

The “No ‘I’ in Team” Awards Dinner

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**Monticello’s Restaurant
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EAST SHORE TRAVEL LEAGUE would like to congratulate all the recipients of the **2018 NO I IN TEAM AWARD.**

It is truly an honor to be picked for this award by your school and the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Board.

Consider yourself very lucky and respected by your peers. We as an organization of AAU BASEBALL are truly proud of everyone's success in your high school program. We hope that all of you go on to have very bright futures.

Congratulations to all!

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PROGRAM

Master of CeremoniesFrank Mentone Jr.
Pledge of Allegiance Ed Klinkhammer
Invocation..... Rev. Owen Sanderson, *Christ Lutheran Church*
History of SCDC/Introductions..... Sam Burrell Jr.

DINNER

Guest SpeakerDan Gooley, *Quinnipiac University*
Presentation of Whitey Piurek Award Recipients..... Frank Mentone Jr.
**Presentation of the George Klivak
Team of the Year Award**Ron Luneau
Acceptance Fairfield Prep
**Presentation of the Sam Burrell Jr.
Coach of the Year Award** Sam Burrell Jr. and Chris Borelli
AcceptanceTravis LaPointe, *Daniel Hand HS*
Special Recognition to Coach Bob DeMayo.....Vincent Virgulto
Acceptance..... Coach Bob DeMayo, *North Haven HS*
Closing RemarksRose V. Mentone, *Executive Director, SCDC*
Benediction..... Rev. Owen Sanderson

COMMITTEE

Rich Altieri	Mike Lamberti	Rose V. Mentone
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Sam Burrell Jr.	Ron Luneau	Fred Norman
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Dan Gooley	Frank Mentone Jr.	Lynair Walker
Ed Klinkhammer	Matthew Mentone	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. He coached former major leaguers Turk Wendell (Quinnipiac) and Jeff Bagwell (Hartford).

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 Hamden 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 selected any player they felt gave most unselfishly to their team.

The George Klivak “Team of the Year” Award was another honor 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: **TED CRISCUOLO** POS: OF

Said Coach Coppola, *"Teddy Criscuolo has lead our team the entire year in the weight room and on the field. He is not in the starting lineup but has played a major role in the success the Amity Baseball Team this season. He comes to practice every day setting the tone for our practice. His work ethic and dedication to the team continues to set an example for our entire team, especially our future players. To come every day with that attitude and remain such a positive influence for our team says so much about his character. I'm proud to be his coach."*

ANSONIA HS

COACH: MICHAEL VACCA A.D.: TOM BROCKETT

ATHLETE: **JAMES BROWN** POS: OF/2B

Varsity for two years... Little League volunteer,, Babe Ruth... Spirit Club.... Weightlifting Club

BRANFORD HS

COACH: STEPHEN MALAFRONTE A.D.: JAKE PALLUZZI

ATHLETE: **ROBERT BARBASH** +POS: C

Coach Malafronte explains why Robbie deserves this award:

"Robbie has shown throughout his 4 years of high school baseball that he will always put what is best for the team before what may be best for himself. Robbie has handled all the adversity that has come his way during his baseball career with toughness and grit which are defining characteristics of who he is as our team's catcher and vocal leader. Robbie has never questioned any of the decisions made by our coaching staff and has been willing to speak with other players about the decisions the coaching staff has made helping to reinforce and align other players to the programs goals. Throughout Robbie's time at Branford High School he has always answered the call and played and worked as hard as he possibly could having many bruises throughout the season to prove it." Coach adds, "He is always ready to lend an ear, say something encouraging, and even put teammates on notice when they don't run a ball out or he notices them not giving their maximum effort. His lead by example philosophy continues to rub off on his teammates who have developed a sincere respect for him. His work ethic in the school and on the ball field make him excellent choice for this award. Through all of Robbie's successes and failures and whatever problems may be going on his life he has been willing to put his own issues aside and be there for his team no matter what". ... will be attending the Elms College next year.

