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HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

**RONALD WILSON
LINDEMANN
ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME**



April 30, 2022

The Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame –
it began with one man's vision and determination.



In Memory of HHSAA Founder
BERNARD "O-BIE" O'BRIEN* '50



"O-Bie" was born and raised in Hastings-on-Hudson and graduated HHS in 1950.

O-Bie loved HHS and throughout the years, looked for ways to give back to his alma mater. In the late '90s, he came upon what he considered an ideal opportunity. O-Bie took on the challenge of restoring the obsolete high school alumni association and reestablished it as a member-supported, non-profit organization. He envisioned the organization's renewed purpose as two-fold. Foremost, it would give all HHS alumni a future networking connection, and secondly, it would be a way to Pay it Forward to HHS graduates of tomorrow. With the help of a small group of family and fellow alumni, and many years of perseverance, O-Bie's ambitious plan became reality. In early 2000, the Hastings High School Alumni Association, Inc., was up and running.

O-Bie next set out to form an alumni sports group to give deserved recognition to outstanding former HHS athletes. This impressive effort came to be on October 21, 2000, as 16 former athletes were inducted into the sports organization known as the Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame. O-Bie named the organization in tribute to his high school coach and mentor – Coach Ron Lindemann – whom he greatly admired and appreciated for his support and guidance. Today, the Hall of Fame boasts 165 accomplished athletes.

O-Bie passed away on January 10, 2020. This big-hearted and happy-go-lucky guy is remembered for his deep affection for HHS and its community. His imagination and determination makes this memorable event possible. The HHSAA is O-Bie's legacy – connecting more than seven decades of HHS alumni, lending a helping hand to future generations of alumni, and preserving the unity, spirit and pride of HHS.

"When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for stars."

– Anonymous

RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN

“COACH LINDY”

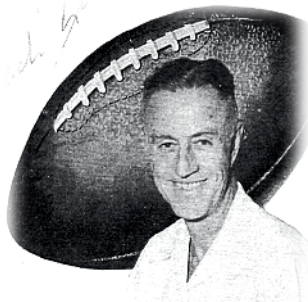
May 12, 1901 – June 21, 1970

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

Ronald Lindemann was a popular teacher and coach during the '40s and '50s. Affectionately known as “Coach Lindy” throughout the school and the Hastings community, he was involved not only with the athletes he taught but also with all students he came in contact. His encouragement and readiness to give of himself was an incredibly positive and lasting influence. He mentored many young men of that era, and helped them realize and expand their future possibilities.

On October 21, 2000, the HHS Alumni Association dedicated the newly created alumni sports organization to this extraordinary man. The RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME is a lasting tribute to this beloved and esteemed coach in grateful appreciation for his never-ending support, outstanding leadership and cheerful personality.

Although there were many remarkable faculty members, who in their own way gave tremendous direction and guidance, Coach Lindy's influence was an inspiration to all who were privileged to have known him.

Bernard “O-Bie” O'Brien* '50
Founder, HHSAA

“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 athletic Hall of Fame is to give deserved recognition to outstanding former HHS athletes and coaches.

GUIDELINES FOR INDUCTION

CANDIDATES MERITING INDUCTION BEGINS FIVE YEARS FROM DATE OF GRADUATION.

An athlete, living or deceased, can be nominated for induction by any HHS graduate, teacher or coach.

SELF-NOMINATIONS ARE NOT VALID.

Athletic accomplishments during high school are the foundation for selection; i.e. All-League, All-County, Winged Foot Award, etc.

An athlete must be a varsity letter winner in two sports for two years or more, including their senior year. An athlete who has participated in only one varsity sport for two years or more and is recognized as outstanding by their achievements will be provided special consideration for induction.

Post high school accomplishments may be considered if deemed remarkable.

