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**RONALD W.
LINDEMANN
ATHLETIC
HALL
OF FAME**



2016 INDUCTION CEREMONY

September 17, 2016

WELCOME
to the

**RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

**INDUCTION CEREMONY & DINNER
Saturday, September 17, 2016**



Hastings Southside Social & Athletic Club
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706
6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

WELCOME

INTRODUCTIONS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

INVOCATION

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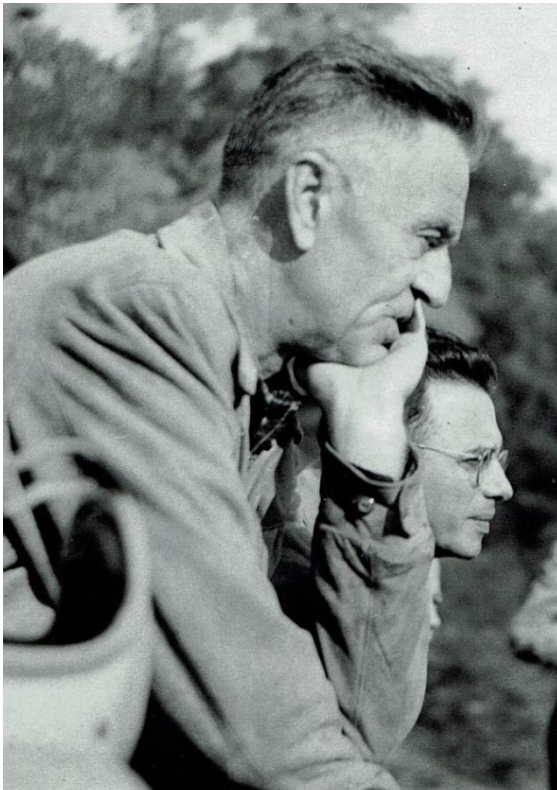
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

CLOSING REMARKS

Welcome honorees, Hall of Fame members, alumni, families and friends. We are pleased you have joined us to celebrate the induction of these seven former HHS athletes and former coach as we officially receive them into the notable Ronald W. Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame for 2016.

“Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars.”

-Les Brown



RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN

"COACH LINDY"

May 12, 1901 – June 21, 1970

Physical Education Teacher
Coach
Administrator

HHS Football Coach: 1944–1957
61 Wins 29 Losses 8 Ties
3 Undefeated/Un-Tied Teams
1944–1946–1949
Coach of the Year –1949



The Hastings High School Alumni Association, in grateful appreciation for his outstanding leadership, support and cheerful personality, dedicated the newly formed alumni association's sports Hall of Fame in honor of former HHS physical education teacher and coach, Ronald W. Lindemann, on October 21, 2000.

Although there were many outstanding faculty members who in their own way gave tremendous direction and guidance during the '40s and '50s, this popular and charismatic coach was involved not only with the athletes he taught but also with all students he came in contact with during his tenure at HHS. As a teacher, coach and friend, Coach Lindy's encouragement and readiness to give of himself was an incredibly positive and everlasting influence. He helped many young men of that era find their way, stay the course and expand their possibilities. He was an inspiration to all who were privileged to have known him.

We trust the Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame will continue to serve well as Coach Lindy's legacy and inspire each new generation of HHS athletes to achieve greatness of their own.

Bernard J. O'Brien '50
Founder, Director Emeritus

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

-Henry Brooks Adams

RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The purpose of this Hall of Fame is to honor and preserve the legacy of those who have excelled in the past and to inspire future generations of HHS athletes to achieve greatness of their own.

NOMINATING GUIDELINES FOR INDUCTION

*CANDIDATES MERITING INDUCTION BEGINS 5 YEARS FROM DATE OF GRADUATION.

An athlete, living or deceased, can be nominated for induction by any HHS graduate, teacher or coach. *No self-nominations.

An athlete must be a varsity letter winner in two sports for two years or more, including his/her senior year.

Athletic accomplishments at HHS shall be the foundation for selection; i.e. All-League, All-County, All-Section, Winged Foot Award, etc.

