

HHSAA

HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

**RONALD WILSON
LINDEMANN
ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME**



September 17, 2022

*"A school without a past has no history."
– Bernard "Bernie" O'Brien* '50 – Founder, HHSAA*

RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN

“COACH LINDY”

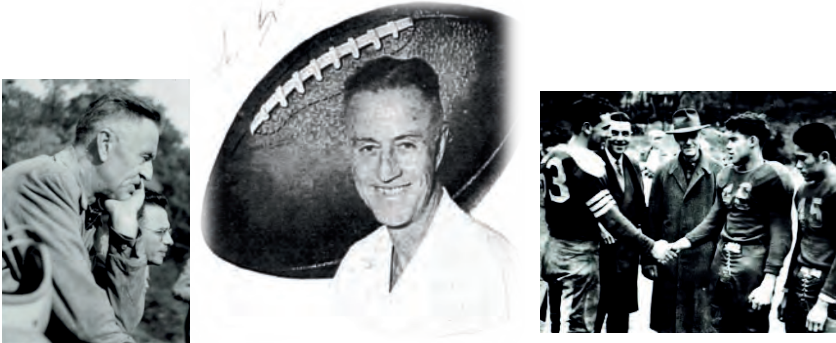
May 12, 1901 – June 21, 1970

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

On October 21, 2000, the HHS Alumni Association dedicated the newly formed alumni sports hall of fame in honor of former HHS physical education teacher and coach, Ronald W. Lindemann, in grateful appreciation for his outstanding leadership, support and cheerful personality.

A popular teacher during the '40s and '50s, Lindemann was affectionately known as “Coach Lindy” throughout the school and the Hastings community. His encouragement and readiness to give of himself was an incredibly positive and lasting influence. He helped many young men to stay the course and build their future opportunities. Although there were many remarkable faculty members, who in their own way gave tremendous direction and guidance, Coach Lindy was an inspiration to all who were privileged to have known him – and especially to me.

We hope the Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame will serve well as Coach Lindy’s legacy and that its members will inspire each new generation of HHS athletes to work hard, play hard and achieve their own greatness.

Bernard “Bernie” O’Brien* '50
Founder – HHSAA

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”
– Henry Brooks Adams

WELCOME
to the
RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
AWARD CEREMONY & DINNER

Hastings Southside Athletic & Social Club
113 Southside Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706

Saturday, September 17, 2022



Thank you for joining us on this special occasion to celebrate the induction of four remarkable former Hastings High School athletes and two special former coaches into our notable alumni sports organization.

Congratulations Inductees!

INDUCTEE

David Baur*

Daniel Contrastano

Luca Cobucci

Alexander "Ali" Marpet

Coach Pete Westrell

Coach John Morabito

PRESENTER

Daniel Baur

Joe Vaccaro - Coach

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Joe Vaccaro - Coach
Nancy Skultety Gagliardi

John Morabito - Coach
George Morabit

Mike Eckelman - Coach

The HOF Special Acknowledgment Award – 2022
presented to the
HHS 1957 Championship Baseball Team
Accepting the Award - Eric Kantor '58

Mike Eckelman - Emcee

*Posthumously

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars."
– Les Brown

DAVID BAUR* – Class of 1976

(*1957 – 2021)

Football, Track & Field

Nominated by: Daniel Baur '81 and Greg Localio '86

Daniel wrote, "My brother was an outstanding athlete and excelled in multiple sports. He was a man of impeccable character and faith."



David attended HHS from 1974-1976 and played tight end for the varsity football team. He enjoyed playing Little League to college football; later helping coach his own two sons. David particularly loved youth football and the University of Kansas Jayhawks football team.

David earned a B.A. in Business ('85) from MidAmerica Nazarene University and worked for Bayer Pharmaceuticals for much of his career.

His wife Pam and children Elizabeth, Brad and Alan proudly receive this Hall of Fame award posthumously in David's memory, the one year anniversary of his passing.

