

The “No ‘I’ in Team” Awards Dinner

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6 p.m.

**Monticello’s Restaurant
S. Broad St., Meriden**

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies Ned Burt
Pledge of Allegiance Ed Klinkhammer
National Anthem Mel Zeidenberg
Invocation..... Rev. Owen Sanderson, *Christ Lutheran Church*
History of SCDC/Introductions..... Ned Burt

DINNER

Guest Speaker Dan Gooley, *Quinnipiac University*
Presentation of the Whitey Piurek Award Recipients Ned Burt
**Presentation of the George Klivak
Team of the Year Award** Rich Altieri
Acceptance Chris Borelli, *Hamden High School*
**Presentation of the Sam Burrell Jr.
Coach of the Year Award** Samuel A. Burrell Jr.
Acceptance Jeff Farrell, *Wilbur Cross High School*
Closing Remarks Rose V. Mentone, *Executive Director, SCDC*
Benediction Rev. Owen Sanderson

COMMITTEE

Rich Altieri	Ron Luneau	Rose V. Mentone
Sam Burrell Jr.	Joe Mattei	Fred Norman
Ned Burt	Frank Mentone Jr.	Vin Virgulto
Ed Klinkhammer	Matthew Mentone	Lynair Walker
Burt Leventhal		Mel Zeidenberg

TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

DAN GOOLEY

Our speaker tonight is an SCDC Hall of Famer and completed his final season as head baseball coach at Quinnipiac University in 2014.



Dan Gooley was hired as Quinnipiac's 10th head baseball coach on June 7, 2001. Gooley, who coached the Bobcats from 1977-1987 and is its all-time leader in coaching victories, replaced Joe Mattei, who retired in May 2001 after five seasons.

In 27 years as a head coach at Quinnipiac and the University of Hartford, Gooley accumulated an impressive 507 wins. In 23 years as Quinnipiac's head coach he coached former major leaguers Turk Wendell (Quinnipiac) and Jeff Bagwell (Hartford) and current major leaguer Pat Egan.

In his first tenure as head coach at Quinnipiac, Gooley led the Bobcats to a 203-122-5 record in 11 seasons, including five 20-win campaigns, three NCAA Division II regional appearances (1979, 1983, and 1984) and the school's lone College World Series appearance (1983). In a three-year span from 1982-84, Gooley's team totaled a 72-25-1 mark (.740).

Gooley then moved to the University of Hartford and served five seasons as the head coach of the Hawks' Division I program. From 1988-1992, Gooley compiled a 101-90-1 (.529) record and led the Hawks to two appearances in the ECAC Division I Championships.

In 1988, Gooley was named the New England Intercollegiate Baseball Coaches Association's Coach of the Year after leading the Hawks to a outstanding 29-12 record and a runner-up finish in the ECAC Championships.

For three years before his return to coach the Bobcats, Gooley served as Quinnipiac's director of athletic development, spearheading corporate and alumni support for the University's three-year Division I athletic program. Prior to his arrival at Quinnipiac, Gooley spent six years as the director of team services/major league baseball for the Starter Corporation in New Haven.

A member of the Quinnipiac Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame, Gooley had a storied playing career for the Bobcats. The school's career strikeout leader (316), Gooley ranks second with 20 victories and a 2.47 earned run average. After graduation, Gooley served six seasons as an assistant baseball coach at Quinnipiac.

In 2004, he guided the Bobcats to a 23-21 overall record, 16-7 in Northeast Conference play. Quinnipiac finished second in the league during the regular season and advanced to the NEC Playoffs. He was named the Northeast Conference Coach of the Year and the Connecticut Baseball College Coach of the Year.

In 2005, the Bobcats finished 26-24 and captured their first-ever NEC regular season and tournament championships. Gooley's Quinnipiac squad improved in each season since his return. The 26 wins matches a high for wins in a single season at Quinnipiac. The 1988 club went to a Division II regional after posting a 26-8-1 record. In addition, the 2005 squad advanced to their first-ever Division I NCAA Regional at the University of Texas. 2007 was a banner year for the Quinnipiac baseball team. The Bobcats took the Northeast Conference Championship and were seeded No. 1 in the NEC Championship Tournament. The Bobcats also tied the 1988 team for the most wins in a season while also setting the Division I mark at Quinnipiac.

Gooley's 2008 team featured four players who would go on to play professionally in Pat Egan, Tim Binkoski, Randy Gress and Wilson Matos.

Gooley, who holds a B.S. in marketing from Quinnipiac and a master's degree in sociology from Southern Connecticut State University, resides in New Haven with his wife Susan and daughter Bree.

THE AWARDS

The "There's No 'I' In Team" Award was initiated in the late 1990s by the Greater New Haven Baseball Umpires Association (GNHBUA). It originally honored a single athlete in the GNHBUA'S coverage area. In 2005, the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club (SCDC) assumed responsibility for and expanded the awards program. The Diamond Club's stated mission is "to foster and promote the game of baseball" in the New Haven area.

The award is named for longtime West Haven High baseball coach and GNHBUA commissioner John "Whitey" Piurek. The GNHBUA tagged one of Piurek's favorite phrases from his coaching days onto the award's name.

Tonight, more than 30 athletes from area high schools will be presented with the John "Whitey" Piurek "There's No 'I' In Team" Award. Athletics directors and coaches jointly made the decision for their school. While it was recommended they choose a senior, they were free to select any player they felt gave most unselfishly to their team.

