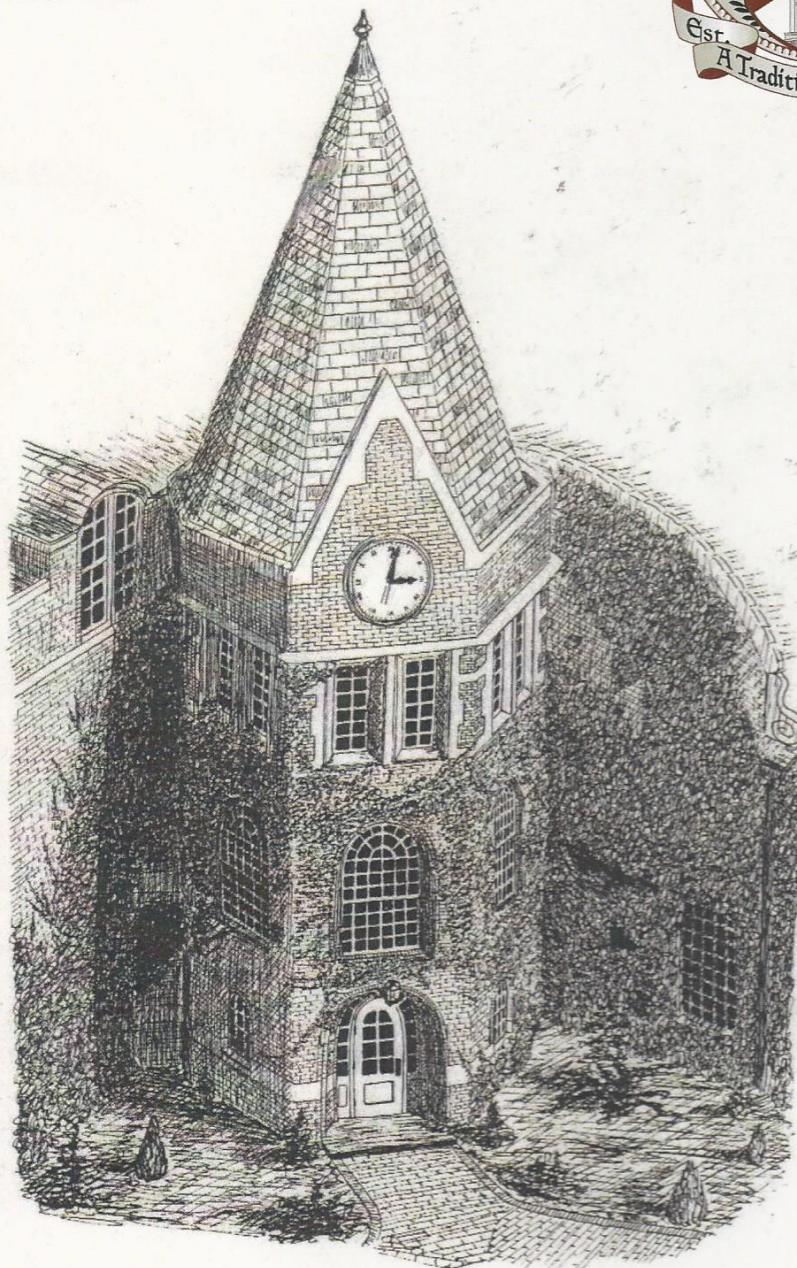


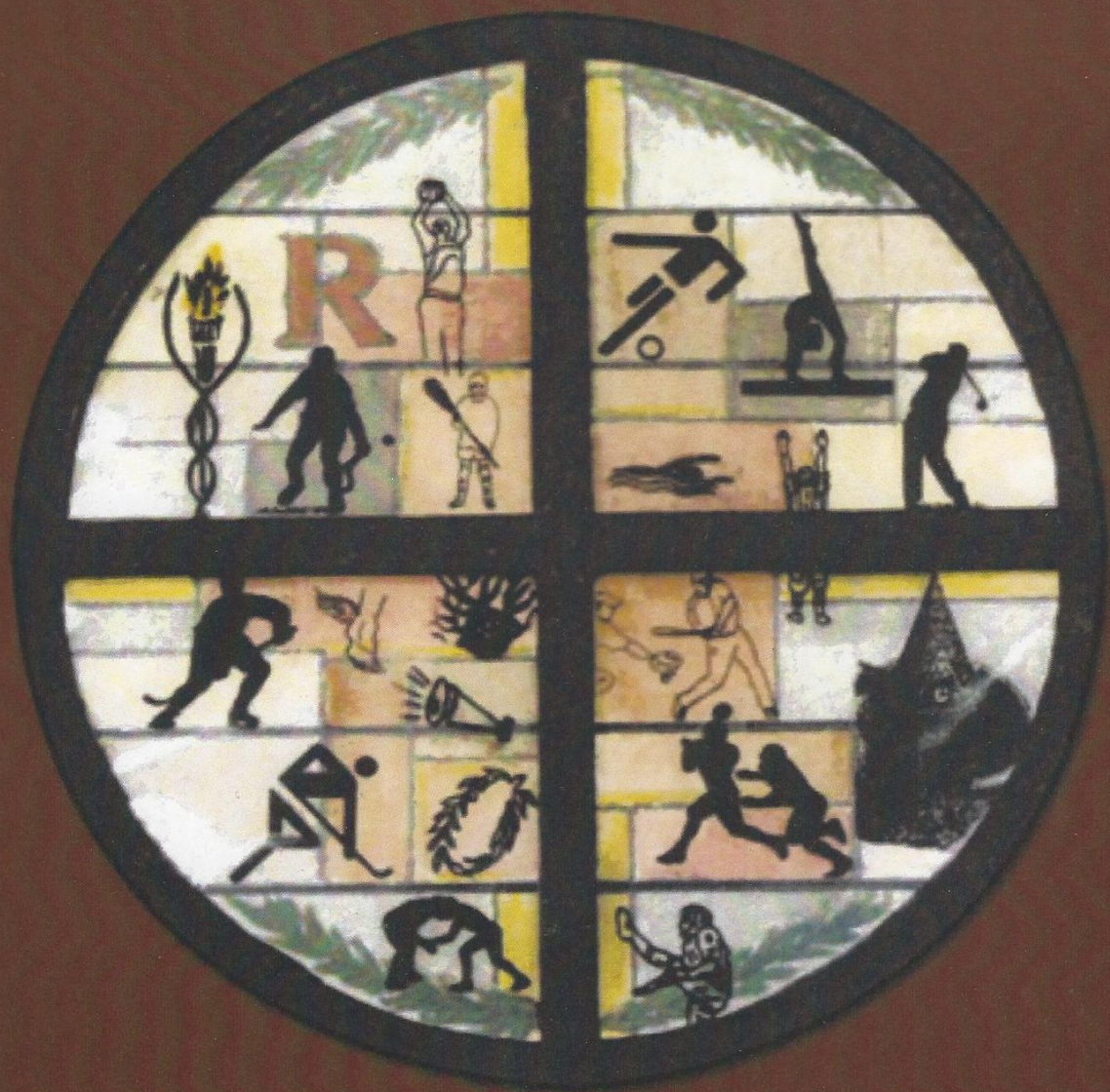
**R**IDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME  
CLASS OF 2016



**INDUCTION DINNER  
OCTOBER 22, 2016**



# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



## WINDOW PROJECT



**Program of Events**  
**October 22, 2016**

**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner**  
**Class of 2016**

**Dinner**

The Brick House, Wyckoff, New Jersey  
6:00 to 7:00 PM Social Hour, Meet and Greet (Cash Bar)  
7:00 PM Seating, Main Banquet Room  
*Introduction of Hall of Fame Inductees proceeds during dinner service*

**Welcome**

Jeff Yearing (HOF Chairperson)  
Tom Thurston (Co-Chair, MOC)

*"The Star-Spangled Banner"*  
*"Go Get 'Em, Ridgewood"*

**Invited Guests**

Dr. Daniel Fishbein, Superintendent, Ridgewood Public Schools  
Dr. Thomas A. Gorman, Principal, Ridgewood High School  
Mr. Keith Cook, Athletic Director, Ridgewood High School

*"Ridgewood High School Alma Mater"*

**Presenters**

Thomas Thurston, Jeff Yearing

**RHS Coaches Award of Merit 2016 Inductees**

Mike Mullin, Craig Mahler, Jim Stroker, Keith Cook, Jacob Brown

**Presentation of the 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees**

Maureen Grieco, Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Director 1989-2014

Toshiko d'Elia, Special Contributor (Runner, Survivor, and Inspiration to All)

Richard Bennett, Head Coach: Boys Soccer 1969-97, Girls Basketball 1976-89, Boys Golf 1972-76,  
Boys and Girls Bowling 1997-Present

Larry Coyle, Head Coach Boys Cross Country 1969-1997, Boys Track & Field 1969-1979

Jacob Brown, Head Coach Girls Cross Country 1974-2014, Girls Track & Field 1972-2015

**Closing Remarks**

Hall of Fame Committee Members

**Post Banquet Social Gathering**

9:30 PM - ?

All banquet attendees are encouraged to stay and share in the spirit of the "Maroon and White"  
with friendship and camaraderie





## **R**IDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL Athletic Hall of Fame

Good Evening to All Attendees of the 2016 RHS HOF Induction Dinner,

The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee would like to express its congratulations to all of our inductees this evening and to thank everyone for supporting this special and important recognition of Ridgewood High School's "Tradition of Excellence."

The Hall of Fame Committee has been working hard at the task of providing the basis for this evening's ceremony for almost two years. It is through painstaking research and documentation of each inductee that decisions were made for selection to this year's Hall of Fame induction, Class of 2016.

The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2004 to honor the athletic achievements of Ridgewood High School student-athletes, coaches, teams and individuals who are deemed to have had a major and lasting impact on the athletic program at RHS.

The purpose of this commemorative body is to unite the school's athletic history with the functions and goals of the present day school district. The Hall of Fame will attempt to promote sportsmanship and citizenship, as well as athletic and academic accomplishment, through the recognition and selection of deserving individuals and teams into the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Candidates must represent substantial accomplishment not only on the athletic field, but also show a responsible amount of accomplishment academically as a student-athlete during their days at RHS.

Candidates for the Hall of Fame must be recognized as having been outstanding in their sports at the league, county, state and if appropriate, national levels.



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The committee also reserves the right to recognize significant individuals or groups that are aligned with but not directly affiliated with the Ridgewood High School who have had a major positive impact on the quality of the athletic program at Ridgewood High School.

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# **R**IDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Athletic Hall of Fame

### Acknowledgements

The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee would like to thank the following individuals for their tireless effort to help make this event a true reflection of our proud "Tradition of Excellence" at RHS.

"Thank You" to Lori Schmidt who volunteered and donated her time, using her amazing skills at the computer, to format and layout the entire content of this year's banquet book.

"Thank You" to Anthony Bussanich who has donated and coordinated, through his company, the printing of this year's banquet book as well as the printing of the 2012 and 2014 books.

"Thank You" to Rod Bolten and Sport Shots Inc. for their cooperation in duplicating hundreds of items for this year's book and awards ceremony.

"Thank You" to the Ridgewood Public School's administration and Board of Education, for their support of the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame project.

"Thank You" to the Ridgewood High School Alumni Association for linking to our efforts and supporting the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

"Thank You" to the many HOF inductees and others who have contributed time and money to make the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame a reality.

"Thank You" to the tireless effort given by the members of this year's Hall of Fame committee. It takes a great team to be able to make an event like this happen every two years. The people who comprise this group truly reflect the championship caliber performance and "Tradition of Excellence" that is represented by this year's class of inductees!

**Jeff Yearing "66"**  
**Committee Chair**  
**Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame**



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## Athletic Hall of Fame

### Meet Your Hall of Fame Committee's Former Maroon Standouts

#### **Jeff Yearing, Chairperson**

RHS Class of 1966

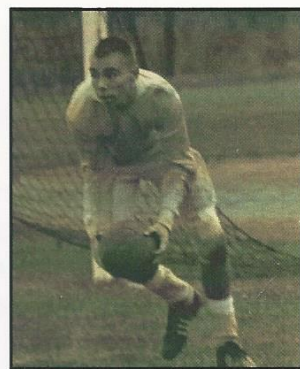
Soccer: Co-Captain, All League, County and State

Baseball: Co-Captain, All League, Suburban

Memphis State Univ: Varsity Baseball, Club Soccer

Springfield College: Varsity Baseball

MA PE/Athletic Administration "The Ohio State University"



#### **Tom Thurston, Co-Chairperson**

RHS Class of 1977

Football, Basketball

Track: Co-Captain, All League Suburban, County

Gettysburg College: Football and Track

All Mac Track: '03 National Championships



#### **Sam Cermack, Fund Raising**

RHS Class of 1977

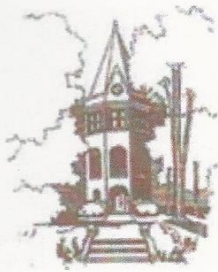
Soccer

Franklin and Marshall College: Soccer All League

All Mac Soccer: Team Captain Sophomore, Junior  
and Senior Year







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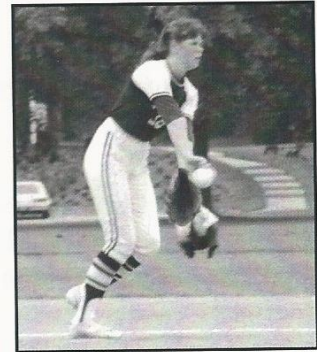
#### Donna O'Connell Skettini, HOF Facilities Committee

RHS Class of 1984, HOF Inductee 2006

Softball: All League, County, State, *The Record's* "All Century Team"

Bowling: All League, County, State

Trenton State College: Softball, All Conference and All American



#### Brian Corcoran, HOF Researcher

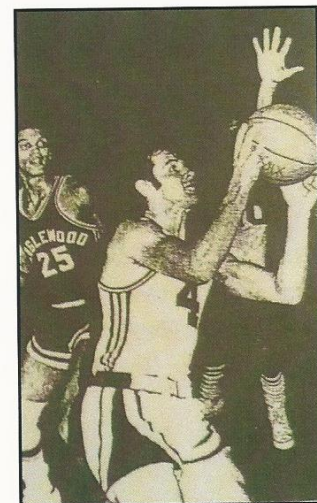
RHS Class of 1970

Basketball: Junior Captain, Senior Co-Captain  
All League, County, State

US Naval Academy: Basketball

St. Peter's College: Basketball

ABA Pittsburgh Condors: Professional Basketball

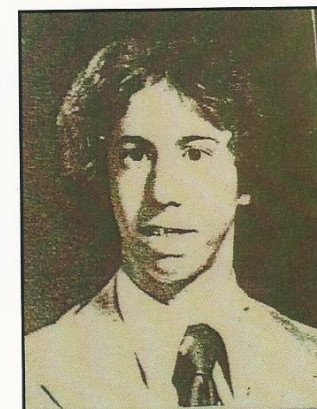


#### Bob Lasky, HOF Researcher

RHS Class of 1979

Varsity Football, 1977 and 1978

Former President, Ridgewood Sports Council







# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Athletic Hall of Fame

### ...and Maroon and White Supporters on the Hall of Fame Committee

#### Greg Tartaglia, HOF Biographer and Researcher

Named Sports Editor of the Ridgewood News, 2014

Covered all Sports for The Ridgewood News since 2006

Joined The Record's "Varsity Aces", 2014

Avid New York Jets Fan

Boston College, Graduate 2001

Grew up in Franklin Lakes and lives in Wanaque with wife Nicole



#### Erica d'Elia, Film Editor and Photographer for Champenellie Productions

RHS Class of 1973

Captain of the first RHS Girls Track Team

Captain RHS Field Hockey and Girl's Basketball Teams

Varsity Field Hockey Ithaca College,

Competed for Cornell University in Women's Varsity Track and Field

Transferred to Michigan State University to run on their first

Women's Varsity Cross Country Team (team ranked 2nd nationally)

Graduated MSU

Claim to fame: Got her mom (Toshiko d'Elia) interested in running!