AWARD WINNERS

CANTERBURY SCHOOL

COACH: TODD MATHEWSON

A.D.: JIM STONE

ATHLETE: **JORDAN PEREZ**

POS: OF

Team captain...very selfless...extremely genuine young man who is always appreciative of his opportunities..."*Jordan is a great teammate and a perfect example of a player who deserves the 'No I In Team' Award,*" said Coach Mathewson...will play next year at Endicott College

CHESHIRE HS

COACH: BILL MROWKA

A.D.: STEVE TRIFONE

ATHLETE: **MICHAEL PEPE**

POS: LHP

Three year member of the Cheshire baseball program.... Coach Mrowka explained, "*He was selected for this outstanding award because of his selfless dedication and commitment to the baseball program. His determination and perseverance has allowed him to achieve his academic and athletic goals as well as influencing his teammates. Mike has excelled in the classroom and will continue his education and baseball career at Albertus Magnus in the fall. He is an outstanding young man and we wish him the best in his future endeavors.*"

DERBY HS

COACH: STEVE BAINER

A.D.: RACHAEL CAGGIANO

ATHLETE: **MATTHEW OLIWA**

POS: P/3B

According to Coach Bainer, "*Matt epitomizes the team first mentality, doing whatever is asked of him. Both coaches and teammates consider Matt to be a reliable teammate, whether it be for effort on the field, a ride to practice, or words of encouragement, Matt is a role model of what our student-athletes in Derby should aspire to be.*"... three sport athlete for four years (football, wrestling, baseball)

EAST HAVEN HS

COACH: BUTCH JOHNSON

A.D.: ANTHONY VERDERAME

ATHLETE: **SALVATORE BUFFONE**

POS: P/OF

Sal is an outstanding young man that will do anything for his team. Coach Johnson said, "*Despite a torn ACL in the off season and mononucleosis during the season, Sal has been there to support the team in whatever role he was needed. His injuries have limited him to playing time, however this has not discouraged him from being a team leader both on and off the field. Sal has been an inspiration to all his teammates and always offers words of encouragement to all those around.*"

AWARD WINNERS

FAIRFIELD PREP

COACH: RUDOPH MAURITZ IV

A.D.: TOM CURRAN

ATHLETE: **DAN FALLACARO**

POS: C/DH

Coach Mauritz explained, *“Dan Fallacaro is a talented baseball player, but is more importantly a servant leader. Dan puts the team before himself. This was made evident this season when he came down with an injury which caused him to miss seven games. During that time Dan could be found at practice and during games encouraging his teammates and working with his fellow catchers on the finer points of the trade. Dan is an outstanding player and teammate and his teammates hold him in high regard.”*....will attend Sacred Heart University.

FORAN HS

COACH: GARRETT WALKER A.D.: ANTHONY VITELLI

ATHLETE: **MATTHEW KENNEDY** POS: C

Senior Captain... four year member of the baseball program.... According to Coach Walker, *“He is a tireless worker who is always willing to compete. Matt has battled through the daily grind of catching to be a two year starter behind the plate. Through his dedication and selflessness Matt has earned the respect of all he encounters. Foran Baseball thanks Matt for his tremendous contributions to our program, you will be missed Matt.”*

GUILFORD HS

COACH: BRIAN HAYDEN

A.D.: JAKE JARVIS

ATHLETE: **MATT DONLAN**

POS: C

Four year varsity starter on the baseball team.... two sport varsity ALL SCC player for baseball and basketball... decorated career at Guilford High school as a student athlete... He has earned athlete of the month award,... Rawlings Legion All Star award twice,... and has made the All Zone 3 team three straight years. Coach Hayden commented, *“Matt excels in the classroom and is a leader on and off the field. Matt is an extension of the coaching staff and promotes our team’s core values and holds himself to those standards. He is mentor to younger players and holds his teammates accountable. Matt is respected by his peers, other coaches, and the umpires he catches in front of. Matt is a tremendous young man with a bright future ahead of him.”* ...will attend Stonehill College where he will continue his academics and baseball career. -

AWARD WINNERS

HAMDEN HALL COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

COACH: JOE FONTANA A.D.: DAVID DOYLE

ATHLETE: JOSEPH LIUCCI POS: 3B

According to Coach Fontana, "Joe personifies the student-athlete, but more importantly, he is a gentleman and a scholar both on and off the field. He represents our program very well. He has the character we strive to build and promote in all of our players. We look forward to having Joe as a member of our Hamden Hall community for another year."

HAMDEN HS

COACH: CHRIS BORELLI A.D.: TOM DYER

ATHLETE: ROBERT LYON POS: 1B

Three-year member ...Coach Borelli said, "He epitomizes the characteristics of the No 1 in Team award. Robby's selfless devotion to Hamden baseball is irreplaceable. His positive energy and quiet leadership was an integral part of our success this season. Robby is a constant reminder that the greatest gift in life is to give everything for a cause greater than ourselves. That is the legacy he will leave at HHS."

