



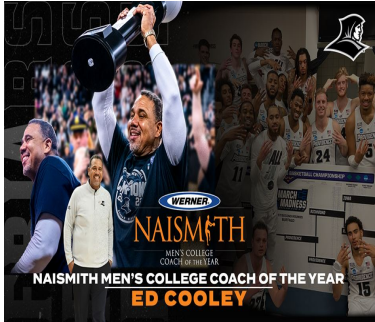
# THE CHSAAP

## CENTRALITE

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## **CENTRAL ALUMNUS ED COOLEY LEADS P.C. FRIARS TO THE 'BIG DANCE' AND RECEIVES 'NAISMITH COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD'**

After winning the Big East regular season title and being ranked at No. 11 in the country, Ed Cooley's Providence College Friars headed to the NCAA Basketball Tournament. A basketball standout at Central in his own right earning Rhode Island Play of the Year honors twice, Ed steered the Friars to their best season since he took over as coach in 2011. He also gained his 300th career coaching victory this season and was named Big East Coach of the Year. On April 3rd, it was announced that Ed was named the recipient of the 2021-22 'Naismith Coach of the Year Award' for college basketball!

Despite losing in the Big East Tournament to Creighton, the Friars rallied for a first round win over South Dakota State at the NCAAs in Buffalo by a 66-57 margin. That was followed by an overwhelming 79-51 victory over the Richmond Spiders in round two. In the 'Sweet Sixteen' round vs. the Kansas Jayhawks in Chicago, Coach Cooley's Friars came up a bit short, losing by a 66-61 score.

Congrats to Central alumnus Ed Cooley for his Naismith Award, being named Big E Ash Coach of the Year, and to his Friars team for bringing Rhode Island an excellent winter and spring of exciting college basketball!

## **A CENTRALITE SALUTE TO ACTOR, PRODUCER MANNY PEREZ**

Congratulations to Central alumnus, actor and producer Manny Perez for his recent write ups in the GOLOCALprov website and in the Providence Journal with Mark Patinkin!

Manny has spent many years as a prolific actor including on network shows 'NYPD Blue', 'Law & Order' and 'Homeland', and has produced his own movie 'La Soga Salvation'

which was shown at the Providence Place Mall recently. The movie was mostly shot at various places in Rhode Island.

Growing up in Providence, Manny was one of eleven children in a family that arrived here from the Dominican Republic. Manny couldn't speak English when he arrived in Providence at the age of eight. However, while attending Central, Manny was in the class of English teacher Paula Milano, who had the whole class reading Shakespeare! Manny loved it and was encouraged by Ms. Milano to continue to study acting, which he did at Marymount College in Manhattan.

Manny Perez has certainly become a most accomplished Central alumnus who can be an inspiration to current Central students. Years after a very humble beginning, Manny has an immensely busy television and movie career! We're sure we will see him in more productions soon.



## **CONDOLENCES**

Over the last few months, Central alumni have mourned the passing of two Central graduates from the 1950's.

Bob Ricci of Cranston passed away in February at the age of 85. His wife Josephine, who survives him, met Bob while attending Central. He was All-State in football and wrestling in the mid 50's for Central, attended Providence College and also was in the U.S. Marine Corps where he also starred in football.

Central alumnus Malcom Badway of Providence passed away on March 3rd. Malcom was a 1955 graduate of Central. He also was a member of the Knights football team. After graduating Central, Malcom joined the U.S. Army, worked in the auto body business and in real estate. He is survived by his wife of fifty four years, Joan and their four daughters.

The CHSAAP passes on their sincere condolences to the Ricci and Badway families

## **ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE AND APPLICATION PERIOD**

A huge thank you to all that contributed to the 2021/2022 Annual Scholarship Drive . As of March 8, 2022, this year's scholarship drive had donations totaling \$4,052.60

The Scholarship Application period is now underway until April 30, 2022. Seniors can download an application from CHSAAP.org or obtain an application from their Guidance Counselor.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Central All Class Reunion has been canceled.

Get ready to "Tee it Up" at the first CHSAAP Golf Tournament coming this September. The CHSAAP Events & Communications Committees are planning our first CHSAAP Golf Tournament for Sunday, Sept. 18th with officials at Triggs Memorial Golf Course in Providence.

The golf will have a 'shotgun' start at 1:30 pm to make sure that everyone can play 18 holes in a timely fashion. Triggs will supply the carts for our tournament golfers and there will be refreshment stations along the course.

Our first CHSAAP Golf Tournament will be a wonderful outing for everyone at one of the most beautiful times of the year and at a classic, historic golf course!

More details will be available on our website at CHSAAP.org and in the summer Centralite. Clean up the golf clubs and plan now to attend!

Upcoming Monthly Meetings via Zoom:

Tuesday, April 12

Tuesday, May 10

Tuesday, June 14

Meeting information will be emailed in advance of the meeting. If your email has changed, please update your contact information by sending an email to [centralhsalumni@aol.com](mailto:centralhsalumni@aol.com)