Any athlete who has participated in only one varsity sport for two years or more and is recognized as outstanding by his/her achievements may be given special consideration for induction.

Post high school accomplishments may be considered if remarkable or admirable.

The athlete must be approved by the HOF Selection Committee.

IN THE EVENT THAT A NOMINEE IS NOT ELECTED IN ONE BI-ANNUAL PERIOD THEY SHALL REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR RECONSIDERATION IN THE NEXT ELECTION PERIOD.

HISTORY OF THE WINGED FOOT AWARD FOR WOMEN



The Winged Foot Award was created by former HHS Coach Ida Menne, and designed to reward female athletes for each sport they played. In its time, it was equivalent to the status of "All-League" for men, and the only honor designated for women until 1972, when the initiative known as Title IX transformed and revolutionized women's sports across the nation.

The Winged Foot Award program was based on a point system that was cumulative from year to year, beginning freshman year. Female athletes were rewarded for a combination of sports played, respect for fair play and leadership qualities. Acquiring the designated number of points to merit the award was not easily achieved – typically, the recipient did not accrue enough points to qualify for this honor until her senior year.

"The formula for success is simple; practice and concentration and then more practice and more concentration." -*Babe Didrikson Zaharias*

The Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall Of Fame –
It all began with one man's vision.



Bernard "O-Bie" O'Brien
Class of 1950

"O-Bie" O'Brien was born and raised in Hastings-on-Hudson, and graduated from HHS in 1950. With the help of his high school coach Ronald Lindemann (who was like a father figure for him), O-Bie attended Brockport State Teachers College where he was a multi-sport athlete. He graduated from Brockport in 1954 with his B.S. degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

In the late '90s, O-Bie set his sights on resurrecting the defunct high school alumni association and restoring it as a not-for-profit, charitable organization. To achieve this task, he reached out to a small group of fellow HHS grads for their support, business insight and financial backing. The plan took years of determination and unwavering enthusiasm as the group set out to recruit alumni, organize a range of committees, and establish by-laws. It was an exciting time in October 2000, when their dedicated efforts came to fruition and the Hastings High School Alumni Association, Inc., was formally incorporated as a not-for-profit (501)(c3) tax exempt, charitable corporation under New York State law - and operating as an active, member supported organization.

But that was just the beginning. O-Bie's next goal was to form a distinctive sports organization to recognize former HHS athletes and coaches for their dedication and achievements during high school. On October 21, 2000, O-Bie's plan was realized as 16 former athletes were inducted into the sports organization christened the Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame - named in tribute to the coach and mentor who had profoundly influenced him and guided his course in life.

This celebrated organization has grown to include more than 173 members whose achievements during high school and beyond were at the highest level and whose love of the game was their greatest motivation.