DANIEL HAND HS

COACH: TRAVIS LAPOINTE A.D.: CRAIG SEMPLE

ATHLETE: CHRIS HARTMANN POS: P

According to Coach LaPointe, "Chris is a tremendous student-athlete. He represents his school, community, team, and family perfectly. He is a hard-working young man that gives selfishly to his teammates every day."

HILL REGIONAL CAREER HS

COACH: CHIP PORTO Ath. Facil.: ERIK PATCHKOFISKY

ATHLETE: ISAIAH BAEZ POS: ALL

Coach Porto said, "Isaiah Baez was a pleasure to coach over the last two years. He was a hardworking, dedicated player that always gave his all and was an asset to the team. Isaiah was asked to play every position on the field and he never refused. He was a career .300 hitter, and always could be counted on to make a big play for us! During practice, Isaiah was the first player on the field and the last to leave. This year he was the team Captain and it was a difficult task due to a very young inexperienced team."

AWARD WINNERS

HOPKINS SCHOOL

COACH: ROCCO DEMAIO A.D.: ROCCO DEMAIO

ATHLETE: LIAM DAY POS: LHP

Senior starting Pitcher.... Started 4 games earning a 2-2 record against top New England prep schools...earned the save against nationally ranked Don Bosco Prep on Spring training Florida trip in March... Coach DeMaio said, "*He was a selfless leader and teammate. Never missed a practice and was always the most positive player on the field and in the dugout despite the game situation.*"... Will attend Richmond University Summers he works with Chatham A's and has done everything from Batboy to merchandising to working their youth camps...3 sport athlete and captain of the xc team in the fall... Member of PAWS and SASO (student-athletes serving others).

CREED/HILLHOUSE

COACH: RJ VOELKER Ath. Facil.: ERIC PATCHKOFISKY

ATHLETE: DAN CASTILLO POS:C/3B

4 year Varsity Player.... "He demonstrated great leadership and served as captain for his Junior and Senior seasons. He always put the team first," said Coach Voelker

JONATHAN LAW HS

COACH: GREG SIMLER A.D.: VJ SARULLO

ATHLETE: NATHAN MERCHANT POS: P

Hard working player with passion for the game...Coach Simler explained,"*He lives for the black and gold and always wants to represent Law baseball to the best of his ability. In his three years as a varsity player, Nate has never sat down, taken a rep off or given less than 100 percent. He has been a leader for our team on and off the field.*"

LYMAN HALL HS

COACH: CHARLES BURGHARDT A.D.: STEVE BAKER

ATHLETE: RUSSELL EDEEN POS: 3B/P

Coach Burghardt had high praise for his nominee: "*Russell is the epitome of a team player. You never have to ask him to do team things because he's already doing them. He's the leader of our team Russell is the player that the other players look up to.....He just doesn't play baseball; he is a baseball player. At the plate he has delivered key hits all year long. He is a tough out.*"

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NORTH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL

COACH: BILLY MITCHELL

A.D.:TREVOR BROWN

ATHLETE: JEFF JABLONSKI

POS: P/OF

Three year starter... captain... *“Jeff truly epitomizes the meaning of the “No I In Team” award. He often helps younger players with advice and to develop their skills. It has been an honor to get to know Jeff as a person and to have coached him for the past four years. He will be truly missed. He was the true leader of our team this year,”* said Coach Mitchell.

NORTH HAVEN HS

COACH: BOB DeMAYO

A.D.: STEVEN BLUMENTHAL

ATHLETE: NATHANIEL ZALEGOWSKI POS: 1B/P

Pitcher for 4 years... Said Coach DeMayo, *“He has been an effective relief pitcher in several games and had a win in his first start. Nate is the type of player who will do anything during a practice that will help the team in game situations. He has caught batting practice and hit fungoes when needed. Interested in physical therapy, Nate helps his teammates loosen up or stretch out at the start of a workout. He is ready and willing to do anything to help the team. Nate’s positive outlook and supportive attitude has been a great help to all team members”.* Coach added, *“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 and is an excellent teammate.”*...Has played football and basketball at NHHS as well as in the town’s Youth basketball and baseball programs.... enjoys hiking, wakeboarding, skiing, swimming, bocce and cornhole.....serious about giving back to others. He is a Church Collections Usher and assists in his church with the Christmas flower decorating. Nate is a key member of the North Haven Youth Reading Club and helps every year with the Veterans fall leaf yard clean-up.... Will attend Alvernia University in Pennsylvania where he will continue his baseball career. and major in Health Care Science, where Nate will focus on becoming a Physical Therapist or Team Doctor.

