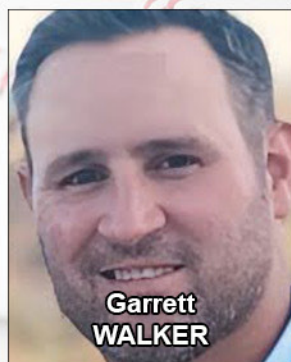
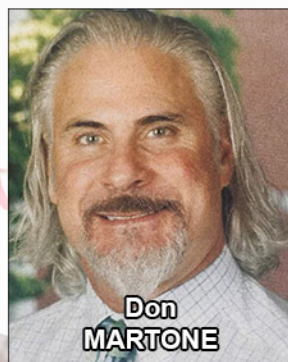
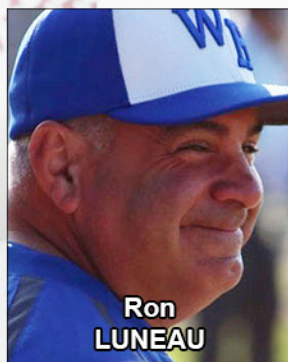
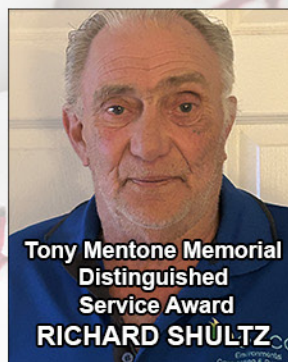
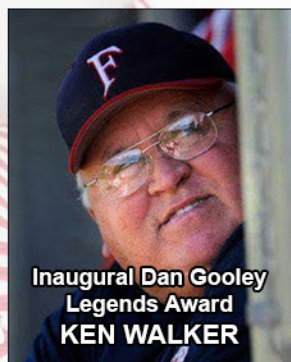


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# INTRODUCTION

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club, Inc., was formed with one goal in mind -- **to foster and promote the game of baseball** in the region. That simple mission continues with the dedication and volunteer work of its members.

The SCDC obtained its inspiration from a prior organization -- the Greater New Haven Diamond Club. The original club was founded in 1980, but went into a batting slump after 1992. Thankfully, several former members, along with a new group of individuals who believed in the mission, started the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club in 2005.

In 2011, the new club progressed from an informal structure to a full-fledged corporation, obtaining its non-profit status in 2013. The SCDC is a 501(c) (3) organization, with proceeds donated back to the community.

The SCDC spreads the goodwill of baseball through awards, recognition of those who have given to the game, donations to local organizations and more. It is a network of baseball enthusiasts in our region.

The club's two annual signature events are the "No 'I' In Team" high school awards night, launched in 2005, and its Hall of Fame Induc-

tion Ceremony, first held in 2008. Each June the SCDC honors more than 30 local high schools, presenting the player on each team chosen as the most selfless by his coach with the John "Whitey" Piurek "There's No 'I' In Team" Award. At that event, the organization also recognizes the Burt Leventhal and Vin Virgulto Teams of the Year and the Sam Burrell and Tom Fahy Coaches of the Year, as voted upon by area coaches.

Tonight, the SCDC continues a tradition started by the Greater New Haven Diamond Club with its annual Hall of Fame Induction, honoring those who have contributed most significantly to area baseball. The honorees are chosen by the group's



Executive Board. Along with carrying forward the GNHDC's Andrew Gassira Memorial Umpire Award, the SCDC has added two special awards -- the Tony Mentone Memorial Distinguished Service Award in 2010 and the Dan Gooley Legends Award in 2025.

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club, Inc., will continue in its efforts to spread the goodwill of baseball to all who are fortunate enough to be associated with the sport. Tonight's banquet advances the club's efforts to recognize and honor those who have given so much to so many through this great game.

# PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies ..... Chris Borelli, *SCDC Executive Board*  
History of SCDC ..... Ned Burt, *SCDC Executive Board*  
Introductions and Acknowledgements ..... Chris Borelli

## DINNER

### Dedication/Presentation of the DAN GOOLEY LEGENDS AWARD

Remarks ..... George Grande, *SCDC Hall of Fame*  
Presentation ..... Dan Gooley, *SCDC Executive Board*  
Acceptance ..... Garrett Walker (for Ken Walker)

### Presentation of the ANDREW GASSIRA MEMORIAL UMPIRE AWARD

Presentation ..... Michael Lamberti and Tony Notarino, *SCDC Executive Board*  
Acceptance ..... Carl Perez

### Presentation of the TONY MENTONE MEMORIAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Presentation ..... Rich Altieri, *SCDC Executive Board*  
Acceptance ..... Richard Shultz

Induction of MARK BROOKES ..... Ned Burt  
Acceptance ..... Mark Brookes

Induction of DAVE LANESE ..... Ron Luneau, *SCDC Executive Board*  
Acceptance ..... Dave Lanese

Induction of RON LUNEAU ..... Matt Mentone, *SCDC Executive Board*  
Acceptance ..... Ron Luneau

Induction of DON MARTONE ..... Fred Norman, *SCDC Executive Board*  
Acceptance ..... Don Martone

Induction of JOE TONELLI JR. .... Dan Gooley  
Acceptance ..... Joe Tonelli Jr.

Induction of GARRETT WALKER ..... Chris Borelli  
Acceptance ..... Garrett Walker

Closing Remarks ..... Rose V. Mentone, *SCDC Executive Director*

## SCDC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rich Altieri  
Rich Biondi  
Chris Borelli  
Ned Burt  
Dan Gooley

Ed Klinkhammer  
Michael Lamberti  
Ron Luneau  
Tom Madera  
Frank Mentone Jr.

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Fred Norman  
Tony Notarino  
Ken Sweeten



# THE AWARDS



## DAN GOOLEY LEGENDS AWARD

The Dan Gooley Legends Award was established in 2025 to consider and recognize early-era contributors to local baseball. Those who receive this award are considered part of the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame.

Dan Gooley was a co-founder of the Greater New Haven Diamond Club, the group which inspired the current club, in 1980, and has been a longtime contributor to the SCDC. He is the all-time leader in baseball coaching victories at Quinnipiac University with 439, leading the Braves/Bobcats from 1977-87 and 2002-14. During his first tenure, Gooley guided Quinnipiac to three NCAA Division II Regional appearances, including the 1983 D-II World Series. Upon his return, he led QU to the 2005 Northeast Conference championship and its first NCAA Division-I regional berth.

From 1988-92, Gooley was the head coach of the University of Hartford, winning 101 games and coaching future MLB Hall-of-Famer Jeff Bagwell. He then spent six years overseeing baseball operations for the Starter Corporation before returning to Quinnipiac as Director of Athletic Development, spearheading corporate and alumni support following the Bobcats' move to Division I.