Daniel Fishbein, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

# RIDGEWOOD

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September 2016

Dear Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee:

On behalf of the Ridgewood Board of Education, I would like to congratulate you on being inducted into the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2016. We honor you today for your dedication and your commitment to our Ridgewood High School student athletes and to the Village of Ridgewood.

Your legacy contributes to the excellent reputation of the athletic program at Ridgewood High School. Today our students participate in a wide variety of athletic programs and strive to continue the great tradition of excellence that was established by people like you.

The Board of Education and I would also like to thank the co-chairs, Jeff Yearing and Tom Thurston, as well as the Hall of Fame Committee for your hard work and commitment to the Ridgewood Public Schools. Their service helps us honor our past stellar student athletes, coaches and special contributors while continuing to provide the best athletic program our current students enjoy.

Again, congratulations to the Hall of Fame Induction. Enjoy your celebration.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Fishbein, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

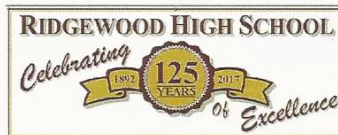




# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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Thomas A. Gorman, Ed.D.  
Principal



October 2016

Dear Ridgewood Community,

The Ridgewood High School motto of a *Tradition of Excellence* is built upon the dedication and perseverance of its students, coaches, and community members. Although years have passed since the honorees have passed through the halls of RHS, this evening they are recognized for excellence and commitment to their sport.

As we gather today with family and friends, many stories will be shared. Names of teammates and coaches will be remembered, and accomplishments of teams and individuals will be relived. This is the beauty of sports – a lifetime of memories.

Athletics are an important aspect of the high school experience. In the midst of all the exciting matches, it is important to remember that the athletes balance athletics with their academics. The lessons of the playing field and the academics of the classroom are a powerful combination, which create a foundation for true success in life. The combination makes for a well-developed individual. All of our honorees found that balance and truly are role models for our student-athletes today.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016 inductees. Your accomplishments speak for themselves but it is the impact you had and continue to have on those around you that warms our hearts and makes us proud to know you.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Hall of Fame committee for organizing this event. They have been working extremely hard these past two years to make this evening a success. We appreciate all your efforts.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Gorman, Ed.D.

*A Tradition of Excellence*  
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# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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Keith D. Cook, Director of Athletics

2016 Hall of Fame Induction Attendees  
Ridgewood High School

Dear Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees,

On behalf of the Ridgewood High School Athletic Department I would like to congratulate you on your induction into the RHS Hall of Fame. The dedication, devotion, and most importantly caring nature you put into your careers at Ridgewood High School have made an indelible impression for the betterment of the athletic community.

There is no denying the rich history of the athletic programs at Ridgewood High School. This reputation was not created by chance, but rather through remarkable and consistent accomplishments by our student-athletes, their coaches, and support staff. The '*Tradition of Excellence*' Ridgewood has become known for would not have been possible without the continued and inspiring efforts of those being inducted in today's ceremony.

In addition, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Hall of Fame Committee for the countless hours they have put in for researching and nominating the Class of 2016 and those inducted in years past. The legacy of the Ridgewood Athletics would surely not be as prominent within our community without the efforts you have put forth.

Sincerely,

Keith Cook  
Director of Athletics  
Ridgewood High School



**R**IDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
Athletic Hall of Fame

**“GO GET ‘EM RIDGEWOOD”**

Go get ‘em Ridgewood  
We’re out to see you win this game  
Go get ‘em Ridgewood  
We’re out to see you win us fame  
Fight! Fight! Fight! For victory is near  
and your praises loudly we will cheer!

Go get ‘em Ridge - wood!  
Go get ‘em, Go get ‘em NOW...!



# Ridgewood High School Alma Mater

Words and Music  
By Percy C. Fisher '14

There are so many High Schools that are loyal, staunch and  
So here's a toast to Ridge-wood: May thy honor e'er grow

true, Standing for their colors, and for their hon - or, too;  
bright; May we be vic - to - rious as in thy strength we fight;

But we have a fair-er High School for which we will fight, And  
And with our A - lum - ni, may our voi - ces ev - er rise In

proud are we en - rolled to be, Be - neath the red and white.  
praise of thee, for more than we, Will laud thee to the skies.



# CHORUS

Once a-gain to thee, our Al-ma Ma-ter, Raise we songs on high;

Stand, boys, stand your ground, We'll win the fight or die. For-ev-er

hold-ing to our standard proud-ly, Loy-al-ly we'll try To

bright-en the fame and never put to shame The glory of Ridgewood High.

Notes: In the original 1914 lyrics presented here, the school colors are referred to as Red and White. Research indicates that throughout early literature in reference to the school colors, the color red is interchanged with the color maroon on a regular basis. Earliest reference to Maroon and White as the school colors is found in the 1910 "Arrow". The RAA (Ridgewood Athletic Association) officially declared the high school colors as "Maroon and White" in their bylaws dated 1916.

# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Coaches Award of Merit

The Ridgewood High School Coaches Award of Merit recognizes varsity head coaches and athletic administrators who have provided outstanding leadership to the athletic program at Ridgewood High School. Head coaches must be retired with 10 or more years of service to their sport. Athletic administrators must be retired with 10 years or more of service within their position of expertise.

Ted Stratton	Football	1926-1936
Primo "Duke" DeRochi	Baseball Athletic Director	1938-1942, 1946-1956 1943-1967
Frank Mozeleski	Football Boys Golf	1943-1958 1961-1971
Charlie Yennie	Boys Soccer Boys Basketball	1943-1955 1945-1956
James Wetherhold	Boys Golf	1945-1960
Leo Palmisano	Boys Track	1945-1969
Otis Grendler	Boys Tennis	1946-1963
Roger Sweeney	Football	1959-1975
John Perkins	Baseball	1966-1979
Dick Flechtner	Athletic Director	1967-1983
Tony Napier	Boys and Girls Gymnastics	1968-1987
Dick Bennett	Boys Soccer Girls Basketball	1969-1997 1976-1989
Kitty Batterson	Girls Volleyball	1974-1986
Dick VanYperen	Boys Track Boys and Girls Indoor Track	1981-1995 1974-1977, 1982-1995
Debbie Paul	Girls Tennis Softball	1973, 1975-77, 1979-84, 1986-2006 1974-78, 1980-2006
Jack VanYperen	Baseball	1980-1997
Larry Coyle	Boys Cross Country	1970-1997
Art Rispoli	Boys and Girls Bowling	1978-1997
Dave Vanderbush	Athletic Director	1984-1999
Steve Jacobson	Boys Lacrosse	1986-2001
David Marsh	Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics	1970-2002
Nancy Hyman	Boys Tennis	1985-2002
Jim Stroker	Boys Basketball	1987-2005
Craig Mahler	Boys Soccer	1998-2012
Keith Cook	Boys and Girls Swimming	2001-2013, 2014-2015
Mike Mullin	Boys and Girls Indoor Track	1995-2012
Jacob Brown	Girls Cross Country Girls Track and Field	1974-2014 1972-2015



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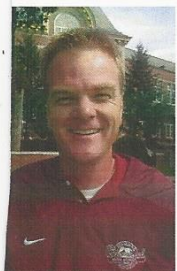
## **Coaches Award of Merit**

### **Inductees 2016**



#### **MIKE MULLIN, BOYS AND GIRLS INDOOR TRACK 1996-2012**

Coach Mike Mullin lead both the boys and girls programs in track and field for seventeen seasons. In that time, his boys teams accumulated 11 league, 2 county and 2 state sectional championships. His girls teams also brought home 11 league titles, while taking 8 county championships and 3 state sectional titles.



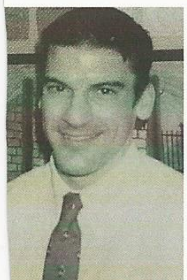
#### **CRAIG MAHLER, BOYS SOCCER 1998-2012**

Coach Craig Mahler lead the boys soccer program at RHS for sixteen seasons. In that time his teams accumulated a record of 161-115-19. The Maroons under his guidance were always a very competitive team winning an outright NNJIL title in 2001 and earned a berth in the prestigious Bergen County tournament final in 2002.



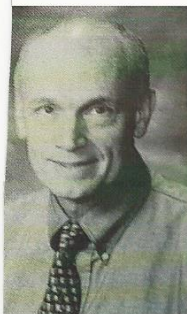
#### **JIM STROKER, BOYS BASKETBALL 1987-2005**

Coach Jim Stroker lead the boys basketball program at RHS for eighteen seasons. The program under Coach Stroker developed a reputation for tough defense and a strong spirit that always allowed them to be competitive no matter who the opposition might be. His RHS teams accumulated 207 wins, which is the most wins by any RHS basketball coach to date. His teams gained league titles in the tough NNJIL in 2001 and 2005 as well as the school's first state sectional title in 35 years winning that title in 2005 before progressing to the state group 4 final. A final appearance in the 1994 Bergen jamboree final also brought acclaim to the Maroons. Coach Stroker is a member of the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Hall of Fame.



#### **KEITH COOK, BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING 2001-2013, 2014-2015**

As head coach of the boys and girls swimming programs for fourteen seasons at RHS, Keith Cook brought both programs into prominence at the county and state level. His boys program accumulated a dual meet record of 117-46, with 3 league titles, 2 Bergen County titles and 3 state sectional championships. His girls program accumulated a dual meet record of 107-60 with 2 league titles and 3 state sectional titles. Coach Cook now serves as the Athletic Director at Ridgewood High School.



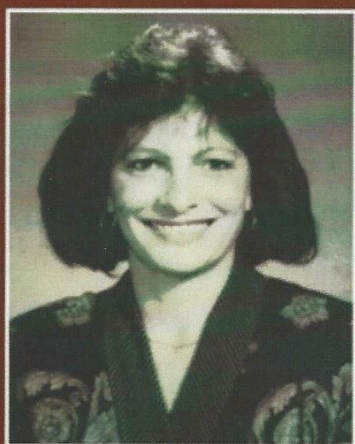
#### **JACOB BROWN, GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY 1974-2014, GIRLS TRACK & FIELD 1972-2015**

One of the most respected high school Cross Country and Track and Field coaches in the country, Coach Jacob Brown's teams and coaching career are legendary. THE RECORD'S All 20th Century Coach for both sports accumulated a combined total of 739 dual meet wins (379 CC and 360 T&F) against 52 losses and 3 ties! Along with the dual meet victories, his teams brought home 240 "Championship Meet" victories as well as countless league, county and state sectional and state group championships. Also named the NSAF National Track and Field Coach of the year in 2010, Coach Brown has also been inducted into the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame as well as the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame.



# MAUREEN GRIECO

## SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
TO THE  
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT  
1989-2014

INDUCTED 2016



## **MAUREEN GRIECO**

### **Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Director 1989-2014**

In his article for "The Record" on January 6, 2015 announcing Maureen Grieco's retirement from her position in the athletic department at Ridgewood High School, sports writer Darren Cooper wrote "Maureen Grieco never won a championship for Ridgewood. She didn't coach. She didn't play sports. And the school probably won't put her name in the gym now that she is retired.

But after twenty five and a half years as the schools administrative assistant to the athletic director, her contributions were undeniable." All true statements, but we now honor Maureen's outstanding accomplishments for RHS athletics by putting her name up along the main gymnasium wall with all the other inductees to the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame making her one of the all time Maroon and White greats.

Working for six athletic directors for close to twenty six years (Dave Vanderbush, Garland Allen, Walt Hampson, Tom Zaccone, Greg McDonald and Nick Scerbo) Maureen was adaptable to the many differences each brought to the job. Each of these men knew they had an indispensable resource with Maureen that allowed for them to function in as sane a manner that a person in that position could possibly expect. She was able to handle each change professionally and skillfully mentored each new AD into a comfort zone after the initial shock of a huge learning curve.

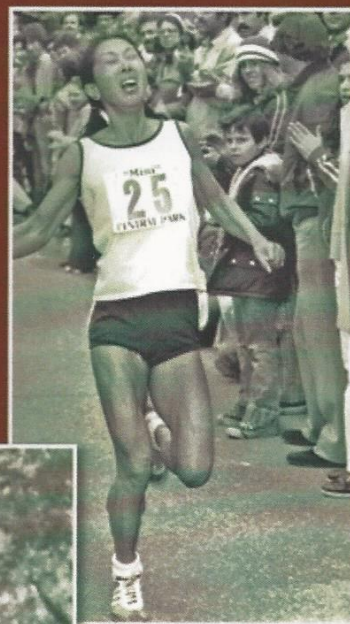
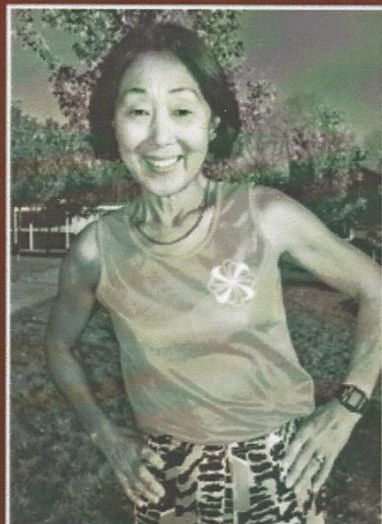
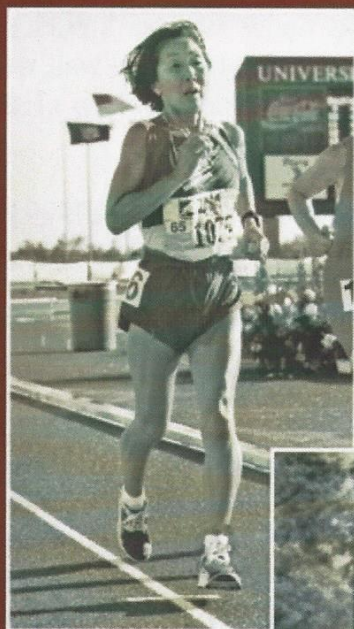
Maureen's responsibilities included scheduling games, officials and transportation. She also confirmed previously made schedules and notified all parties of changes in a timely manner. This included rescheduling of transportation, officials and facilities. She was responsible for disseminating information to and communicating with 25 head coaches, 35 assistant coaches for 27 sports and 75 teams. All the while she kept a smile and treated everyone with dignity and often times grace under fire! Further, in her job description it is noted she provided administrative support for each sport including ordering equipment, athletic physicals, parental permission slips, eligibility records, athletic letters, preparation for awards dinners and typing recommendations for student athletes presented to her by her coaches. Her position also required regular communication with other districts AD's and Athletic Administrators, parent booster groups, the press and general public. She needed knowledge of the NJSIAA regulations especially in the area of eligibility and transfers and the completion and filing of regular NJSIAA reports. Most importantly her job required that she make immediate decisions in regard to the daily functioning of the athletic department in the absence of the athletic director. Maureen was professional and knew the impact her decisions would have on everyone concerned with athletics on a daily basis. She would never make unilateral decisions and always trusted her coaches to lend a helping hand.