NOTRE DAME HS

COACH: DON MARTONE

A.D.: TOM MARCUCCI

ATHLETE: CHARLES RHODES

POS: OF

Charlie is a senior captain that did not see a lot of action.... Accepted his role and sparks the team off the bench....Coach Martone added, *“Charlie will do whatever it is we ask to help the Team. He is a selfless leader with great character and he inspires others.”*... Consummate team player

AWARD WINNERS

PLATT HS

COACH: TIM REDICAN

A.D.: RICH KATZ

ATHLETE: CAMERON GERME

POS: 1B

Said Coach Redican, *"Cam is a tremendous student, athlete, and person. In 2017 he was an All Conference Selection in Baseball and Soccer. Cam garnered a 5.2 GPA in quarter 3 this year. On the field he is a role model for the underclassmen by always working to his best potential. Cameron is also a student of the game always trying to improve and learning how."*

PLATT TECH

COACH: GEORGE BAGLINI

A.D.: SUSAN MURPHY

ATHLETE: EVAN MAZAKO

POS: P/3B

According to Coach Baglini, *"Evan is a junior and has matured greatly as baseball player and team-oriented player. He is respectful and a great role model for the younger players. Evan has worked hard to improve his game each year he's played for Platt Tech. He always willingly accepts whatever I ask of him and pursues it to the best of his ability. He is an asset to our program by his talent as a baseball player and his character as a person."*

SHEEHAN HS

COACH: MATT ALTIERI

A.D.: CHRIS DAILEY

ATHLETE: AUSTIN LEE

POS: OF

2 year starter... *"He is a good student who really exemplifies the idea of a student athlete,"* said Coach Altieri... Will play baseball at Nichols College,

SHELTON HS

COACH: SCOTT GURA

A.D.: JOHN NISKI

ATHLETE: WILL CICCONE

POS: SS

Three year starter... current captain... Coach Gura explained, *"He is more interested in the team's success than his personal accomplishments. If I could, I would field a team with 9 players that have Will's positive attitude and hard work each day. I was very fortunate to be able to coach such a mature and exceptional young man."* Coach added, *"He has great leadership skills, is a great role model for the younger players, and handles himself with dignity and respect. Will was admired by the entire team and coaching staff for his dedication and commitment to our program. He played through injuries the second half of the season, and never took a day off. It will be difficult to replace him next year."...* currently ranked 46 in his senior class.

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SOUTHINGTON HS

COACH: CHARLIE LEMBO

A.D.: G. FERRY

ATHLETE: **DAN TOPPER**

POS: IF

Senior Captain... a high honors student. *"Dan Topper is the perfect recipient of the "No I in Team" award Dan has consistently displayed the qualities of a superb leader both on and off the playing field. Dan has demonstrated to our coaching staff and his teammates that his main focus is the success of our team regardless of what kind of game he is having. I am honored to nominate Dan for this award,"* said Coach Lembo.

WESTBROOK HS

COACH: DEREK HANSEN

A.D.: TEG COSGRIFF

ATHLETE: **JACK HAYES**

POS: OF

Extremely hard worker on the athletic field... In his senior year Jack's innate leadership was recognized by all of his coaches...was named captain of the Westbrook Soccer, Basketball and Baseball teams for his senior year. Coach Hansen said,*"Since Jack entered high school he has always been a leader on and off the playing field.... His play and practice are an inspiration to his teammates. Jack approaches every contest with all of his energy and emotions. He is respected by his teammates and opponents showing the traits of true leadership. On the baseball field Jack shines as a competitor. In his senior season Jack played an excellent centerfield and led Westbrook in almost every offensive category. Jack is a selfless teammate that puts winning ahead of himself."*

WEST HAVEN HS

COACH: RON LUNEAU

A.D.: JON CAPONE

ATHLETE: **MARK BASTA**

POS: IF/DH

3.3 GPA... accepted to UCONN, UNH and Western New England University.... will be attending Western New England University...Four-year varsity member. Said Coach Luneau, *"Mark was one of the most unselfish and team orientated players I've ever coached in my 28 years of baseball coaching. His first priority was always team first and then himself. He was an extremely hard worker and valued member of our team. Hopefully he will come back and coach one day, because he knows the game well."* ...will be an engineering major at WNEU.

WILBUR CROSS HS

COACH: JEFF FARRELL

A.D.: ERIK PATCHKOFISKY

ATHLETE: **BRIAN PETTWAY**

POS: C

4 year player in the Wilbur Cross baseball program.... Coach Farrell said, *"He has set an example of great work ethic and a competitive spirit. Brian has done everything within his power to make his team better. He has given selflessly to his school and his teammates, and will be missed by the players and coaches alike."*... Brian leads the team in several categories including batting average (.316), on base percentage (.438), RBI (11), and extra base hits (5). Brian will attend UCONN in the fall.