A standout pitcher for QU, Gooley still holds the school career record of 316 strikeouts. He holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Quinnipiac and a master's in sociology from Southern Connecticut State University. He received the West Haven Twilight League Gold Bat Award in 1984 and is a member of the Quinnipiac (1983) and SCDC (2008) Halls of Fame. Gooley is currently the Commissioner of the WHTL and the Director of Baseball Operations at Quinnipiac. *(Photo by Bob Rasmussen.)*



## ANDREW GASSIRA MEMORIAL UMPIRE AWARD

The Andrew Gassira Memorial Umpire Award is awarded annually to a local baseball umpire who personifies the passion, sportsmanship and teachings of Andrew Gassira. It was first handed out by the Greater New Haven Diamond Club in 1980 following Gassira's death the previous year. Those who receive this award are considered part of the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame.

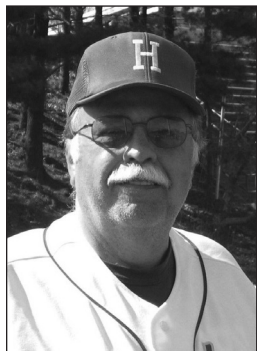
Andrew Gassira was a lifelong resident of greater New Haven. Despite the fact that he had no sons, he served several years as a volunteer league commissioner, umpire-in-chief and coach with the Hamden Fathers Baseball Association. As the head umpire, he would assign umpires to games for more than 80 teams, maintain their payroll records, conduct training clinics, attend games, and keep performance ratings on his staff. He supervised

the organization's entire officiating program.

Born in 1922, Gassira graduated from Commercial High School and then entered the U.S. Army. Upon discharge, he attended JCC College under the G.I. Bill. He graduated from the Baseball Umpiring School in Bartow, Fla., in 1948 and worked with the New York Yankees. He umpired in the AAA Baseball System in Georgia and upstate New York. After returning home to Connecticut and getting married, he was employed as a draftsman for G&O Radiators for 31 years.

Gassira was a basketball coach for the Trowbridge Rec Center in New Haven and also officiated high school and college basketball. He umpired American Legion and Babe Ruth League Baseball, and was a member of the Greater New Haven Baseball Umpires Association and the Connecticut College Baseball Association. He was posthumously inducted into the GNHDC Hall of Fame in 1990.

# THE AWARDS



## **ANTHONY F. MENTONE MEMORIAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

The Anthony F. Mentone Memorial Distinguished Service Award is awarded annually to a local individual who has an impeccable reputation for integrity and dedication to his/her community and the American way of life, as exemplified by Tony Mentone. The honoree must also have contributed to fostering and promoting local baseball. Recipients of this award are considered part of the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame.

Tony Mentone spent his life helping others, often through the game of baseball. A 1963 graduate of Notre Dame High of West Haven, he was a member of the Greater New Haven Baseball Umpires Association from that year until his death in 2009. He served as that group's president and sub-varsity commissioner.

Mentone joined the Greater New Haven Diamond Club during its infancy, eventually serving as its vice president. He was named the winner of the 1991 Andrew Gassira Memorial Umpire Award. He later played a large role in reviving the club as the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club in 2005 and was inducted into its Hall of Fame posthumously in 2010.

Mentone spent many years as a volunteer in the Hamden Fathers Baseball Association, serving at various times as a coach, league director, president, and umpire-in-chief. He helped found the HFBA's Challenger League for children with special needs. He went on to become the Assistant District Administrator for Connecticut District 4 Little League, and umpired at the 1998 Eastern Regional Little League Tournament in Bristol, Conn. In April 2010, Hamden Fathers Baseball/Softball named the snack bar at Bassett Field in Mentone's honor.

Mentone was active in his local community, volunteering for several civic organizations including Civitan and the UNITAS Club. He served as a member of the Hamden Legislative Council, and was later an assistant football, girls' basketball and baseball coach at Hamden High School. His wife, Rose, is the executive director of the SCDC.

## **SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT DIAMOND CLUB HALL OF FAME**

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony is held annually in October to honor individuals and groups who have contributed to fostering and promoting the game of baseball in greater New Haven. The Hall of Fame includes players, teams and organizations, coaches, umpires, broadcasters, journalists, and community volunteers.

Since the SCDC gained its motivation from a prior organization, the Greater New Haven Diamond Club, it decided to pay tribute to the Hall of Famers from the GNHDC from 1980 to 1991 by inducting them into its own Hall of Fame. The SCDC held its initial Hall of Fame Banquet in 2008, and the event has continued every year since (with the exception of 2020 due to COVID-19).

# 2025 HONOREES

## Dan Gooley Legends Award

### KEN WALKER



As a lifer in the athletic world, Ken Walker's contributions to Connecticut baseball are recognized across the state. He has left a lasting impact with countless young athletes and fellow coaches.

A 1969 graduate of Milford High School, Walker started on the baseball diamond for SCDC Hall of Fame coach Dick Jeynes. He was a four-year starter

and captained the 1969 squad while earning All-Metropolitan Bridgeport Interscholastic Athletic Conference recognition. Walker also played four years of varsity football, receiving all MBIAC honors, as well as three years of varsity basketball. In total, Walker accumulated 11 varsity letters while at Milford High.

Following high school, Walker attended and played baseball at Central Connecticut State University. A four-year starter and captain of the 1973 squad, Walker earned NCAA All-Region honors during his senior year.

After completing his B.A. from Central Connecticut and a master's in education from Southern Connecticut State University, he returned home to Milford to begin a successful teaching and coaching career in the Milford Public School system which spanned nearly 40 years. He began his coaching career at his alma mater in 1974, serving 12 years as an assistant baseball coach at Milford High and Jonathan Law High prior to becoming head coach at Joseph A. Foran High in 1986.

Walker led the Foran Lions for a total of 20 years -- from 1986-2003 and again in 2011-12 -- and saw every team he managed reach the state playoffs. He tallied 279 wins, five division titles and one South-West Conference championship. Walker was named the 1998 *Connecticut Post* Coach of the Year and the 2011 *New Haven Register* Area Coach of the Year. He was the head coach of the 1999 Connecticut All-

Star Team that competed against the Massachusetts All-Stars at Fenway Park.

On top of Walker's illustrious baseball career, he also excelled on the gridiron. He coached football in Milford for 27 years, spending time as an assistant at all three Milford high schools and as the head coach of Foran High from 1990-95. In 1994, the Lions claimed the CIAC Class M championship, the only high school state title in football in Milford history. Walker was selected as the 1994 *New Haven Register* Coach of the Year as well as the NHFOA Coach of the Year in 1995.

The unexpected passing of Walker in June 2012 shocked the city of Milford. Hundreds of former colleagues, players, and students attended services to show respect for a Milford legend. The baseball diamond at Foran High School, where he mentored so many, was named "Ken Walker Field" in his honor in 2013.