The George Klivak "Team of the Year" Award was another award initiated by the GNHBUA. In 2007, the SCDC instituted the Samuel A. Burrell Jr. Coach of the Year Award.

WHITEY PIUREK

John "Whitey" Piurek holds the distinction of being the only Connecticut coach to earn state championships in three sports -- football, basketball and baseball.

He is best known for his accomplishments as the baseball coach at West Haven High. In 36 seasons, Piurek posted a record of 526-115-2, won two state championships (with two runner-up finishes as well), and won the District League title 21 times. West Haven's varsity baseball field is named in his honor.

Piurek was a 1935 graduate of Bulkeley High of Hartford and received a bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1939. From 1948 to 1989, he was a professional baseball scout for the Seattle Mariners. He was inducted into the SCDC Hall of Fame in 1981 and the National High School Hall of Fame in 1998. Piurek passed away at age 94 on December 3, 2009.

GEORGE KLIVAK

George "Ginger" Klivak signed with the Toronto Maple Leafs of the International League out of high school in 1938. After being drafted, Klivak was stationed at Manhattan Beach for the U.S. Coast Guard. He still found time to play baseball, coming home on weekends to pitch for the West Haven Sailors and other local teams.

After the war ended, Klivak opted to stay in West Haven, where he had a comfortable job during the week and could play for the Sailors in his spare time. He was one of the Sailors' top pitchers and was called upon for a game in 1948 against the Birmingham Black Batons of the Negro League.

Klivak pitched for the Baltimore Orioles Triple-A organization. He served as secretary/treasurer for the Greater New Haven Board of Umpires Association for more than 20 years. He is a 1988 inductee into the SCDC Hall of Fame. Klivak passed away on August 16, 2007, at age 91.

SAMUEL A. BURRELL JR.

Sam Burrell taught in the New Haven public school system and worked in the central office of the physical education department. He coached at Wilbur Cross High School and was later the head baseball coach at Hillhouse High. He also coached American Legion Post 47 baseball from 1956 to 1967 and won several zone championships.

In 1968, Burrell was appointed head freshman baseball coach at Yale University, where he coached for many years and is believed to be the first black intercollegiate coach at Yale. He later became an assistant freshman football coach at Yale from 1979 to 1992. In 1993, he was appointed to the Yale varsity football staff, where he served until 1996.

Burrell is the community outreach coordinator for the Yale athletics department. He is a co-founder of the SCDC and was placed in its Hall of Fame in 1990. He resides in Hamden.

AWARD WINNERS

AMITY REGIONAL HS

COACH: SAL COPPOLA A.D.: ERNIE GOODWIN
ATHLETE: **MATT TOMEI** POS: DH

Coach Coppola said, "Matt played a huge role in the success the Amity Baseball team has had this year. He is a perfect example of what it means to put the team before yourself. Matt was a DH this season not getting a ton of at bats...However, the role he has played off the field for our team is valued by our coaches and teammates more than anything a player could do on the field. Matt, never missed a day in the weight room, and led our winter workouts when all three of the Amity captains were playing basketball. He also organized our Saturday team breakfasts building team chemistry. Matt continues to set a positive example at each practice trying to improve his game even though he is a role player for our team as an extra bat off the bench. Our team wouldn't be the same without Matt."

ANSONIA HS

COACH: MICHAEL VACCA A.D.: TOM BROCKETT
ATHLETE: **MICHAEL RHODES** POS: P/1B

Team captain...team player..."He does what is necessary to help the team...his attitude and team ethic is outstanding...well-respected by all of his teammates and coaches," said Coach Vacca...will attend Roger Williams University.

BRANFORD HS

COACH: STEPHEN MALAFRONTE A.D.: JAKE PALLUZZI
ATHLETE: **BRYCE BAKER** POS: IF

Coach Malafronte said, "Bryce is so well thought of by his teammates that he was elected captain his senior year, and has proven to be a dedicated leader on and off the field. As a junior he was asked to play second base, and as a senior he was moved to third and again to shortstop. Bryce never questioned any of these moves if that was what was best for the team. Coach went on to say, "Bryce has often offered academic help to struggling teammates in the classroom. He truly goes above and beyond on a daily basis."... will attend UMass Amherst next year.

CANTERBURY SCHOOL

COACH: TODD MATHEWSON A.D.: D. WILSON
ATHLETE: **JUSTIN PROTEAU** POS: P/IF

Four-year starter, two-year captain... as a sophomore he earned the team's Coach's Award and as junior received Canterbury's Class of 1962 Baseball Award...According to Coach Mathewson, "Justin has been everything I can ask for as a baseball player and leader. He is one of the most selfless players I have coached and is very deserving of the 'No I in Team Award'" Will play at Manhattanville College.

AWARD WINNERS

CHESHIRE HS

COACH: BILL MROWKA A.D.: STEVE TRIFONE
ATHLETE: **TROY RICHMOND** POS: OF

Four year member... "He is a dedicated and committed young man who is the epitome of the student athlete. His determination and perseverance has allowed him to achieve his academic and athletic goals as well as influencing his teammates. Troy has excelled in the classroom with a 3.2 GPA and will continue his education in the fall. He is an outstanding young man and we wish him the best in his future endeavors," said Coach Mrowka.

DERBY HS

COACH: STEVE BAINER A.D.: RACHAEL ARTAIZ
ATHLETE: **JAKE FINNUCAN** POS: P, OF, IF

Senior captain...two-sport athlete...honor roll..."He moved to the outfield as a senior to 'help the team out' and is a mentor to the younger players," said Coach Bainer...will attend URI to study finance.