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XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

COACH: NICK CERRETA A.D.: TONY JASKOT

ATHLETE: **MATTHEW BJORKLUND** POS: P

Two year varsity pitcher...Coach Cerreta commented," He supports all his teammates every single day and always puts the team first. You simply don't find young men like Matt anymore whewn it comes to sports...It is never once about him and he slways puts others first. The humility Matt displays is so rare these days among his generation...Matt is truly the type of player who comes around once every 20 years..."

2017 NO I IN TEAM DINNER



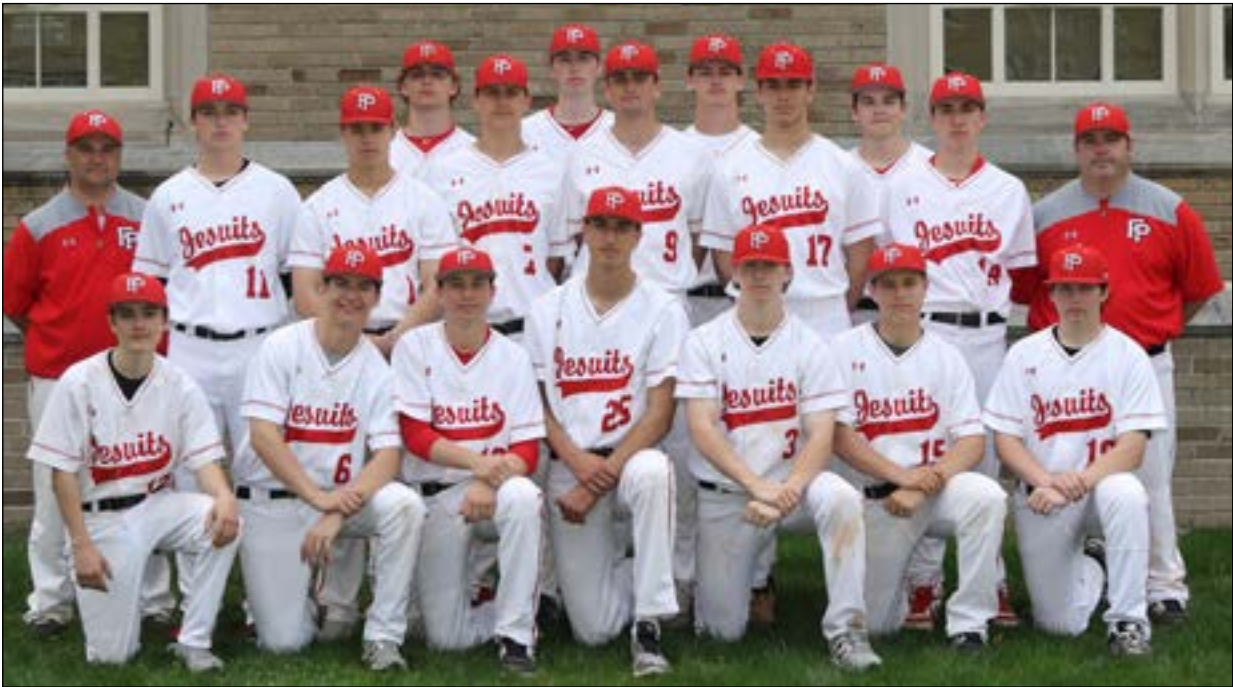
**COACH OF THE YEAR -
TRAVIS LAPOINTE, DANIEL HAND HS**



Travis graduated from West Haven High School in 1999. He played baseball at Quinnipiac University, graduating in 2003. He has worked 14 years as a fifth grade language arts/social studies teacher at Brown Middle School in Madison. He served as JV coach at Daniel Hand High for two years from 2004-2005; then became head coach of Madison American Legion baseball from 2005-2011. He was named head coach of DHHS in 2012, just completing his 7th season. He has led the team to division titles in 2014, 2015, and 2018, to the state quarterfinals in 2012 and 2015 and to the SCC conference championship game in 2018.

He has served as Head coach of Madison Tigers 13U team since 2012.

**TEAM OF THE YEAR -
FAIRFIELD PREP**



The Fairfield Prep baseball team finished the regular season with a record of 19-1, earning the #1 seed in both the SCC and CIAC Class LL tournaments. The Jesuits secured their first SCC title in a thrilling 2-1 victory over Daniel Hand. The Jesuits have since raised their record to 24-1, and are preparing for the CIAC LL quarterfinal.