Each year the job grew. There were new computer programs, with several software systems, night games, freshman and JV tournaments, new field scheduling practices, extended work schedules and working gates at games. Each time the job changed, like a great athlete or coach Maureen was able to adapt her game to the circumstance. Eventually along with Nick Scerbo she also absorbed the duties of the secretary to the Wellness dept. and like every great athlete, Maureen knew when it was time to step away from the game. An all time great we salute Maureen's invaluable contributions to RHS athletics for 25 1/2 years with her induction into the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame.



# TOSHIKO D'ELIA

## SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR



WORLD CLASS MASTERS LONG DISTANCE RUNNER  
USATF NATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD HALL OF FAME  
FOUNDING ORGANIZER OF THE "RIDGEWOOD RUN"  
INSPIRATION AND ROLE MODEL FOR THE  
RIDGEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS WELLNESS PROGRAMS

## INDUCTED 2016



## TOSHIKO d'ELIA

### Special Contributor (Runner, Survivor and Inspiration to All)

Toshiko Kishimoto d'Elia grew up amid the chaos and ravages of post-war Japan and went on to become a pioneer in women's running; setting numerous American and World records at every age division and distance. In that journey she touched everyone she met.

Toshi was born in 1930 in Kyoto, into one of Japan's most powerful families, who started the steel industry in Japan. Coming from wealth in no way deterred her fierce desire to succeed on her own. "After the war, we all starved" she said. "Toshiko would stand on food lines all day and bring home a cucumber to feed a family of six. She said, "I dreamed of being a bird so I could fly away."

Away she flew! Against her father's wishes, who claimed he would rather spend money on a new horse than educating a woman, she came to the United States in 1951 accepting a Fulbright Scholarship to study audiology. She went on to teach deaf children at New York School for the Deaf in White Plains, NY for 37 years. In 1960 She married Manfred d'Elia, and with her daughter, Erica, started a long and fulfilling life in the village of Ridgewood, NJ.

The d'Elia family were avid outdoors people and accomplished climbers and hikers. On one climb up Mt Rainier, Toshiko was told by the guide that she wasn't allowed to summit because of her lack of conditioning, and was ordered to descend. The news, while devastating at the time, was yet another door Toshi flew through to discover a new passion...running. When she returned home from Mt Ranier so dejected, her daughter, Erica, suggested she try jogging to give her a base of fitness. Before long, 1 mile turned into 3, which then turned into 5 and more a day. Erica tricked her mom into her 1<sup>st</sup> race pleading with her to enter so that her good friend wouldn't finish last. "Just follow us...you'll be fine!" Erica won the race, her friend finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and everyone was shocked to see that Toshi did indeed follow them and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, beating hundreds of high school and college female runners. Now she was hooked.

Toshi went on to train seriously and exploded onto the running scene. She qualified for the prestigious Boston Marathon "by accident" accompanying a friend as a training run and deciding halfway to go ahead and finish. She ran her first Boston marathon in 3:15 and followed up that Fall being the 3<sup>rd</sup> overall woman finisher in New York City Marathon in 3:08. When race director Fred Lebow announced her age of 47 years old, the crowd roared and a masters star was born. In 1980 d'Elia went on to become the first woman over 50 years to break 3 hours in the marathon in Glasgow Scotland with a time of 2:57:25. She was named Runner of the Year by Runner's World Magazine and honored with the Paavo Nurmi Award. The NY Road Runners Club honored Toshi as the coveted Runner of the Year 27 out of 30 years from the 1970-90's. She was also the first woman over 65 to run a sub-7:00 mile indoors, following this achievement into her 70's running 6:47 for 1500 meters, and world records from the 800 meters to the marathon. She was a fixture at The 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Mile, was featured in Sports Illustrated, had a book and movie "Running On", and is the first thing you see when entering the USA Track & Field Hall of Fame. As Mary Wittenburg, President of NYRRC, said "Toshi is our Queen of the Roads..she represents the best of running."

During this time Toshi and Fred wanted to share their newfound love of running with their Ridgewood friends, and founded the North Jersey Master's Running Club. Their infectious spirit to be fit and have fun at the same time drew many people to the club and resulted in the start of the Ridgewood Memorial Day Run. RHS's Dave Marsh was one of those people who caught Toshi's fever, and introduced the concept of measured aerobic fitness to the high school physical education curriculum. Also during that time, Toshi discovered she had cervical cancer, but was fierce in her determination not to allow a disease to define or limit her. Four months after cancer surgery, she finished the Boston Marathon in 3:09.

After every race, the first thing Toshi did was to thank her feet. Then she'd have a beer. She viewed running as a cherished friendship. "I view running as a tool to help me get through life, so I do everything I can to nurture it, take care of it, appreciate it. I want to hold onto my friend for as long as I live." Toshi continued to do that until one month before she passed away in 2014. She will forever be remembered as an inspiration to those of us who were lucky enough to know her.



# RICHARD BENNETT

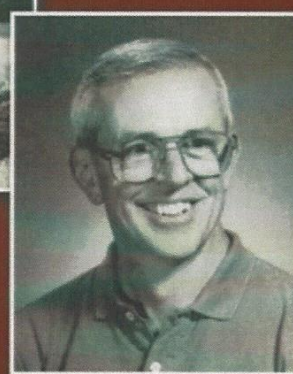
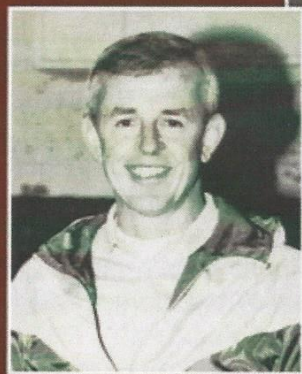
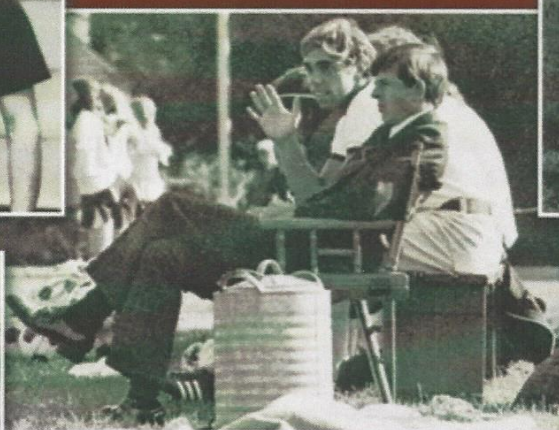
## HEAD COACH

BOYS SOCCER 1969-1997

GIRLS BASKETBALL 1976-1989

BOYS GOLF 1972-1976

BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING 1997-PRESENT



**"THE RECORD"**  
**BERGEN COUNTY**  
**ALL 20TH CENTURY**  
**BOYS SOCCER COACH**

**INDUCTED 2016**



## **RICHARD BENNETT**

### **Head Coach: Boys Soccer 1969-97, Girls Basketball 1976-89, Boys Golf 1972-76, Boys and Girls Bowling 1997-Present**

When Richard Bennett applied for the boys soccer coach position, he was asked by the Athletic Director Dick Flectner if he thought he could win. He replied simply, yes. With 1021 wins later at Ridgewood High School, that simple response has certainly proven to be prophetic. During his 47 year coaching tenure, Richard has coached 4 varsity teams including boys' soccer (28 years), boys' golf (5 years), girls' basketball (13 years), and boys and girls bowling (17 and counting). The Ridgewood boys' soccer team garnered 387 wins, 7 counts titles and 3 state sectional titles. The girls' basketball team had 212 wins and 1 county title during that tenure. The bowling team has 325 wins and two county titles. The boys golf team had 97 wins and two county titles.

In 1997, he was voted into the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Bergen County Soccer Century Club in 2000 as one of the five original inductees. Most recently in 2016, he was inducted into the New Jersey Soccer Hall of Fame as well as the State's Golf Hall of Fame.

Richard wasn't known only for coaching. In 1992, he was recognized as the top teacher in the state with the Outstanding Physical Education Teaching Award. He attended the National Conference in Washington DC of that year. The following year, he was nominated for the Disney Teachers Award as one of the top 3 Physical Education teachers in the United States. In 1988, he spent 21 days participating in the Outward Bound program in Colorado. Using the principles he learned there, including trust, inner strength, and endurance beyond one's comfort zone, he was on the ground floor for bringing the project adventure program to Ridgewood High School for both students and adults. Richard was an innovator with his coaching as well. He was one of the first coaches to video his games and then watch them to discover his teams weaknesses. Many a Friday night was spent at his house as his soccer team would sit all around his living room eating homemade chocolate chip cookies and watching the games being played. Using the videos of the game, he would change his formations to match the talents of his team. He would go watch other teams play to find their strengths and would make adjustments to match them. While this is commonplace now, back in the 70's it wasn't.

Richard's coaching skills, combined with his persistence and solid work ethic, are legendary. He took over the girls basketball team in 1976 in the middle of the season, the team went on to lose every single game. In his first game he was losing 50-2 to Paramus at halftime. Never one to back down from a challenge, he drew from his philosophy from soccer--always be sound defensively. He practiced without a basketball and taught his team how to play defense. The next time he played Paramus that season, they lost by only 15. The following season, the team won their first game in 2 years and proceeded to make the states. They made the states every year that he coached.

When the bowling position opened in 1997, he jumped at the opportunity to coach the sport. He went to camps to learn how to be a bowling coach. He studied the correct way to throw a ball. Yet, he still kept his core values about how to be successful. Practice, hard work, and mental focus. Within 3 years, both the boys program and girls program had bowled to their highest averages in the history of the program. In 2004, the girls won the county tournament.

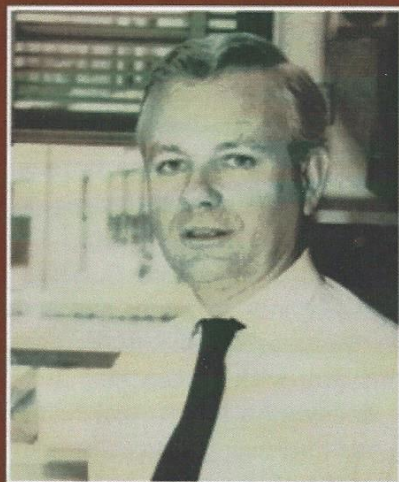
Success has followed him where ever he has gone. Although he has adapted to the changing times, discipline has always been there. While the athletes may have changed, the understanding of what brings about success has not. Richard Bennett has been fortunate to have coached many great athletes and people, and they have been equally fortunate to have had him coach them.



# LARRY COYLE

## HEAD COACH

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY 1969-1997  
BOYS TRACK & FIELD 1969-1979



INDUCTED 2016



## **LARRY COYLE**

### **Head Boys Cross Country Coach 1969-1997, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field 1969-79**

He might have achieved coaching and teaching greatness at Brandeis High School in New York City, or at the American school in Alexandria Egypt or in Taiwan.

But a potential teachers strike and a coaching opening led Larry Coyle to Ridgewood in 1968 and when he left coaching 29 years later, both parties were very happy that their paths had crossed.

Coyle, who passed away in August 2015, retired after the 1997 cross-country season, and even two decades later, his influence and success have been hard to approach. In his 29 years as the Maroons' cross-country coach, Ridgewood won 15 league and divisional titles in the Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League, 12 Bergen Group 4 titles, 10 sectional Group 4 titles, and seven Bergen Meet of Champions titles. Ridgewood won the 1991 and 1992 State Group 4 championships, the only time a Bergen County team has gone back-to-back in the 70-year history of the group. Ridgewood also finished in the top five of the State Meet of Champions five times.

The soft-spoken (most of the time) Coyle ran track at Mount St. Michael's High School in the Bronx and at Iona before coming to Ridgewood to teach English. The next year, the Ridgewood principal remembered that Coyle had talked about track in his initial interview and Larry quickly was hired as the school's cross-country, indoor and outdoor track coach. He coached all three seasons for 11 years, starting the indoor program. While the Maroons didn't win any major team titles in indoor and outdoor track, Coyle coached 1972 Group 4 indoor two mile champ Bruce Mason and 1975 Group 4 outdoor 330 yard intermediate hurdles champ Parke Muth. Dropping from the head coaching ranks in indoor and outdoor track and field, Larry stayed on as the boy's cross-country coach with extraordinary success.

"In some ways, cross-country is the most enjoyable season, which is why I kept doing it after I gave up track. In some ways it's the simplest and the easiest because everyone's running the same event but it's also the purest high school sport," Coyle said in a 1997 interview upon his retirement from coaching.

Consistency was the hallmark of Coyle teams. They qualified for 24 of the 25 Bergen Meet of Champions races and finished in the top four the last 19 times they qualified, winning in 1978, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1995 and 1996. The Maroons also qualified for 24 out of the last 25 state group 4 championships during Coyle's reign, with 10 runners-up finishes and three third place finishes in addition to the 10 titles.

And his contributions went beyond simply coaching track and cross-country. Along with fellow Ridgewood Hall of Fame inductee Jacob Brown and Mike Glynn, he started and co-directed the Ridgewood Winter Games, a pioneering indoor track meet at Rockland Community College, which began in the 1970s and the season opening Ridgewood Relays, now known as the Pawlowski Relays, in the spring. These two events, still going strong today, are important stops on the area's Indoor and Outdoor Track schedule.