EAST HAVEN HS

COACH: BUTCH JOHNSON A.D.: ANTHONY VERDERAME
ATHLETE: **MATT COYLE** POS: DH/1B

Puts team first...always there...always thinking...encourages others...Coach Johnson said, " He is the first to arrive and the last to leave. Matt keeps everyone loose and always has an encouraging word for all. He is truly a pleasant young man who makes our team and community proud."

ELI WHITNEY RVTS

COACH: SAL LOMBARDO A.D.: EVA ESPOSITO
ATHLETE: **MICHAEL DEMATTEO** POS: C

Coach Lombardo said, " Michael always puts himself before the team. He is a pitcher/shortstop by nature but is playing catcher because our team needed it. He is a very unselfish player; he does whatever the team needs to be successful. Every team wants to have an athlete like Michael on their team."...sophomore...two-year member on team...student in the electrical shop...2015-16 award winner for Outstanding Student in Electrical School.

AWARD WINNERS

FAIRFIELD PREP

COACH: RUDOPH MAURITZ IV A.D.: STEVE DONAHUE
ATHLETE: **JACK ORICOLI** POS: OF/IF

Three year starter...Coach Mauritz said, *"Jack is a selfless and gritty player, rarely is his uniform clean at the end of a game or practice. Most importantly Jack is more than willing to do what is asked or needed to help the team succeed. Jack's playing time was limited during his sophomore year, and was our starting second baseman during the 2015 season. When asked if he would be willing to play the outfield this year, Jack responded with 'I know we have some pretty talented younger guys, I will do whatever the team needs me to do.'* Jack plays the game hard, and has been an outstanding representative of Fairfield Prep.".. will attend Providence College in the fall.

FORAN HS

COACH: GARRETT WALKER A.D.: ANTHONY VITELLI
ATHLETE: **MICHAEL HOWELL** POS: 1B

Four-year member of the program...selected captain...Coach Walker said, *"Mike is a tremendously individual; he is the epitome of a student-athlete. Unfortunately, Mike was injured during football season. This injury left him unable to play baseball. Knowing he would not see the field, Mike has never missed a practice or a game. He has been a tremendous leader despite the untimely events. He is the type of kid who will be hard to replace and will definitely be missed."*

GUILFORD HS

COACH: BRIAN HAYDEN A.D.: JAKE JARVIS
ATHLETE: **CONNOR PETERS** POS: 1B

Three year varsity player... senior captain... Coach Hayden said, *"Connor is the most unselfish player I've had the privilege of coaching. He is a team-first guy at all times. Earlier this year our third baseman was struggling and we wanted to move him to first base, before we approached Connor with moving him to DH he came to us and said 'Coach if you need to move me off first to help out I'm willing to sit or DH.' He cares about winning but more importantly cares about being a role model and a great teammate. When he speaks the team listens and follows his lead because he has the respect of everyone including the coaches."* Coach added, *"Connor spoke at a field dedication on Senior day, and he talked about how it was an honor for him to play on a field named after our former Coach Ralph Schipani on his last game at Guilford."*

HAMDEN HALL COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

COACH: JOE FONTANA A.D.: DAVID DOYLE
ATHLETE: **LUKE WILCOX** POS: C

Student Body PresidentCoach Fontana said, *"Luke has been one of the most unselfish and hardest working member of our team. The coaching staff easily recognized him as the recipient for this award.. Luke is one of our most valued example of us striving to successfully meet our goals.....All the hard work and dedication that Luke put into the season produced 18 wins for our team. The number of victories puts this team's record as one of the most successful in the history of the school."*

AWARD WINNERS

HAMDEN HS

COACH: CHRIS BORELLI A.D.: TOM DYER
ATHLETE: **BRENDAN BERUBE** POS: 3B

Started every game this season... Coach Borelli commented, *"He was spectacular defensively with very consistent hitting in the middle of our lineup. Brendan's leadership and positivity proved vital to our team success.He serves as an exemplary model of the attributes we hope to cultivate in every Hamden baseball player."...*will continue career at the University of New Hampshire.

DANIEL HAND HS

COACH: TRAVIS LAPOINTE A.D.: CRAIG SEMPLE
ATHLETE: **PAT NELSON** POS: 1B/RF

Coach LaPointe said, *"Pat exemplifies what it means to be a high-school athlete. He is a well-rounded young man who always puts the team ahead of his own needs."*

HILL REGIONAL CAREER HS

COACH: RJ VOELKER Ath. Facil.: MIKE GIARDINI
ATHLETE: **TYLER OSBORNE** POS: UTILITY

Tyler is a two-year varsity starter as a sophomore. Coach Voelker said, *"Tyler demonstrates a team-first attitude everyday; he is always found cheering on his teammates and picking them up no matter what the outcome is. He competes as hard as anyone and is a player that any coach would ask for."* ... also a member of the Career basketball team.

HOPKINS SCHOOL

COACH: ROCCO DEMAIO A.D.: ROCCO DEMAIO
ATHLETE: **BILLY MCGRATH** POS: 2B, CF, P

Team captain...three-year starter...leading hitter...perfect score on ACT test...All-League Fairchester FAA...New Haven Tap-Off Club Scholar-Athlete...Hopkins Baseball Team Award winner for leadership, dedication and sportsmanship...will attend Vanderbilt University.