"A school without a past has no history." -Bernard "O-Bie" O'Brien '50



RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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| 1931- Steven Lysak* | 1950- Jack "Gondie" Carvalho* |
| 1932- John Antku | 1950- Steve "Terror" Ravinsky |
| 1937- John Lysak | 1950- John "Housie" Courtney* |
| 1938- Stan Trypuc* | 1950- Sue Lindemann Staropoli |
| 1939- Paul "Red" Angelovich* | 1950- Bernard "O-Bie" O'Brien |
| 1939- George Rusnack* | 1951- Ann Scully Liebers |
| 1940- William Lancaster | 1952- Thomas Charlton |
| 1941- Harold Titus | 1952- Margaret Seman Kopchik |
| 1942- Armond Carvahov* | 1952- Ann Seman O'Leary |
| 1942- John MacCallum | 1952- Robert Marsh |
| 1942- Dave Warner | 1952- Constance Edgar Davis |
| 1943- Jimmy "Jada" Slavin* | 1953- Carol Lindemann Studley |
| 1943- Clarence Carney | 1953- Joe "Bud" Wenzel |
| 1944- Julius Chemka* | 1953- Betty Eckels |
| 1944- Tony Ravinsky* | 1954- Edward "Ed" Usher |
| 1944- Gertha Schlicter Stelzl | 1954- John "Russ" Poli* |
| 1945- Lou Santora | 1955- Eugene Mignogna |
| 1945- John Platenyk* | 1955- Regina Rehack Lockwood |
| 1945- Jesse Lee Pickett Casey | 1956- Joan Farrell Lee |
| 1945- Doris Lee Fiedler Gilbert | 1956- Timothy Barnes |
| 1945- Catherine Farmer Hosmer* | 1956- Michael "Mickey" Bless* |
| 1945- George "Dee" DiChiara | 1957- William Neely |
| 1946- Philip Klipp* | 1957- Wayne Landry |
| 1946- Erling Anderson | 1958- Richard Roman |
| 1946- Coral Jander Brown | 1958- Carlton Einsel |
| 1947- Nelson MacCallum | 1958- Eric "Tank" Kantor |
| 1947- Peter DiChiara | 1959- Mike Haugh |
| 1948- Louis Rapoli * | 1959- Lucien Reeburg* |
| 1948- Jeanne Fisher Henry | 1959- Werner Kleeman |
| 1948- Paul "Pinkey" Velez | 1959- Karl J. Wiehe |
| 1948- Ann Zelonka McLoughlin* | 1959- Joseph Scaturro |
| 1948- Ronnie Seetoo | 1960- Bern Richards |
| 1949- Paul Cardaci* | 1961- Arthur Fisher* |
| 1949- William "Sonny" Kohl* | 1961- Valerie Frye Harmon |
| 1949- William Pardy | 1961- Margery Jenkins Fisher |
| 1949- Ivy Molloy* | 1962- Peter Noyes |
| 1949- Raymond "Red" Miller | 1963- Richard Wiehe |
| 1949- Donald Jacobsen | 1963- Brian Davis |
| 1949- Manuel "Manny" Riberio | 1964- Lance Johnson |
| 1949- Robert Breckles* | 1964- Steven Benchat* |

1964- John Adams
1964- Kenneth Aluisio
1965- Joseph Kennedy
1965- Beverly Rohlehr Colby
1965- Donald W. Russell
1965- William Cook*
1967- Andrea Poruczniak Cleary
1967- William Skibitsky
1968- John Timmeny
1968- MaryEllen Wright Forrest
1969- Patrick "Patt" Burke
1969- Stephen Cuppek Jr.
1969- Angelo Questo
1969- Michael Kontos
1970- Linda Forshaw
1970- Edward "Ted" Crawford
1970- Robert Bernarducci
1970- Florence Brennan Audevard
1971- Beverly Skultety LaBelle
1972- George Capuano*
1972- Nancy Maleska
1972- Julius "Butch" Chemka*
1974- Walter Brickowski
1975- Charles "Chuck" Fleming*
1975- Karen Koblosh Flaherty
1975- Kim Koblosh Thornton
1975- Patricia Sinatra
1975- David Riggs
1976- Mark Bingham
1976- Maryanne Young McDevitt
1979- Catherine Cardaci
1980- Thomas Fleming
1980- Bronwyn Eaton Wyrsh
1980- Gina Drumm Frate
1981- Mary Hurrell
1983- Eleanor Frankel
1983- Christine Vaccaro Teel
1983- Mary Pat Lindner Baily
1986- Stefanie Parrott

1987- Lee R. Kaiser
1987- Thomas Guglielmo
1987- Lewis Lefkowitz
1987- Brian Nyemchek
1988- James Kennedy
1988- Brian Morrissey
1988- Sharon Oelkers
1990- Justin Hogan
1992- Melissa Paretto
1993- Kate Maggiotto Mehok
1993- Kelly Moroch Duffy
1994- Jennifer Ryan
1994- Jordan Wolff
1996- Kathryn Dekas
1996- Michael Sassano
1997- Denise Harrington
1999- Kern D. Mojica
1999- Farid Johnson
2001- Lauren Martone
2002- Kelly Flaherty Handrahan

COACHES

Richard "Dick" Bub Sr.
John Costello
Ida Menne*
Leroy Cochran*
John Dane*
Timothy Doyle*
Ronald Feaster*
Patricia Hicks*
Rosemary Eaton*
Elisabeth "Ibby" Rutherford
Michael Eckelman
Bruce Crandall

