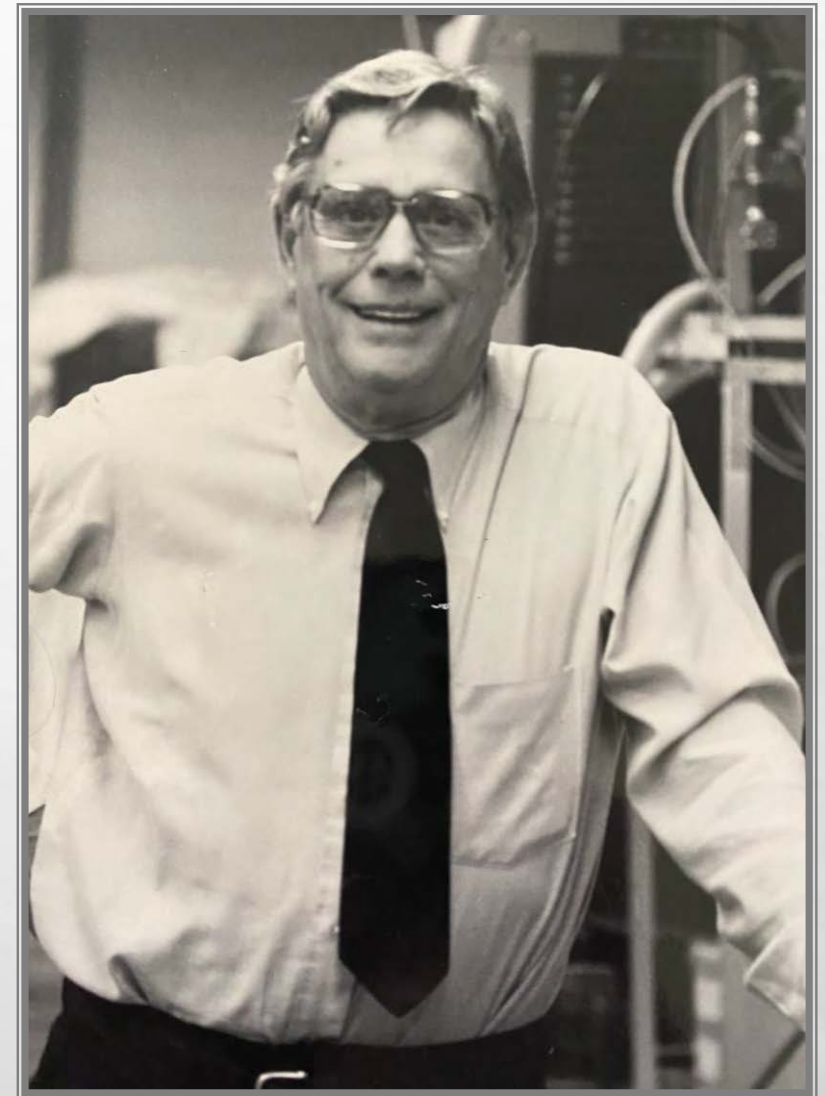


VIRTUAL PRESS CONFERENCE
2023 DR. JAMES TOLLE
NASSAU COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

ROBERT BLISS ALABASTER

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS. PLAYED FIVE SPORTS AT BALDWIN STARTING IN 1929. THREE-TIME ALL-SCHOLASTIC LINEMAN, STARTER IN BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, SWIMMING AND TRACK. NASSAU BACKSTROKE CHAMPION IN SWIMMING. WAS KNOWN TO HIT A HOME RUN AND WIN THE SHOTPUT EVENT ON THE SAME DAY.



KAREN ANDREONE

BELOVED LONGTIME ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND COACH AT OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY IN SYOSSET. WON MULTIPLE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BADMINTON, VOLLEYBALL AND SOFTBALL. AS AN ADMINISTRATOR, SHE MORE THAN DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS OFFERED AT THE SCHOOL.





RON ATANASIO

REGARDED AS ONE OF THE GREATEST NASSAU SOCCER PLAYERS OF ALL-TIME. LED OCEANSIDE TO THREE CONSECUTIVE COUNTY AND LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS. WON THE STEEN AWARD AS NASSAU'S BEST PLAYER AND STARRED ON THE 1973 TEAM THAT WAS 18-0 AND OUTSCORED THE OPPOSITION 99-4.