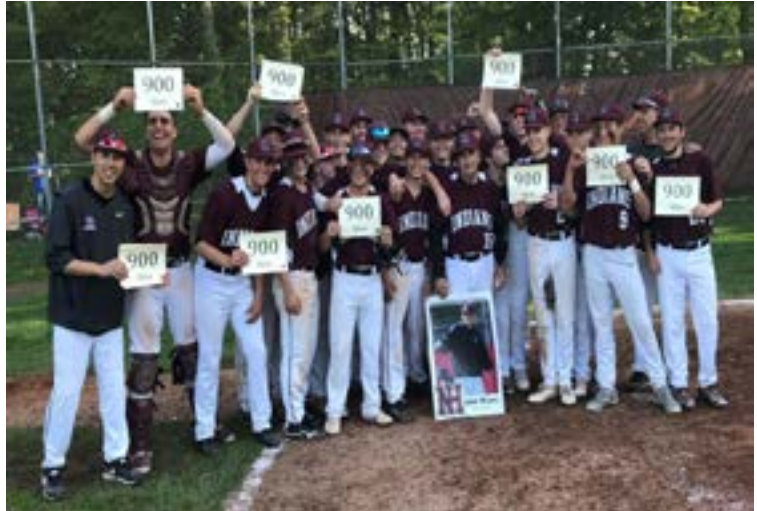
The profile of the Jesuit school/Fairfield Prep student has five core elements which we want our students to be: Open to Growth, Intellectually Competent, Religious, Loving and Committed to Justice. We do our best to provide our students with opportunities grow in these five areas during their experience at Fairfield Prep

We started our season with sixteen players on the Varsity roster, as the season unfolded and needs were revealed we added two more players to the roster. We have been led by nine seniors, four of which had significant Varsity experience, the remaining five having little to no varsity experience. Our nine seniors have embraced the elements of the Grad at Grad, and have been excellent role models for our underclassmen. We are humbled by the fact that the member schools of the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club thought enough of us to vote Fairfield Prep the 2018 Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Team of the Year.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION IN HONOR OF COACH ROBERT DEMAYO



COACH BOB DEMAYO



Dave Phillips / For Hearst Connecticut Media

Bob attended Notre Dame High School. He received a baseball scholarship to Fordham University. After graduating from Fordham, Bob signed a minor league contract with the Baltimore Orioles.

In his first professional at-bat, playing for Wytheville (Va.) of the Appalachian League, DeMayo belted a grand slam. Just 24 games into the season, DeMayo was hitting .285 with three homers, six doubles, two triples, 19 runs scored and 19 RBIs.

According to DeMayo, back then, minor-league life south of the Mason-Dixon Line was exactly how it was portrayed in the movie "Bull Durham." There was a game every day and two on Sundays. Bus trips took him through just about every one-horse town on the Appalachian Trail. It was, quite simply, the time of his life.

Bob began to teach and coach at North Haven High School in 1957 as the freshman basketball coach and a member of the Social Studies department. He was named the JV baseball coach in 1958. From 1957-1972, Bob was an assistant football coach. In 1973 he took the reins of the football program and remained head coach for the next 24 years. In 1959, Bob became the head baseball coach and continues in that position today.

Bob's coaching style in baseball has withstood the test of time. His record is unmatched in the state of Connecticut: his 300th win in 1978 – his 400th win in 1984 – his 500th win in 1990 – his 600th win in 1997 – his 700th win in 2003 – and his 800th win on May 2, 2011. On May 23, 2018 Bob's team earned his 900th win in an SCC tournament game against Amity.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION IN HONOR OF COACH ROBERT DEMAYO

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In baseball, he and his teams have won 18 Housatonic Championships, 5 State Championships ('75, '82, '85, 2003, 2015), one State Regional Championship ('82), 5 Hammonasset Divisional titles, 6 Oronoque Divisional titles, 2 Quinnipiac Divisional titles (co-champions 2017, 2018), and 2 Southern Connecticut Conference Championships.

Bob continues to be recognized by many groups for his accomplishments. He was named Coach of the Year in 1981 by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association, High School Coach of the Year in 1985 by the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance, Region I Coach of the Year in 1986 and again in 1997, and Football Coach of the Year in 1991 by the National Football Foundation.