*Known Deceased

"I love the winning, I can take the losing, but most of all I love to play."
-Boris Becker

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HOF SELECTION COMMITTEE – 2016

Richard “Dick” Bub Sr. John Costello
Peter Westrell Michael Eckelman
John Morabito Bruce Crandall
Elisabeth “Ibby” Rutherford

HHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2016

Patricia Chemka Speranza '76 – President
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“It's hard to beat a person who never gives up.” -*Babe Ruth*

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INDUCTEE PRESENTATIONS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

On behalf of the Hastings High School Alumni Association and the members of the Ronald W. Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame, past and present, we applaud you on your noteworthy achievements during high school. The blending of your sportsmanship, athletic talent, and passion for the game is what has proven you to be a true Hall of Famer!

Congratulations

INDUCTEES

COREY BOROWITZ

JOHN T. KANE

PETER DEITZ

GEORGE TINO

JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY

MICHAEL C. MCELROY

ROBERT W. ZABARONICK

ROBERT NELSON

PRESENTERS

NICK BOROWITZ '73

ROBERT BUZAK '52

BRUCE CRANDALL
HOF INDUCTEE 2014

DAVID RIGGS '75
HOF INDUCTEE 2014

JOE VACCARO

JOHN COSTELLO JR.

JOSEPH KENNEDY '65
HOF INDUCTEE 2003

PETE WESTRELL

COREY BOROWITZ – Class of 1997

Basketball, Baseball

NOMINATED BY NICK BOROWITZ '73

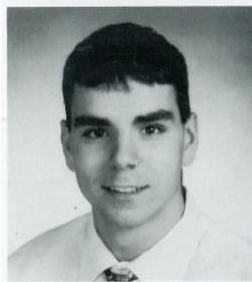
Nick nominated Corey for his outstanding accomplishments on the baseball diamond and the basketball court that resulted in him making All-League and All-Section in both sports. Nick said, "Corey's character and style of play always gained him respect amongst his peers and coaches."



Since graduating Hastings High School in 1973, Corey continued his education and athletics at Marist College. In 2002, he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology followed by a master's degree in childhood education at Mercy College.

For the past 10 years, Corey has been an elementary school teacher for the New York City Department of Education. During this time, he has also been a varsity basketball and baseball coach at Edgemont High School in Scarsdale, New York. Corey plans on teaching and coaching for the duration of his career. Soon to be married, Corey and his fiancé Nuria, plan on raising a family in Hastings-on-Hudson. The couple met several years ago through a mutual friend, and have since been inseparable.

Corey said, "I am honored to be inducted into the Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame for 2016, and I am very thankful to the alumni association for selecting me."



Varsity Baseball – 1995, 1996, 1997

All-Section '97

All-League '97

Pitcher of the Year '97

HHS Record Holder for Wins and Strikeouts

Varsity Basketball – 1995, 1996, 1997

All-Section – '97

All-League – '97

Averaged 20 PPG

JOHN T. "JACK" KANE – Class of 1952

Football, Baseball, Track & Field

NOMINATED BY CLASSMATES BOB MARSH, ROBERT BUZAK AND JOHN GONDER
Marsh said, "In addition to Jack's athletic abilities, he also had outstanding leadership and citizenship traits. Buzak added, "The class of '52 included several fine athletes – one of the best was Jack Kane." Gonder agreed, "Jack was a gifted athlete, he played so many high school sports and excelled in all of them."

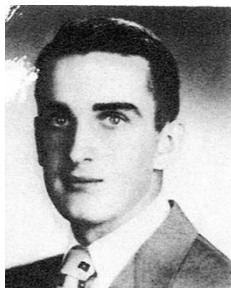


Jack was raised in Hastings-on-Hudson and graduated HHS in 1952. He attended SUNY Brockport and graduated with his degree in health and physical education.