In 2021, Walker was inducted into the first class of the Milford Sports Hall of Fame, as was his 1994 football state championship team. Walker was a lifelong resident of Milford along with his wife, Nancy, daughter, Whitney, and son, Garrett.

### ***Parent-Child Combinations in the SCDC Hall of Fame***

Ed Rapuano Sr. (1989U) and Ed Rapuano Jr. (2009)

Sam Burrell (1990) and Scott Burrell (2011)

Dave Ruotolo (2012S) and Jocelyn Chang (2021)

John Anquillare (2013) and Mike Anquillare (2023)

Tony Mentone (2010) / Rose Mentone (2015S)  
and Matthew Mentone (2024S)

Joe Tonelli Sr. (1990) and Joe Tonelli Jr. (2025)

Ken Walker (2025L) and Garrett Walker (2025)

*U - Gassira Umpire Award  
S - Mentone Service Award  
L - Gooley Legends Award*

# 2025 HONOREES

## Andrew Gassira Memorial Umpire Award

### CARL PEREZ



For the past 45 years, Carl Perez has been a prominent umpire in the greater New Haven area. During this time span, he has umpired baseball and softball games for players of all ages and abilities. Fairness and consistency are the trademarks of a game umpired by Perez. As a result of his dedication and passion, he has earned the admiration of his fellow umpires and the coaches and players.

Ralph and Eva Perez raised their three children

on Clark Street in New Haven. A popular and athletic kid, Carl and his friends were always playing sports in the neighborhood parks. At the age of nine, he began playing organized baseball in the Eddie Sheehan Little League. On the diamond, he played multiple positions, including first base, catcher and pitcher. In the years that followed, Perez excelled in the PONY and Babe Ruth leagues.

Scholastically, Perez attended Eli Whitney Technical High School where he studied carpentry and lettered in golf. He graduated in the spring of 1974.

In 1980, at age 24, Perez began umpiring. During his stellar career, he has called games for all genders at the youth and high school levels. He was a member of the Greater New Haven Baseball Umpires Association from 1990-2015 and been Amateur Athletic Union-certified since 2010. From 2000-15 he was the umpire-in-chief of Annex Little League.

Recognized by his peers as an elite umpire, Perez has been selected to work state and national tournaments. He has served as an instructor at clinics, and earned abundant accolades, including the Mario Lombardozi Award for excellence from his local ASA chapter.

After umpiring thousands of innings, Perez has remained humble. Today, he especially enjoys working games for children. His adulation for the young players began years ago when he coached in the Eddie Sheehan and Annex Little Leagues. Having the opportunity to coach his son, Christopher, is one of Perez's most cherished memories in sports.

Michael Lamberti, a member of the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame, has known Perez for 50 years. "Carl is a dear friend going back to the days we attended St. Michael School together," Lamberti said. "We have officiated many games together. On the field, Carl is conscientious and

he knows the game. Carl is patient with the players, and he is a tremendous communicator. Above all, Carl always treats the kids with respect and has their best interests in mind. He is a great person and umpire."

Professionally, Carl was employed as a correctional officer. For 22 years he worked in this capacity at the New Haven Correctional Center and at Union Avenue Detention Center.

Carl and his beloved wife, Patti, reside in East Haven. His son, Christopher, graduated from Notre Dame High School and his daughter, Danielle, from East Haven High School. A devout family man, Carl especially enjoys spending time with his grandchildren Grayson and Brayden.

### *Previous Winners*

1980	Henry Roche
1981	Anthony "Peaches" Lombardozi
1982	Joseph Murray
1983	Fred Ghirardini
1984	John Suski
1985	Jack Garrity
1986	George Klivak
1987	Paul Swords
1988	Rudy Raffone
1989	Ed Rapuano Sr.
1990	Bill Mahon
1991	Tony Mentone
1992	Arnie Mann

2008	Wendell Goldsmith
2009	Ed Klinkhammer
2010	Rich Altieri
2011	Bill Riccio
2012	John "Buddy" Chernovetz
2013	Fred Norman
2014	Tony Ginnetti
2015	Ralph Bernardini*
2016	Elmer Deschaine
2017	Stan Konesky Jr.
2018	John Adamovich
2019	Larry DeLeo
2021	Frank Mohr
2022	Dave Pittman
2023	Kathleen Morrison
2024	Frank Pallone

\* *posthumous*



# 2025 HONOREES

## Tony Mentone Memorial Distinguished Service Award RICHARD SHULTZ



Richard Shultz has devoted much of his life to sports in greater New Haven. He has especially contributed many volunteer hours to his hometown of Hamden.

Richard and his twin brother, Kirk, began playing basketball at age nine and baseball at age 10 in the Hamden Fathers organizations during

the 1966-67 school year. As they entered their teenage years they also became involved in officiating both sports. The Shultz brothers began umpiring in Hamden Fathers Baseball under the mentorship of Andy Gassira and Tony Mentone.

As an athlete, Shultz went on to excel in distance running. He established multiple school and Housatonic/District records at Hamden High School in cross-country and track & field before graduating in 1975. Shultz continued in both sports at the University of New Haven.

During his senior cross-country season of 1979 Shultz became the first UNH runner to qualify for the NCAA Division II national championship meet. In track, he was a part of the Chargers' mile relay team that won gold medals at the Millrose Games, the U.S. Olympic Vitalis Invitational, and the Penn Relays.

While in college, Shultz began coaching in the Hamden Fathers Baseball Association's Senior Babe Ruth League and the Hamden Fathers Basketball Association's age 15-17 league. He moved to New Jersey in 1983 to pursue a career but eventually came back to Connecticut.

Upon his return, he served on many boards for Boy Scout Troop 608 and spent five years as a coach and Executive Board member for the Hamden Soccer Association. He also reconnected with the Hamden Fathers Basketball and Hamden Fathers Baseball/Softball Associations, serving as a coach, league director, and board member for both groups. He has been the president of Hamden Fathers Basketball since 2016.

On the baseball side, Shultz is the league secretary and, since 2011, has been the umpire-in-chief of the HFBSA. He has coached several age groups in the organization, including taking teams to the Nutmeg Games. Shultz is an active member of the Greater New Haven Baseball Umpires Association, and is also a certified high-school official in football, basketball, and softball.

Shultz completed a B.S. degree in business administration from New Haven in 1980. He has three adult sons -- Richard Jr., Christopher, and Daniel.

### ***Previous Winners***

2010	Frank Mentone Jr.
2011	Ned Burt
2012	Dave Ruotolo
2013	Salvatore Coppola Sr.
2014	Steve Pacelli
2015	Rose V. Mentone
2016	Pat Mailhouse*
2017	Bill Rhone
2018	Michael "Tex" Volpe
2019	Jon Mendes Jr.
2021	Ron Rosarbo
2022	Harry O'Neill
2023	Denis Haley
2024	Matthew F. Mentone

*\* posthumous*

# 2025 HONOREES

## MARK BROOKES



Induction into the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame is just the latest honor in the storied career of Haddam-Killingworth High School baseball coach Mark Brookes.