THE HISTORY OF THE WINGED FOOT AWARD FOR WOMEN



The “Winged Foot” was an award created by HHS physical education teacher and coach, Ida Menne, to reward female athletes in the '50s and '60s for their participation in high school sports. In its time, the Winged Foot was considered equivalent to the level of “All-League” for men. By establishing this distinction for female athletes, Coach Menne positioned young women of this era on a competitive level with their male counterparts.

In 1972 the initiative known as Title IX revolutionized women’s sports across the nation and had a massive impact on female athletics. It ensured female athletes were treated fairly and expanded opportunities for women to turn their sport into a career.

In June of this year Title IX turns 50. Never let flawed policies spell the end of female athletics!

“The formula for success is simple; practice and concentration and then more practice and more concentration.” – Babe Didrikson Zaharias

WELCOME
to the
RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
AWARD CEREMONY & DINNER
Saturday, April 30, 2022



Welcome honorees, alumni, families and friends. Thank you for joining us this evening for the long-awaited opportunity to celebrate the induction of six former HHS athletes into this notable alumni sports organization, postponed from 2020.

On behalf of the members of the HHSAA and the Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame, past and present, we applaud you on your athletic successes during high school.

Congratulations Athletes!

INDUCTEE

Deborah Kepcher Russomano

Christopher Testa

Jaclyn Melillo Sette

Richard Balaban

Anthony "Butch" Kolodzinski*

Charles Papelian*

PRESENTER

Lorrie Bass Karam '73

Farid Johnson '99

Coach Mike Eckelman
Annette Melillo

Heidi Gunloch '73

Bobby Licht '62

Peter Capuano '70

The HOF Special Acknowledgment Award – 2020
presented to the
HHS 1965 Champion Track Team
Accepting the Award – Bob Russell '65

*Posthumously

"A school without a past has no history."

– Bernard "O-Bie" O'Brien* '50 – Founder, HHSAA



DEBORAH KEPCHER RUSSOMANO – '73

After graduation, Debra attended the Westchester School for Medical and Dental Assistants; and then worked for a Hastings dentist for ten years. She met her husband Michael in 1977 and they were married in 1982. They moved to Philadelphia where Debra worked for a dentist while her husband attended graduate school. Their first child was born in 1986 and Deborah said, "I loved being a stay-at-home mom."

Debra and her husband currently reside in Ambler, PA and they have three sons – ages 35, 33 and 29 years old. Their oldest son is married, lives in Chicago – and had their first grandchild in 2020. Both younger sons live and work in Philadelphia.

Debra said she fills her time traveling the world, gardening, going to the gym and spending time with her growing family.

Honor Hockey – 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973

Honor Volleyball – 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973

Honor Basketball – 1971, 1972, 1973

Girls Track – 1971, 1972, 1973





CHRISTOPHER TESTA – '00

After graduating HHS in 2000, Chris attended the University of Scranton, PA where he played Division-III basketball in his freshman and sophomore years. After college, he continued to play basketball in multiple leagues however, he shifted his primary focus to the game of golf.

In 2018, Chris joined the coaching staff of the HHS varsity golf team as an assistant coach, under his former HHS golf teammate (Coach) Charles Berger – and continues to coach presently.

Chris has made a career in the banking industry for more than 16 years and is currently a Business Relationship Manager with Chase bank. He married the love of his life, Beth, in 2017 and they have stayed close to his Hastings roots by settling down in Tarrytown, NY. Chris and Beth enjoy life every day – they travel extensively and attend as many Yankee games as possible. They are expecting their first child, a son, in May 2022.

Chris said, "I'm very excited and honored to be accepted into the HHS Athletic Hall of Fame."

Varsity Basketball – 1998, 1999, 2000; Captain '00
All-County: 2000
All-League: 2000
Scholar Athlete: 1999 & 2000
Harlowe Memorial Award: 2000

Varsity Cross-Country – 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000
MVP: 1998
All-League: 1996 & 1998
Honorable Mention All-League: 1997

Golf – 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000
Scholar Athlete: 1997 & 1999

Assistant Golf Coach: 2018 – present





JACLYN MELILLO SETTE – '02

After graduating HHS in 2002, Jaclyn attended Manhattan College in Riverdale, NY. At Manhattan, she earned her physical education degree, rowed for her college crew team and met her future husband, Ray.

