very hard to achieve my goals that I set for myself."

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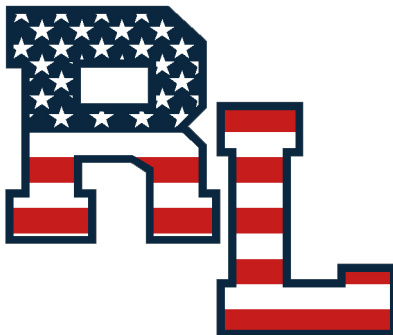
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