DR. SIDNEY CANARICK

AN HISTORIC GLEN COVE ATHLETIC FIGURE FROM THE 1930S. HE WAS THE SCHOOLS FIRST-EVER FOUR SPORT ATHLETE IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL AND TRACK. LED NASSAU IN TOUCHDOWNS AND FIELD GOALS. WENT ON TO QUARTERBACK BUCKNELL TO A VICTORY OVER MIAMI IN THE FIRST EVER ORANGE BOWL GAME.



CHRIS CERUTI

A STELLAR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE IN QUEENS BEFORE TEACHING AND COACHING AT CARLE PLACE. STARTED THE SCHOOL'S SOFTBALL TEAM AND COACHED THE FROGS TO NINE NASSAU CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FOUR LONG ISLAND TITLES. BECAME A HIGHLY-RESPECTED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR 20 YEARS.



RICHARD DEGNAN

A STATE TRACK CHAMPION AND ALL-AMERICAN MIDDLE DISTANCE RUNNER AT HOLY TRINITY. WENT ON TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TRACK COACHES ON LONG ISLAND. GUIDED BAY SHORE (96-0) AND MASSAPEQUA (132-24) TO EXTRAORDINARY DUAL AND QUAD MEET RECORDS. RECEIVED THE MIKE BYRNES AWARD AS THE COUNTRY'S TOP HIGH SCHOOL TRACK COACH.



ROBERT DESIMONE

SUPERIOR 3-SPORT ATHLETE AT PLAINVIEW KENNEDY. EXCELLED IN FOOTBALL AND LACROSSE. AN ALL-COUNTY RUNNING BACK AND AN ALL-AMERICAN MIDFIELDER IN HIGH SCHOOL. SCORED A RECORD OF 15 POINTS AGAINST GREAT NECK SOUTH. PLAYED AT NAVY AND JOHNS HOPKINS. MADE ALL-AMERICAN AT BOTH COLLEGES.

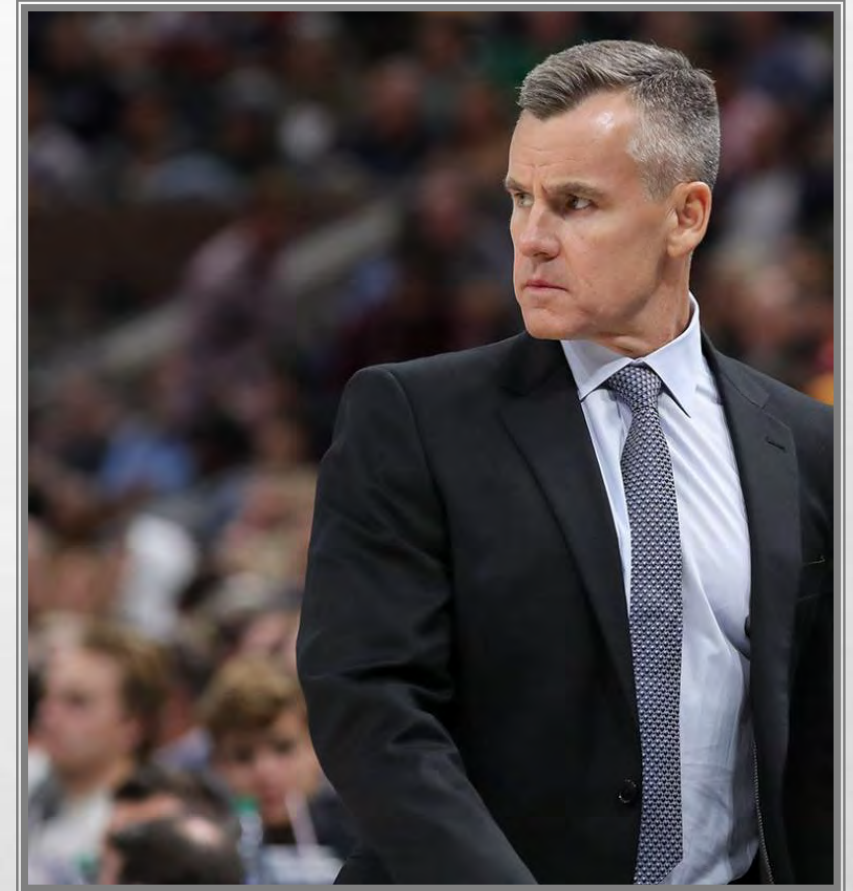


THERESE DEVLIN-BROWN

AMONG THE BEST DISTANCE RUNNERS IN NASSAU HISTORY WHILE AT WANTAGH. SHE WAS THE FIRST FEMALE TO BE NAMED GATORADE' NEW YORK STATE GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR IN 1986. SHE WON CONSECUTIVE 1500-METER STATE TITLES IN 1985 AND '86. SHE WAS A STANDOUT AT DARTMOUTH. MADE IT TO THE 1992 OLYMPIC TRIALS.