HYDE/HILLHOUSE

COACH: TERRENCE PATTERSON Ath. Facil.: ERIK PATCHKOFISKY
ATHLETE: **JON WILLIAMSON** POS: P/IF

Four year starter...honor roll student..."*He dedicates himself to the books and is one of those students who comprehends the academic standards it takes to play a sport especially at a higher level,"* said Coach Patterson.

AWARD WINNERS

JONATHAN LAW HS

COACH: GREG SIMLER A.D.: VJ SARULLO
ATHLETE: **FRANK MUCCIACCIARO** POS: 2B

Coach Simler remarked, "Frank works harder than any other player I've ever coached. He has a tremendous amount of respect for his teammates, coaches, teachers, parents and community. He often leads by example, but will speak up when necessary....we will certainly miss having him as our leader in the dugout and our leadoff hitter on the field. Whatever he chooses to do in life, he will be successful."

LYMAN HALL HS

COACH: CHARLES BURGHARDT A.D.: STEVE BAKER
ATHLETE: **KYLE SHEA** POS: 1B

Co-captain...outstanding defensive first baseman..." Kyle is the leader of the team by the example he sets, " said Coach Burghardt. "He doesn't ask others to do what he won't do himself."...among the leaders in team RBIs for the past two years...will attend Bentley University.

NORTH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL

COACH: BILLY MITCHELL A.D.:KORY KEVORKIAN
ATHLETE: **MATT CHAMBERLAIN** POS: OF

"Matt exemplifies the 'No I in Team Award'. Although Matt has received many awards in football, hockey and baseball, for which he was captain of all three, he always puts the team first," said Coach Mitchell. "He helps the younger players improve their game and leads the team by example. He is the hardest worker on and off the field that we have ever had."

NORTH HAVEN HS

COACH: BOB DeMAYO A.D.: TODD PETRONIO
ATHLETE: **JOSEPH BALZANO** POS: P

Two-year varsity performer....his most memorable victory was a notable shutout in North Haven's last regular season's game – a must win - which clinched a state tourney slot.... Coach DeMayo said, "Joe's positive outlook and supportive attitude has been a great help to all team members. He is one of the first players to get to practice, supports and encourages his teammates and is a role model for the younger players. He is well respected and genuinely liked by his teammates and coaches for his unselfish commitment to the team concept. He has been a joy to coach."...active with Student Council....his other interests include astronomy, fishing and travel.,.,Joe will attend Bacone College in Oklahoma where he will continue his baseball career. His college major will be in media relations, where Joe will focus on becoming a field reporter, analyst and announcer.

AWARD WINNERS

NOTRE DAME HS

COACH: DON MARTONE A.D.: TOM MARCUCCI
ATHLETE: **JOE MORRIS** POS: P

Coach Martone said, "Prime example of a selfless team player, excellent leader...exemplifies everything a coach would want in a player."

PLATT HS

COACH: TIM REDICAN A.D.: RICH KATZ
ATHLETE: **ANDREW ABRAHANTE** POS: 2B

Coach Redican said, "Andrew is a hardworking second baseman who strives to get better every day. His positive, fun-loving attitude permeates through the locker room and onto the field. Andrew is truly a team player that picks up the team when they are down. He is extremely respectful to coaches and players on both sides of the field. Statistically Andrew leads the team in triples and on-base percentage."... will attend Southern Connecticut in the fall and major in sports marketing.

PLATT TECH

COACH: GEORGE BAGLINI A.D.: SUSAN MURPHY
ATHLETE: **JUSTIN CANDIDO** POS: 2B

Four-year player...NHS...captain...Coach Baglini said, "Justin is not only the most respected player on my team, he is one of the most respected students at Platt Tech....he is always upbeat and a true team leader. The game is never about him; it's always the team"...lead-off batter, batting .345 with an OBP of .440.

SHEEHAN HS

COACH: MATT ALTIERI A.D.: CHRIS DAILEY
ATHLETE: **JAKE GAWLAK** POS: 2B

Coach Altieri said, "Jake is a complete team player. He is always putting the team in front of his needs. He is the most respectful teammate at Sheehan baseball. He is hard-working and a model student-athlete. Jake is a mature young man whom everyone in the Wallingford community is proud of."

SHELTON HS

COACH: SCOTT GURA A.D.: JOHN NISKI
ATHLETE: **CRAIG MCNAMARA** POS: P/IF

Two year starter... current captain.... Coach Gura said, "He is more interested in the team's success than his personal accomplishments. If I could, I would field a team with 9 players who have Craig's positive attitude and hard work each day. He has great leadership skills, is a great role model for the younger players, and handles himself with dignity and respect. . It will be difficult to replace his leadership on the mound and at first base next year."

AWARD WINNERS

WESTBROOK HS

COACH: DEREK HANSSEN A.D.: TEG COSGRIFF
ATHLETE: **CHRIS BENZI** POS: ` 3B/C

Coach Hanssen said, "Chris Benzi is an all around team player. Chris is a captain this season and displays excellent leadership qualities...Throughout his career at Westbrook High School Chris has always been a player that will do whatever is needed to benefit the team. This season Chris has played third base, a position that he was not prepared to play because the team needed him to do so after an injury. In any situation Chris displays great character and possesses all the characteristics that a leader and a teammate must have."

WEST HAVEN HS

COACH: RON LUNEAU A.D.: JON CAPONE
ATHLETE: **KALAN MORGILLO** POS: IF

4-year hockey and baseball player...Coach Luneau said, "Kalan is a great teammate and team player. He is always available to play multiple positions. He is the consummate utility baseball guy. His plans are to go on to college and be part of a college program next year.." has been accepted at the University of Bridgeport, SCSU, Lasell and the University of New Haven.

