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CENTRAL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION BANQUET TAKES PLACE ON OCTOBER 22nd

The second Central Athletic Hall of Fame inductee banquet will be held at the Santa Maria Di Prata Club in Cranston on October 22, 2021. It will honor Central football and wrestling great George Mihailides from the late 40's; another wrestling great, Clifford Guy from the early 50's; quarterback and pitcher John Iozzi from championship Central football and baseball teams of the mid 60's; Central and P.C. Friar basketball star Rick Santos; and Shirley Howie, who represented Central on the first All State Girls Basketball team in the early 70's.

Former longtime Central athletic director and coach Ray Gemma, championship football coach Tom Caito, and the entire 1966 Central Class 'B' Championship football team will also be honored and inducted into the 2021 Central Athletic Hall of Fame!

A hearty congratulations to all! 🙌🙌🙌



CENTRAL ALUMNI KOBİ DENNIS GIVES FREE HAIRCUTS AND GOOD ADVICE



It's always great to see former Central students contributing to society! Kobi Dennis comes to mind. Kobi recently had an article in the Valley Breeze newspaper. On October 4th, Kobi opened 'Haircuts & Heritage', located in Pawtucket at 28 Summer St, a barbershop that will be giving free haircuts to youth of color ages 8 to 18. The publicly funded shop gives the youth in the area a place to enjoy a safe, positive place to discuss all things concerning their lives and the many things they can accomplish.

Kobi says 'Haircuts & Heritage' is a "safe space for inner city youth to get life lessons from someone who looks like them". Middle and high school students from Central Falls,

Pawtucket and Providence will be referred for the program and selected based on their grades, behavior and good deeds. The appointments may feature visits by guest mentors suited to the interests of the particular youth who has his hair cut appointment that day. To learn more about "Haircuts & Heritage" please visit their website [here](#).

While he runs the barber shop, Kobi, a former Navy veteran, also happens to be the Chief Operations Officer of the YMCA of Greater Providence.

Congrats to Kobi Dennis for operating 'Haircuts & Heritage', where it's not just about free haircuts, but about free and useful help and advice for our inner city youth!

CENTRAL FOOTBALL REACHES NO. 3 IN RECENT RANKINGS!



The 2021 Central Knights football team under Coach Michael Washington was ranked at No. 3 in the State at the beginning of October. Shortly afterward, the Knights suffered a tough loss to South Kingstown by a 13-12 score. This might affect their ranking, however, as the season continues, they still have a good shot at a Div. 1-A title. A week later on October 8, the Knights win their homecoming game against Cranston West 33-0.

Congrats to the Central girls' soccer team for taking the State Div. IV regular season title with a great 5-1 record! They finished three points ahead of second place Shea. It was an excellent season, despite losing out in the playoffs.



The Central boys' soccer team did very well to end up tied for fourth in the extremely tough State Div. 1 Central sector.

5th ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

Look for a mailing on CHSAAP'S 5th ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL DRIVE to begin November, 2021 and run through February, 2022. Donations within this time period will go towards 2022 Scholarships for deserving Central seniors. Remember you can donate a "Named Scholarship" for \$1,000.00. Please give serious consideration to giving to this major CHSAAP mission.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION POSTPONED

The 100 year Anniversary Celebration that was to take place on Friday, September 24 was postponed to the Spring of 2022. However, the students were able to complete their art project during a Summer week long camp.



This beautiful mural display is hung in the foyer of the main building and contains newspaper clippings from 100 years of Central.

MEET 'N' MINGLE - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021

Mark your calendars – Alumni Friends Meet 'n' Mingle – Saturday, November 27, 2021. Details will be sent via email and posted on CHSAAP Website as well as on Facebook.

BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

With close to 300 members, the Central High School Alumni Association has developed into a solid, strong group of Centralites of all eras! We have been celebrating Central's 100th Anniversary year!

We have certainly appreciated the many contributions that CHSAAP members such as yourself have made to our scholarship fund over the years. However, we do need more volunteers for the many Central Alumni activities that you have enjoyed over the last several years, including Galas, Hall of Fame Banquets, Road Trips, Comedy Nights and similar events. We have more coming up for the rest of the year and in 2022!

Go to CHSAAP.org for info on all aspects of the CHSAAP. Note that we will be having elections again next spring to fill spots on our Board of Directors and for certain Officer positions.

The CHSAAP is already planning several new and exciting events to take place in 2022, one of which will be an ALL CLASS REUNION PROM GALA to take place early March of 2022. Take part in them! Help the Alumni Association grow as Central High School celebrates it's 100th birthday!

Thanks to you all from the Centralite and enjoy a 'colorful' Autumn!!