Jack spent his first two years teaching at Indian River Central in Northern New Jersey, where he was the head coach in wrestling and track. In 1960, he left to accept a teaching and coaching

position at Westwood High School in New Jersey, where he taught health and physical education and was the head coach of wrestling and golf. Jack's teaching career spanned 37-1/2 years, and under his direction, his teams won many league titles and league championships. In 1969, Jack was named both County Coach of the Year and Suburban Coach of the Year. He was one of the most successful wrestling coaches in North New Jersey and is a member of the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Westwood High School Hall of Fame, and the NJSIAA Region 2 Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Jack and his wife, Carol, live in New Jersey and have one son, Robert, and two grandsons, Ben and Matt. Jack says he loves watching his grandkids grow and develop, performing on their respective baseball teams. Although Jack and Carol traveled in the early years, they now enjoy their house on Martha's Vineyard with their family.



Football – 1950, 1951, 1952

Varsity Letter – 3 years

Baseball – 1950, 1951, 1952

Varsity Letter – 3 years; Team Captain '52

Track – 1950, 1951, 1952

Varsity Letter – 3 years; All-League Hudson River League

Undeclared in 1/4 Mile, Senior Year

PETER DEITZ – Class of 1997

Cross Country, Track & Field, Wrestling

NOMINATED BY HOF MEMBER COACH BRUCE CRANDALL

Bruce said: "I nominated Pete as one of Hastings' best (if not the best) wrestler but also because of the attitude he brought to the cross country and outdoor track teams. Pete had a strong work ethic that he passed on to other team members."



Peter graduated HHS in 1997, one year before the graduating class of 2016 was born. In the 19 years since graduating, Peter has spent the majority of his time in Montreal and Toronto. He became a citizen of Canada in January 2015. Peter remains active in sports – running a weekly 10k with his girlfriend Samantha, playing on a recreational frisbee league, and aspiring to complete the 7-minute workout at least

once a day. At 30, he took up music – the fiddle specifically – and can now play a handful of Old Time, French Canadian, Metis, and Irish tunes under the right conditions. For work, Peter remains an entrepreneur. He currently runs GrantBook, a 12 person technology consulting firm serving the nonprofit sector that he started five years ago with a business partner. In 2017, he plans start a new social purpose business and welcomes all new ideas.

Peter said, "I drew much inspiration from my coaches, Steve Leone and Bruce Crandall. I continue to draw on the endurance and work ethic they fostered in me. Thank you for the nomination."



Cross Country – 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996

All-League '95, '96, '97

Leading Finisher in All 10 Meets '95

All-County Honorable Mention – '96

NYS Scholar Athlete – '95, '96, '97

Boys Varsity Record of 7-1

Wrestling – 1992–1997

100+ Career Wins

All-County '95, '96, '97; Scholar Athlete '97

Spring Track – '94, '95, '96

Varsity Letter

GEORGE TINO – Class of 1976

Basketball, Golf, Co-Ed Volleyball

NOMINATED BY HOF MEMBER DAVE RIGGS '75

Dave said: "I am endorsing George because of his accomplishments as a basketball player and as a three-sport athlete. George was a peerless jump shooter, which was the result of countless hours of dedication and practice."

Coach Costello added: "George was a team player and well-respected by his teammates and coaches."



Upon graduating from HHS, George went on to play college basketball at Fairleigh Dickinson, where he was a four-year starter, senior captain and post graduate assistant coach. Three years of club volleyball were also part of his college athletic experience.

He has logged more than 31 years as a programmer/analyst in the public sector for three local agencies: Town of Greenburgh, Westchester County, and his

current position at Westchester Medical Center.

George married his high school sweetheart, Anna Capuano, and they raised two boys, Anthony who is a printmaker/musician in NYC, and Joseph a biology major/All-Academic basketball player at SUNY New Paltz.

He has coached various sports at all levels, and is now in his sixth year of coaching basketball at HHS, assisting the boys varsity and heading up the boys modified team, teaching the fundamentals he learned from Coach Costello and Coach Howard back in the early-to-mid 70s.