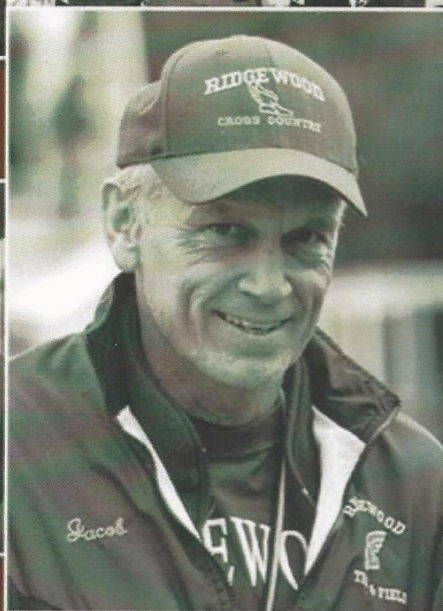
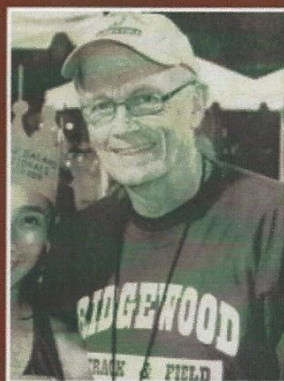
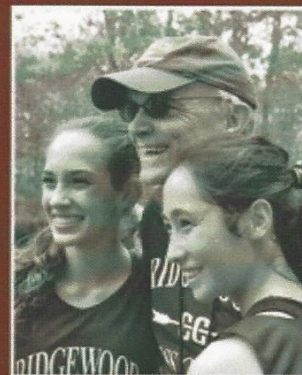
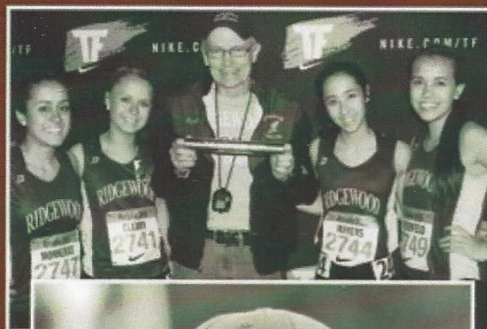
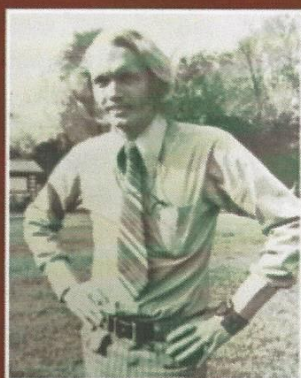
Coyle is one of the great championship coaches in Ridgewood and Bergen County history, and even better than that, he was one of the finest gentlemen and teachers you'd ever hope to meet.



# JACOB BROWN

## HEAD COACH

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY 1974-2014  
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD 1972-2015



FOUNDER OF GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY AND  
TRACK & FIELD PROGRAMS AT RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL.  
NSAF NATIONAL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK & FIELD  
COACH OF THE YEAR 2010.

"THE RECORD"  
ALL 20TH CENTURY COACH FOR GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY  
AND GIRL'S TRACK & FIELD.

## INDUCTED 2016



## JACOB BROWN

### Head Coach Girls Cross Country 1974-2014, Girls Track & Field 1972-2015

In 1971 Jacob Brown graduated from Penn State University with a Masters Degree in Exercise Physiology. The self-described "farm kid" from a little town 22 miles from Pittsburgh traveled to a job fair in Detroit looking for his first full-time job. And thanks to Dave Marsh, he found one in Ridgewood, New Jersey. He never left. "I knew nothing about Ridgewood and didn't even know where it was," Brown remembered nearly 45 years later. "I was going to teach and coach in high school for a few years and then go coach in college, where the "real" adventure was. What did I know?" Did anyone realize what a career was about to start? Hardly. How can you predict that when Brown retired in the spring of 2015 he would be generally considered one of the greatest coaches of any sport in Bergen County and New Jersey history with records unlikely to ever be approached, no less broken. Let's get those numbers out of the way right here.

In cross-country, a dual meet record over 43 years of 243-15 including a 22-year (that's YEAR) unbeaten streak; 35 league titles, 29 Bergen County group titles, 28 Bergen Meet of Champions titles (in just 37 years), a state record 22 sectional titles, the 1992 and 1999 State Meet of Champions titles and 16 appearances in the State Meet of Champions. In outdoor track, 76 Bergen meet of champions winners and 15 state group champions, 16 Bergen group team titles, 15 league titles and 10 sectional crowns. And his 1988 Group 4 state champions placed in an astounding 11 of 14 events at the state championship and is considered one of the three best teams in New Jersey history.

But Jacob Brown's story is much more than the numbers. Marsh, who had hired him as a teacher, knew he wanted to coach and after Brown coached freshman boys cross-country the first fall, with fellow Hall of Fame inductee and lifelong friend Larry Coyle, Marsh asked him to help out with Ridgewood's brand new girls track team, coached by a long-forgotten female teacher who didn't want the assignment. "I introduce myself to her and she hands me the clipboard (with the names of the 17 girls on the team) and walks away," said Brown with a laugh in a 1975 interview on the New Jersey Milesplit website. "It was now my team." So Brown was left to teach all the events to an inexperienced but eager group of girls and try and figure out a schedule. So he called around and found programs at the Wayne high schools, Englewood, Paramus Catholic and Saddle Brook and put together a schedule. The early years of girls track weren't always greeted sympathetically by entrenched boys coaches, as Brown discovered one day at Montclair. "We were having a meet and the coach was running practice on the track while it was going on," Brown remembers. "We nearly came to blows but cooler heads prevailed. Of course later we became friends and he ended up coaching girls and telling me how much easier it was to coach them!"

Along with Coyle, Brown was a pioneer in establishing and running meets, such as the Ridgewood Invitational, the first cross-country invitational open to girls in New Jersey which lasted from 1973 to 2011 and the Ridgewood Relays (now called the Pawlowski Relays) still a staple of the spring schedule. His first decade at Ridgewood saw Brown coaching all three seasons. But sensing a loss of enthusiasm with the year-round grind, he gave up winter track in 1982, which helped fan his enthusiasm for the other two seasons for the rest of his career.

In 1983 his girls' four-mile team set a national high school record that lasted for 17 years. His 1975 4-x-880 team also held a national mark. He was named the Honorary High School Girls Referee at the Penn Relays in 2005 and was named the Mike Byrnes National Coach of the Year by the National Scholastic Sports Foundation in 2010. But perhaps his most outstanding qualification was his almost uncanny ability to keep cross-country runners on the team even with no chance of running varsity races in a sport whose slogan often is "Our Sport is Your Sport's Punishment." "Bonding is sometimes a hokey overused word but we worked on that," said Brown. "The kids became part of the gang and wanted to stay part of the gang." For more than 40 years Jacob Brown was the leader of the gang and what a gang it was.



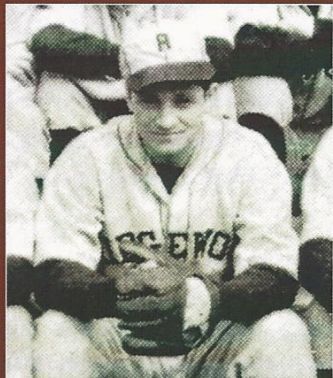


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## Athletic Hall of Fame

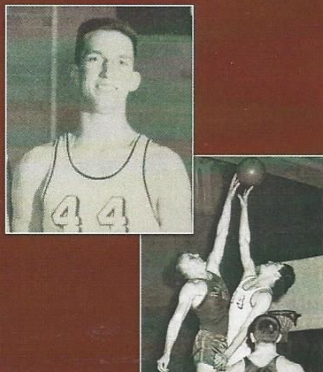
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BASEBALL • FOOTBALL



CLASS OF 1933 • INDUCTED 2004

**PETE CAMPBELL**  
BASKETBALL



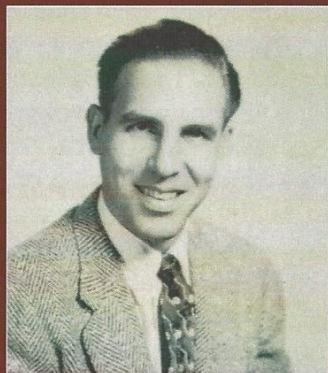
CLASS OF 1957 • INDUCTED 2004

**JACK VAN YPEREN**  
FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • BASEBALL



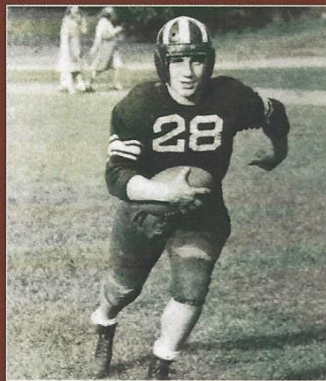
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**OTIS GRENDLER**  
TENNIS COACH



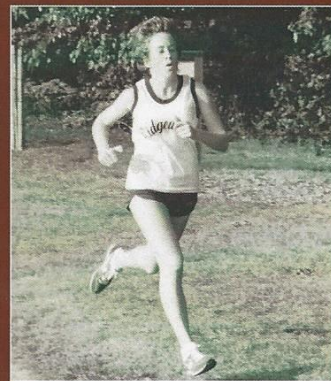
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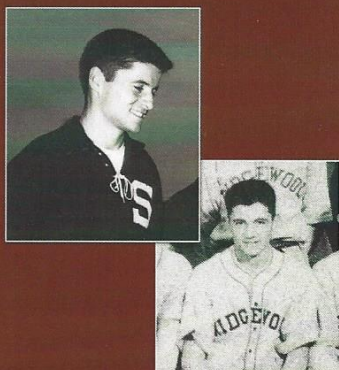
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CROSS COUNTRY



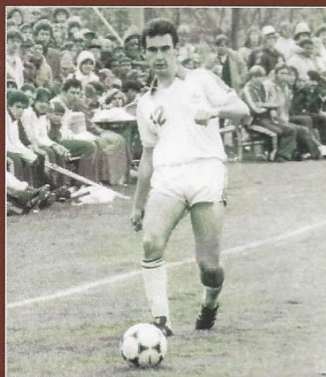
CLASS OF 1985 • INDUCTED 2004

**TOM SIMOS**  
SOCCER • BASEBALL



CLASS OF 1943 • INDUCTED 2004

**KAZBEK TAMBI**  
SOCCER



CLASS OF 1979 • INDUCTED 2004

**BECKY DEETZ**  
TRACK AND FIELD



CLASS OF 1977 • INDUCTED 2004



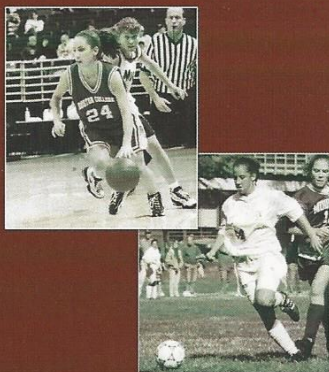


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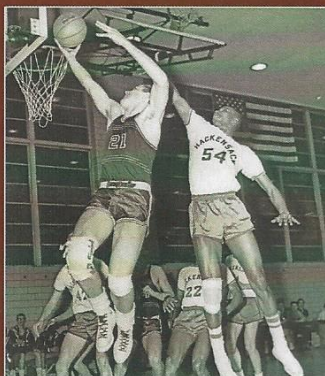
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**AIMEE MCGUIRE**  
BASKETBALL • SOCCER



CLASS OF 1994 • INDUCTED 2004

**DOUG COOK**  
BASKETBALL



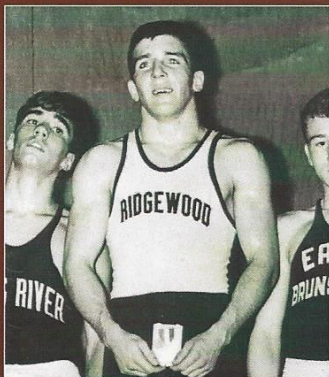
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**JODI HARTWIG**  
SOCCER



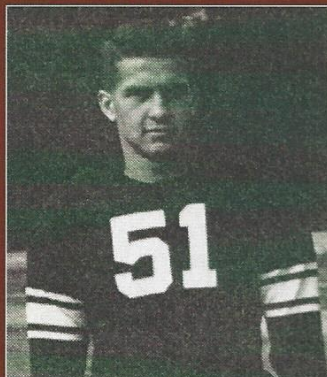
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**BOB WHITAKER**  
WRESTLING



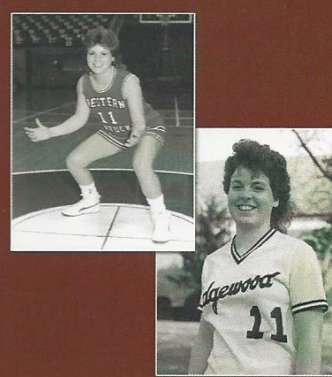
CLASS OF 1965 • INDUCTED 2004

**WALT PERDUE**  
FOOTBALL



CLASS OF 1949 • INDUCTED 2004

**DEBBIE O'CONNELL**  
BASKETBALL • SOFTBALL



CLASS OF 1985 • INDUCTED 2004



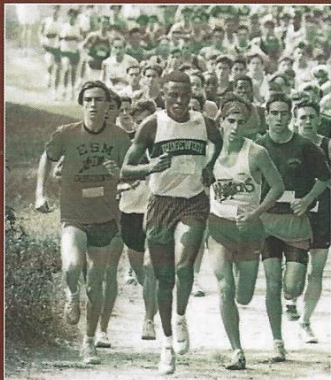


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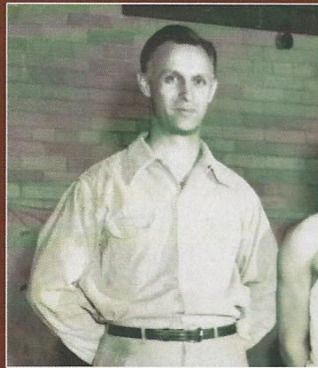
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CROSS COUNTRY • TRACK & FIELD



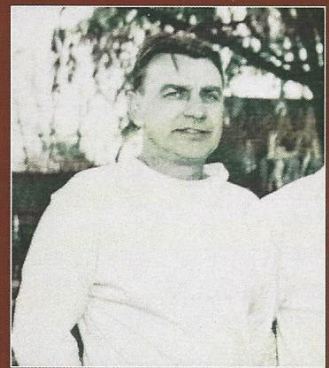
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**CHARLES YENNIE**  
COACH  
BASKETBALL • SOCCER • BASEBALL