WILBUR CROSS HS

COACH: JEFF FARRELL A.D.: JOE CANZANELLA
ATHLETE: **REYNALDO DUPREY** POS: P/1B

Four-year player for Wilbur Cross, and a three-year varsity starter... "Reynaldo has been the heart of the team who always plays with a lot of emotion. Reynaldo hit .326 his junior year and led the team with 11 RBI. His senior year he served as the team captain and the team's ace pitcher. Rey was among team leaders for many statistical categories his senior year and provided positive leadership for the underclassmen." said Coach Farrell.

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

COACH: NICK CERRETA A.D.: TONY JASKOT
ATHLETE: **DENNIS BEAUDRY** POS: P

Two-year varsity pitcher....Coach Cerreta said, "Dennis is the ultimate team player. He is always putting the team first and helping his teammates and coaches out in practice. He carries himself the way a baseball player should exhibiting all the qualities a coach could ask for in a player- respectful, hard-working, loyal, caring, disciplined, mentally tough, trustworthy, dependable, humble- and while always doing it with a smile on his face. Dennis has a passion for baseball that is rare among young men these days. He plays the game the way it should be played every time he steps on the field. He has the heart of a champion."

COACH OF THE YEAR - JEFF FARRELL, WILBUR CROSS HIGH SCHOOL



Jeff Farrell has been the varsity coach at Wilbur Cross for the past eight seasons. This year the Governors had their best season in more than a decade, finishing with a record of 9-11 and reaching the state playoffs for the first time since 2005. Coach Farrell has helped to change the culture of the Wilbur Cross baseball program to one that is competitive with any team in the SCC. Over the past three seasons Wilbur Cross has had five all-league players and sent six players to play college baseball. Coach Farrell hopes to build on the success of this past season and build a perennial playoff team.

TEAM OF THE YEAR - HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL, COACH CHRIS BORELLI



The 2015-2016 Hamden Baseball team has enjoyed one of the most successful seasons in recent memory winning 18 regular season games in a competitive Southern Connecticut Conference. The team was able to secure the SCC Quinnipiac Division title for the first time in school history with a 7-1 division record and a berth in the SCC Baseball tournament where they defeated Branford in the quarterfinals before losing to Notre Dame- West Haven in the semifinals. The team enters the CIAC Class LL tournament as the #2 seed and hopes to earn an opportunity to compete for a CIAC state title. This team is the culmination of hard work and dedication that we hope will become the hallmark of the Hamden High School baseball program, raising the bar for future student-athletes who will wear the Hamden green and gold.

**PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS
"NO I IN TEAM" AWARD**

2005

Amity - Pat McKenna
 Branford - Edward Bethke
 Cheshire - Bobak "Bob" Emamian
 Choate - Brian Marcus
 Cross - Rich Rivera
 Hand - Nick Brettinger
 Derby - Michael Smith
 East Haven - Ryan DaCorte
 Foran - Mike Dooling
 Guilford - Stuart Campbell
 Hamden Hall - Jon Swirsky
 Hamden - Kevin Stanford
 Hill Career - Luis Gaston
 Hopkins - Craig Cooper
 Hyde - Brendan Logan
 Lyman Hall - Mike Oswald
 Morgan - Eraclito Rapuano
 North Branford - Kyle Beefus
 North Haven - Dan Golden
 Notre Dame - Mike Flynn
 O'Brien RTVS - Chris Smith
 Platt - Nick Culver
 Platt RTVS - Pat Dixon
 Sheehan - B.J. Senna
 Shelton - Brian Marsegna
 West Haven - Steve Alves
 Westbrook - Chris Lombardozzi

2006

Amity Regional - Brian Paturas
 Branford - Doug Papuga
 Cheshire - Matt Cesca
 Choate - Michael Cecchi & Timothy Brettinger
 Derby - Jason Devonshuk
 East Haven - Casey Tyler
 Foran - Corey Lydiksen
 Guilford - Anthony Callegari
 Hamden Hall - Sam Eldrich
 Hamden High - Justin Chabot
 Hand - Travis Gulick
 Hill Career Regional - Tom Hauburger
 Hopkins - Chris Santopolo
 Hyde - T.Q. Gray & Jesse Camacho
 Hillhouse - Danny Burke
 J. Law - Brandon Edo
 Lyman Hall - Michael Mccarthy
 Lyme-Old Lyme - Rob Neaton
 Morgan - Scott Rembisz
 North Branford - Mark Giannelli
 North Haven - Nate Shatsoff
 Notre Dame - Mike Kolakowski
 Platt - Rene Nieves
 Platt RVTS - Mike Bereza
 Sheehan - John Gumkowski
 Shelton - Mark Garamella
 Westbrook - Justin Lawrie
 West Haven - Steve Carden
 Wilbur Cross - Rob Tamaro