Varsity Basketball – 1974, 1975, 1976

All-League HM '75

All-Section '76; All-League '76; All-State '76

Team MVP '76; All-Daily News '76; Senior Team Captain '76

Averaged 20 PPG, Senior Year

Varsity Golf – 1975, 1976

Two-Year Starter

Co-Ed Volleyball – 1976

Team Captain; Starting Outside Hitter

JOSEPH FLAHERTY – Class of 2003

Football, Basketball, Golf, Swimming

NOMINATED BY HOF MEMBER KAREN FLAHERTY KOBLOSH '75

Karen said, "Joe was a four-sport athlete and considered one of the top athletes in his class. He was a leader on and off the field of play."



Joe was a part of 8 league championships in four different sports during his time representing HHS athletics – 2002 and 2003 basketball, 2001–03 golf, 1998 and 1999 swimming and 2000 football. A captain in both football and golf, Joe received all-section HM honors in football, and all-league honors in football, basketball and swimming. Joe was a part of the 2000 football bowl championship team, a swimming sectional finalist in multiple events during a three year span, and was an integral part of the 2003

basketball team, which produced the schools only No. 1 State ranking. After Hastings, Joe took his talents to Hartwick College, where the standout linebacker was a multiyear captain, earning all-conference honors in two seasons, while being at or near the top of numerous statistical school and NCAA records. In his final year, he led the Hawks to their first ever conference championship, national top 25 ranking and NCAA Playoff Tournament appearance.

In 2010, Joe graduated from Pace Law School. He is a practicing attorney and currently resides in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., with his wife, Jessica.

Varsity Basketball – 2002, 2003
All-League '03
Starting Center – Senior Team Captain '03

Varsity Football – 2001, 2002, 2003
All-Section '03
All-League '03
Team Captain '03

Varsity Boys Swimming – 1989, 1999
All-League '03; Harlowe Memorial Award

Varsity Golf – 2001–2003
Team Captain '03



MICHAEL MCELROY – Class of 1989

Basketball, Baseball

NOMINATED BY HOF MEMBER COACH JOHN COSTELLO

Coach said: "McElroy excelled in 2 sports at HHS - basketball and baseball. In my 39 years of coaching, Mike had to be the hardest working and most dedicated player I ever had. His attitude and determination were an inspiration to the school and the Hastings community."

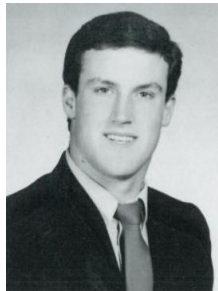


After graduating HHS in 1989, Mike attended LeMoyne College, where he says he was lucky enough to meet his future wife, Eileen. After graduation from LeMoyne in '93, Mike started a career in technology sales and currently works at Oracle.

He and Eileen have lived in River Edge, N.J., for 18 years, where they have been raising their 4 children; Julie (18), Colleen (16), Aidan (13) and John (8).

Throughout the years, Mike has always enjoyed coaching his kid's basketball and baseball teams and although he says it's a busy time, he knows one day he will miss it.

Mike said, "I'm very fortunate that my close buddies from Hastings have all stayed local; all living within an hour of each other. We get together a few times per year and remain as close today as we were 30 years ago. My years at Hastings High School were some of the best of my life and being inducted into the Hall of Fame is a tremendous honor, and means the world to me."



Basketball (JV) – 1986, 1987

Leading Scorer; All-League HM; Team Captain '87

Varsity Basketball – 1988, 1989

Team Captain '88, '89, All-County '89

Con-Ed Athlete of the Week '88

League Co-M.V.P. & Hastings Tourney M.V.P.

Harlowe Memorial Award '89

P.P.G.: 20.2, Scored 483 points Senior Year

Varsity Baseball – 1988, 1989

Junior: Starting First Baseman – .370 B.A.

All-League HM '88; All-League '89

Senior Team Captain

ROBERT W. ZABARONICK – Class of 1964

Football, Baseball

NOMINATED BY HOF MEMBER JOE KENNEDY '65

Joe said: "For three full seasons Bob was the leader of a stellar offensive line for the HHS football team. No team in our league had a better offensive center in all the time 'Zabo' played. He received many accolades and awards and was a leader on and off the field."