BILLY DONOVAN

PLAYED ON CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS AT ST. AGNES AND MADE THE ALL-LONG ISLAND AS A SENIOR. WENT TO PROVIDENCE AND HELPED THE FRIARS RISE TO THE NCAA FINAL FOUR. SPENT 19 YEARS AT FLORIDA, BUILDING A STELLAR COACHING REPUTATION. HAD A RECORD OF 467-151 FOR THE GATORS AND GUIDED THEM TO CONSECUTIVE NCAA TITLES IN 2006 AND 2007. COACHES THE CHICAGO BULLS IN THE NBA. ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZED BASKETBALL FIGURES IN THE COUNTRY.



ARTHUR DUNN

A SPLENDID DISTANCE RUNNER AT SEWANHAKA. THE FIRST RUNNER IN THE STATE TO PLACE IN THE TOP 10 FOUR TIMES IN THE STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS. HE PLACED FIRST IN '53 AND '54. HE ALSO WAS THE COUNTY'S PREMIER MILER DURING THE SPRING OUTDOOR TRACK SEASON.



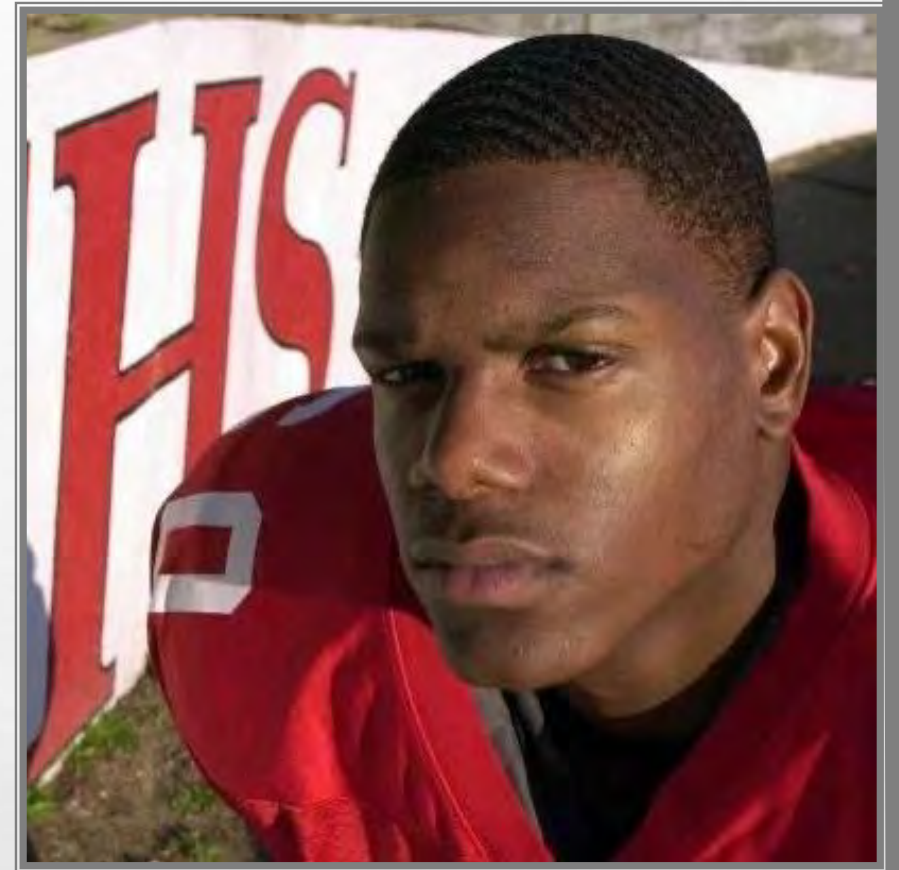


JOSEPH FAY

COACHING GEM FROM A BYGONE ERA. LED HEMPSTEAD TO SEVEN UNBEATEN FOOTBALL SEASONS. GUIDED THE GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM TO A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. DEVELOPED FUTURE OLYMPIANS MARY WASHBURN AND LEO SEXTON IN TRACK. DURING WORLD WAR II RUBBER SHORTAGE TOOK FOOTBALL TEAMS TO AWAY GAMES ON A HAYRIDE WAGON.

