

RONALD WILSON

LINDEMANN

ATHLETIC

HALL OF FAME

HHSAA

HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. INC.



September 21, 2024

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 encountered. 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 inspiration to all who were privileged to have known him.

Bernard “O-Bie” O’Brien* '50

Founder, HHSAA

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SELECTION COMMITTEE – 2024

Mike Eckelman Pete Westrell John Morabito
Elizabeth “Ibby” Rutherford Joe Vaccaro Adam Fennel

**HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION,
INC. EST. 2000**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2024

Stan Madyda '73 – President	Linda Bianchi Johnson '64
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**WELCOME
TO THE
RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
AWARD CEREMONY & DINNER**

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

Saturday, September 21, 2024



Thank you for joining us on this special occasion to celebrate the induction of five remarkable former Hastings High School Athletes and two former Coaches into our notable Alumni Hall of Fame.

Congratulations Inductees!

INDUCTEE	PRESENTER
Anthony Grascia*	Mark Lesly
Carol Tino Monaghan	George Tino
Donald Russak	Roseann Ravinsky Russak
Joseph DeGennaro	Robert Gagliardi & Kern Mojica
John Vaccaro	Coach John Morabito
Adam Fennel	Coach Mike Eckelman
*Posthumously	Emcee – Mike Eckelman

ANTHONY GRASCIA – Class of 1976 - Posthumously

Football & Wrestling

Nominated by: Mark Lesly '77



After graduating from Hasting High School, Anthony attended Westchester Community College for two years. Anthony started his professional career with Daitch Shopwell, later becoming part of the A & P Tea Company, and then went to work for the Wakefern Corporation, working in various management positions. He had a distinguished 40- year career.

Anthony was a member of the Hastings Hook and Ladder Volunteer Fire Department and played on the fire department's softball team.

He was married to his wife Barbara and had three daughters, Heather, Christine and Randi. Austin, Gavin and Charlotte are their three grandchildren.

Anthony was also extremely passionate about his New York Giants, Yankees and Rangers!

Anthony passed away suddenly on April 30, 2015, leaving behind his family, relatives, and many friends with great memories of a life well lived. He was always the first to help anyone in need and support them in any way possible.

Varsity Wrestling – 1974, 1975 & 1976

All League – 1974, 1975 & 1976

Varsity Football – 1975 & 1976 All League Hon. Mention 1975/1976

CAROL TINO MONAGHAN – Class of 1981

Volleyball, Softball, Basketball & Co-Ed Volleyball

Nominated by: George Tino '76



After graduating from Hastings High School in 1981, Carol attended SUNY Oneonta, where she studied Elementary Education. During her time at Oneonta Carol played on the volleyball team and the softball team. Her life has been dedicated to children. Carol has taught a wide range of students from nursery school through high school. Carol worked as a first-grade teacher at St. Francis Xavier School in the Bronx. She also taught 5th and 6th grades at Annunciation Catholic School in Yonkers. In 1995 she received her Masters of Arts in Teaching degree from Manhattanville College with a specialization in Special Education.

Carol still has a passion for sports, especially her love of the New York Yankees. Carol is currently a special education TA at Dobbs Ferry High School. She resides in Dobbs Ferry (but her heart is still in Hastings) with her husband Jim. Carol and Jim have two children, Paul (28) and Emma (22).

Varsity Volleyball – 1979, 1980

All-County, All-League, Co-Captain – 1981

All-League Honorable Mention – 19780

Varsity Softball – 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981

All-League – 1981

All-League Honorable Mention – 1979 & 1980

Varsity Basketball – 1980, 1981 Co- Ed Volleyball – 1981

DONALD RUSSAK – Class of 1974

Football, Basketball & Baseball

Nominated by: Roseann Ravinsky Russak '75



Upon graduating from HHS ('74) Don attended Colgate University, finishing in 1978 with a degree in Mathematical Economics. After a short stint with an insurance company, Don began working as an energy analyst with the New York Power Authority. For the next 35 years, he worked with the Power Authority, spending half of his career in Contract Administration and half in Finance, ultimately retiring as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

In 1979, Don married Roseann (Ravinsky '75) Russak. Don and Roseann enjoy family life with son Matthew (his wife Natalie and their children Ryleigh and Hudson) and daughter Stephanie (her husband Ryan and their children Landon and Carson). Time is now spent watching their grandchildren in various athletic endeavors, including gymnastics, baseball, lacrosse, ice hockey and soccer, as well as in travel, hiking, canoeing, and cooking.

