



# THE CHSAAP CENTRALITE

## Newsletter

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### .....MICHELLE RAWCLIFFE NAMED NEW CENTRAL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



In mid-June, Central Principal Jonathan Mendelsohn announced that Central Girls Softball Coach **Michelle Rawcliffe** would be the new **Central High School Athletic Director**, succeeding the retiring Peter Rios.

Besides coaching Girls Softball at Central since 2003, Michelle taught Phys Ed and Health at Central for five years. For the last eight years, she has also been teaching at the Providence Career & Technical Academy. Under her leadership, the **Central Knights Girls Softball team** won the **Div. III State Fast Pitch Softball Championship in 2011** with **an amazing 19-0 record!** The team was also State Runner Up in 2012.

Michelle was named R.I. Fast Pitch Softball Coach of the Year in both 2011 and 2017, and with her leadership of the Central Girls Softball team, the R.I. Board of Softball Officials Sportsmanship of the Year Team Award in 2011, 2012 and 2016. In past years as an athlete, Michelle played soccer for the highly ranked Keene State College team and in 2010 was named to the New England Softball Hall of Fame!

All of these athletic and educational accomplishments at Central and elsewhere have certainly earned Michelle the position of Central High Athletic Director.

**Hearty congratulations from the CHSAAP to Michelle Rawcliffe!**

### .....CENTRAL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME ORGANIZES

Back on May 11th, the CHSAAP Central Athletic Hall of Fame Board held its first organizational meeting in the conference room of Principal Jonathan Mendelsohn's office at Central. With twelve people in attendance, including Mr. Mendelsohn and CHSAAP President Don Bianco, there was an air of excitement about the 'start up' of the Central Athletic Hall of Fame!

Election of officers included Steve Bianchi as Board Chairman and Paul O'Brien as interim Secretary. Potential committee memberships and Hall of Fame organizational assignments were moved up to the next meeting which was held at Central on June 14th. Topics discussed at that meeting included inductee research, funding development, planning a banquet for the spring of 2019 and technical support needs.

**Go to [CHSAAP.org](http://CHSAAP.org) to find out how you can place a candidate for induction into the Central Athletic Hall of Fame by printing and filling out the displayed nomination form.** If you would like to consider becoming a member of the Central Athletic Hall of Fame Board and for other questions, you can contact **Central Athletic Hall of Fame Board Chairman Steve Bianchi at [sbianchi2@verizon.net](mailto:sbianchi2@verizon.net)**

### .....CHSAAP FEATURES FUN FILLED FALL FESTIVITIES!

"**Funny 4 Funds**", hosted by comedian and Central grad Mike Murray is back! This year the event will be held Thursday night, Sept. 20th at the Imperial Room at 1 Rhodes Place off Broad St. in Cranston. Last year's

show was a comic blast! Again this year, some of New England's most hilarious comedians will be featured!

Funds from the "Funny 4 Funds" event go to benefit the CHSAAP Grant Fund. Last year, \$4,000 was raised for the Grant Fund thanks to Mike Murray's merrymakers and thanks to all who came to the show. **For more info AND ticket PURCHASES for this year's comedy show events on Thursday night, Sept. 20th, go to:**

**www.Funny4Funds.com/events then look up our event date September 20.** There you may buy tickets, become a show sponsor, or perhaps make a donation to the grant fund.

You can also get information by going to our website at CHSAAP.org or by contacting Don Bianco at 401-464-9198 or at ddpb11@verizon.net. Have some great laughs and help a great cause; our CHSAAP Grant Fund!

**.....ANOTHER FOXWOODS FUN FILLED FORAY!**

**CHSAAP Athletic Hall of Fame bus excursion to the Foxwoods Casino on Sat., Oct. 20th!** Tickets are \$45 each, which includes round trip transportation, free buffet (\$25. value) or a \$10 food voucher, plus a \$15 gambling voucher. Price **includes** driver tip, some games and raffles, and a donation to benefit **the NEW CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**. **Purchase your tickets on CHSAAP.org, Hall of Fame page or see a Hall of Fame committee member.**

**.....CONGRATS TO OUR CENTRAL KNIGHTS ALL-STATERS!**

Central's **Augustus Karweh** was named **R.I.'s Indoor Track Athlete of the Year for 2018!** Augustus won the state indoor high jump title with a leap of 6' 6" and two weeks later won the New England title jumping 6' 7"! Congratulations to Augustus Karweh for his amazing accomplishments!

Another fine Central indoor harrier was **Bryan Cosme** who was named to the **Boy's Indoor Track Second Team**.

In girl's indoor track, Central's **Alyejah Roderick** was named to the **All-State First Team**, while **Jancy Mwelwa** was named to the **Boy's Outdoor Track Second Team**

Central's **Christian Mercedes** and **Alexander Ramirez** were named **All-State Finalists in baseball**, while **Nicholas Fontecha** was named to the **All-State Co-Ed Tennis First Team**. The CHSAAP is proud of this great list of Central Knight All-Staters for 2018!

In the Division I baseball playoffs, Central started out hot in the first two rounds, winning over North Kingstown, 7-3 and over South Kingstown, 6-4. The Knights then had a tough loss to Cumberland in the third round, 6-5. In Division III softball playoffs, the Central girls lost out in a slugfest to Tiverton, 15-8.

In the Class 'A' Track Championships, Central's **Nathaniel Boarjolo** was near the top in the preliminary 100 meter dash, clocking in at 11.40. **Ismael Fofana** and **Brian Susana** came in just over 12.00. **Boarjolo** ran the **200 meters in 23.36** and **Kevin Valentin** grabbed **second place for the Knights in the 400 meter dash in 53.68!**

**.....CENTRAL CLASS OF '78 CELEBRATES 40th!**

Greetings and congratulations to the Central High School Class of 1978!! Their 40th reunion was held on July 7th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick.

**.....The Central High School Alumni Association wishes you all a great summer of 2018 and plan to attend our "Funny4Funds Comedy show on Thursday night, September 20th**