Brookes joined the Haddam-Killingworth staff as a physical education teacher upon the formation of Connecticut Regional School District 17 for the 1975-76 school year. He was the first coach of the Cougars' boys' basketball team, guiding H-K for two seasons. He also started the school's baseball program, a tenure which has lasted quite a bit longer.

H-K baseball played as a junior varsity program in the spring of 1976. The following season, the Cougars took the field as a varsity team. Brookes has been the only head coach they have ever known, having completed season No. 48 in 2025.

With a career record of 778-330 (.702), Brookes has amassed the second-highest win total in Connecticut high school baseball history. His teams have won 10 Shoreline Conference championships. Eleven of Brookes' squads have advanced to the state semifinals and six to the finals, with the 2023 Cougars breaking through for the CIAC Class S title.

Brookes' H-K program has produced 160 conference all-stars and 47 all-state performers. Three of his former players have signed professional contracts. As his program became established, individual honors came his way as well. Brookes has captured four Shoreline Conference Coach of the Year Awards (2004, 2007, 2010, 2014). He was twice chosen as the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year (2001, 2024) and is a three-time National Coach of the Year finalist.

Brookes is also a member of the Halls of Fame of the CHSCA (2007), Haddam-Killingworth (2008), and Middletown Sports (2015). In 2023, he was honored with the Gold Key Award by the Connecticut Sports Media Alliance.

Brookes has also given back to H-K and the game of baseball. Over a 20-year period he spearheaded fundraising and organization and oversaw construction of several improvements to the Cougars' baseball facilities. These have included dugouts, batting cages, a pressbox and concession stand, resurfacing, scoreboards, and a public address system. He has twice coached in the CHSCA Senior All-Star Game and served a four-year term on the CIAC Baseball Committee. His teams have won the Middletown Board of Umpires Sportsmanship Award on six occasions.

A native of Haddam, Brookes captained the boys' basketball and baseball teams at Middletown High School and was part of a pair of state championship teams on the hardwood. After graduating in 1969, he went on to play baseball at Maryville (Tenn.) College, earning Team Most Valuable Player honors as a senior captain. Brookes earned a bachelor of arts degree in health and physical education from Maryville in 1973.

Brookes and his wife, the former Raye McGuinness, are celebrating 50 years of marriage. They reside in Haddam and have five children -- Sean, Erin, Talia, Tessa and Nara -- and 12 grandchildren. Brookes retired as a teacher at Haddam-Killingworth in 2011 after 36 years.

# 2025 HONOREES

## DAVE LANESE



A left-handed pitcher, first baseman and outfielder from Milford, Dave Lanese is a self-proclaimed “lucky overachiever” -- fortunate to have exceeded his natural athletic abilities playing the game of baseball. Thanks to passionate coaches and many talented teammates, he was blessed to enjoy an extensive amateur career in Connecticut.

Lanese was a four-year varsity starter from 1980-83 for the Milford High School Indians under head coach Dick Jeynes. A two-year captain, he compiled a career pitching record at MHS of 26-7 with more than 200 strikeouts, culminating with a 1983 all-state selection. A vivid memory for Lanese remains his last high school game -- a Class M quarterfinal loss -- for the success and failure that typifies baseball and life. During that contest he went 5 for 5 -- including a two-out, three-RBI, game-tying double in the top of the ninth -- overshadowed by a less-than-stellar outing on the mound.

During his high school summers, Lanese played for the consolidated Milford American Legion teams which won multiple Zone 2 titles. His teams advanced to the 18U state tournament -- which was then just an eight-team field -- in three of four years.

A member of the University of Connecticut Huskies from 1984-87 when the Big East Baseball Conference originated, Lanese was a three-year letterman and senior co-captain under coach Andy Baylock. Recruited to be a pitcher and position player, a comment to him from UConn legend and MLB ROY/All-Star Walt Dropo soon became reality, “Son, at some point you’re going to have to decide which position you want to advance in.” In 1987 he was voted the Huskies’ team MVP by his peers after hitting .324/.437/.595 with 8 home runs and 42 RBI in 39 games, earning All-New England honors as a first baseman.

Passionate about baseball, Lanese continued to play for 15 summers in local amateur leagues. He played for more than a decade in the West Haven Twilight League, primarily for the McLean-Tiernan Realtors, who he helped to 3 league championships. Recognized as league MVP in 1985 and tournament MVP in 1987, he was honored as WHTL Gold Bat Award recipient in 2008. Lanese was also a 2-time league MVP in 1997 and 1999 with the Stratford Alehouse/Dri-Tec Waterproofing team in the Bridgeport Senior City League that won 10 straight league titles, 3 AABC CT state championships, 2 NABF NE regional titles and the 1996 NABF national championship.

After his playing days ended he volunteered as a coach for many of his sons’ teams in the Little League, Babe Ruth, East Shore, and American Legion organizations.

Currently a Senior Manager of Accounting, Systems & Reporting for the North America affiliate of Beiersdorf AG, a global skin care company based in Stamford, he is in his 25th year of employment with the consumer products manufacturer.

Lanese has been married to Jill Demanchyk for 28 years and is the proud father of four adult children -- JT, Kevin, Tori, and Kasen, all Foran High School graduates who have followed his path to a UConn degree. JT and Kevin were the No. 3 and 4 hitters on the Foran No. 32 seed 2017 Class L state championship baseball team, coached by fellow 2025 SCDC Hall-of-Fame honoree Garrett Walker.

# 2025 HONOREES

## RON LUNEAU



Ron Luneau has impacted many lives during his more than 30 years as a teacher and multi-sport coach in greater New Haven.

Luneau was born and raised in the sports-rich Naugatuck Valley, graduating from Derby High School in 1984. He was a multi-sport athlete for the Red Raiders, competing in varsity football and baseball. Luneau played for legendary coaches Tom Fahy, John DeFrancisco and Lou DeFillippo, and in 1983 was one of Charlie DiCenso's first Derby football captains. He credits these coaches for their positive impact in his life and their roles as his mentors.

Luneau continued to play four years of football at Central Connecticut State University, where he majored in history and completed his bachelor's degree in 1989. He continues to be an active member of the CCSU Alumni community.

After graduation, Luneau achieved his longtime dream of becoming a history teacher. He taught and coached football, basketball and baseball at Derby High from 1992-2006. Luneau was the Red Raiders' head baseball coach from 1997-2003 where, while playing against much larger

schools in the Southern Connecticut Conference, his Class S Derby teams qualified for three state tournaments. He is proud to have coached three All-State players from Derby -- Kevin Stephens and two-time selections George French and D.J. Manning.