In 2010, Bob received the first North Haven High School Football Alumni Association Coaching Award. Bob was selected to coach the State All-Star team in both 1978 and 1988. He also coached the Southern Connecticut Conference All-Star Team in 1995. Bob received the National Coach Gold Award from the Scholastic Coach Magazine in 1987. In 2001, Bob was again named Region I Coach of the Year but that year he went on to be named the National Coach of the Year in baseball. In 2003, Bob was named All-Area Baseball Coach of the Year. In 2010, Bob was given a coaching award from the NHHS Alumni. In 2015, Bob was honored on Opening Day by the North Haven Little League for his contribution to youth baseball. Once again he was elected as both All-Area and All State Coach of the Year by the New Haven Register. The end of December, 2015, saw Bob named as the Sportsperson of the Year by the New Haven Register. In early January, 2016, Bob was honored as the High School Coach of the Year by the Connecticut American Legion. He was recently named the Division III Baseball Coach for the Senior All-Star team in 2016.

In 1999, Coach DeMayo was named one of the "Heroes of the 20th Century" by the New Haven Register and "Best of the Century" (baseball recognition) by the Hartford Courant. In 2000 Bob received the Gold Key Award from the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance. In 2009, he was awarded West Haven Twilight League's Gold Bat Award. On November 8, 2010, Bob was honored as an Elm City Legend at an event hosted by the March of Dimes.

Bob was inducted into the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame in 1985 and into the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1994. He was inducted into the North Haven High School Hall of Fame in 2003 and inducted into the National High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2007.

At the end of the 2009 baseball season, the new North Haven Varsity Baseball Field was renamed the Robert E. DeMayo Baseball Field. The dedication of that field was held on May 26, 2009 before a crowd of past and present players and their families. At that time, Coach DeMayo dedicated a statue of a baseball player, "Swinging Away", to all North Haven baseball players who exemplify a strong commitment to the team concept in their play. At that game, the players announced they had created a scholarship in his name for future baseball players. A \$500 scholarship has been awarded to a graduating senior every year since.

Bob's greatest pleasure is spending time with his extensive family – his wife, Bette, and his son Gary (with wife Lucy and children Brittany and Robert), his daughter Robin (her husband Adam and children Zachary, Ryan, Olivia and Troy), and daughter Kristen (husband Gary and daughters Genevieve and Lilliana). In his free time, Bob enjoys golf and is working his way back from a knee injury so he can once again play tennis. His competitive spirit continues whether on a baseball field or the golf course.

**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 Brettingen
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 Marsegua
West Haven - Steve Alves
Westbrook - Chris Lombardozi

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 Tammaro

2007

Amity Regional - Kyle Birdsall
Branford - Brian Maturo
Cheshire - Thomas Sirois
Choate - Mark Beaudoin, Jr.
Derby - Mlichael 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 Remyey
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 Basket
Guilford - Mike Pavelko
Hamden Hall -Alessandro Gasparro
Hamden - MJ Lombardozi
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

PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS "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 Christensen
 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 – Michael Carter
 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 Sprafek
 Shelton – Tyler Tice
 Westbrook – Chris Dahl
 West Haven – Tyler Gambardella
 Wilbur Cross – Thomas Miele
 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

2016

Amity Regional – Matt Tomei
 Ansonia - Michael Rhodes
 Branford – Bryce Baker
 Canterbury School – Jrstin Proteau
 Cheshire – Troy Rtchmond
 Derby – Jake Finnucan
 East Haven – Matt Coyle
 Eli Whitney – Michael DeMatteo
 Fairfield Prep – Jack Oricoli
 Foran – Michael Howell
 Guilford – Connor Peters
 Hamden Hall – Luke Wilcox
 Hamden High – Brendan Berube
 Hand – Pat Nelson
 Hill Career Regional – Tyler Osborne
 Hopkins – Billy McGrath
 Hyde/Hillhouse – Jon Williamson
 J. Law – Frank Mucciacciaro
 Lyman Hall – Kyle Shea
 North Branford – Matt Chamberlain
 North Haven – Joseph Balzano
 Notre Dame – Joe Morris
 Platt – Andrew Abrahante
 Platt Tech – Justin Candido
 Sheehan – Jake Gawlak
 Shelton – Craig McNamara
 Westbrook – Chris Benzi
 West Haven – Kalan Morgillo
 Wilbur Cross – Reynaldo Duprey
 Xavier – Dennis Beaudry