2007

Amity Regional - Kyle Birdsall
 Branford - Brian Maturo
 Cheshire - Thomas Sirois
 Choate - Mark Beaudoin, Jr.
 Derby - Mlchael Matosian
 East Haven - Joe Lucibello
 Eli Whitney RVTS - Luis Garayua
 Fairfield Prep - Kevin Collins
 Foran - Cody Quinn
 Guilford - Nick Hahn
 Hamden Hall - Jackson Arpine
 Hamden High - Richard DeMatties
 Hand - Kevin Korwek
 Hill Career Regional - Austin Edwards
 Hillhouse - Brandyn Wright
 Hopkins - Sam Schrieber
 Hyde - Tiquentes Gray
 J. Law - Chris Kochiss
 Lyman Hall - Paul Thurston
 Lyme-Old Lyme - Eddie Freeman
 Morgan - Adam Taylor
 North Branford - Greg Remmey
 North Haven - Jeff Gaudioso
 Notre Dame - Michael Biondi
 O'Brien RVTS - Peter Jankauskas
 Platt - Jim Wielgosz
 Platt RVTS - Tom Green
 Sheehan - Mike Dean
 Shelton - Tom Lindberg
 Westbrook - Matt Trasacco
 West Haven - John Wezenski
 Wilbur Cross - James Shapiro
 Xavier - Will Hendel

2008

Amity Regional- Steve Siena
 Branford - John Ahern II
 Hill Career Regional - Otis Brown
 Cheshire- Dan Feldshon
 Choate - Ben Pascale
 Derby - Tim Geer
 East Haven - Stephen Pelliccia
 Eli Whitney RVTS - Tylor Wetmore
 Fairfield Prep - Peter Eason
 Foran - Ben Besket
 Guilford - Mike Pavelko
 Hamden Hall -Alessandro Gasparro
 Hamden - MJ Lombardozzi
 Hand- Chris DiMarco
 Hillhouse -Danny Burke
 Hopkins - Keith Bolles
 Hyde - Bobby Coleman
 J. Law - Steve Kubik
 Lyman Hall - Michael McCarthy
 Lyme- Old Lyme - Rob Gentile
 Morgan - Steve French
 North Branford - Frank Mentone III
 North Haven - Steve Rudiewicz
 Notre Dame - Anthony Pisani
 O'Brien RVTS - John Gromotskie

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"NO I IN TEAM" AWARD**

Old Saybrook - Frank Eucalitto
 Platt - Raymond Thayer
 Platt RVTS - Nick Dudek
 Sheehan - Ben DiTota
 Shelton - Marek McCormack
 Westbrook - Ryan Riggio
 West Haven - Mike Carden
 Wilbur Cross -Elvin Rodriguez

2009

Amity Regional - Ryan Adams
 Branford - Justin Giddings
 Cheshire - Steve Howard
 Choate- Jason Cohen
 Derby - Tim Geer
 East Haven - Daniel Russo
 Fairfield Prep - John Blagys
 Foran - Chris Folsom
 Guilford - Matt Anthonis
 Hamden Hall - Nolan Rich
 Hamden - Kingsley Birdsall
 Hand - Brendan Maghini
 Hill Career Regional - Aaron Perry
 Hillhouse - Leon Davis Jr.
 Hopkins - Thomas Driscoll
 Hyde - Jordan Green
 J. Law - Mike Nelson
 Lyman Hall - Lloyd Jacques
 Lyme-Old Lyme - Mike Smith
 Morgan - Mitch DeMazza
 North Branford - Jeff Rivellini
 North Haven - Frank J. Barbiero
 Notre Dame - Eric Romano
 O'Brien RVTS - Gary Britto
 Old Saybrook - Jon Palmer
 Platt - Patrick Bruenn
 Platt RVTS - Nick Cowell
 Sheehan - Nick Hatcher
 Shelton - Nick Georgalas
 Westbrook - Dylan Twigg
 West Haven - Rich Prydol
 Wilbur Cross - Jose Acosta
 Xavier - Bob Stachura

2010

Amity - Brian Kernan
 Branford - Chris Carbone
 Cheshire -Mike Severino
 Choate -Kyle McDonough
 Cross - Edinson Rodriguez
 Derby - Ryan Skelly
 East Haven - Paul Spadacenta
 Eli Whitney RVTS - Brian Aquino
 Fairfield Prep - Andrew Fitzsimmons
 Foran - Dan Geier
 Greens Farms Academy - Gerard Connelly
 Guilford - Craig Schlitter
 Hamden Hall -Jordan Kubilus
 Hamden -Will Hindinger
 Hand - Jeff Buck
 Hillhouse - Reno Dunkley

Hill Regional Career - Sheldon Poole
 Hopkins - Ryan D'Souza
 Hyde - Noelio Espinal
 J. Law - Jeff St. Pierre
 Lyman Hall - Eric Thurston
 Lyme-Old Lyme - Sawyer Gregory
 Morgan - Mike Lee
 North Branford - Matt Proto
 North Haven - Stephen Cusano
 Notre Dame - William Meade
 O'Brien RVTS - Shane Sweeney
 Old Saybrook - Ken Henry
 Platt - Jake Wolf
 Sheehan - Reid Nelson
 Shelton - Eric Christnsen
 Westbrook - Dane Pallotto
 West Haven - John Ascenzia
 Xavier - Brandon Sullivan