D'BRICKASHAW FERGUSON

GENERATIONAL FOOTBALL PLAYER AT FREEPORT WHO WON THE THORP AND MARTONE AWARDS AS NASSAU'S BEST PLAYER AND BEST LINEMAN. HAD AN ALL-AMERICAN CAREER AT VIRGINIA. HE WAS THE NO. 1 DRAFT CHOICE OF THE NEW YORK JETS IN 2006. HAD A 10-YEAR NFL CAREER AND WAS INDUCTED INTO JETS RING OF HONOR. A STREET IS NAMED FOR HIM IN HIS HOMETOWN.



GEORGE FOWLER



ALMOST 80 YEARS LATER, HE'S STILL CONSIDERED THE FINEST FOOTBALL PLAYER IN GLEN COVE HISTORY. LED COVERS TO AN UNBEATEN SEASON IN 1943. WAS FAVORABLY COMPARED TO MANHASSET'S JIM BROWN AS A HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER. ENTERED THE NAVY IN WORLD WAR II AND LATER STARRED FOR THE GRUMMAN YANKEES SOFTBALL TEAM.



SABRINA GALLAGHER-RUSZKO

THERE'S NEVER BEEN A MORE VERSATILE FEMALE ATHLETE AT MANHASSET. SHE WAS A STANDOUT IN GYMNASTICS, TRACK, FIELD HOCKEY AND LACROSSE. THE ONLY GIRL TO PLAY FOR MANHASSET'S LACROSSE STATE CHAMPIONS IN 1985 AND 1988. A BRILLIANT LACROSSE CAREER AT LOYOLA. WAS A TWO-TIME ALL-AMERICAN.

LARRY GLENZ

COACHED LYNBROOK'S LACROSSE TEAM FOR 25 YEARS AND LEFT A LEGACY AS A CHAMPION AND A BELOVED MENTOR. HIS TEAMS HAD A RECORD OF 376-131. WON 11 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS, TWO NASSAU TITLES AND TWO LONG ISLAND TITLES. UNDER GLENZ, THE OWLS WON CONSECUTIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 1999 AND 2000, THE FIRST NASSAU TEAM TO DO IT.