Varsity Football – 1974, 1975, 1976

Track & Field – 1974, 1975, 1976

POST HIGH SCHOOL:

MidAmerica Nazarene University
Football

DANIEL CONTRASTANO – Class of 2007
Football, Wrestling, Track & Field

Nominated by: Coach Joe Vaccaro

Coach Vaccaro said, “Dan was a ferocious competitor on both the gridiron and wrestling mat. As a senior he was the Most Outstanding Lineman in Class-B and the Section-One Heavyweight Champion.”



After graduating from Hastings High School in 2007, Dan attended Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York where he was a four-year starter on the varsity football team and majored in Business Administration. After college, he received his MBA from the Gabelli School of Business at Fordham University and began a career working in financial services regulation. Dan is currently a Manager at the New York Stock Exchange, having previously worked at the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission and Millennium Management.

He currently resides in Mount Vernon, New York with his wife of four years, Nikki.

Varsity Football – 2004, 2005, 2006

All-League: '04, '05, '06

All-Section: '06; Most Valuable Lineman Class-B

Two-Way Starter: 2004-2006

Varsity Wrestling – 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

All-League: '06 & '07

All-Section: '06 & '07

Section-One Heavyweight Finalist: '06 & '07

POST HIGH SCHOOL:

Hartwick College – Three Year Starter 2007-2009

LUCA COBUCCI – Class of 2011

Football, Baseball, Basketball

Nominated by: Coach Joe Vaccaro

Coach Vaccaro said, “Luca led his team to section finals for the first time in HHS history!”



After graduating from HHS in 2011, Luca attended Wesleyan University in Connecticut; where he was a member of the football and baseball teams.

After Wesleyan, Luca began his career in commercial real estate in Brooklyn, and then moved to Dubai for a year. He currently lives in New York City with his girlfriend Livia, where he continues to work in commercial real estate. Luca comes back to Hastings frequently to see his family and visit his former teachers at the high school. In his free time he enjoys playing basketball and softball, as well as reading and traveling.

Upon learning of his induction into the Lindemann Hall of Fame Luca wrote, “Thank you so much for the good news. It's truly an honor.”

Varsity Football – 2009, 2010, 2011; Starting QB

All-League: Honorable Mention '09

All-League: '10 & '11 All-Section: '11; Captain

Golden Dozen Honorable Mention

Varsity Baseball – 2009, 2010, 2011

All-League: Honorable Mention '09

All-League Section: '11; Captain

Marylou Dickinson Award Winner

Skyler Toncredi Scholarship Award Winner

Varsity Basketball – 2010, 2011

POST HIGH SCHOOL:

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Football – 3 years

Baseball – 1 year

ALEXANDER “ALI” MARPET – Class of 2011

Football, Basketball

Nominated by: Coach Joe Vaccaro

Coach Vaccaro said, “Ali was the most dominant football player I have coached in 38 years of coaching! In addition, Ali was an athletic big man on the hardwood earning All-League honors twice.”



Since graduating Hastings High, Ali went on to graduate from Hobart College with a BA in Economics. He was drafted in the second round of the 2015 NFL Draft and was the highest-drafted player in the history of NCAA Division III football. Ali played seven seasons for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and was a key member of the Buccaneers offense. During his professional football career, Ali was a captain, selected to the Pro-Bowl and a Super Bowl Champion. He retired from football in March 2022. In his final years on the team, Ali became an advocate for mental health and since his retirement – he has enrolled in Pace University's Master's in Mental Health Counseling – and he's also gotten engaged.

Ali said, “I'm honored and excited to be selected into the Lindemann Hall of Fame.”