Don and Roseann have residences in Hopewell Junction, NY and Bridgewater, NH

Varsity Football – 1973 & 1974

All-League - 1974

All-County Honorable Mention – 1974

All-American Honorable Mention – 1974

Junior Varsity Football – 1971 & 1972 (Captain)

Varsity Basketball – 1972, 1973 & 1974

All-League Honorable Mention – 1974

Con Edison Scholar Athlete of the Week – February 1974

Junior Varsity Basketball – 1971

Varsity Baseball – 1972, 1973 & 1974 (Captain)

All-League, All-County Honorable Mention – 1973 & 1974

Junior Varsity Baseball – 1971

JOSEPH DEGENNARO – Class of 1983

Basketball & Golf Coach – Basketball

Nominated by: Robert Gagliardi '00 & Kern Mojica'99



After graduating from HHS in 1983 Joe went on to Springfield College earning both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. After spending two years teaching & coaching at Cardinal Hayes HS in the Bronx he was fortunate to return to Hastings in 1990. At his alma mater he served as a teacher, boys basketball coach, Athletic Director and interim Principal. After 10 years at Hastings Joe pursued a full-time administrative position as assistant principal at Irvington HS. Joe spent eight years at IHS and eventually accepted the principalship at Yorktown High School where he has remained for the last 17 years. Joe and Jill, his incredible wife of 29 years, have three adult children, Dana (28), Nick (26) and Charlie (19). The DeGennaro family has lived in Yorktown Heights since 1996. They have done extensive fundraising for Blythedale Children's Hospital and plan on continuing to advocate for spinal cord injury and recovery. They are also working with the College/ University Office of Accessibilities to ensure an equal opportunity for a college experience for physically challenged students. Their work is in honor of their son Charlie, who continues to battle back from a spinal cord injury.

COACH JOE DEGENNARO – as the HHS head basketball coach for seven seasons, Joe had an overall record of 102-42, won four league championships, made five appearances at the Westchester County Center Final Four and captured the 1999 Section One Championship. He was honored as Coach of the year five times.

Varsity Basketball – 1984, 1985 - MVP 1985

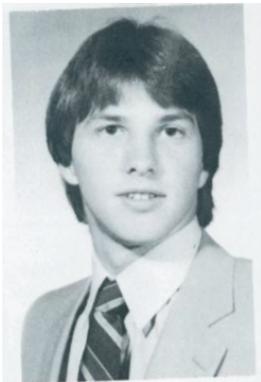
Junior Varsity Basketball – 1982, 1983

Varsity Golf – 1982 – 1985 - Captain & MVP 1985

JOHN VACCARO – Class of 1985

Baseball, Football & Basketball

Nominated by: Coach John Morabito



After graduating high school, John earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering, then went on to get a Master's degree in Secondary Math Education. After teaching in New York at Haldane and Rye, John moved to Pennsylvania. John secured a job at Lower Merion High School. He is now in his 24th year at LMHS, where he serves as the Math Department Chair and a Computer Science and Math teacher.

Over the years, John has coached high school football, including Head Coaching stints at both Rye Neck High School and Lower Merion High School. He has coached modified basketball and baseball, and even coached his children in youth football and soccer.

John is married to Kellie, a special Education teacher at LMSD, for 23 years. They have three amazing children, Allie (20), Jack (18) and Lexie (16). John enjoys spending time at the beach (LBI) with the family, playing golf and also enjoys a good poker game.