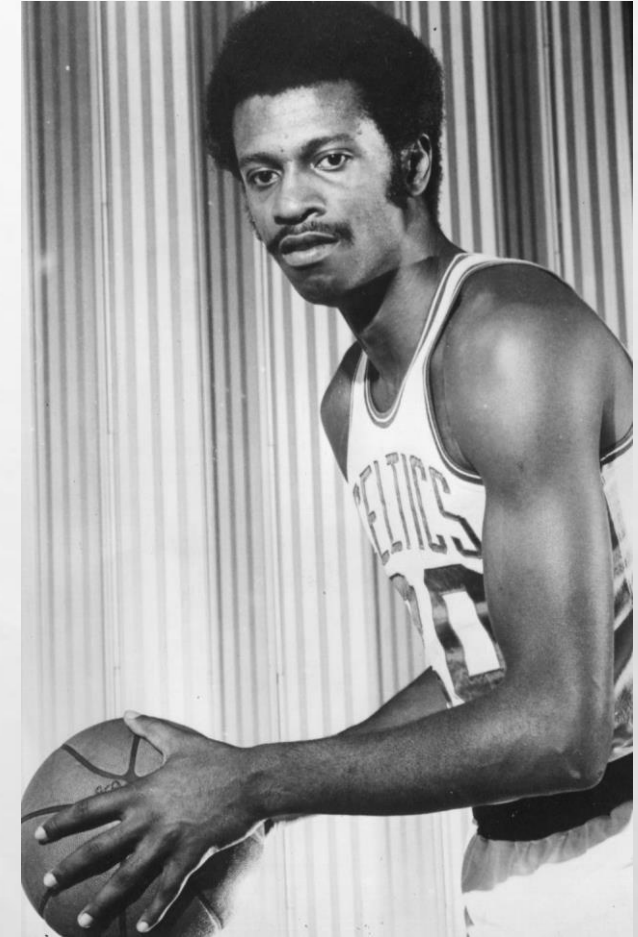
ROBERT GORMAN

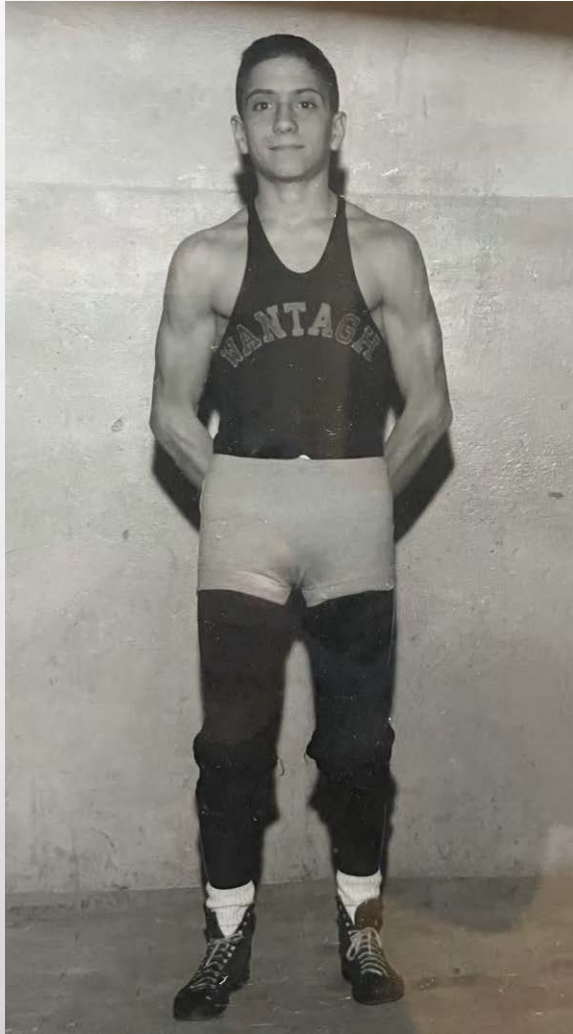
WAS THE NASSAU'S YOUNGEST DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AT FLORAL PARK MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL. SPENT 20 YEARS AS AN INNOVATIVE ADMINISTRATOR. ALSO COACHED THE KNIGHTS TO BACK-TO-BACK NASSAU AND LONG ISLAND BASEBALL TITLES IN '78 AND '79. AUTHORED BASEBALL BOOKS ABOUT JIMMY FOXX, ROGERS HORNSBY AND JOE CRONIN.



PHIL HANKINSON

A 6-6 FORWARD WITH A SILKY SMOOTH SHOOTING TOUCH, WHO WAS LONG ISLAND'S TOP PLAYER AS A SENIOR. WHEN GREAT NECK NORTH BEAT LYNBROOK, 61-39, IN THE 1969 COUNTY FINAL, HANKINSON SCORED 39 POINTS, EQUALING THE OWLS ENTIRE TEAM. HE WAS A 3-YEAR STAR AT PENN AND WAS TAKEN BY THE CELTICS IN THE NBA DRAFT.





PETER HENNING

LONG ISLAND'S AND NEW YORK STATE'S FIRST WRESTLING CHAMPION. WANTAGH'S HENNING WON THE 98-POUND TITLE IN THE FIRST MATCH OF THE FIRST STATE TOURNAMENT HELD AT CORNELL IN 1963. LOST THE OPENING MATCH OF THE SEASON, THEN WON 25 STRAIGHT ON THE WAY TO THE HISTORIC STATE TITLE.