Varsity Football – 2008, 2010, 2011

All-League: '10 & '11; Two-Way Starter; All-Section: '11; Captain

Varsity Basketball – 2009, 2010, 2011

All-League: '10 & '11

POST HIGH SCHOOL:

Hobart College – Four Year Letterman

All-League: Sophomore, Junior, Senior

AFCA All-American; Senior

Liberty League Co-Offensive Player of the Year: Senior

Captain: Junior & Senior

NFL – Tampa Bay Buccaneers; 2015-2021

Highest Drafted D-3 Player; NFLPA Representative

101 Games Started

Ed Block Courage Award Winner 2020

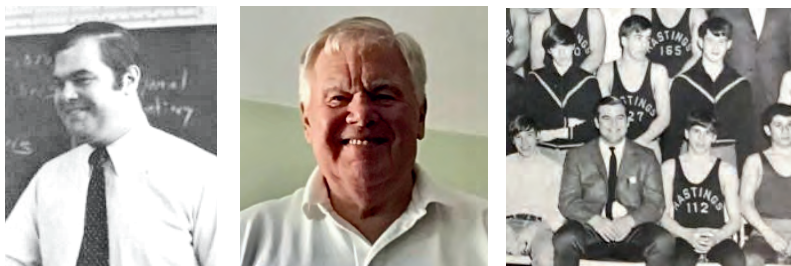
Pro Bowl

LV Super Bowl Champion

PETE WESTRELL – Coach

Nominated by: Members of the HHS Alumni Association and Hall of Fame.

Mike Eckelman said, “Pete was an awesome colleague. He was a dedicated teacher, enthusiastic coach and had a true love for the job.”



Pete Westrell began his teaching career at Hastings High in 1966 as a 9th grade science teacher. Not long after he arrived, he was asked by (then Head Coach) Dick Bub to coach the varsity wrestling team. He stayed with it for eleven years and for nearly all of those years – his teams were All-League contenders. In addition to coaching wrestling, Pete took over coaching boys junior varsity soccer and even coached the modified girls soccer team. When he gave up coaching, Pete went into Officiating; and refereed both lacrosse and soccer for close to 20 years.

Pete retired from teaching in 2003. He played golf on Tuesdays with various coaches from Westchester and Putnam on a league set up by former coach, John Costello. He also curled in the men's program at the Ardsley Curling Club. He created and coordinated the Special Olympics Curling Program in conjunction with Northeast Recreation, Westchester Department of Recreation. In 2004, Pete was asked to become a member of the Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee and has played a part on the committee for the past 18 years.

Pete said, “I arrived in Hastings in 1966 and happily never really left. My wife Betsy and I spend a lot of time in Hastings.” He added, “Seeing former students and friends of many years has made this a great experience for both of us. Thank you for the honor of being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. My best to all – especially the 2022 HOF inductees!”

JOHN “MOOSE” MORABITO – Coach

Nominated by: Members of the HHS Alumni Association and Hall of Fame.

Mike Eckelman said, “Moose loved teaching and was devoted to his students. He was an awesome coach and colleague.”



This coach has had a series of monikers during his life. He was nicknamed Morbit, then Boomer, but what has stuck throughout the years is – “Moose.”

John Morabito began his multi-decade teaching career at HHS in 1969 when he was hired to teach math – his passion. Applying his humor and creativity, he developed his own imaginative way of teaching – using what he termed “moose-math.” He would throw wooden bingo chips to his students and filled the playground with chalked math activities and stickball diamonds.

Moose began his coaching career a year after coming to HHS as an assistant football coach under (then coaches) Dick Bub and Charlie Howard. Two weeks before the opening of football season in 1977, Coach Bub resigned due to a family situation and Moose was tapped to lead the football team as Interim Head Coach. He had a great first season with his team going 5-4. That same year, saw Coach Howard’s resignation; and Moose took over coaching the varsity baseball team. He was Head Baseball Coach for 11 seasons and had many successful years – including the 1983 season when his team went 18-5 and recorded the best season since Coach Tim Doyle’s squad in 1968!

For more than 40 years, Moose coached both football and baseball at HHS. He said he was privileged to have coached so many great athletes during his tenure.

John retired in 2010. These days he keeps busy trail biking and swimming with his loving wife, Cindy. He loves gardening and is a Master Gardener. He has been an active member on the Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee for more than a decade.

The Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame expanded the scope of its admission standards in 2020 by introducing a distinct appreciation award. This action made possible the acceptance of outstanding high school varsity teams for their shared successes.