Upon his graduation from HHS in 1964, Bob attended Franklin College in Indiana, where he received his bachelor's degree and where he also met his future wife, Diane. After graduation, Bob was hired by Croton-Harmon High School, where he taught social studies and was the line coach for the varsity football team.

In 1970, Bob was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the USAF. In May of that same year, he and Diane were married at the

Naval Chapel in Washington, D.C. Bob became an Aircraft Maintenance Officer and was eventually promoted to captain, before leaving the Air Force in 1973.

Bob's career in high technology ultimately led them to relocate to San Diego, California, where they have lived for 32 years. This past May, Bob and Diane celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. They have two beautiful daughters, Kristin and Lauren. Both girls married great guys and they now have three wonderful grandchildren, Jackson, Madeline and Laura May.

Bob said: "I am honored to be nominated for the Hall of Fame. It has been more than 50 years since my sports playing days at HHS but my memories of football, in particular, are vivid."



Varsity Football – 1961, 1962, 1963
All-County '62 and '63
All-League '63
Voted Outstanding Lineman – '63
Senior Team Captain

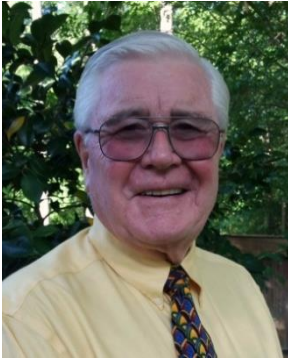
Baseball – 1963
Varsity Letter

ROBERT NELSON – HHS Coach

Soccer, Track, Indoor Track

NOMINATED BY FORMER COACH PETE WESTRELL

Pete said: "The big three dominated the landscape in the late '60s to early '70s and to some degree soccer was the new kid on the block. Bob took a non-soccer school and established a viable, competitive soccer program. As result of his efforts, HHS is a soccer power today and it all started way back then."



Bob began his teaching career at HHS in 1961 where he taught high school science, coached track and served as head negotiator for the teachers union. When Bob took over the soccer program in 1968, it was still considered just a club. Bob was the first coach to coach varsity soccer and under his guidance it swiftly became an important part of the high school athletic program and developed as a major fall sport. By 1972, the Hastings soccer program

also included a junior varsity team.

Since retiring in 1999, Bob and his wife Louise have spent a great deal of time traveling. They have visited 26 countries outside the US, traveled cross country to the West Coast twice, and spent time cruising in the Caribbean. Along with visiting their three grandchildren, tending to a yard, enjoying Chesapeake, Virginia, and the warm weather, Bob said they are kept quite busy. Their aim now is to visit as many states as possible and enjoy what the United States has to offer.

Bob told us, "There are many highs in one's life and being selected into this organization is one on the top of my list." He said, "I am very humbled to be counted among the many fine coaches in the Hastings school district and very grateful to everyone for their support."



Coached 10 Soccer Seasons: 196 –1980

Record – 64 wins – 49 losses – 16 ties

Track & Field: 1961–1972

Varsity Indoor Track – 1966, 1967

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Hastings High School Alumni Association, Inc. (HHSAA) is a tax exempt charitable organization, incorporated under the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law. The all-volunteer organization is supported wholly by annual dues and generous donations from our alumni and friends.

Our mission is many-sided. We provide a means for all HHS grads to stay connected, recognize the outstanding former HHS athletes and coaches through the Lindemann Hall of Fame, acknowledge the post high school accomplishments of HHS grads through the Hall of Excellence, and pay it forward for future generations of HHS graduates through the alumni scholarship program. Every cent of the money we receive is funneled into these many efforts. In June 2016, the HHSAA awarded \$23,000 in scholarship money to 16 outstanding HHS seniors. We couldn't be more proud!

If you are not a member, please join and help us to continue our mission and keep up the winning traditions of HHS.

Thank you for joining us this evening to officially welcome these very talented athletes into the Ronald W. Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame. We hope to see you again in 2018 for the next HOF induction ceremony.

Regards,

Steve, Bernie and the HHSAA Board of Directors



Visit our website to stay connected and to learn more about the HHSAA scholarship program and sponsorships.

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