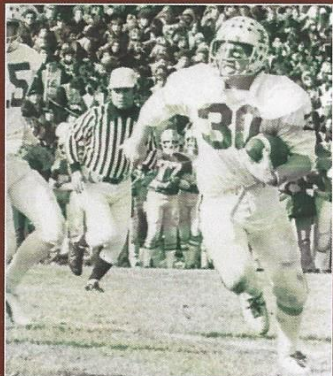
1943-1956 • INDUCTED 2006

**FRANK MOZELESKI**  
COACH  
FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • GOLF



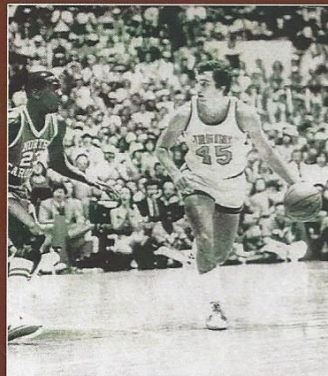
1943-1970 • INDUCTED 2006

**PAUL FERRARO**  
FOOTBALL • WRESTLING



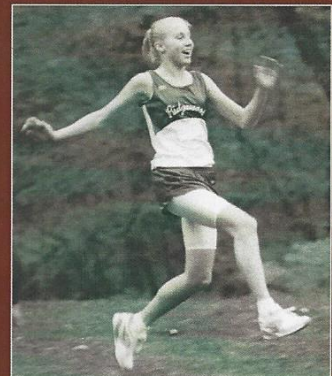
CLASS OF 1977 • INDUCTED 2006

**TIM MULLEN**  
BASKETBALL



CLASS OF 1981 • INDUCTED 2006

**JENNA ROGERS**  
CROSS COUNTRY



CLASS OF 1994 • INDUCTED 2006



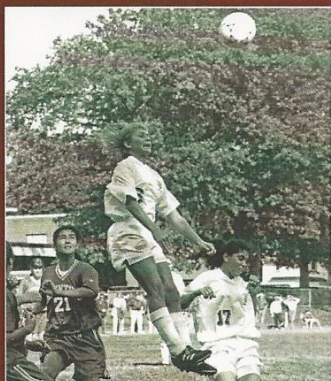


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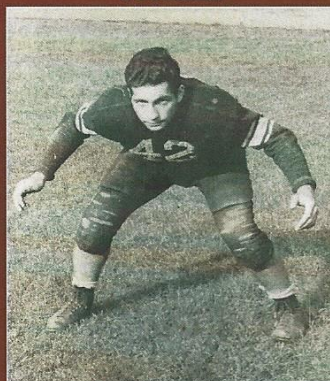
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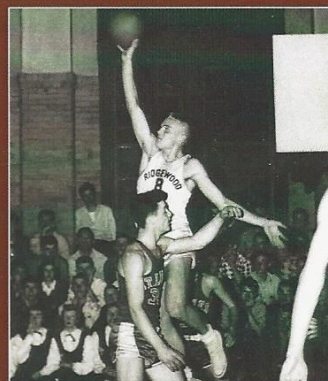
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**MARIO FERRARO**  
FOOTBALL



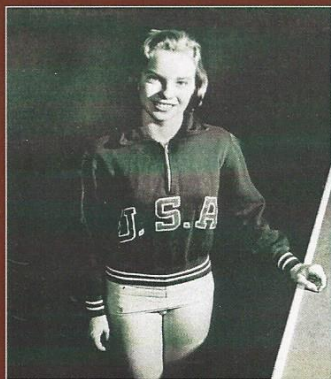
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**TOM HOPPER**  
BASKETBALL



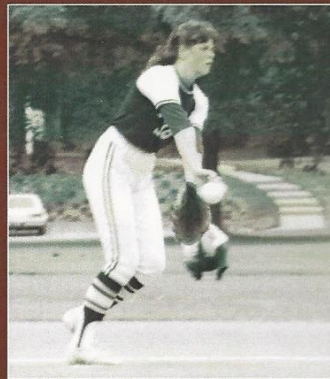
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**CARIN CONE**  
SWIMMING



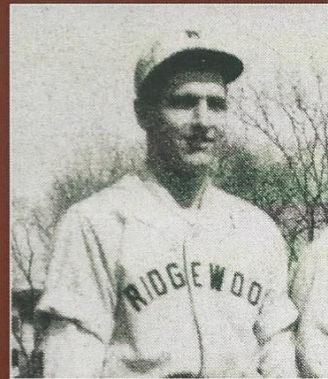
CLASS OF 1958 • INDUCTED 2006

**DONNA O'CONNELL**  
SOFTBALL • BOWLING



CLASS OF 1984 • INDUCTED 2006

**DON HALDANE**  
BASEBALL • BASKETBALL



CLASS OF 1942 • INDUCTED 2006



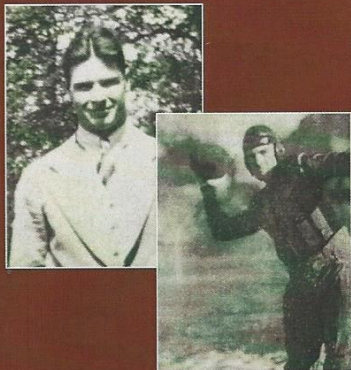


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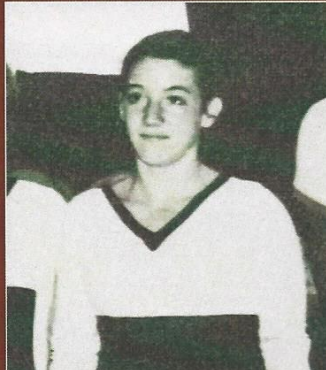
### 2008 Inductees

**HENRY BLAUVELT**  
FOOTBALL



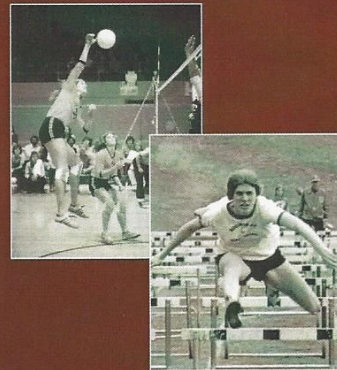
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**LUCIA CANCELMO**  
GYMNASTICS



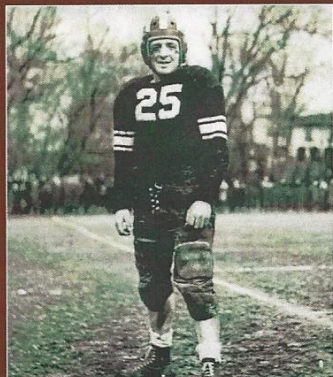
CLASS OF 1980 • INDUCTED 2008

**RENEE DUFLON**  
VOLLEYBALL • TRACK & FIELD



CLASS OF 1975 • INDUCTED 2008

**FRANK L. BRADLEY, JR.**  
FOOTBALL



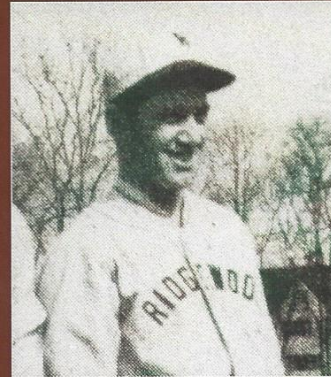
CLASS OF 1941 • INDUCTED 2008

**KITTY BATTERSON**  
VOLLEYBALL COACH



1974-1986 • INDUCTED 2008

**HARRY GRUNDY**  
BASEBALL



CLASS OF 1942 • INDUCTED 2008

**1922-1923**  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**

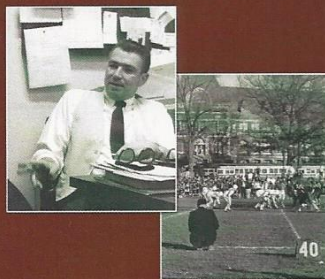


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MARION DELAMATE • CLASS OF 1924 • GUARD  
FLORENCE HOPPER • CLASS OF 1923 • JUMPING CENTER  
RUTH LEFFLER • CLASS OF 1923 • CAPTAIN FORWARD  
FRANCES MAINES • CLASS OF 1923 • GUARD  
ADELE LOUISE GILBERT • CLASS OF 1924 • SIDE CENTER

REAR ROW L TO R:  
MISS ELIZABETH M. SELLER • COACH  
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JANET MARSHALL • CLASS OF 1924 • GUARD  
BETTY WELLES • CLASS OF 1924 • SUBSTITUTE

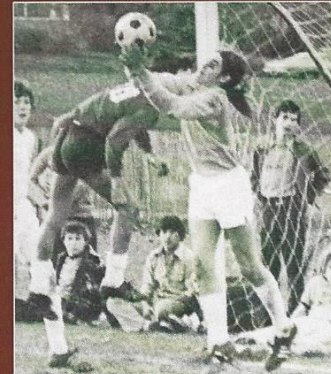
• INDUCTED 2008 •

**VINCE ROBERTIELLO**  
(JAMIE ROBERTS)  
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR



SPORTS WRITER • SPORTS EDITOR  
PATERSON MORNING CALL  
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PATERSON EVENING NEWS • 1954-1984  
INDUCTED 2008

**CHRIS DUFLCQ**  
SOCCER



CLASS OF 1977 • INDUCTED 2008



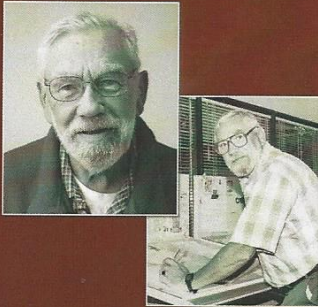


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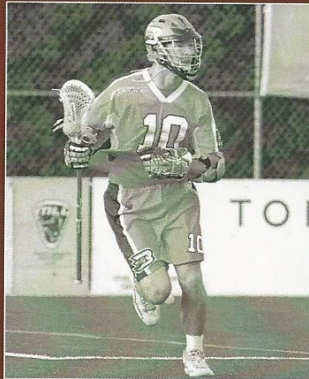
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**JIM JONES**  
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR



SPORTS WRITER & SPORTS EDITOR  
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INDUCTED 2008

**MIKE SPRINGER**  
LACROSSE



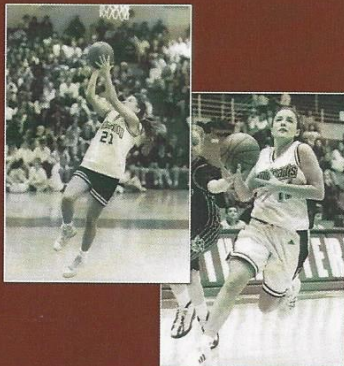
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**TONY NAPIER**  
GYMNASTICS COACH



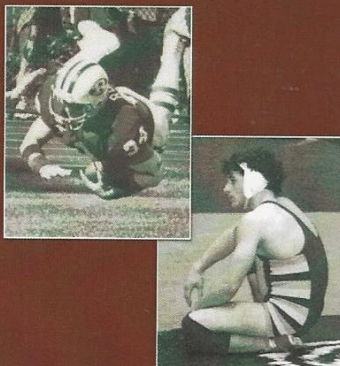
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**SHANNON MCGARRIGLE**  
BASKETBALL



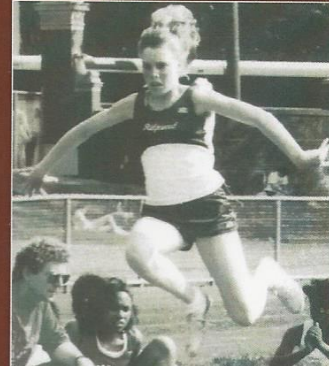
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**DAMIAN ROSS**  
FOOTBALL • WRESTLING



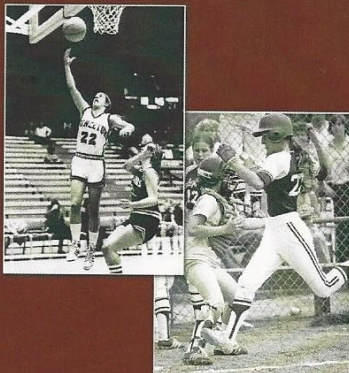
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**JEN McDERMOTT**  
GYMNASTICS • TRACK & FIELD



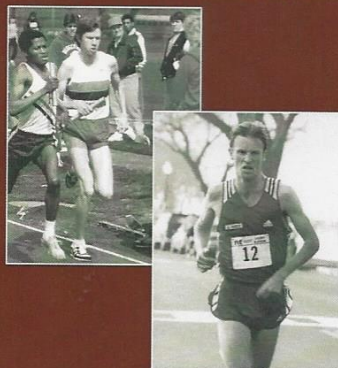
CLASS OF 1989 • INDUCTED 2008

**MARGARET NIEMANN**  
VOLLEYBALL • BASKETBALL • SOFTBALL



CLASS OF 1981 • INDUCTED 2008

**JOE LEMAY**  
CROSS COUNTRY • TRACK & FIELD



CLASS OF 1985 • INDUCTED 2008





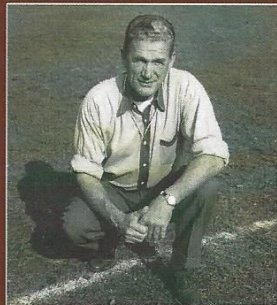
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## Athletic Hall of Fame

### 2010 Inductees

#### PRIMO "DUKE" DEROCHI

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR 1938-42 & 1945-66  
BASEBALL COACH 1938-42 & 1946-56  
BASKETBALL COACH 1936-1942



INDUCTED 2010

#### DEBBIE PAUL

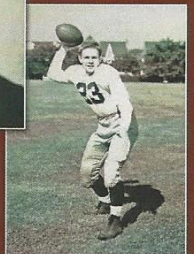
TENNIS COACH  
1973 • 1975-77 • 1979-84 • 1986-2006  
SOFTBALL COACH  
1974-1978 • 1980-2006



INDUCTED 2010

#### GEORGE MONRO

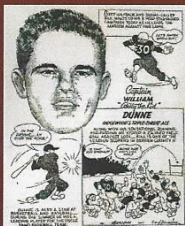
FOOTBALL



CLASS OF 1939 • INDUCTED 2010

#### BILL DUNNE

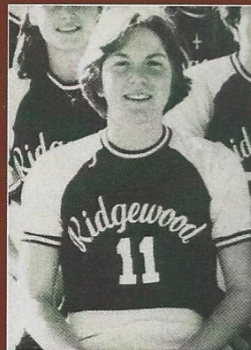
FOOTBALL



CLASS OF 1947 • INDUCTED 2010

#### AMY LYONS

SOFTBALL



CLASS OF 1979 • INDUCTED 2010

#### JAMES SULLIVAN

SWIMMING



CLASS OF 1995 • INDUCTED 2010



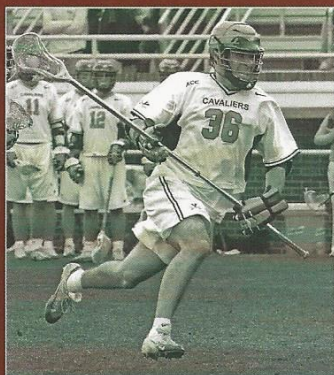


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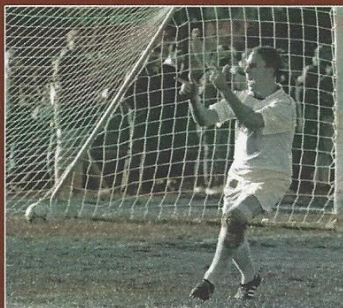
### 2010 Inductees