2011

Amity Regional – Anthony Faggiana
 Ansonia - Alex Chosczyk
 Branford – Joe Massey
 Cheshire – Greg Leonetti
 Derby – Adam Greenhill
 East Haven – Adam Poulin
 Fairfield Prep – Alex Heiman
 Foran – Steven Polito
 Greens Farms Academy - Spencer Traver
 Guilford – Austin Bramann
 Hamden Hall – Marco Gasparro
 Hamden High – Don Pfeiffer
 Hand – Brian Heflin
 Hill Career Regional – Juliano Nieves
 Hillhouse – Lazaro Barrios
 Hopkins – Matt Luciani
 Hyde – Will Nieves
 J. Law – Max Nowicki
 Lyman Hall – Billy Graeb
 Lyme-Old Lyme – Wyatt Stanland
 Morgan – Nate Calini
 North Branford – Taylor Gamache
 North Haven – Brian Sica
 Notre Dame – Matthew Biondi
 O'Brien RVTS – Nick Ascencao
 Old Saybrook – Joe Ferrantelli
 Platt – Daniel Mroczka
 Platt RVTS – Peter Brauer
 Sheehan – Mark Brennan
 Shelton – Dan McCue
 Westbrook – Cody Forrest
 West Haven – Jeff Hill
 Wilbur Cross – Neftali Arroyo
 Xavier – Steven Lockman

2012

Amity Regional – Rob Rosner
 Ansonia - Vincent Bonaparte
 Branford – Travis Krause
 Cheshire – Jordan Kubilis
 Derby – Brian Dobek

**PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS
"NO I IN TEAM" AWARD**

East Haven – Joe Gioia
 Fairfield Prep – Matt Beck
 Foran – Ryan Manning
 Greens Farms Academy - Brandon Velez
 Hamden Hall – Nick Strada
 Hamden High – Erin Moskal
 Hand – Matt Girardi
 Hill Career Regional – Adam Olszyk
 Hopkins – Darren O'Brien
 Hyde/Hillhouse - Kahlil Morant
 J. Law – Michael Spadaro
 Lyman Hall – Matt Moran
 Morgan – Robbie Lee
 North Branford – Matt Scavo
 North Haven – Jake Scafariello
 Notre Dame – Jacob DeRosa
 O'Brien RVTS – Chad Sweeney
 Old Saybrook – Justin Beal
 Platt – Pasquale Silvia
 Sheehan – Andy Mazzone
 Shelton – Bryan Kondor
 Westbrook – Tyler Shamas
 West Haven – Dan Chambrelli
 Wilbur Cross – Jonathan Tirado
 Xavier – Ryan Verdi

2013

Amity Regional – Nick Ceneri
 Ansonia - Ryan O'Connor
 Branford – Dylan Carlton
 Cheshire –Kevin Mirando
 Derby – Dillon McMahon
 East Haven – Thomas Moore
 Eli Whitney – Jaury Santiago
 Fairfield Prep – MichaelCarter
 Foran – Christopher Yee
 Greens Farms Academy - Brian Dexheimer
 Guilford – Dante Parisi
 Hamden Hall – Christopher Salaway
 Hamden High – Andrew Calabrese
 Hand – Corey Smith
 Hill Career Regional – Jose Matos
 Hyde/Hillhouse – Jerell Baines
 Hopkins – Simon Mathews
 J. Law – David Pingarron
 Lyman Hall – Kevin Naimoli
 North Branford – Chris Caron
 North Haven – Andrew Iovanna
 Notre Dame – Zachary Korwek
 O'Brien RVTS – Justin Rochon
 Platt – Gage Forney
 Platt Tech – Angelo Genovasi
 Seymour – Mike Conlon
 Sheehan – Rob Sprafke
 Shelton – Tyler Tice
 Westbrook – Chris Dahl
 West Haven – Tyler Gambardella
 Wilbur Cross – Thomas Mieves
 Xavier – Jason Schaff

2014

Amity Regional – Mike Tavalacci
 Ansonia - Darwin Elias
 Branford – BJ Massey
 Cheshire – Kyle Waldron
 Derby – Jordan Larue
 East Haven – Tyler Gaudino
 Fairfield Prep: Austin Crane
 Foran – Christopher June
 Guilford – Ricky Williams
 Hamden Hall – Joe Lord
 Hamden High – Tyler Mitchell
 Hand – Andrew Card
 Hill Career Regional – Kamil Wielechowski
 Hopkins – Jim Martino
 Hyde/Hillhouse – Calvin Riley Jr.
 J.Law – Rich Dow
 Lyman Hall – Ben Miller
 North Branford – Evan Pollick
 North Haven -Patrick Mikos
 Notre Dame – Arden Burton
 O'Brien RVTS – Kyle Bertanza
 Old Saybrook – Adam Seegart
 Platt – Scott Dargan
 Platt Tech – James Cowry
 Sheehan – Brian DeMaio
 Shelton – Pat Murphy
 Westbrook – David Hermansen
 West Haven – Ricky Balzano
 Wilbur Cross – Carlos Diaz
 Xavier – Daniel Lawler

2015

Amity Regional – Jake Smith
 Ansonia - Larry Cafaro
 Branford – Dom Acquarulo
 Canterbury School – Richie Barrella
 Cheshire – Connor Gunnesom
 Derby – Michael Koval
 East Haven – Anthony Pepe
 Eli Whitney - Devaunie Dacres
 Fairfield Prep – John Carroll
 Foran – Joe Radecki
 Guilford – Tyler Donlon
 Hamden Hall – William Rhone
 Hamden High – Marc Masciantonio
 Hand – Matt LoStocco
 Hill Career Regional – Alex Bunnell
 Hopkins – Johanan Knight
 Hyde/Hillhouse – Terence Cooper
 J. Law – Mac Taylor
 Lyman Hall – Tucker McClure
 North Branford – Jason Quido
 North Haven – Hunter Iacobelli
 Notre Dame – Jon David Cascio
 Old Saybrook – Ethan Casberg
 Platt – Jaelin Highsmith
 Sheehan – Pete Abate
 Shelton – Paul Salley
 Westbrook – Dylan Engels
 West Haven – Jake Kelly
 Wilbur Cross – Sean Ranz
 Xavier – Jacob Corrone