From 2005-07 Luneau was an assistant at Emmett O'Brien Technical High School and the head coach of Guilford American Legion. In 2008, he made what he considers the best move of his professional career and moved to West Haven High School to continue teaching and coaching. He has been on the Blue Devil football and baseball staffs for the past 17 years, and was an assistant on the 2009 Class LL state championship baseball team.

In 2015, Luneau was named head coach of West Haven baseball, and served in that role through 2022. During his tenure his teams qualified for the Class LL tournament four times. WHHS went 17-6 in 2021 and played in the SCC final. That squad also received the Team Academic Excellence Award from the American Baseball Coaches Association. Luneau was named the 2021 SCC Coach of the Year and SCDC Sam Burrell Co-Coach of the Year, and the Blue Devils shared SCDC George Klivak Team of the Year honors. In 2022, West Haven shared the SCC Quinnipiac Division title. Luneau coached WHHS all-state players Mike Savino and Gianni Gambardella (twice).

Luneau currently serves as a volunteer assistant football and baseball coach at West Haven and, since 2023, an assistant girls' basketball coach at Ansonia High School. In 2022, he was selected as one of two head coaches in the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Junior All-Star Baseball Game, and is now that event's co-chair. He is also proud to be a 16-year member of the SCDC Executive Board.

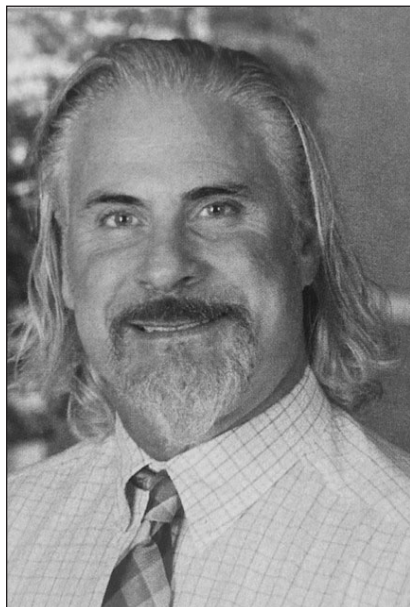
More than anything, Luneau cherishes his relationships with his former players. Sixteen of his former West Haven players went on to play college baseball. He takes pride in knowing that he has helped hundreds of students and student-athletes with their college placements.

Luneau is married to Cathy Morelli. He has three children -- Erin, Carter, and Anne.



# 2025 HONOREES

## DON MARTONE



An accomplished athlete and dedicated teacher, Don Martone was part of five state championships as a student-athlete, assistant coach and head coach at Notre Dame High School of West Haven.

Martone was a two-sport varsity athlete at Notre Dame, serving as captain of both the football and baseball teams. As a sophomore in 1985, he was the starting third baseman on the Green Knights' first state championship baseball team. That season culminated with an upset of an undefeated Fairfield Prep team in the Class LL championship game.

Martone helped ND to the state championship game against Trumbull during his senior football season of 1986. As a senior, he earned all-state honors in both sports.

Martone continued playing baseball at Providence College. In 1992, he was a co-captain of the team that defeated the University of Connecticut to bring Providence its first Big East Conference baseball championship. That title allowed PC to make its first NCAA Division I Tournament appearance, against Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Martone's last collegiate at-bat was a dramatic one. In the bottom of the ninth inning with two outs and PC down by a run, he blasted a mammoth solo home run out of LSU's Alex Box Stadium to tie the game. He was named All-Big East in 1991 and was a two-time All-New England selection.

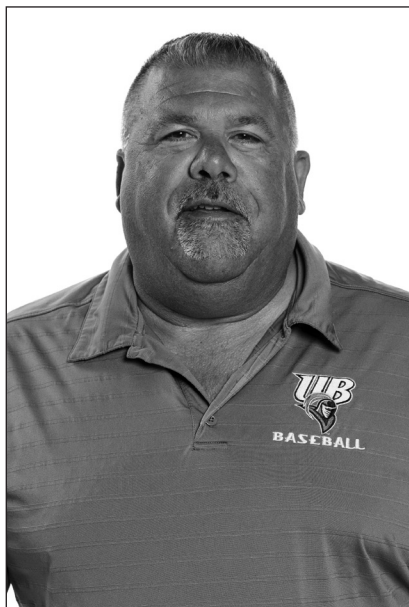
Martone returned to Notre Dame as an assistant football and assistant freshman baseball coach in 2004 and as a member of the science department in 2005. His approach to baseball was inspirational and, at the time, novel -- not only focusing on the athletic performance on the field, but working with student-athletes to help them understand the role mental awareness, preparedness, and psychological acumen played in working toward success.

Martone was elevated to head baseball coach at Notre Dame in 2015, and guided the Green Knights to the CIAC Class L championship during his second season. He led ND until 2023, and was inducted into the Notre Dame High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2024.

Martone holds a bachelor's degree in health policy and management from Providence, conferred in 1991, and a master's in sport administration from St. Thomas University. Martone moved to the northeast kingdom in 2024 where he continues to teach science and coach baseball at North Country Union High School in Newport, Vermont.

# 2025 HONOREES

## JOE TONELLI JR.



Joe Tonelli has spent 33 seasons as a college baseball coach in Connecticut. He recently completed his 13th year as the head coach of the University of Bridgeport. Tonelli, who was also the first head coach of Albertus Magnus College, possesses 406 NCAA victories.

Tonelli took over the UB program in 2012 after two seasons as an assistant under SCDC Hall-of-Famer John Anquillare. He became the winningest coach in program history when the Purple Knights topped Mercy College on April 10, 2021. Tonelli currently stands with 217 wins at UB.

One of Tonelli's highlights in Bridgeport is leading the Purple Knights to their first NCAA Division II Regional berth in 2016. UB put together a record of 28-24-1 and earned an at-large invitation to the NCAA Tournament. Tonelli was named the East Coast Conference Coach of the Year.

Before going to Bridgeport, Tonelli served as an assistant coach at Quinnipiac University for five seasons on the staff of SCDC Hall-of-Famer Dan Gooley. During his time with the Bobcats, QU made one NCAA Division I Regional and two Northeast Conference playoff appearances and saw six players sign professional contracts.

Tonelli helped start the baseball program at Albertus, serving as the Falcons' coach from 1992-2004. His teams won two Great Northeast Athletic Conference titles, made two ECAC Division III Tournaments, and, in 2002, received the program's first NCAA playoff berth. Under Tonelli's watch, the Falcons produced 44 all-conference players, including six Players of the Year and three Pitchers of the Year. A two-time GNAC Coach of the Year, Tonelli is a member of the Albertus Magnus Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tonelli was also the Athletics Director at Albertus, serving in that role from 1995-2002. He had previously been the Falcons' Assistant Director of Athletics and Sports Information Director. In 2003, he was the Director of Athletics and Dean of Students at Loralton Hall High School in Milford.