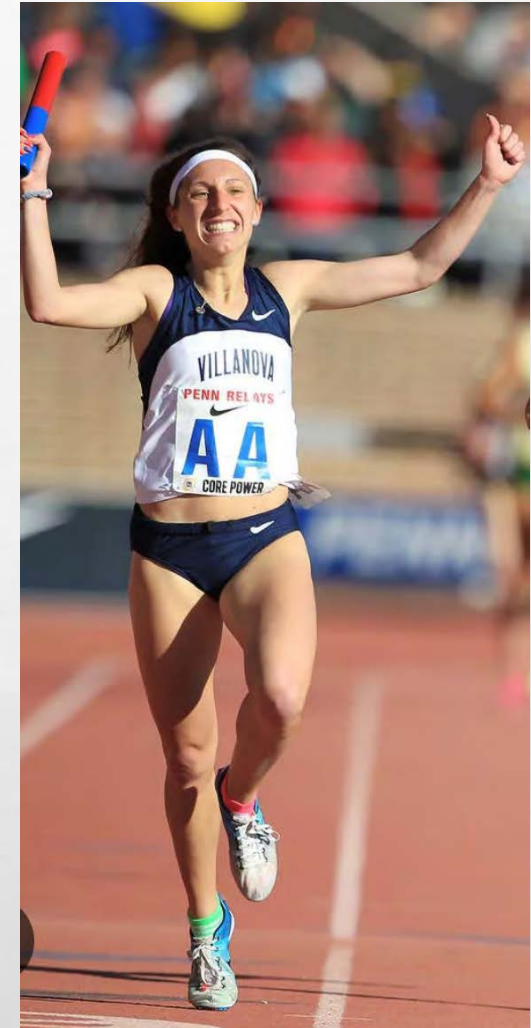


MICHELLE KUROWSKI- ENGELHARDT

THE GREATEST GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER IN HICKSVILLE HISTORY AND ONE OF THE BEST EVER IN NASSAU. SCORED 2,518 CAREER POINTS AND LED THE COMETS TO CONSECUTIVE COUNTY TITLES. NASSAU PLAYER OF THE YEAR AS A SENIOR AND TWO-TIME ALL-LONG ISLAND SELECTION. HAD A STELLAR CAREER AT UMBC.

EMILY ROSE LIPARI

DOMINATED NEW YORK STATE AND LONG ISLAND DISTANCE RUNNING AT ROSLYN. WON MULTIPLE COUNTY, STATE AND NATIONAL TITLES. SET A SLEW OF SCHOOL, COUNTY AND STATE RECORDS. A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME ATHLETE. RAN FOR VILLANOVA WHERE SHE WAS AN 11-TIME ALL-AMERICAN AND TWO-TIME NCAA CHAMPION.





JOSEPH MARTONE

A SENSATIONAL LINEMAN FOR GLEN COVE IN THE 1940S. A THREE-TIME ALL-NASSAU SELECTION AS A TWO-WAY TACKLE FOR THE COVERS. NEWSDAY CALLED HIM A "TERROR TO ALL RIVALS." AS A SENIOR, HE WAS SWITCHED FROM TACKLE TO RUNNING BACK AGAINST RIVAL PORT WASHINGTON AND SCORED TWO TOUCHDOWNS IN A 20-7 VICTORY.

EAMON MCENEANEY



A 3-SPORT STAR AT SEWANHAKA WHO WAS A FEARLESS FOOTBALL PLAYER DESPITE HIS 5-10, 155 POUND FRAME. WAS AN ALL-IVY WIDE RECEIVER. ONE OF GREATEST HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE LACROSSE PLAYERS IN HISTORY. LED CORNELL TO TWO NCAA TITLES. KILLED IN THE 9/11 ATTACK ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER.



OLLIE MILLS

FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TEACHER AND COACH AT HEMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL. FIRST NASSAU COACH TO GUIDE BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. DURING ONE 4-YEAR STRETCH THE GIRLS TEAM WON FOUR COUNTY, FOUR LONG ISLAND AND TWO STATE TITLES. OVER THAT TIME, THE GIRLS HAD A 92-3 RECORD AND DID NOT LOSE A GAME TO ANOTHER NASSAU TEAM.