**MICHAEL CULVER**  
LACROSSE



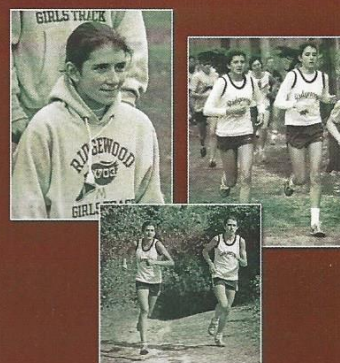
CLASS OF 2002 • INDUCTED 2010

**KEITH O'CONNOR**  
SOCCER



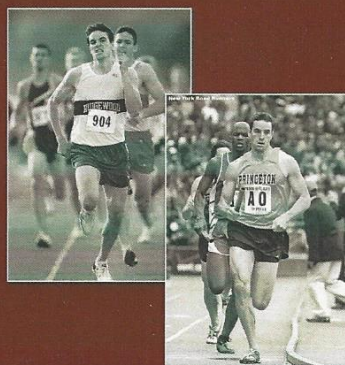
CLASS OF 1994 • INDUCTED 2010

**PATTI MILESKI**  
CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK



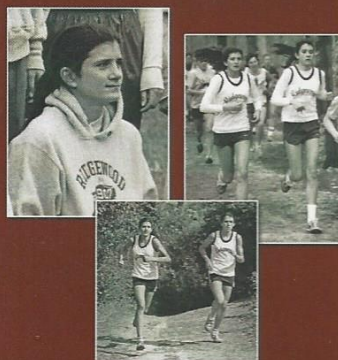
CLASS OF 1983 • INDUCTED 2010

**JOSH KAUK**  
TRACK & FIELD



CLASS OF 2000 • INDUCTED 2010

**MARY ELLEN MILESKI**  
CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK



CLASS OF 1983 • INDUCTED 2010



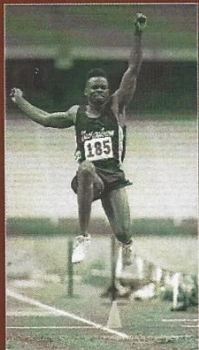


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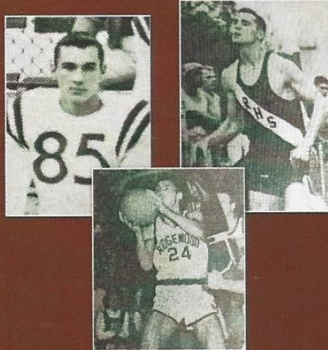
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**CRAIG HALYARD**  
TRACK



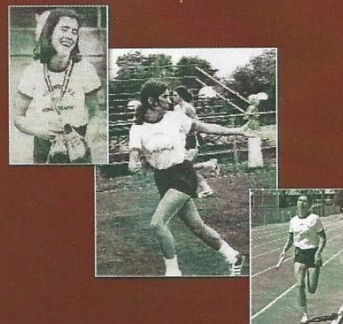
CLASS OF 1989 • INDUCTED 2012

**MIKE HENDERSON**  
FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • TRACK



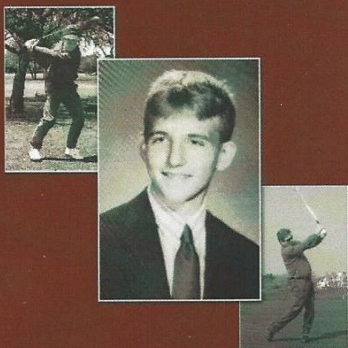
CLASS OF 1961 • INDUCTED 2012

**KANDIE LATHAM**  
TRACK



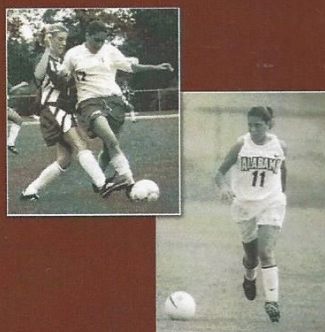
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**TOM FLATT**  
GOLF



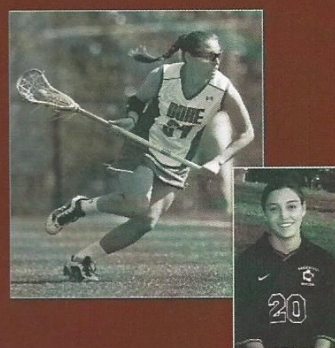
CLASS OF 1991 • INDUCTED 2012

**TRICIA PAPPALARDO**  
SOCCER



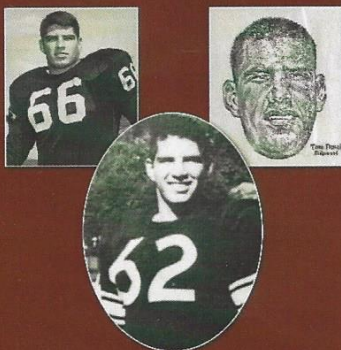
CLASS OF 1995 • INDUCTED 2012

**LEIGH JESTER**  
LACROSSE • SOCCER



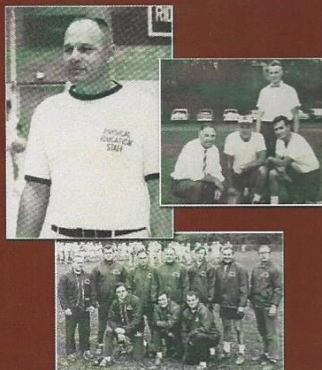
CLASS OF 2003 • INDUCTED 2012

**TOM DUSEL**  
FOOTBALL



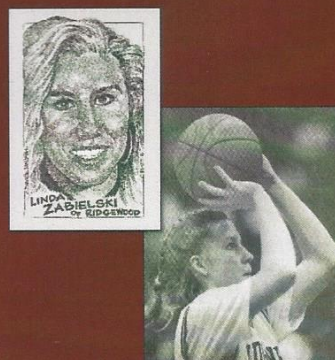
CLASS OF 1962 • INDUCTED 2012

**ROGER SWEENEY**  
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



1959-1975 • INDUCTED 2012

**LINDA ZABIELSKI**  
BASKETBALL



CLASS OF 1991 • INDUCTED 2012





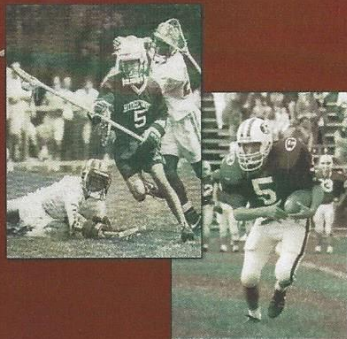
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### 2012 Inductees

#### DENNIS SULLIVAN

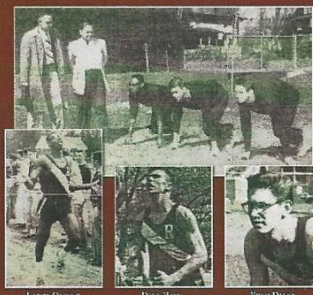
LACROSSE • FOOTBALL



CLASS OF 1992 • INDUCTED 2012

#### TRACK & FIELD

BAIN, DALEY, OLIVER ERA 1955-1956

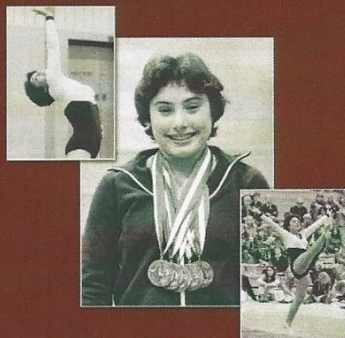


BERGEN PASSAIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONS  
1955-56

CLASS OF 1956 • INDUCTED 2012

#### PATTY CAPASSO

GYMNASTICS



CLASS OF 1980 • INDUCTED 2012

#### NICK & DOTTIE CAPASSO

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTORS



LONG TIME CONTRIBUTORS TO  
RIDGEWOOD YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS  
FOUNDERS OF THE RIDGEWOOD  
BIDDY BASKETBALL PROGRAM  
INDUCTED 2012



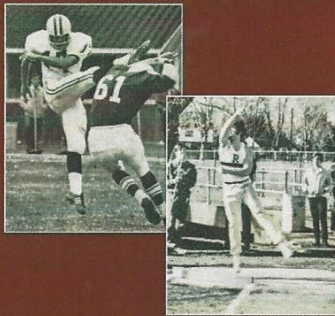


# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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### 2014 Inductees

**JOHN MARSHALL**  
OUTSTANDING CLASS ATHLETE  
FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • TRACK & FIELD



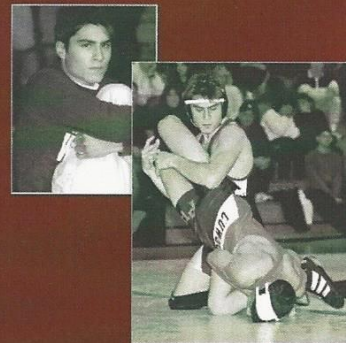
CLASS OF 1971 • INDUCTED 2014

**JIM BRUNI**  
HEAD COACH – BOYS BASKETBALL  
1964-1971



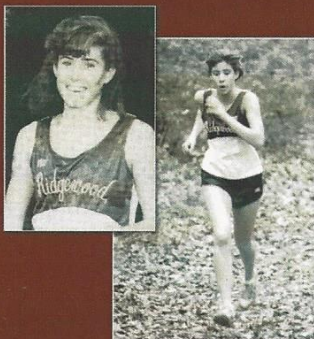
INDUCTED 2014

**MARK ROMEO**  
WRESTLING



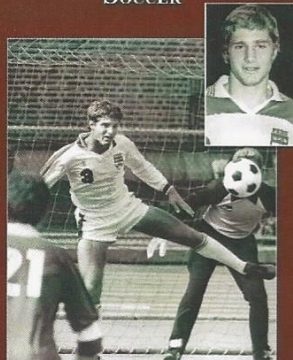
CLASS OF 2002 • INDUCTED 2014

**JEAN HUGHES**  
CROSS COUNTRY • TRACK & FIELD



CLASS OF 1989 • INDUCTED 2014

**CHRIS VAN NOTE**  
SOCCER



CLASS OF 1981 • INDUCTED 2014

**NANCY HOGAN**

1971-1974 FIRST FEMALE ATHLETE TO RECEIVE THE  
"RHS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS"  
11 VARSITY LETTERS IN 3 YEARS  
FIELD HOCKEY • VOLLEYBALL • BASKETBALL  
SOFTBALL • TRACK



CLASS OF 1974 • INDUCTED 2014

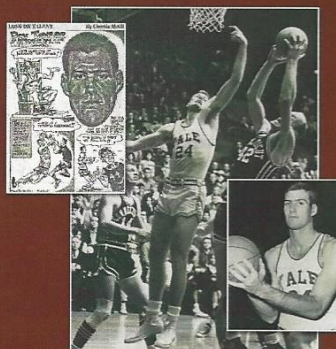
**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 1913**  
"THE RIDGEWOOD INVINCIBLES"



**1913 FOOTBALL TEAM**  
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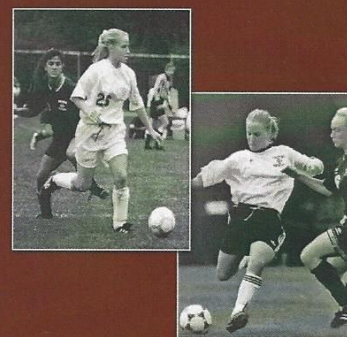
INDUCTED 2014

**DON TAYLOR**  
BASKETBALL



CLASS OF 1961 • INDUCTED 2014

**RACHEL GRYGIEL**  
SOCCER



CLASS OF 1993 • INDUCTED 2014



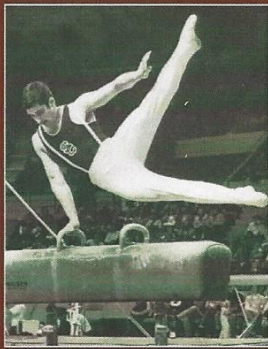


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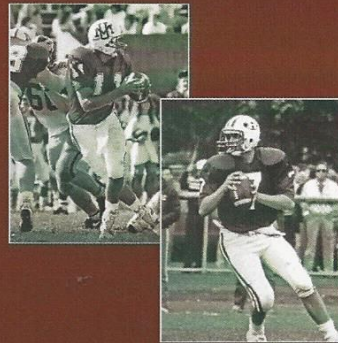
### 2014 Inductees

**JOHN CERF**  
GYMNASTICS



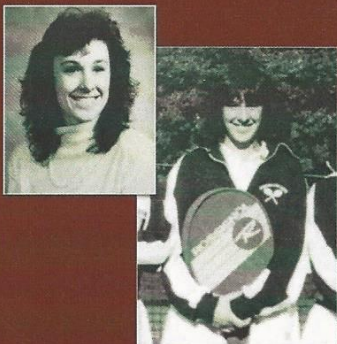
CLASS OF 1976 • INDUCTED 2014

**PAUL TORNATORE**  
FOOTBALL



CLASS OF 1987 • INDUCTED 2014

**MICHELE MARANGI**  
TENNIS



CLASS OF 1984 • INDUCTED 2014

**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S LACROSSE**  
1990-1992  
"STREAK OF 44"



INDUCTED 2014





# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Hall of Fame Inductees

### 2004 Inductees

- ~ Paul Arrigoni, Class of 1933, Baseball, Football
- ~ Pete Campbell, Class of 1957, Basketball
- ~ Doug Cook, Class of 1996, Basketball
- ~ Becky Deetz, Class of 1977, High Jump
- ~ Coach Otis H. Grendler, (1946-1963) Tennis
- ~ Jodi Hartwig, Class of 1991, Girls Soccer
- ~ Gene Links, Class of 1946, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- ~ Debbie O'Connell, Class of 1985, Basketball, Softball, Field Hockey
- ~ Aimee McGuire, Class of 1994, Soccer and Basketball
- ~ Walt Perdue, Class of 1949, Basketball, Track, Football, Baseball
- ~ Margaret Scutro, Class of 1985, Cross Country
- ~ Tom Simos, Class of 1943, Soccer, Basketball and Baseball
- ~ Kazbek Tambi, Class of 1979, Soccer
- ~ Jack Van Yperen, Class of 1968, Football, Baseball, Basketball
- ~ Bob Whitaker, Class of 1965, Wrestling

### 2006 Inductees

- ~ Mario Ferraro, Class of 1945, Football
- ~ Paul Ferraro, Class of 1977, Football, Wrestling
- ~ Ensign Donald Cameron Haldane, Class of 1942, Basketball, Baseball, Football, Soccer
- ~ Wendy Hartwig, Class of 1994, Soccer
- ~ Tom Hopper, Class of 1950, Basketball
- ~ Bob Keino, Class of 1994, Track
- ~ Coach Frank Mozelski, Football, Baseball
- ~ Tim Mullen, Class of 1981, Basketball
- ~ Jenna Rogers, Class of 1994, Track, Cross Country
- ~ Donna O'Connell Skettini, Class of 1984, Softball, Bowling
- ~ Carin Cone Vanderbush, Class of 1958, Swimming
- ~ Coach Charlie Yennie (1943-1956, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball)