After graduation from Manhattan in 2006, Jaclyn began her teaching career at White Plains Middle School; where she coached volleyball, basketball and bowling. During her time in the White Plains school system, she earned a physical education master's from Cortland University and her health education master's from Lehman College.

In 2011, Jaclyn married her college sweetheart, Ray. Some of their shared hobbies are fixing houses, restoring cars, gardening and bowling. Jaclyn told us, "My favorite hobbies are taking my dog for long walks, going kayaking and playing volleyball on a women's league."

Varsity Basketball – 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002;
Captain '02

Varsity Volleyball – 2000, 2001, 2002;
Captain '02

Varsity Golf – 2001, 2002





RICHARD BALABAN – '73

After graduating from HHS in 1973, Rich continued playing soccer at Wesleyan University. He transferred after two years to the University of Michigan, where according to Rich; soccer was played at a different caliber, so he was content to play pick-up games with friends, and slowly shifted his focus to tennis.

After graduating from University of Michigan, Rich worked as an elementary school teacher for four years and then with Random House for three years in educational software development. He said, "I then decided I wanted to be a doctor when I grew up," and returned to SUNY Purchase for pre-med classes. He graduated from the George Washington School of Medicine in 1994, followed by a residency in Internal Medicine in Boston, MA; where he ultimately settled down. He has been practicing primary care medicine for the past 20 years at Cambridge Health Alliance, a safety-net hospital system that provides medical care for a diverse population in the Boston metropolitan area.

Rich is happily married to Kim Shellenberger, and they have two great kids, Maya (11th grade) and Jonas (9th grade). Rich still enjoys playing tennis 3-4 times per week, but he added, "I refuse to have a foot race with my daughter, who is on the high school track team, and avoid playing one-on-one basketball with my son, who is on the freshman basketball team."

Varsity Soccer – 1970, 1971, 1972; Captain '72

MVP Offense: All 3 years

Leading Scorer Goals and Goal Assists: All 3 years

HHS Career Goal Record: 57 (1970-1972)

All-League Section: 1971 & 1972

All-County Honorable Mention: 1972

Varsity Tennis – 1970, 1971, 1972

All-League Section: 1971 & 1972

1st Doubles 1971 – 13 Wins; 0 Losses

1st Doubles 1972 – 13 Wins; 0 Losses





CHARLES PAPELIAN* – '70
1952-2020

After graduation, Charlie attended SUNY Oneonta. He settled in Dobbs Ferry, NY and had a successful career as a financial manager at MetLife.

Sports remained a major part of Charlie's life after high school and college. He played in a weekly stickball game with friends at Hastings High School into his mid-'60s. He had season tickets to the Knicks for 15 years, often attending games with his father-in-law, former Knicks coach Red Holzman.

Charlie's greatest passion was his family. His daughter, Katie, and his wife, Gail, were the center of his world. Charlie succumbed to a seven-year battle with cancer in 2020 at the age of 68.

Varsity Basketball – 1968, 1969, 1970;
Captain '70
All-League: 1970

Varsity Baseball – 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970;
Captain '70
All-League: 1969 & 1970
All-League Honorable Mention: 1967 & 1968

Varsity Cross-Country – 1968, 1969, 1970

Varsity Football – 1968, 1969, 1970



*posthumously



ANTHONY "BUTCH" KOLODZINSKI * – '62
1944-2009

Butch's character and style of play always gained him respect among his peers and coaches. Former HHS Basketball Coach John Fasolino said, "Butch was one of the best and most exciting players I ever coached!"

Butch served in Viet Nam and later became a police officer in Dobbs Ferry, NY. He was a long-standing member of the Southside Social & Athletic Club.