Tonelli attended Notre Dame High School of West Haven, graduating in 1986. Playing for SCDC Hall-of-Famer Tom Marcucci, he was a teammate of fellow 2025 honoree Don Martone on Notre Dame's first state championship baseball team in 1985. His father, Joe Sr., also a member of the SCDC Hall of Fame, was the NDHS Athletics Director during his career.

Tonelli played collegiately at Assumption College (now University) in Worcester, Mass. A standout third baseman and two-year captain for the Greyhounds, he was twice named All-Northeast 10 Conference and was a First Team All-New England selection.

Tonelli completed a bachelor's degree at Assumption in 1990. He and his wife, Francine, reside in East Haven and are expectant grandparents in January. They have six adult children -- Ryan (who played baseball at Bridgeport), Casey, Matteo, Grace, Zachary, and Julia.

# 2025 HONOREES

## GARRETT WALKER



Garrett Walker grew up entrenched in the landscape of athletics and competition. As the son of this year's inaugural SCDC Dan Gooley Legends Award winner Ken Walker, Garrett has followed in the legacy of impacting baseball in Connecticut.

A 2003 graduate of Joseph A. Foran High School, Walker was a three-sport standout, excelling in football, basketball, and baseball for the Lions. While playing baseball under his father, Walker was a four-year starter, gathering All-South-West Conference recognition three times. He was twice named All-State. During his senior year, he was a member of the Connecticut All-Star team which competed at Fenway Park.

On the football field, Walker started at quarterback for three years and earned All-SWC honors as a senior. Lions basketball saw Walker start for three seasons and twice be named All-SWC. In Walker's four years at Foran, he earned 12 varsity letters.

Walker starred for the Milford Post 196 American Legion teams during the summers of his high school career. He was named All-Zone three times while competing with teams that regularly pushed deep into the state playoffs.

Walker attended Central Connecticut State University on a baseball scholarship. He completed four years of competition at the Division-I level. Walker started at every position in the infield over his time at Central while competing against top teams in the region and nationally-recognized universities.

Walker played through college and beyond in the West Haven Twilight League, spanning 17 years. He earned eight all-league awards and was named the league's Most Valuable Player in 2012. He was twice awarded the Gambardella Sportsmanship Award. In 2023, Walker was granted the WHTL Gold Bat Award. He also spent time playing in both the Wallingford Twilight League and the Bridgeport Senior City League.

Walker stepped into the coaching ranks in 2011, joining his father's baseball staff at Foran for two years until Ken Walker's untimely passing. He was named the head baseball coach of the Lions in 2013.

Walker guided the Lions to the 2017 Class L state championship. In dramatic fashion, his Lions won that crown as the No. 32 seed in the playoff bracket, becoming the only high school team in any sport in Connecticut history to win a state title as the last seed. He was recognized as the Coach of the Year by the *New Haven Register* and the *Hartford Courant* and was named the *USA Today* Connecticut Coach of the Year. A head coach in the 2021 Connecticut Junior All-Star Game, Walker is an active committee member with the Connecticut High School Coaches Association.

Since 2013, Walker has been a part of the Grind Baseball organization as an instructor and in player development. Working with fellow SCDC Hall-of-Famer Michael Moras, he has coached travel teams and has helped develop many players with achieving college and professional playing opportunities.

In addition to his work on the diamond, Walker is an established football coach at Foran. He was appointed the head coach in 2023 after serving as an assistant the previous nine years.

Walker resides in Milford with his wife, Lynn, his son, Kenny, and two daughters, Chloe and Lyla.

# HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

## Greater New Haven Diamond Club

1980 - 1991

**1980**

"Jumping" Joe Dugan  
Francis "Huck" Finn  
Frank "Beauty" McGowan  
Walter "Pop" Smith\*  
"Smoky" Joe Wood

**1981**

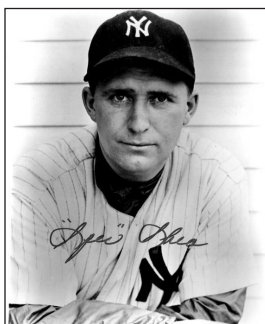
Stephen S. O'Brien  
John "Whitey" Piurek  
Daniel Y. Stewart  
Richard Tettlebach  
George Weiss\*  
*West Haven Twilight League*

**1982**

Bill Ahern  
Emmons J. "Chick" Bowen\*  
Dr. James W. Moore  
Frank "Spec" Shea  
Matthew "Pop" Shortell  
John Vietch

**1983**

Dom Aitro\*  
Art Ceccarelli  
Ray Legenza  
Phil McLean  
Eddie Wilson\*



**Frank "Spec" Shea**  
(Inducted 1982)

**1984**

Bob Barthelson  
Joseph Degale  
Ken MacKenzie  
James "Big Jim" Sheehan  
Frank "Porky" Vieira

**1985**

John Daughan  
Bob DeMayo  
Ray Hartmann  
Ray Tellier Sr.\*  
John White  
*Emmons Bowen*  
*Babe Ruth League*

**1986**

Vito DeVito  
Pat Panza  
Edward Torello  
Joe Yotch  
*New Haven Cardinals*

**1987**

Gene Casey  
A. Bartlett Giamatti  
Bob Greenwood



**Ken MacKenzie**  
(Inducted 1984)

**1988**

James F. "Doc" Gilhuly  
Edward Irons  
George Klivak  
Robert Neubauer  
Carl Tufts

**1989**

Vincent Carbone  
William Douglas  
Hank Luzzi  
Joe Mattei  
Mickey Milici

**1990**

Al "Doc" Aguzzi  
Sam Burrell  
Paul "Topsy" Del Gobbo  
Andrew Gassira\*  
Joe Tonelli Sr.

**1991**

Joe Benanto  
Phillip Del Vecchio  
Judge James Doherty  
George Hanchette  
Rev. Matthew Robert Shanley

\* *posthumous*



**Hank Luzzi**  
(Inducted 1989)



# HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

## Southern Connecticut Diamond Club

### 2008-present

#### 2008

Tom Fahy  
Jerry Gambardella Jr.\*  
Ed Goldstone  
Dan Gooley  
Burt Leventhal  
Mel Zeidenberg

#### 2009

John L. Carusone  
Augie Garbatini  
Ed Rapuano Jr.  
Vincent Virgulto  
George Wadley\*

#### 2010

George Grande  
Warren Howe  
Ed Lewis  
Tony Mentone\*  
Ken Perrone

#### 2011

Scott Burrell  
Vin DiLauro  
Joe Guglielmo  
Ed Marocco\*  
Rev. Owen Sanderson  
Tom Yankus

#### 2012

Jon Capone  
Mike Freda  
Rich Marazzi  
Mike Reilly  
Dave Solomon\*  
Manny Williams