### 2008 Inductees

- ~ Kitty Batterson, Volleyball
- ~ Henry Blauvelt, Class of 1927, Football
- ~ Frank Bradley, Class of 1941, Football, Track
- ~ Lucia Cancelmo, Class of 1980, Gymnastics
- ~ Chris DuFlocq, Class of 1977, Soccer
- ~ Renee DuFlon, Class of 1975, Volleyball, Track & Field, 1922-23, RHS Girls Basketball Team
- ~ Harry Grundy, Class of 1942, Baseball
- ~ Jim Jones, Special Contributor, Sports Editor
- ~ Joe LeMay, Class of 1985, Cross Country, Track & Field
- ~ Jen McDermott, Class of 1989, Gymnastics, Track & Field
- ~ Shannon McGarrigle, Class of 1994, Basketball
- ~ Tony Napier, Gymnastics Coach, 1967-1987
- ~ Margaret Niemann, Class of 1981, Volleyball Basketball, Softball
- ~ Vince Robertiello (Jamie Roberts) Special Contributor, Sports Writer
- ~ Damian Ross, Class of 1986, Football and Wrestling
- ~ Mike Springer, Class of 1998, Lacrosse





# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Hall of Fame Inductees--continued

### 2010 Inductees

- ~Primo "Duke" DeRochi, AD 1945-1966, Baseball Coach 1938-42 and 1946-56
- ~James Sullivan, Class of 1995, Swimming
- ~Debbie Paul, Tennis Coach 1973, 1975-77, 1979-84, 1986-2006;  
Softball Coach, 1974-78, 1980-2006
- ~Mike Culver, Class of 2002, Lacrosse
- ~George Monro, Class of 1939, Football
- ~Keith O'Connor, Class of 1994, Soccer
- ~Bill Dunne, Class of 1947, Football
- ~Josh Kauke, Class of 2000, Track
- ~Amy Lyons, Class of 1979, Softball
- ~Pattie Mileski, Class of 1983, Cross Country, Track
- ~Mary Ellen Mileski, Class of 1983, Cross Country, Track

### 2012 Inductees

- ~Craig Halyard, Class of 1989, Track & Field
- ~Roger Sweeney, Head Football Coach, 1959-1975
- ~Tom Flatt, Class of 1991, Golf
- ~Linda Zabielski, Class of 1991, Basketball
- ~Tricia Pappalardo, Class of 1995, Soccer
- ~Nick & Dottie Capasso, Special Contributors
- ~Mike Henderson, Class of 1961, Football, Basketball, Track
- ~Dennis Sullivan, Class of 1992, Lacrosse, Football
- ~Kandie Latham, Class of 1975, Track & Field
- ~David Bain, Fred Daley, Larry Oliver, Class of 1956,  
Bain-Daley-Oliver Era, Track & Field 1955-1956
- ~Leigh Jester, Class of 2003, Soccer, Lacrosse
- ~Patty Capasso, Class of 1980, Gymnastics
- ~Tom Dusel, Class of 1962, Football

### 2014 Inductees

- ~John Marshall, Class of 1971, Multi Sport Athlete
- ~Don Taylor, Class of 1961, Basketball Jim Bruni, Head Boys Basketball Coach 1964-71
- ~Rachel Grygiel, Class of 1993, Girls Soccer
- ~Mark Romeo, Class of 2002, Wrestling
- ~John Cerf, Class of 1976, Boys Gymnastics
- ~Jean Hughes, Class of 1989, Cross Country, Track & Field
- ~Paul Tornatore, Class of 1987, Football
- ~Chris VanNote, Class of 1981, Boys Soccer
- ~Michele Marangi, Class of 1984, Girls Tennis
- ~Nancy Hogan, Class of 1974, Multi Sport Athlete
- ~The Streak of "44", Boys Lacrosse Teams of 1990, 1991, 1992





## **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Award for Excellence in Athletics**

The Ridgewood High School Award for Excellence in Athletics is the highest honor a student athlete can receive from RHS. The athletes listed below were voted as the outstanding athletes of their class for their participation as a student athlete over the entire duration of their high school career.

With the advent of women participating to a greater extent as varsity athletes because of title XI legislation, the first class to recognize a female athlete for this prestigious award was the class of 1974. Research shows that women participated in varsity (major sport) athletics with the creation of the Ridgewood Athletic Association (RAA) in the period of 1913 to 1916 and continued participating in various sports until the 1930's. Female participation in interscholastic athletics can be traced back to the formation of the "Girls Athletic Club" in the 1904-05 school year. There were no male or female athletes recognized during that early period of athletic participation to receive this award.

The awards first recipient, a male, was in 1914, which coincides with the development of the RAA. From that point on the records show a drop off of female participation in varsity athletics starting in the late 1920's and disappearing entirely in the first part of the 1930s. Participation by females in varsity interscholastic athletics began to grow again in the 1970's to the point where it is today, sharing half the athletic participation of the student body.

The award originally was entitled the "Ridgewood High School Award for Excellence in Athletics." It was renamed the Rutgers Cup in the 1940s through sponsorship of an award given by a local patron. The original award name was reinstated in the 1950s and with the retirement of former athletic director Dave Vanderbush is now called the "Dave Vanderbush Award for Excellence in Athletics."





# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## The Winners by Class

1914 Earle Hopper	1915 Peter Pagano	1916 George Lilly	1917 Charles Ward
1918 William Caramella	1919 Harry Troup	1920 William Dreier	1921 Gwynn Fielding
1922 Harold Baldrich	1923 Milville Hiler	1924 Everett Wadsworth	1925 George Cantrell
1926 Lucius Howard	1927 Henry Blauvelt	1928 Walter Vandenburg	1929 Donald Seixas
1930 Robert Glynn, Charles Peraino	1931 Mario Placa	1932 Herman Stewart	1933 Paul Arrigoni
1934 Richard Leopoldt	1935 Frederick Sommerrock	1936 Edward Wilson Jr.	1937 Clarence Bergsma
1938 Stanley Kay	1939 George Monro	1940 Ralph Mendillo	1941 Hubert Brown
1942 Donald Haldane	1943 Thomas Simos	1944 Wallace Hedman	1945 Dolph Walter
1946 Eugene Links	1947 William Dunne	1948 John Morrison	1949 Walter Perdue
1950 Fred Dickman	1951 Frank Walter	1952 James Davidson	1953 Larry Higgins
1954 William Wilcoxson	1955 William Scott	1956 David Bain	1957 Peter Campbell
1958 Joseph Thompson	1959 Leslie Davies	1960 William Gryson	1961 Michael Henderson
1962 Thomas Dusel, Bob Frame	1963 Peter MacDonald	1964 John Harper	1965 Gregory Corcoran
1966 David Blackford	1967 Fred Mina	1968 Jack VanYperen	1969 Robert Hopkin
1970 Robert Bauman	1971 John Marshall	1972 Rick Hartung	1973 William Lamb
1974 Robert Groat, Nancy Hogan	1975 Cathy Deyoe, Robert Cummings	1976 Renee DuFlon, Brian Miller	1977 Cathy Kraft, Paul Ferraro
1978 Nancy Stroker, Dee Lander	1979 Amy Lyons, Steve Baldacci	1980 Lucia Cancelmo, Brian O'Callahan	1981 Cathy Crocco, Margaret Niemann, Gordon Young, Tom Hughes
1982 Colleen Wright, William O'Leary	1983 Patricia Mileski, Mary Ellen Mileski, Robert Sullivan	1984 Donna O'Connell, Roger Jones	1985 Debbie O'Connell, Margaret Scutro, Chris Sullivan
1986 Kathy Brienza, Damian Ross	1987 Norine D'Arcy, David Herzig, Chris Rae	1988 Mary Ellen Foley, Scott McMurray	1989 Jennifer McDermott, Craig Halyard
1990 Molly Hooper, TJ Crocker	1991 Jodi Hartwig, James Reilly	1992 Sarah Grygiel, Dennis Sullivan	1993 Renee Pavelski, Mark Kossick
1994 Aimee McGuire, Jenna Rogers, Bob Keino	1995 Kate Brunner, Kevin Brophy	1996 Stephanie Doyle, Craig Myatt	1997 Jennifer Sielicki, Jamie Carifa
1998 Celeste Sedo, Jay Landgraf	1999 Kate Ferguson, Meg McDermott, Tim McDonagh, James Ruhlen	2000 Kelly Behan, Andrew Clark	2001 Karen Seavers, Andrew Reenstra
2002 Clair Nowakowski, Tyler Rhoten	2003 Trisha McGowan, Rodolfo Crispin	2004 Justine Lupo, Jack Riley, Ari Zamir	2005 Paige Woodruff, Chuck Kaliades
2006 Ellen Seavers, Michael Cator, Byron Williams	2007 Cristina Law, Chelsea Steinberg, Randall DeFeo	2008 Elizabeth Donovan, Kate Michel, Nikola Mirkovic	2009 Kelly Conheeney, Kelly Hommen, John Freeman, Taizo Shigenobu
2010 Samantha Cermack, Abby VanHorne, Thomas Devita	2011 Sarah Devita, Kyle Gibson, Insoo Hwang	2012 Courtney Tarleton, Kelci Smesko, Levi Jennings, Evan Bartlik	2013 Lauren Beausoleil, Noah Pounds
2014 Kelly Skettini, Jamal Locke	2015 Carleen Jeffers, Antonio Hroncich	2016 Katie Bourque, Samantha Halvorsen, Michael Thurston, Cooper Telesco	





# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Hall of Fame Inductees Who Are Also Winners of the RHS Awards for Excellence in Athletics

Recipient, Year of Award (Graduation Year), Year of HOF Induction

Earl Hopper, 1914, 2014*	Peter Pagano, 1915, 2014*	Henry Blauvelt, 1927, 2008
Paul Arrigone, 1933, 2004	George Monroe, 1939, 2010	Don Haldane, 1942, 2006
Tom Simos, 1943, 2004	Gene Links, 1946, 2004	Bill Dunne, 1947, 2010
Walt Perdue, 1949, 2004	David Bain, 1956, 2012	Pete Campbell, 1957, 2004
Mike Henderson, 1961, 2012	Tom Dusel, 1962, 2012	Jack VanYperen, 1968, 2004
Renee Duflon, 1976, 2008	Paul Ferraro, 1977, 2006	Amy Lyons, 1979, 2010
Lucia Cancelmo, 1980, 2008	Margaret Niemann, 1981, 2008	Pattie Mileski, 1983, 2010
Mary Ellen Mileski, 1983, 2010	Donna O'Connell, 1984, 2006	Debbie O'Connell, 1985, 2004
Margaret Scutro, 1985, 2004	Damion Ross, 1986, 2008	Jen McDermott, 1989, 2008
Craig Halyard, 1989, 2012	Jodi Hartwig, 1991, 2004	Dennis Sullivan, 1992, 2012
Jenna Rogers, 1994, 2006	Aimee McGuire, 1994, 2004	Bob Keino, 1994, 2006

\* Members of the "1913 Ridgewood Invincibles" Football Team.



## THE FIRST VARSITY SOCCER TEAM AT RHS 1927

*Interscholastic soccer was approved as a minor sport by the RHSAA in 1922 and elevated to varsity status in the fall of 1927.*

THE ARROW



SOCCER TEAM

After playing for many years as a minor sport the soccer squad has at last come into its own. Following much discussion and an election by the A. A. committee, soccer has become a major sport. The fine spirit of the squad certainly deserves this reward.

The team played a very average season this year, winning seven games out of fourteen played, losing six and tying one. The first game, played with East Rutherford, resulted in a 0 to 0 score. After this, victory and defeat seemed to come in alternate series. There were three triumphs over Eastern Academy, Barringer, and Hackensack, then two defeats at the hands of Rutherford and Harrison. Next came two more triumphs over the New York Stock Exchange and St. Benedict's, then three more defeats in games with Harrison, Kearny, and East Rutherford. A victory over Rutherford, a defeat from Kearny, and another victory over Hackensack finished up this peculiarly average season.

All of the games were hard fought and on an average the scores very close. The team was managed by Gordon Butler. The captain was Janowitz.





# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Did you know?...Some RHS Athletic History

The girls athletic club (GAC) at Ridgewood High School began around 1905. There was no gymnasium available at the Beech Street location, so the girls negotiated gym space at the White Star Athletic Clubhouse. They played their first basketball game on Dec 22, 1906. The team record for 1906-07 was 7-4. In 1907 the team joined the New Jersey Interscholastic League, which also had as members the Hackensack, Englewood, Passaic and Orange High Schools.

The Boys and Girls Athletic Associations at Ridgewood High School joined together in 1913 with a common organization, The Ridgewood Athletic Association (RAA), which promoted the facilitation of interscholastic men's and women's athletics at Ridgewood. Many of the local high schools had women's sports that thrived in highly organized interscholastic leagues until the mid 1930's when most of the women's teams disappeared. It is theorized that, because of the great depression, athletics for women were cut for cost savings and replaced with periodic sport play days to fill the void.

The Boys Athletic Association (BAA) voted to add Football to its roster of athletic teams being sponsored for the first time in the fall of 1908. The team played 3 games that year. All of the games were played against the same competition, the Saginaw AC. The team record was 2 wins and 1 tie. It is recorded that RHS won their first ever football game 2-0, their second 5-0 and tied their third 5-5.

The BAA voted to drop Football for the 1909 season, but brought it back in 1910. By 1913, the football team at Ridgewood was regarded as one of the finest squads in Northern New Jersey and was referred to as the "Ridgewood Invincibles." The team went on to great acclaim that season and gained great recognition again in 1915 when the team went undefeated.

Basketball for Boys and Girls remained the main focus for interscholastic competition during the 1909-10 school year.

On March 19, 1914 it was reported in the Ridgewood Herald that the Ridgewood High School Girls Basketball team defeated Montclair High School at Montclair by the score of 18-17 for their first victory ever versus the "Mounties." Montclair had been the New Jersey state champion for three consecutive years prior to the RHS victory!

The first recorded reference to the RHS colors of "Maroon and White" were made in the winter issue of the 1910 Arrow (published seasonally) when describing the actions of the boy's basketball team as the "Maroon and White." The colors were officially declared in the written constitution of the Ridgewood High School Athletic Association (RAA), which was formed by the student body in 1913. The constitution was written sometime between 1913 and 1916. Article VIII Insignia Sec.1 states, "The colors of the Ridgewood High School are Maroon and White." Section 2 goes on to explain, "The insignia of the Ridgewood High School are the letters R.H.S. maroon and white; the letter R. in white."





# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Did you know?...Some RHS Athletic History, continued

Interestingly our tradition of giving a star for second, third, and now fourth year varsity letters was formulated in the original RAA constitution.

Section 4 under Article VIII states, "Only one letter shall be awarded to any student during the course for any one sport. For each additional year in which it services the requirements of the insignia as heretofore stated, shall be awarded a star."

In 1911, a baseball team was formed for the first time since 1906. As stated in the Arrow 1911 spring quarterly, "For the first game the Ridgewood team were faultlessly attired in their new suits which were cut décolleté and up to date in every particular and so becoming! However, this fact did not help them on to victory for they met with a glorious defeat at the hands of the Ridgfield Park High School - which the score of 7-2 will show. This is not discouraging for with the able assistance of their new coach Dr. Whitney, and the enthusiasm the national game always inspires, and the necessary practice they expect to reach satisfactory results in games that are scheduled for the future."

The first track meet was held at RHS June 6, 1913, which became an annual interclass (intramural) competition. There was a call to organize an interscholastic team for 1914. Records show that in the spring of 1914, a banner was won by RHS for defeating Paterson in a dual meet with each school having won a leg of a three meet competition, the next winner would be eligible to keep the banner.