THE LINDEMANN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
is pleased to present the
HOF SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARD – 2022
to the
HHS 1957 CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL TEAM
S.W.I.A.C. League Champions

The SWIAC League included larger schools that played in a different division than HHS – due to the size of their student body. Typically, smaller schools like HHS could not effectively compete against these appreciably larger schools – but in baseball it was an entirely different story! In 1957, the varsity baseball team went an unprecedented 10-0 on the season in this league – giving rise to a remarkable small school success story.



FRONT ROW: F. Levy-Mgr.; A. Petite, J. Scaturro, R. Evans, R. Mignogna.
SECOND ROW: J. Lopez, C. Warner, C. Einsel, W. Landry, H. Ulrichs,
W. Neely, J. Hand, W. Kleeman, J. Coleman. THIRD ROW: Coach Cochran,
S. Cadwell, E. Kantor, T. Maher, A. Kerfut, H. Lange, J. Hopkin,
M. Kantor.

Hastings	4	F.E. Bellows	0
Hastings	8	Harrison	1
Hastings	5	Rye	1
Hastings	6	Pleasantville	1
Hastings	13	Eastchester	8
Hastings	1	F.E. Bellows	0
Hastings	1	Harrison	0
Hastings	3	Rye	2
Hastings	10	Pleasantville	4
Hastings	9	Eastchester	6

**In Memory of HHSAA Founder and HOF Organizer
BERNARD “BERNIE” O’BRIEN*– Class of 1950
(*1932 – 2020)**



Bernie adored HHS and throughout the years looked for ways to give back to his beloved alma mater. In the late '90s, he came upon the opportunity; and immediately put into action a plan that would change the reach of alumni relations forevermore.

With the backing from a small group of friends, Bernie began the ground work by restoring the long abandoned high school alumni association – remaking it into a 501(C)(3) tax exempt corporation under NY State law. The transformed organization was given the name – Hastings High School Alumni Association, Inc. (HHSAA) and it gave all HHS grads access to a broad, new networking connection.

Next, Bernie engineered the formation of an alumni sports organization to provide recognition to outstanding former HHS athletes and coaches. On October 21, 2000, after many months of his time and effort, Bernie presided over the induction of 16 former HHS athletes into the newly-minted sports group – christened the Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame.

But Bernie wasn't done just yet! In early 2001, he sought to find a way to “Pay it Forward” and he made it happen by establishing an annual scholarship program under the umbrella of the HHSAA. Since its inception, this scholarship program has awarded more than \$329,000 in annual awards to HHS graduating seniors!

Bernie passed away in January 2020. This lovely, good-natured man is missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. The HHSAA is Bernie's legacy. He is remembered for his imagination, determination and deep affection for HHS. His successors continue to build on his models by retaining the connection of more than seven decades of HHS alumni, providing scholarships for future generations of HHS alumni and preserving the unity, spirit and pride of HHS.

“It is not the situation which makes the man, but the man who makes the situation.” – Frederick William Robertson