2017

Amity Regional – Josh Crow
 Ansonia - Jordan Jones
 Branford – Trevor Brown
 Canterbury School – Dan Brady
 Cheshire – Ryan Mostoller
 Derby – John Dytko
 East Haven – Dominic DeBasso
 Fairfield Prep – Matt Zeffino
 Foran – John L[ckteig
 Guilford – Logan Hitchcock
 Hamden Hall – Tim Bradley
 Hamden High – Mark Durwin
 Hand – Matt Sampson
 Hill Career Regional – Angel Mendez
 Hopkins – Ryan Meury
 Creed/Hillhouse – Jonathan Browne
 J. Law – Mitchell Smith
 Lyman Hall – Zach Blier
 North Branford – Gio Tirollo
 North Haven – Dom Onofrio
 Notre Dame – Brad Zsampar
 Platt – Devyn Mc Carty
 Platt Tech – Michael Hernandez
 Sheehan – Sam DeMaio
 Shelton – Jason DeSeo
 Westbrook – Matt Gallagher
 West Haven – Mario Kiaunis
 Wilbur Cross – Omar Diaz
 Xavier – Kevin Canney

**THE SAMUEL A. BURRELL, JR.
COACH OF THE YEAR**

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
 2016 - Jeff Farrell, Wilbur Cross High School
 2017 - Brian Hayden, Guilford H.S.

**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
 2016 - Hamden HS
 2017 - Amity Regional HS

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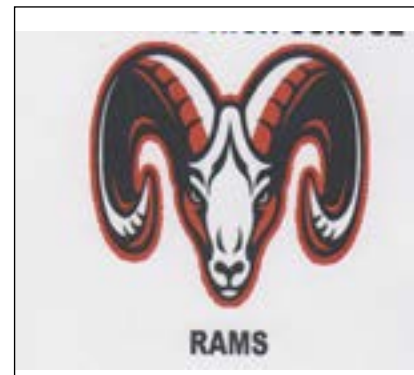


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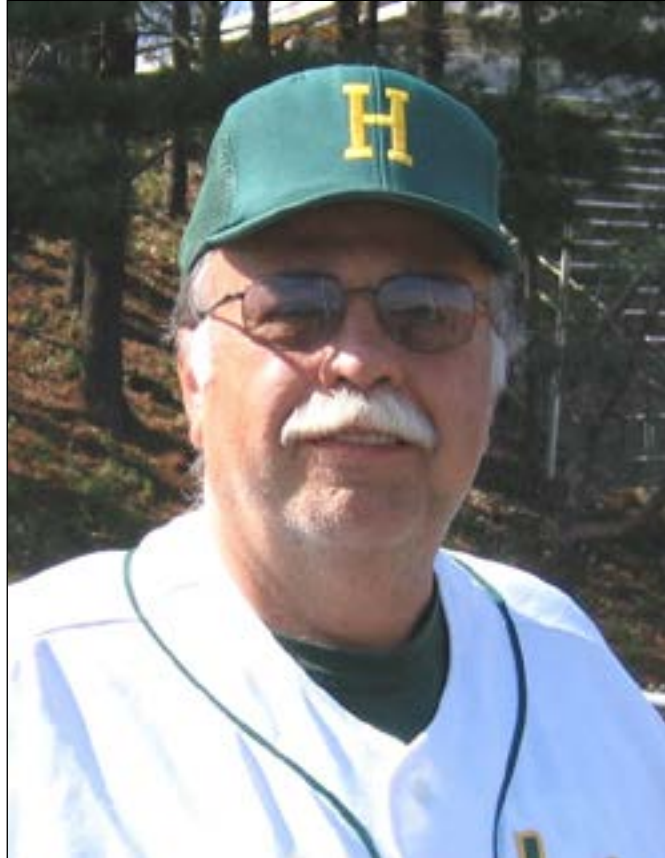


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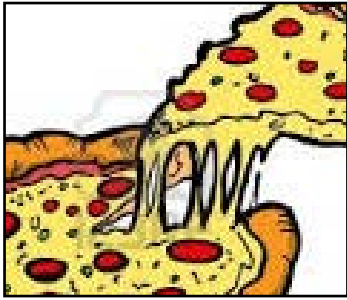
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GO DRAGONS!

Congratulations to MARK BASTA this year's West Haven High School's "NO I IN TEAM" representative. Mark embodies all of the qualities that this award represents. He served as our team captain and was a tireless worker.

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"There is no I in Team Award"

2018

We would like to congratulate all the recipients of this very distinguished award given by the Southern CT Diamond Club.

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Take this award with pride, respect and great honor and bring this into your future endeavors. You will always be a winner when you put others before you.

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Charlie,

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I'll love you **forever**, I'll like you for **always**, as long as I'm living, my **baby** you'll be.



Love you always and forever, Mommy, Chelsea, and Bone

Charlie,

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