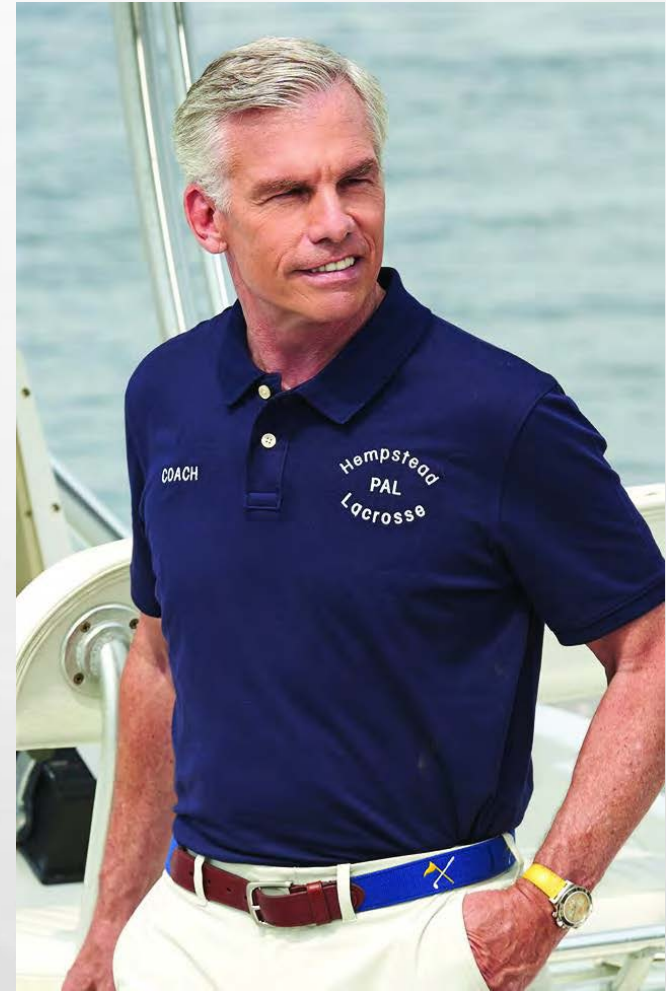


CARLOS MENDES

OUTSTANDING SOCCER PLAYER AND LEADER AT WHEATLEY. EARNED ALL-AMERICAN HONORS AND WON THE JIM STEEN AWARD AS NASSAU'S BEST PLAYER. EARNED ALL-CONFERENCE AND ALL-AMERICA RECOGNITION AT OLD DOMINION. HAD A STANDOUT PRO CAREER BEFORE BEING NAMED COACH OF THE NEW YORK COSMOS.

JAMES METZGER

ALTHOUGH METZGER GREW UP AND STARRED AS AN ATHLETE IN SUFFOLK, HE HAS BECOME A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF NASSAU HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS. HE HAS SPONSORED NASSAU'S HALL OF FAME BANQUET AND PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN BRINGING THE STATE LACROSSE PLAYOFFS BACK TO LONG ISLAND. HE HAS ALSO BEEN AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER AND BENEFACTOR FOR HOFSTRA ATHLETICS.



FRANK NOCERINO

AN ACTIVE CONTRIBUTOR TO NASSAU COUNTY ATHLETICS FOR SIX DECADES. AS THE COMMISSIONER OF THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY PARKS, FREQUENTLY HELPED NASSAU SCHOOLS IN NEED OF EQUIPMENT OR A PLACE TO PLAY. A TOP FOOTBALL REFEREE, WHO HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR HIS WORK.





ANNIE PARK

SHE WAS FORCED TO PLAY ON THE BOYS GOLF TEAM AT MACARTHUR BECAUSE THERE WAS NO GIRLS TEAM. IT DIDN'T MATTER. SHE BECAME THE TOP GOLFER IN NASSAU, BEATING ALL THE BOYS AND WINNING THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP. WON THE NCAA WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP ONE YEAR LATER.



DICK POILLON

THREE-SPORT STAR AT VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL IN THE 1930S. PLAYED BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL BUT EXCELLED IN FOOTBALL. HE RAN, PASSED, PUNTED, KICKED FIELD GOALS AND RAN BACK PUNTS AND KICKOFFS. BECAME A TOP NASSAU FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL OFFICIAL. AFTER COLLEGE AT CANISIUS, EARNED A SPOT WITH THE THEN-WASHINGTON REDSKINS. HE WAS VOTED ONE OF WASHINGTON'S TOP 100 ALL-TIME PLAYERS.



ROBERT SHAVER

HE IS AMONG LONG ISLAND'S TOP FOOTBALL AND WRESTLING COACHES. HIS PLAINEDGE FOOTBALL TEAMS HAVE WON TWO LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS AND 6 NASSAU COUNTY TITLES. TOOK OVER A DORMANT WRESTLING TEAM AND TURNED IT INTO ONE OF NASSAU'S BEST.

THOMAS SHEEDY JR.