Varsity Basketball – 1960, 1961, 1962; Captain '61 & '62
SWIAK All-Star – Varsity Letter

Varsity Football – 1960, 1961, 1962
Varsity Letter

*posthumously

HOF SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARD



HHS 1965 Champion Track Team
Section 1 – Class C Conference

The Lindemann HOF recognizes the singular achievements of individual athletes. However in 2020, an exception was made to award special recognition to the 1965 Track Team for their team effort in achieving an outstanding track team victory and giving rise to what has become a small school Cinderella story.



D. Russell, C. Pennington, R. Cook, G. Klencheski, R. Kedney, A. Fontaine, W. Cook, T. Cook, A. Liggio, R. Russell, E. Black, R. Stewart, D. Crowley, T. Barr, G. Dudko, M. Dimondstein, W. Kelly, B. Higgins, R. Grant, D. Gracia, W. Skibitski, J. Timmeny, W. Kesner, D. Quick, G. Elley, N. Martin.



In Remembrance of:

COACH RICHARD J. "DICK" BUB SR

1930-2021

HHS AD/Coach

Affectionately known simply as "Coach" – Dick Bub's passion for all sports – football, wrestling, and track & field, led him to his 30 year career in physical education at HHS. He was the Athletic Director for 20+ years and head coach of "Big Green" – the varsity football team, as well as head coach of the varsity wrestling team.

He was respected and admired, and will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him as a teacher, coach and friend.



In Remembrance of:

COACH BRUCE CRANDALL

1942-2021

HHS Track & Field Coach

Cross Country: 1990-2000

Indoor Track & Field: 1990-1995

Outdoor Track & Field 1989-2001

Bruce Crandall had a long and noteworthy teaching career at HHS before retiring in 2001. He enabled many young athletes to find their stride and become track & field stars during his tenure. Coach Crandall received the 20th Dick Lacey Award for his contributions to Track & Field & Cross Country. He officiated in NY State's Section IX and eventually added work on the college level at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to his outstanding track & field career.

Coach Crandall was a friend to all and loved by all.

Dear Fellow 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 donations from alumni and friends.

The purpose of the HHS Alumni Association is many-sided. It provides a means for all HHS alumni to stay connected; salutes the outstanding feats of former HHS athletes and coaches through the Lindemann Hall of Fame; acknowledges post high school accomplishments of HHS alumni through the Hall of Excellence; and we Pay It Forward to HHS grads of tomorrow through the HHS Alumni Association Scholarship Program.

In June 2021, the HHSAA awarded 16 scholarships to HHS seniors totaling \$27,000! And since 2001, the organization has gifted \$326,500 in awards to our future alumni! This effort is not remotely possible without the support and generosity from our alumni – especially during the fiscally challenging years of Covid.

If you are not a member of the HHSAA, please join and get connected. YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

The HHS experience lasts a lifetime!

THANK YOU!
THE HHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To learn more about the HHSAA Scholarship Program – visit the HHSAA website at: **WWW.HOHALUMNI.ORG**

