



THE CHSAAP

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.....2018 GALA IS ANOTHER GREAT CELEBRATION!

Our Second Annual CHSAAP 'Gala Celebration' on May 5th was once again a wonderful success! The management and staff at the 'Imperial Room' at Rhodes Place in Cranston set up their beautiful banquet room perfectly and served a most delightful dinner. The evening was emceed by the amiable Brad Pierce of 'The Golden Mic Productions'.

The Gala got underway with a spirited opening address by CHSAAP President Don Bianco. Don reviewed many of the things that the CHSAAP accomplished over the past year including the successful increase in membership and fund raising for Central student scholarships.

He also mentioned the fund raising events we had in 2017-2018, which will be repeated later this year and into 2019, including the 'Funny4Funds' comedy night hosted by Central grad and professional comedian Mike Murray, the Annual CHSAAP Flea Market at the Central 'gymnasium' organized by Cathy Crepeau and the lively 'Fun Trip to Foxwoods' in March organized by Karen Doucette.

Keynote speaker Senator Harold Metts, a 1965 Central grad, inspired the membership and the Central students and their families in attendance by reviewing his long road to success through his initial struggles as a young man, his solid belief in a good education and is unwavering faith in God. He focused on the importance of individuals believing in themselves and putting aside the negative things that others may think and say about you. Senator Metts received a rousing cheer at the conclusion of his speech!

.....Eight Scholarships awarded!

.....It was then time for the CHSAAP Scholarship announcements made by CHSAAP Scholarship Committee Chairman Jose Gonzalez. The eight 2018 CHSAAP Scholarship Award winners were:

Anilette Harushimana, who maintained a 91.42 grade point average while taking AP English literature...Anilette is trilingual, speaking Kirundu (Burundi) and Kinyarwanda (Uganda) besides English!

Jennifer Riz Castro, currently enrolled in AP English literature as well as AP Calculus...Jennifer maintains a 95.34 GPA and has been on the Central Honor Roll all four years of high school!

Emilia Mendez, is Class President and a member of the high honor roll...with a GPA of 93.23, Emilia is taking AP Calculus and has taken AP English and Spanish...she is also a 'Central Knight', helping to promote the relationships between Central students, parents and teachers.

Paul Jimenez, a member of the Central Honor Roll and twenty third in his class, Paul is taking AP Calculus and is Secretary of the Central HS Student Body Government...he wants to major in finance.

Leneyzsha Dennis, currently ranked as the Number 2 student in her senior class with a 95.20 GPA!....she is taking AP English Literature and AP Chemistry and is considered hard working and reliable by teachers.

Aletha Nuahn, ranked number 5 in her class, Aletta maintains a lofty 94.64 GPA....she has worked all four years at Central as part of student government, the honor society and the RIC Upward Bound program.

Diane Velasquez, who maintains a 93.70 GPA which puts her 6th in her class....Diane wants to attend RIC and study Dental Hygiene...she is Treasurer of the Central Student Body government.

Dipshika Raj, is ranked Number 1 in her class with a perfect 4.0 GPA! Dipshika is a High Honor Roll student, currently enrolled in AP English Literature and AP Calculus....she is trilingual in English, Nepali and Hindi and wants to become a nurse.

....Special thanks to CHSAAP Vice President Debbie Cockfield, Treasurer & Chairwoman of the 2018 Gala Celebration

and to her committee and volunteers; to Dr. Jose Gonzalez and the Scholarship Committee and to President Don Bianco for all of their great work in putting together this year's Gala!

Also, congrats to Ron Tella and his grandson Jake Catanzaro for having four of the scholarship awards named in their honor by having contributed to the Scholarship Appeal in excess of the \$2,500 Golden Knight level for two years. Also, thanks to all of our Scholarship Appeal Donors and to those placing congratulatory messages in the Gala Celebration program!

..... New Athletics Hall of Fame!

....In his Gala address, President Bianco also mentioned the first organizational meeting of the proposed CHSAAP Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday May 11, 2018 at Central at 9 a.m.! A Hall of Fame exploratory committee has been considering this project for the last several months and it was approved and adopted by the CHSAAP Board of Directors and is now included in the association bylaws

. For info on the organizational meeting and the Hall of Fame, contact Lyle Perra at jmplep@cox.net or Steve Bianchi at sbianchi2@verizon.net.

You can also go to CHSAAP.org and click on 'Athletic Hall of Fame Program'. You can then click on 'Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form' if you are interested in making a nomination for a former Central athlete, athletic department official, coach or team from the past. Read the bylaws to understand the qualifications. More details to come on a new CHSAAP Athletic Hall of Fame!

..... Central Knights Sports News!

Congratulations to Central baseball coach Dave Hanson for his article in the Providence Journal with John Gillooly. He talked about Central High School moving up into Div. 1 in baseball, and over the last few months the Knights have been playing winning baseball and preparing for the playoffs!

Also congratulations to Central track coach Dan O'Kleasky who was honored at the RIIL Annual Dinner back in April for his successes with the Central track teams!

As reported in the last Centralite Newsletter, long time Athletic Director Pete Rios is retiring in June. Central Principal Jonathon Mendelsohn says that a new A.D. will be chosen very soon!

....We wish a wonderful spring and summer to all of our CHSAAP members!