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2007 - Pete Civitello, Guilford H.S.
 2008 -Ed Marocco, Shelton H.S.
 2009 - Mike Anquillare, West Haven H.S.
 2010 - Steve DiCrosta, Hyde Leadership
 2011 - Billy Mitchell, North Branford
 2012 - Scott Gura, Shelton
 2013- Rich Magner, Xavier
 2014- Greg Simler, Jonathan Law
 2015 - Chris Borelli, Hamden High

THE GEORGE KLIVAK TEAM OF THE YEAR

2007 - Amity, SCC
 Lyme-Old Lyme - Shoreline
 Hopkins - Independent

2008 - Guilford HS.
 2009 - Jonathan Law HS
 2010 - Amity Regional HS
 2011 - Branford HS
 2012 - Derby HS
 2013 - Xavier HS
 2014- Jonathan Law HS
 2015 - Fairfield Prep

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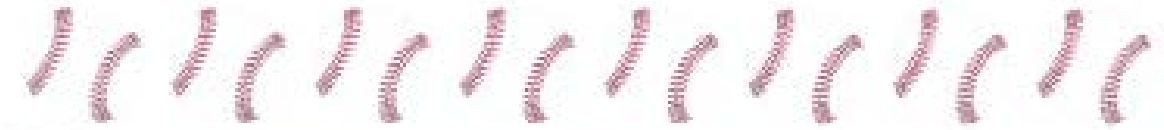
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– Dad, Mom, Camdyn, Kaden, Grandma Linda, Poppy, and Grandma Rose

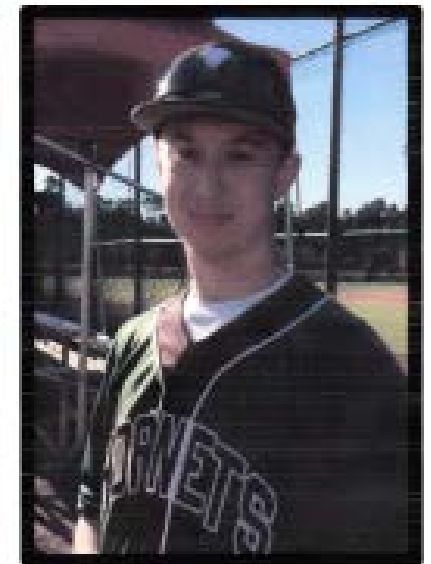
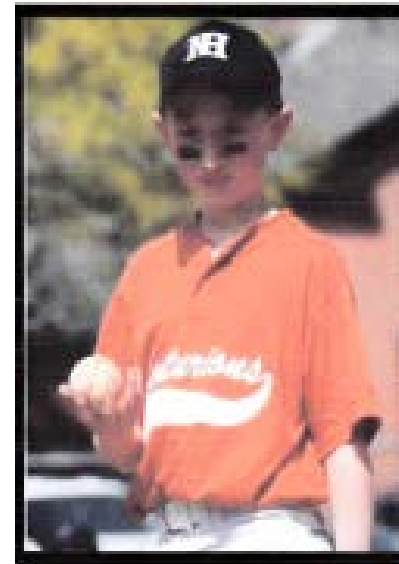
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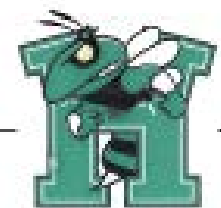


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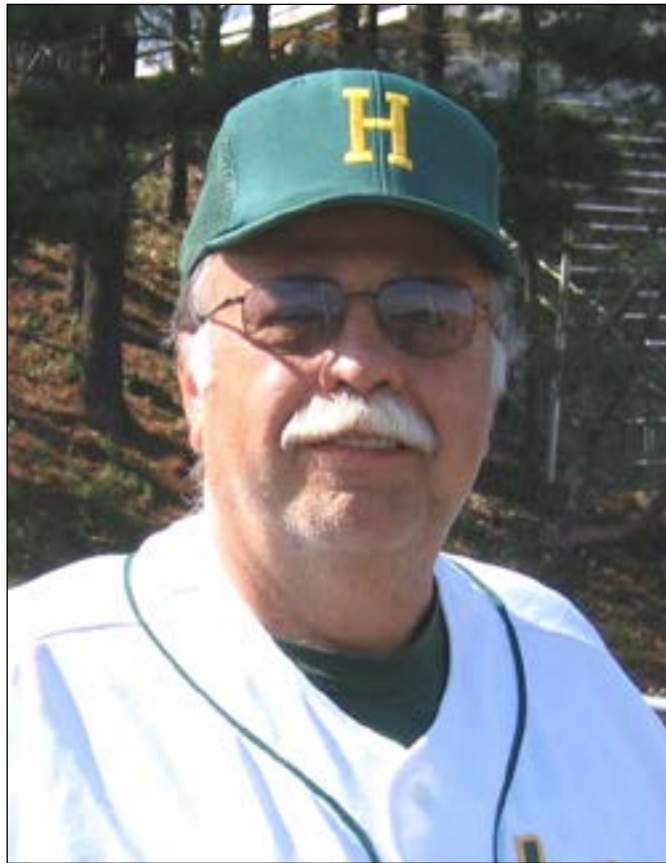
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