**MEMBERS of the
RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

- 1931- Steven Lysak
1932- John Antku
1937- John Lysak
1938- Stan Trypuc
1939- Paul "Red" Angelovich
1939- George Rusnack
1940- William Lancaster
1941- Harold Titus
1942- Armond Carvalho
1942- John MacCallum
1942- Dave Warner
1943- Jimmy "Jada" Slavin
1943- Clarence Carney
1944- Julius Chemka
1944- Tony Ravinsky
1944- Gertha Schlichter Stelzl
1945- Lou Santora
1945- John Platenyk
1945- Jesse Lee Pickett Casey
1945- Doris Lee Fiedler Gilbert
1945- Catherine Farmer Hosmer
1945- George "Dee" DiChiara
1946- Philip Klipp
1946- Erling Anderson
1946- Coral Jander Brown
1947- Nelson MacCallum
1947- Peter DiChiara
1948- Louis Rapoli
1948- Jeanne Fisher Henry
1948- Paul "Pinkey" Velez
1948- Ann Zelonka McLoughlin
1948- Ronnie Seetoo
1949- Paul Cardaci
1949- William "Sonny" Kohl
1949- William Pardy
1949- Ivy Molloy
1949- Raymond "Red" Miller
1949- Donald Jacobsen
1949- Manuel "Manny" Riberio
1949- Robert Breckles
1950- Jack "Gondie" Carvalho
1950- Steve "Terror" Ravinsky
1950- John "Housie" Courtney
1950- Sue Lindemann Staropoli
1950- Bernard "O-Bie" O'Brien
1951- Ann Scully Liebers
1952- Thomas Charlton
1952- Margaret Seman Kopchik
1952- Ann Seman O'Leary
1952- Robert Marsh
1952- Constance Edgar Davis
1952- John T. Kane
1953- Carol Lindemann Studley
1953- Joe "Bud" Wenzel
1953- Betty Eckels
1954- Edwin "Ed" Usher
1954- John "Russ" Poli
1955- Eugene Mignogna
1955- Regina Rehack Lockwood
1956- Joan Farrell Lee
1956- Timothy Barnes
1956- Michael "Mickey" Bless
1957- William Neely
1957- Wayne Landry
1958- Richard Roman
1958- Carlton Einsel
1958- Eric "Tank" Kantor
1959- Mike Haugh
1959- Lucien Reeburg
1959- Werner Kleeman
1959- Karl J. Wiehe
1959- Joseph Scaturro
1960- Bern Richards
1961- Arthur Fisher
1961- Valerie Frye Harmon
1961- Margery Jenkins Fisher
1962- Peter Noyes
1963- Richard Wiehe
1963- Brian Davis
1964- Lance Johnson
1964- Steven Benchat
1964- John Adams
1964- Kenneth Aluisio
1964- Robert Zabaronic
1965- Joseph Kennedy
1965- Beverly Rohlehr Colby
1965- Donald W. Russell
1965- William Cook
1966- William "Otto" Otovich
1967- Andrea Porucznik Cleary

1967- William Skibitsky
1968- John Timmeny
1968- MaryEllen Wright Forrest
1969- Patrick "Patt" Burke
1969- Stephen Cuppek Jr
1969- Angelo Questo
1969- Michael "Toaster" Kontos
1970- Linda Forshaw
1970- Edward "Ted" Crawford
1970- Robert "Bobby" Bernarducci
1970- Florence Brennan Audevard
1971- Beverly Skultety LaBelle
1972- George Capuano
1972- Nancy Maleska
1972- Julius "Butch" Chemka
1973- Charles "Chip" Bingham
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
1976- George Tino
1979- Catherine Cardaci
1980- Thomas Fleming
1980- Bronwyn Eaton Wyrsh
1980- Gina Drumm Frate
1980- Joseph Vaccaro
1981- Mary Hurrell
1983- Eleanor Frankel
1983- Christine Vaccaro Teel
1983- Mary Pat Lindner Bailly
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
1989 Michael C. McElroy
1990- Justin Hogan
1992- Melissa Paretto
1993- Kate Maggioletto Mehok
1993- Kelly Moroch Duffy
1994- Jennifer Ryan
1994- Jordan Wolff
1996- Kathryn Dekas
1996- Michael Sassano
1997- Denise Harrington
1997- Corey Borowitz
1997- Peter Deitz
1999- Kern D. Mojica
1999- Farid Johnson
2001- Lauren Martone
2002- Kelly Flaherty Handrahan
2003- Joseph E. Flaherty
2006- Tara Flaherty Ryan

HHS COACHES/AD'S

2002- Richard "Dick" Bub Sr
2002- John Costello
2002- Ida Menne
2002- Leroy Cochran
2003- John Dane
2003- Timothy Doyle
2004- Ronald Feaster
2008- Patricia Hicks
2008- Rosemary Eaton
2010- Elisabeth "Ibby" Rutherford
2010- Michael Eckelman
2014- Bruce Crandall
2016- Robert Nelson

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

– Boris Becker

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