#### 2013

Butch Abel  
John Anquillare  
Dan Ford  
Earl Mathewson  
Bob Moran  
Tony Notarino

#### 2014

Roger Beale  
Noel Kinski  
Bill Marioni  
Pat Paulson  
Phil "Skippy" Scarpellino  
*Hamden Plainsmen*

#### 2015

Sal Coppola  
Pfc. Edward Duel\*  
Mike Giordano  
Frank Kafka  
Mike Vacca  
*1954 Hamden Medics*

#### 2016

Matt Altieri  
Dick Jeynes  
Michael Lamberti  
John Stuper  
Ed Sylvia

#### 2017

Rich Balzano  
Thomas "Tinker" Blake\*  
Chuck Burghardt  
Ray Ciarleglio  
John Peccerillo  
Sal Punzo  
*1972 North Haven Post 76 team*  
*1977 Hamden HS team*

#### 2018

Chuck Coyle  
John DeFrancisco  
Ed DiPersio  
George Dummar\*  
Bill Mrowka  
Lou Verdi  
*1992 Cheshire HS team*  
*1993 Cheshire HS team*

#### 2019

Fred Geier Jr.  
Howard Gura  
Bob Kelsey  
Tom Marcucci  
Ed McCarthy  
Walt Novak  
Mike Proto

#### 2020

*No banquet - COVID 19*

#### 2021

Jocelyn Chang  
Charlie Flanagan  
Jim Guercia\*  
Bob Mirtó

#### 2022

Donna Caldeira  
Bob Cuozzo  
"Coach" George DeMaio  
Tony Golino\*  
Steve Reilly  
Dave Ryan\*

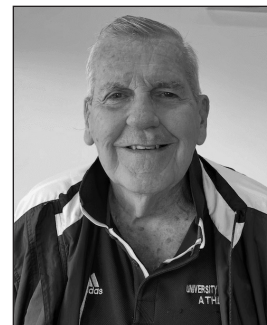
#### 2023

Mike Anquillare  
Al Carbone  
Steve Kesses  
Matt Merullo  
Jim Pascarella  
Joe Roche

#### 2024

Pete Civitello  
Mark Consorte  
Joe Lizza  
Michael Moras  
Tim Shea  
Vincent Siena Jr.

\* posthumous



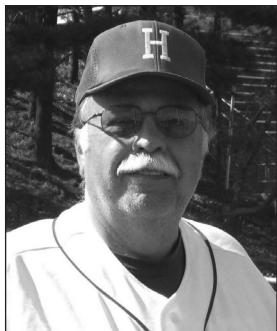
**Dick Jeynes**  
**(Inducted 2016)**



**Tom Marcucci**  
**(Inducted 2019)**

# IN MEMORIAM

The following members of the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Executive Board have passed away since the SCDC's inception in 2005.



**Tony Mentone**  
1945-2009



**Mel Zeidenberg**  
1925-2018



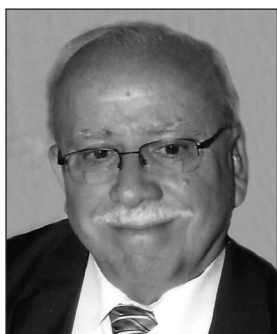
**Ed Rapuano Sr.**  
1937-2021



**Sam Burrell**  
1932-2022



**Vin Virgulto**  
1941-2023

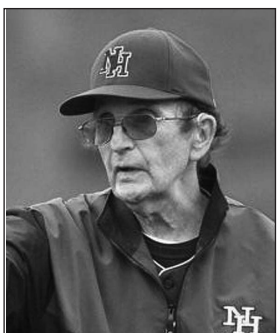


**Joe Mattei**  
1937-2024



**Burt Leventhal**  
1935-2025

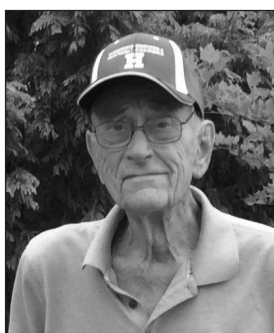
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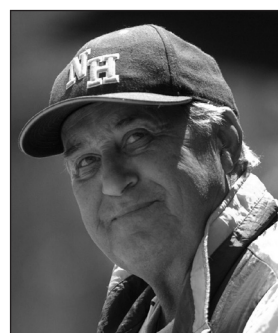
**Bob DeMayo**  
1941-2025  
Inducted 1985



**Burt Leventhal**  
1935-2025  
Inducted 2008



**Harry O'Neill**  
1934-2025  
Mentone Service  
Award 2022

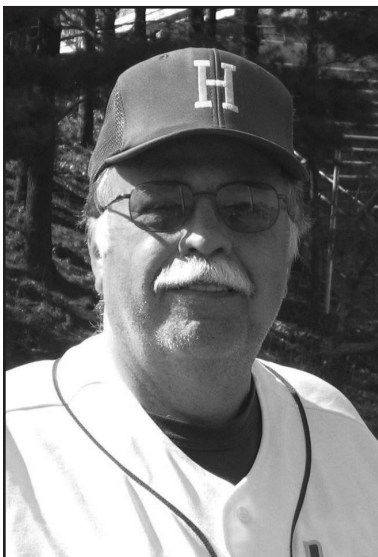


**Frank Vieira**  
1933-2025  
Inducted 1984

# In Loving Memory of **ANTHONY F. MENTONE**



**November 9, 1945 -- October 20, 2009**



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- \* Member, National Babe Ruth Umpires Association
- \* Vice President, Greater New Haven Diamond Club
- \* Recipient, 1991 GNHDC Andrew Gassira Umpire Award
- \* Selected to umpire at 1998 East Regional Little League Tournament in Bristol, Conn.
- \* Inducted into SCDC Hall of Fame, 2010



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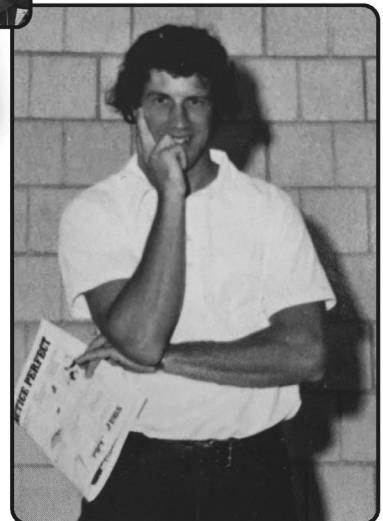
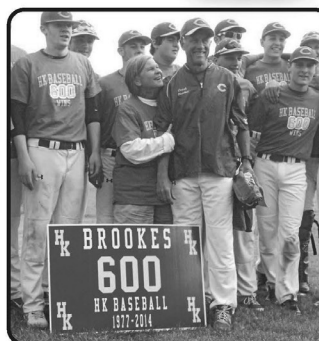
2025 INDUCTEE OF THE SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT DIAMOND CLUB HALL OF FAME