ONE OF THE LONGEST STANDING AND MOST SUCCESSFUL COACHES IN NASSAU COUNTY FOR 45 YEARS. TURNED MASSAPEQUA'S BASEBALL TEAM INTO ONE OF THE BEST IN NASSAU. HIS TEAMS HAVE WON 352 GAMES INCLUDING MULTIPLE NEW YORK STATE, LONG ISLAND AND NASSAU TITLES. HIS 2006 TEAM WAS 29-0 AND RANKED NO. 1 IN THE STATE.





CLIFTON SMITH

A MAN AMONG BOYS. TREMENDOUS FREEPORT FOOTBALL LINEBACKER WHO WAS A FINALIST FOR THE THORP AWARD ONE YEAR AND THE WINNER THE NEXT YEAR. GATORADE NEW YORK STATE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR IN 1988. ALSO PLAYED BASKETBALL AND LACROSSE. STARRED AT SYRACUSE AND PLAYED FOR WASHINGTON AND CLEVELAND IN THE NFL.

KEVIN SHIPPOS

AN OUTSTANDING FOOTBALL PLAYER AND WRESTLER AT BALDWIN. A TWO-TIME ALL-COUNTY FULLBACK AND LINEBACKER. WAS A THREE-TIME NASSAU WRESTLING CHAMPION AND A STATE CHAMPION. DEFEATED FIVE STATE CHAMPIONS FROM CALIFORNIA, KANSAS, ALASKA, GEORGIA AND OHIO TO WIN THE 215-POUND TITLE AT THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS.



FRANK TASHMAN

A FOOTBALL AND LACROSSE STAR AT SEWANHAKA. A WIDE RECEIVER WHO TEAMED WITH FUTURE HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER VINNY TESTAVERDE TO BRING THE SCHOOL A NASSAU TITLE IN '79 AND AN UNBEATEN SEASON IN '80. HE WAS A SENSATIONAL LACROSSE ATTACKMAN, WHO HAD 118 POINTS AS A SENIOR. AN ALL-AMERICAN LACROSSE PLAYER IN COLLEGE, THEN PLAYED PRO BALL IN THE MLL.





NICHOLAS TINTLE

A GENERATIONAL ATHLETE AT MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL. RUSHED FOR OVER 1,000 YARDS WHILE LEADING THE GENERALS TO THEIR FIRST NASSAU COUNTY FOOTBALL TITLE IN 2002. RUSHED FOR 2,048 YARDS AS A SENIOR. ONE OF THE BEST LACROSSE PLAYERS IN THE STATE. NASSAU'S MIDFIELDER OF THE YEAR IN 2004. BECAME AN OUTSTANDING COLLEGE AND PRO LACROSSE PLAYER.



AL WILLIAMS

ONE OF THE GREATEST ATHLETES EVER AT HEMPSTEAD. A 4-YEAR STARTER AT GUARD IN BASKETBALL AND A 3-YEAR STARTER AT QUARTERBACK IN FOOTBALL. COACH BOB SCHUESSLER BROKE TRADITION AND LET WILLIAMS CALL HIS OWN PLAYS. THE TIGERS WENT ON TO OUTSCORE OPPONENTS 245-46 FOR AN 8-0 RECORD. PLAYED BASKETBALL FOR NIAGARA AND WAS INDUCTED INTO THE NIAGARA HALL OF FAME.



JAMES ZAFFUTO

A RECORD SETTING LACROSSE PLAYER AT ELMONT. SET MULTIPLE NASSAU SCORING RECORDS THAT HAVE STOOD UP FOR 45 YEARS. HOLDS CAREER RECORDS FOR POINTS (498) AND ASSISTS (288). HOLDS SINGLE SEASON RECORDS FOR ASSISTS (101) AND POINTS (181). PLAYED ON 3 NCAA TITLE TEAMS AT JOHNS HOPKINS.



STEVE ZIMMER

A FOOTBALL AND GOLF STAR AT MASSAPEQUA IN THE 1970S. SET THE LONG ISLAND RECORD OF 22 TOUCHDOWN PASSES AS A SENIOR. QUALIFIED FOR THE NJCAA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NASSAU CC. AFTER A STANDOUT CAREER AT HOFSTRA, HE SPENT 23 YEARS AS A HIGHLY-RATED NFL OFFICIAL BEFORE RETIRING IN 2019. OFFICIATED TWO SUPER BOWLS.