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.....CAPACITY CROWD ATTENDS FIRST CHSAAP CENTRAL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME BANQUET AT CHELO'S!

Close to 180 Central alumni, former athletes and their family members and friends jammed the Chelo's Banquet Hall on Post Road in Warwick for the first Central Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremonies on June 1st. After enjoying a great dinner, the attendees witnessed the induction of the first six individual athletes and the first three Central team inductees into the new Central Athletic Hall of Fame.

The individual inductees included:

Central football great **Bill Osmanski**, Award received by his nephew Dr. Joseph Osmanski

Basketball star Marvin Barnes, Award received by His sister Alfreda Barnes Robinson



Basketball star <u>Stephanie Perry</u>, With Stephanie holding her award



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Track and Football great **Bobby Thompson**, Bobby and family.

Central coach and educator <u>Bill Kutneski</u> accepted by family with daughter Paula Rampone holding the plaque.





And coach **Jimmy Adams** with Mrs. Lola Adams holding the plaque.

The great teams honored were:

the 1954 Central State Wrestling Champions

Pictured left to right: Lyle Perra, Jake Bedrosian, John Takian, Larry McNally, Cliff Guy, and Frank Caprio



the 1957 Div. 1 Central Football Champions



Pictured left to right: Bob Hyman's sister, Laura, Errol Hunt's daughter Dawnn, Carmen Boscia's son Carmeno, Lanny D'Amico, Carmen Boscia's son Michael, Clifford Verduchi, and John Isom

and the 1974 undefeated Central basketball State and New England Champions



Pictured left to right: Keven Varella, Michael Hazard, Joseph "Chicky" Watts, and Billy Perry



The evening began with guest speaker <u>John Gillooly</u>, the long time R.I. High School sports reporter and columnist for the Providence Journal.



Later in the evening, popular Journal sports columnist **Bill Reynolds** spoke of his memories of Marvin Barnes.

Overall, it was a wonderful evening, with the great Central athletes from the past seeing their old teammates for the first time in many years. There was a great deal of emotion and joy amongst the participants over having this first Central Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet ceremony. Thanks to all of you who attended! The CHSAAP and the CAHOF Committee will soon begin plans for the next Hall of Fame celebration in the spring of 2021. Be a part of it! You can fill out a Central Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination form for someone you feel is a deserving Central athlete or team. The form can be found on our website....CHSAAP.org

.....THE 2019 CHSAAP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Hearty congratulations to our 2019 CHSAAP \$1,000 Scholarship Recipients! This year's deserving students, who intend to continue their education, include **Steven Marine**, **Genesis Pimental**, **Lydia Boakye**, **Christian J. Marte** and **Vismark Cahrera**. The CHSAAP was quite happy to award these young people for their hard work and great marks as students during their Central years! **Again**, **congratulations to all**!

.....2018-2019 CENTRAL ALL-STATE ATHLETES!

Central High School athletes did very well in being selected for the first and second All-State teams in various sports this year! In football, Central had three representatives on the All-State second Team, including **Chris Germosen**, **Malik Monteiro** and **Shang Barletta**.

As usual, the Central boys and girls did great in indoor and outdoor track! Central had the second highest amount of All-State indoor track team members, one behind La Salle. They included **Nathaniel Barjolo**, **Bryan Cosme Tejada**, **Jancy Mwelwa** and **Cristian Mercedes**. **Alyejah Roderick** was an All-State first team indoor track team member for the Central girls.

In boys All-State oudoor track, **Jancy Mwelwa** made the first team and **Nahaniel Barjolo** made the second team. For the girls, Central had three All-State first team representatives for outdoor track! They included

Ariela Santos-Sanchez, Imani Mobley and Alyejah Roderick. In boy's soccer, Tomas Aldona made the All-State first team.

Congratulations to all of our Central All-State team members! Also congratulations to our winning varsity and freshman baseball teams. The Central varsity team had a solid 12-8 won-loss record. Both teams had fine seasons, despite losses in the playoffs.

.....CHSAAP AND CENTRAL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME SEEKING ACTIVE MEMBERS!

Many of you have enjoyed several of our CHSAAP events, Galas and our recent Hall of Fame Banquet and ceremonies. Coming up in September, we will hold another one of our popular Funny 4 Funds comedy nights! We also have another Central Homecoming football event coming up at Conley Stadium in Providence this fall, another Scholarship Fund raising event next spring and other outings that are currently being planned by the CHSAAP Board. Dates and details on all of these events are coming up very soon. Always check our website at www.CHSAAP.org for updates.

With all of these events, we always need more volunteers to help and to become members of our committees. We will also have officer elections again next spring. As a member of Central's Alumni, if you have attended our lively events and have seen the hard work that goes into them, it may be time for you to step forward and volunteer to help with planning and event implementation!

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Thanks, and have a wonderful summer!