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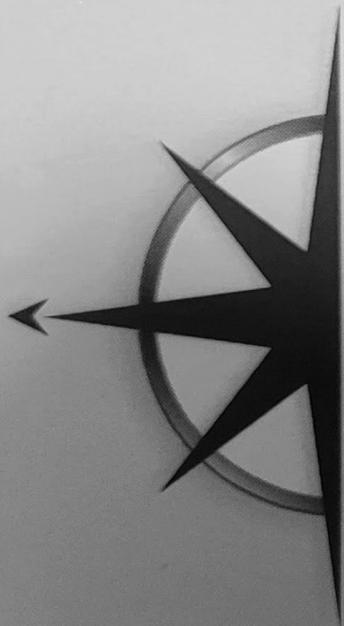
**JOE  
TONELLI**



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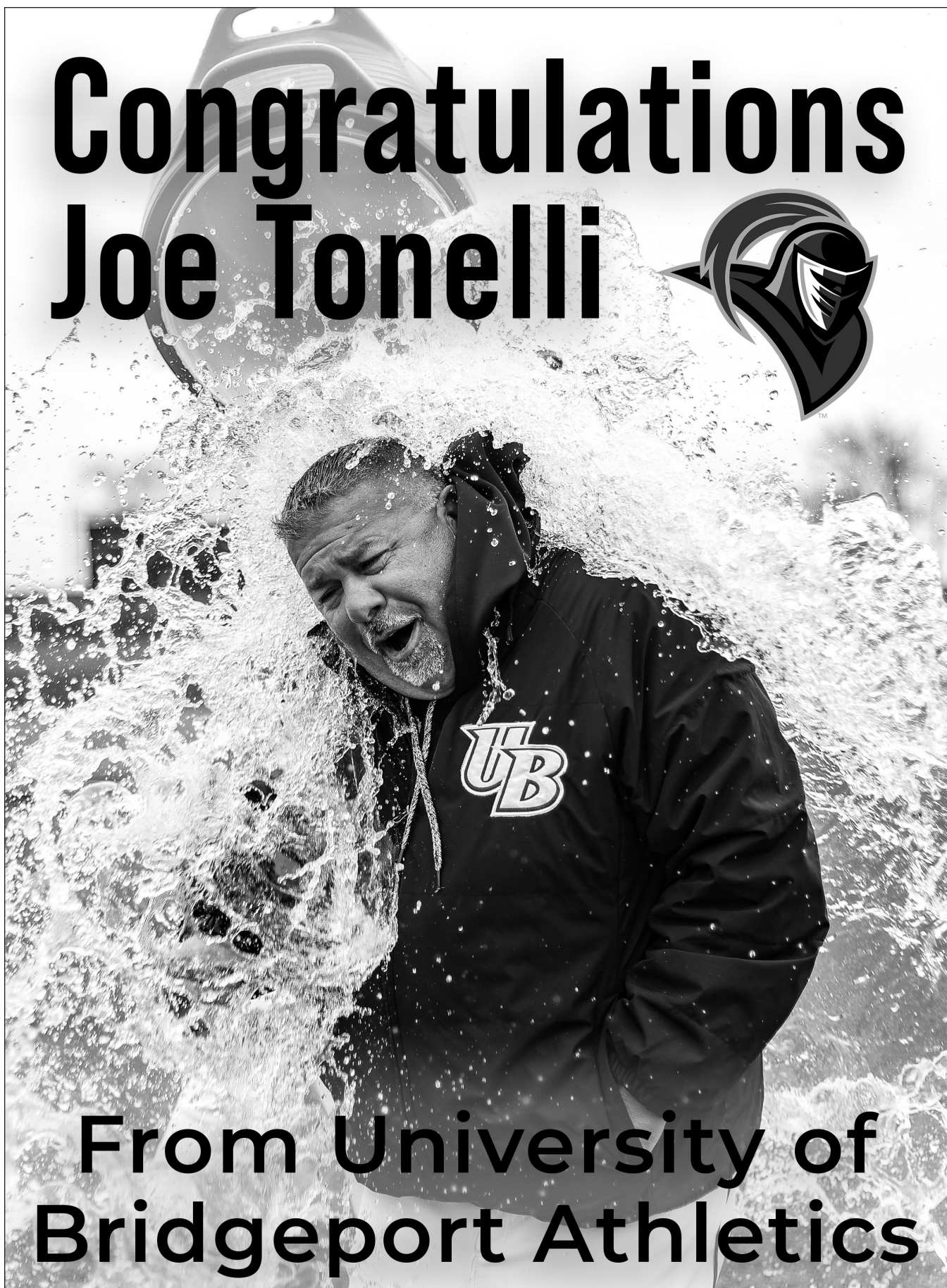
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# Congratulations Joe Tonelli



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**Congratulations to all of  
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**Thank you to my fellow Board  
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**--Ron Luneau  
SCDC Executive Board**

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**FROM**

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The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club is a volunteer-run organization. The SCDC has been involved in numerous community outreach efforts, including youth skills clinics, sponsorship of events, and awards dinners.

Proceeds raised by the SCDC are donated back to the local baseball community. For donation requests, please visit [www.southernctdiamondclub.org/contact-us.html](http://www.southernctdiamondclub.org/contact-us.html) and tell us more about your organization and how the funds will be used.

Here are just some of organizations and initiatives that have been supported:

American Legion Baseball - donations to support local posts

Connecticut Collegiate Baseball League teams

DonorsChoose.org campaigns related to baseball

Frank Vieira Endowed Scholarship at the University of New Haven

Hamden Education Foundation - for a yearly scholarship awarded to a senior baseball player

Joseph Mattei Endowed Scholarship at Quinnipiac University

Local athletics Halls of Fame

Local Little Leagues

New Haven Register Fresh Air Fund

Samuel A. Burrell Jr. Scholarship at Southern Connecticut State University

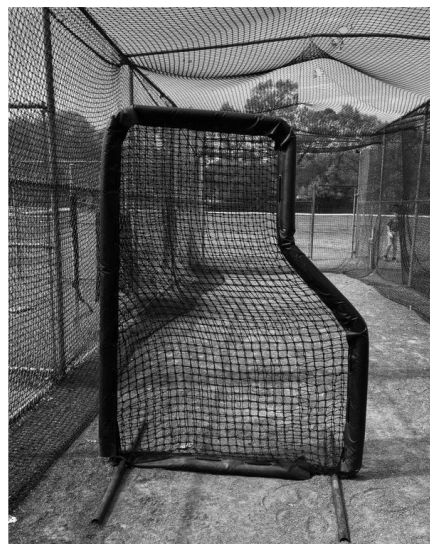
Various local charitable baseball tournaments

Various sports foundations

West Haven Baseball

West Haven Twilight League

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