Varsity Baseball – 1983, 1984 & 1985

All League – 1983, 1984 & 1985

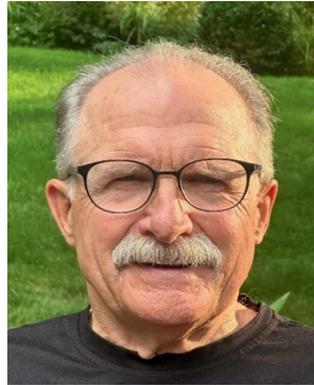
Varsity Football – 1983, 1984 & 1985

Varsity Basketball – 1983, 1984 & 1985

Quarterback & Captain
Captain

ADAM FENNEL – Coach

Nominated by fellow teacher and coach Mike Eckelman



Born in the Bronx (City Island), Adam graduated from DeWitt Clinton HS, did his undergraduate work at Hunter College and obtained two master's degrees, one in Physical Education from Lemay College and one in Public School Administration from Manhattan College. After teaching in New York City for two years, Adam then moved north in 1970 to us at Hastings High School (HHS) as a teacher of Health Education.

During his 40-year career at HHS, Adam also taught Biology and Physical Education. His coaching career at Hastings included Boys JV Soccer, Girls JV Soccer, and for 25 years Boys Varsity Soccer. He was named League Coach of the Year eight times, an honor bestowed on him by fellow coaches. In 1985, he was also awarded the Sportsmanship Award by the Westchester County soccer Referees. Adam also had a 20-year run as Girls JV Basketball coach with two undefeated seasons, and coached Girls JV Lacrosse and Girls JV Field Hockey. If all this wasn't enough, during the summers Adam coached the swim team at Whipoorwill Country Club in Armonk for 25 years.

Adam lives in Ridgefield Connecticut with his wife Camille whom he met skiing in Vermont. They have been married for just over 50 years. They have shared their love for skiing with their three sons; Adam, Scott and Tommy, all of whom are married with children. The Fennel's have six grandchildren. Since retirement Adam and Camille have travelled extensively and especially cherish the trip they took last year to Tuscany with their sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Besides skiing and snowshoeing Adam enjoys playing golf, fishing, swimming and until recently biking. This man does not sit still!

The Hastings High School Alumni Association, Inc.
A not-for-profit – tax deductible – charitable organization under
New York state law.



OUR MISSION:

“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!

www.hohalumni.org

Thank you for coming from near and far to be a part of the Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame celebration for 2024. Congratulations to the newest members of this notable alumni sports organization. You are among the best of the best! **Thank you** so much to everyone who lent a helping hand to make this memorable event possible. We hope to see you again in 2026 at the next Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Thank you to our local caterers, “the Bistro Boys”
The Bistro House 16 Main St. Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

**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- Anthony "Butch" Kolodzinski
1962- Peter Noyes
1963- Richard Wiehe
1963- Brian Davis
1964- Lance Johnson
1964- Steven Benchat
1964- John Adams
1964- Kenneth Aluisio
1964- Robert Zabaronick
1965- Joseph Kennedy
1965- Beverly Rohlehr Colby
1965- Donald W. Russell
1965- William Cook
1966- William "Otto" Otivich
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 "Toaster" Kontos
1970- Charles Papelian
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
1973- Deborah Kepcher Russomano
1973- Christopher Testa
1973- Richard Balaban
1974- Walter Brickowski
1975- Charles "Chuck" Fleming
1975- Karen Koblosh Flaherty
1975- Kim Koblosh Thornton
1975- Patricia Sinatra
1975- David Riggs
1976- David Baur
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- Jaclyn Melillo Sette
2002- Kelly Flaherty Handrahan
2003- Joseph E. Flaherty
2006- Tara Flaherty Ryan
2007- Daniel Contrastano
2011- Alexander "Ali" Marpet
2011- Luca Cobucci

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
2022- Peter Westrell
2022- John Morabito

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

– Boris Becker

**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©(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 if 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 \$31,250 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.

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.

We celebrate Title IX and the equity it embodies. Never let flawed policies spell the end of female athletics!

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