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

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| 1931- Steven Lysak | 1952- Thomas Charlton |
| 1932- John Antku | 1952- Margaret Seman Kopchik |
| 1937- John Lysak | 1952- Ann Seman O'Leary |
| 1938- Stan Trypuc | 1952- Robert Marsh |
| 1939- Paul "Red" Angelovich | 1952- Constance Edgar Davis |
| 1939- George Rusnack | 1952- John T. Kane |
| 1940- William Lancaster | 1953- Carol Lindemann Studley |
| 1941- Harold Titus | 1953- Joe "Bud" Wenzel |
| 1942- Armond Carvalhov | 1953- Betty Eckels |
| 1942- John MacCallum | 1954- Edwin "Ed" Usher |
| 1942- Dave Warner | 1954- John "Russ" Poli |
| 1943- Jimmy "Jada" Slavin | 1955- Eugene Mignogna |
| 1943- Clarence Carney | 1955- Regina Rehack Lockwood |
| 1944- Julius Chemka | 1956- Joan Farrell Lee |
| 1944- Tony Ravinsky | 1956- Timothy Barnes |
| 1944- Gertha Schlichter Stelzl | 1956- Michael "Mickey" Bless |
| 1945- Lou Santora | 1957- William Neely |
| 1945- John Platenyk | 1957- Wayne Landry |
| 1945- Jesse Lee Pickett Casey | 1958- Richard Roman |
| 1945- Doris Lee Fiedler Gilbert | 1958- Carlton Einsel |
| 1945- Catherine Farmer Hosmer | 1958- Eric "Tank" Kantor |
| 1945- George "Dee" DiChiara | 1959- Mike Haugh |
| 1946- Philip Klipp | 1959- Lucien Reeburg |
| 1946- Erling Anderson | 1959- Werner Kleeman |
| 1946- Coral Jander Brown | 1959- Karl J. Wiehe |
| 1947- Nelson MacCallum | 1959- Joseph Scaturro |
| 1947- Peter DiChiara | 1960- Bern Richards |
| 1948- Louis Rapoli | 1961- Arthur Fisher |
| 1948- Jeanne Fisher Henry | 1961- Valerie Frye Harmon |
| 1948- Paul "Pinkey" Velez | 1961- Margery Jenkins Fisher |
| 1948- Ann Zelonka McLoughlin | 1962- Peter Noyes |
| 1948- Ronnie Seetoo | 1962- Anthony "Butch" Kolodzinski |
| 1949- Paul Cardaci | 1963- Richard Wiehe |
| 1949- William "Sonny" Kohl | 1963- Brian Davis |
| 1949- William Pardy | 1964- Lance Johnson |
| 1949- Ivy Molloy | 1964- Steven Benchat |
| 1949- Raymond "Red" Miller | 1964- John Adams |
| 1949- Donald Jacobsen | 1964- Kenneth Aluisio |
| 1949- Manuel "Manny" Riberio | 1964- Robert Zabaronick |
| 1949- Robert Breckles | 1965- Joseph Kennedy |
| 1950- Jack "Gondie" Carvalho | 1965- Beverly Rohlehr Colby |
| 1950- Steve "Terror" Ravinsky | 1965- Donald W. Russell |
| 1950- John "Housie" Courtney | 1965- William Cook |
| 1950- Sue Lindemann Staropoli | 1966- William "Otto" Otivich |
| 1950- Bernard "O-Bie" O'Brien | 1967- Andrea Porucznic Cleary |
| 1951- Ann Scully Liebers | 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
1970- Charles Papelian
1971- Beverly Skultety LaBelle
1972- George Capuano
1972- Nancy Maleska
1972- Julius "Butch" Chemka
1973- Charles "Chip" Bingham
1973- Richard Balaban
1973- Deb Kepcher Russomano
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 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

1989 Michael C. McElroy
1990- Justin Hogan
1992- Melissa Paretti
1993- Kate Maggiotto 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
2000- Christopher Testa
2001- Lauren Martone
2002- Kelly Flaherty Handrahan
2002- Jaclyn Melillo Sette
2003- Joseph E. Flaherty
2006- Tara Flaherty Ryan

HHS COACHES/AD'S

Year Inducted
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 "Pat" Hicks
2008- Rosemary Eaton
2010- Elisabeth "Ibby" Rutherford
2010- Michael Eckelman
2014- Bruce Crandall
2016- Robert Nelson

**RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN
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Michael Eckelman Pete Westrell John Morabito
Elisabeth “Ibby” Rutherford Joseph Vaccaro



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"The mission of the HHS Alumni Association is to actively engage alumni and foster a lifelong connection with HHS; provide scholarships to future alumni; recognize and celebrate alumni achievements and promote a spirit of unity and pride."

The HHSAA operates from annual dues and contributions. You can become a member for just \$25 per year.

JOIN US!

The HHS experience lasts a lifetime!

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Thank you for coming from near and far to be a part of the Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame celebration for 2022. Congratulations to the newest members of this notable alumni sports organization. You are among the best of the best! A great big round of applause and our appreciation to everyone who lent a helping hand to make this memorable event possible. We hope to see you again in 2024 – at the next HOF induction ceremony.

"True friendship resists time, distance, and silence." – Isabel Allende

Thank You to Our Caterer, Nick!

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