A group of RHS athletes went to the Thirteenth Regimental Armory in Brooklyn on January 5, 1915 to compete for the Eastern Scholastic Championship. Practices were carried out through the winter months, "In order to prepare for this and various other track meets." Further, "This practice will be for everybody because of the coming Interclass Meet and the Badge contest."

The first recorded soccer match at RHS took place October 27, 1918 with the freshman class defeating the sophomore class 2-0. The junior and senior classes also played, but no record of a score has been found. The elementary schools competed in a highly organized interschool soccer league as far back as 1912 according to articles found in the Ridgewood Herald. They were divided into junior and senior levels of competition.

The Ridgewood Herald of December 17, 1914 reported that the Harrison Avenue School won the public school soccer championship at both the senior and junior levels. They were followed in the standings by the combined team (junior and senior level) of Beech Street and Union Street Schools, then Kenilworth School and Monore Street School. The Erie Avenue School did not participate because of low enrollment.

The March 19, 1914 edition of the Ridgewood Herald reported that money for the new soccer ball for the public school league was donated to principal Brooks by a "spirited citizen" who saw the principal on the way to the train station, noting he had heard of the need for a new ball. The citizen wanted to remain anonymous for his kind deed.





# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Did you know?...Some RHS Athletic History, continued

After many years playing as minor sport, soccer became a varsity sport in the fall of 1927. The sport was given major sport status after much discussion and an election by the RAA committee. As stated in the 1927 Arrow, "The fine spirit of the squad certainly deserves this reward."

The first cross country meet at RHS was run on November 22, 1918. It was an interclass competition over a two and one half mile course with the finish on the new football field (now located at RHS) before the crowd that had gathered to watch the home gridiron battle with Marist High School.

In 1915, the students of RHS had an intense fund raising campaign to complete the refurbishing of the new athletic field at RHS, which is now the new field turf stadium. They surpassed their goal of raising \$1,600, reaching nearly \$1,700. The fund raising total was kept on a giant board resembling a thermometer in a location that is now Wilsey Square. The athletic field was purchased in 1913 and has been used ever since for Ridgewood High School Athletic contests. The first RHS team to use it was the football team for the 1913 season, even though RHS would not be open to students until May of 1919. It is clear at this time that the athletic field property, currently our high school stadium complex, was purchased as part of the property secured on East Ridgewood Avenue by the Board of Education in 1913 in hopes of constructing a new high school in the not too distant future. The property, not including the Stevens Field site, was purchased from Captain Edwards at a cost of \$30,000.

Prior to the purchase of the athletic field location that is now on the west side of the high school, a large field was often used for athletics which was owned by the Masons and located approximately where the Masonic Temple is now, just off of South Maple Avenue. The Masons also owned a large field space across from the old golf club grounds, now present day Veterans Field, which was also used for sporting events. The old YMCA grounds were often used for athletic contests also.

It was reported in the October 16, 1913 Ridgewood Herald that a group of citizens wanted to organize a group to oversee the organization, supervision, administration of and development of the town's (Ridgewood) inter school sports and games. This is a long ago predecessor of the "Sports Council" that we know of today that represents all of the youth sports activities in the village.

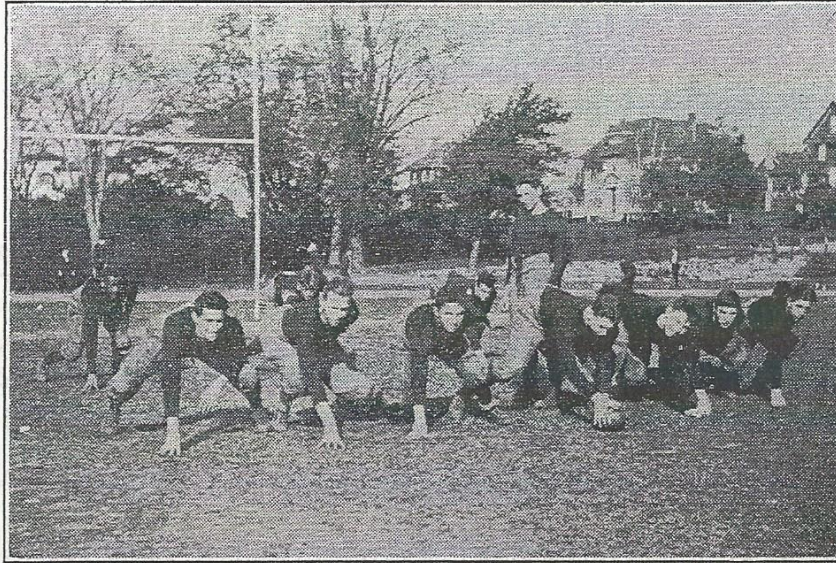
The 1913 group would be known as the "Athletic Advisory Council" and act in the same capacity as the organization in New York City that oversaw the administration of "The Public School Athletic League." According to the records, a motion was made to the Ridgewood Board of Education for approval. It was approved and Dr. Craig would be the lead advisor of a committee that would include community members Frank Kyothe, Rev. Charles O. Wright, Philip L. Shuyler, Charles Woodworth and Mr. Lousing P. Wood, who would represent the local Home and School Association, the Parent Teacher Association and the Alumni of the Ridgewood Public Schools.





## RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Did you know?...Some RHS Athletic History, continued



The 1918 football team takes to their new field on the present site of the RHS Stadium field.  
Line, left to right—Fielding, R. E.; Troup, R. T.; Hall, R. G.; Cheel, Center; Burke, L. G.; Craig, L. T.; Knothe, L. E. Backfield—Beatty, L. H. B.; Shannon, Q. B.; Dreier, F. B.; Batchelor, R. H. B.

### 1918 FOOTBALL TEAM ON THEIR NEW HOME GROUND





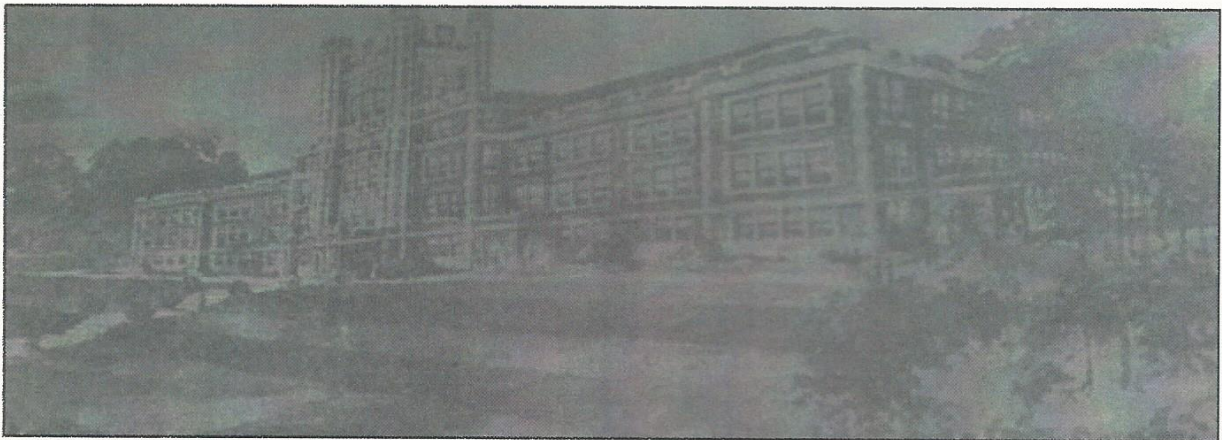


## THE RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL THAT NEVER WAS!

In March of 1915 it was proposed by the Ridgewood Board of Education to build a new Ridgewood High School on the property acquired by the Board of Education from a Captain Edwards in 1913. The Board had spent \$30,000 in purchasing the land "on the hill" that is now home to RHS bordering on East Ridgewood Avenue. The cost of the new high school structure would be \$225,000 to construct and promised to be a spectacular facility to bring great educational opportunity to all of the children of the village and the surrounding communities. (Ridgewood had students from Glen Rock, Paramus, Midland Park, HoHoKus, and beyond). The old high school (the current Ed Center) was becoming highly overcrowded and according to some, unsanitary. Portable classrooms were brought in, (much the same as we have done in the 1970's, 80's and 90's) and many in town argued that this was enough to solve the problem and wished to be spared the expense of having to spend for any new construction. Ridgewood was facing some significant financial burdens at the time.

Another faction argued that the Edwards property was unsuitable and pushed to have a vote on the acquisition of a new site called the "DeMund-Mastin option." That option would have put Ridgewood High School closer to the center of town with the high school property being bordered on the North by East Ridgewood Avenue, the South by Dayton Street and the West by Oak Street. To the East were the lands of David D. Zabriskie and the estate of John McCroden, putting the high school essentially on the site that once was the acreage that made up the old Archibald-Vroom farmstead. The asking price was \$62,000. In an editorial that appeared in the Ridgewood Herald dated November 18, 1915, EB Lilly, arguing in favor for the Edwards site, stated, "It has more over in the contiguity of a fine athletic field, one of the most potent factors in fostering that school spirit which is so important to the development of any high school or college." Debate raged for months when finally a committee of town leaders and the women of the community brought the issue to a head in January of 1916. In one of the largest turn outs for a vote in the town's history to that point, the proposal to purchase the DeMund-Mastin tract was defeated by a total of over 1,100 against to 70 for. The Edwards's property purchased in 1913 was declared the site that the new high school would be built on.

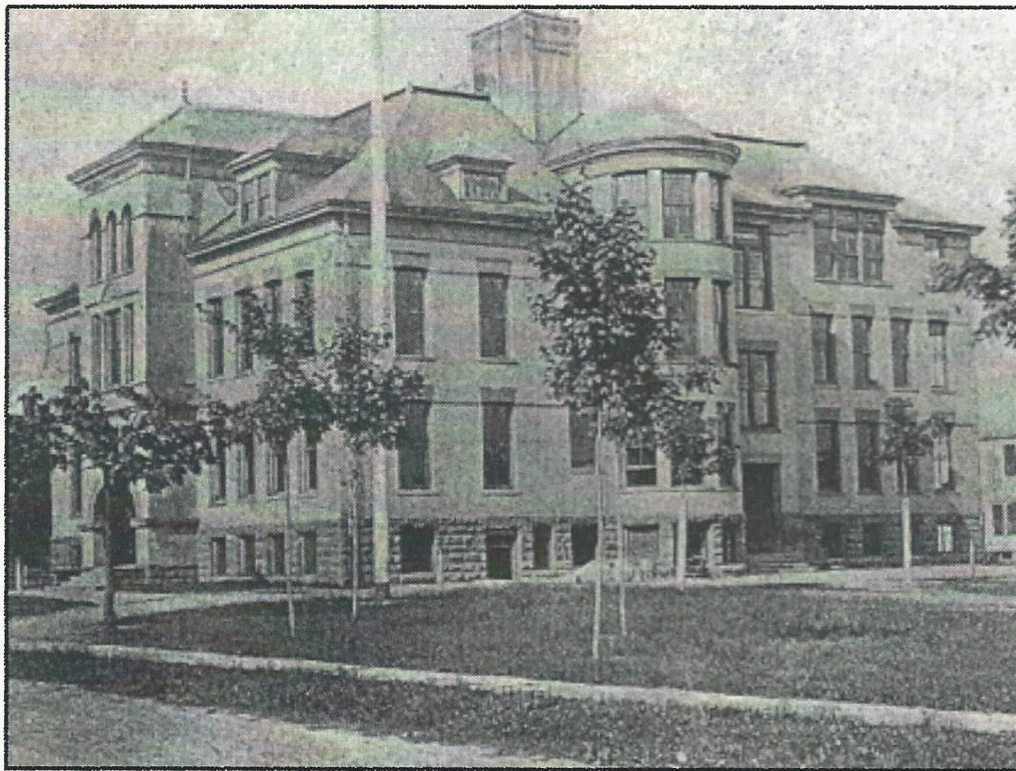
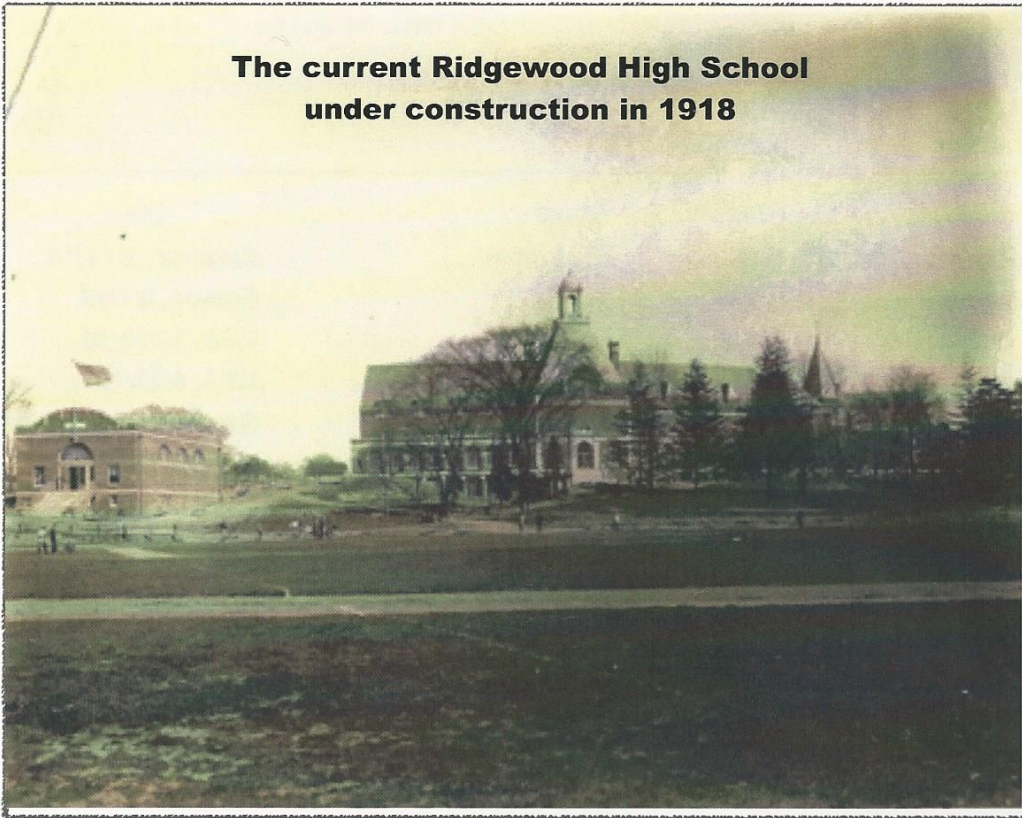
In a vote that followed a few weeks later, the plan to build a new high school passed by nearly a 4 to 1 ratio. A new architectural firm was chosen from over forty submissions. The firm of Tracey L. Swartwout of New York was awarded the job. The firm had recently designed the plans for the new state capitol building in Missouri. An amount equal to the original proposal to build the high school, \$225,000, was approved for the project by the Board of Education and the building we now know with its classic lines, tower, and large cupola was born. Classes began to occupy the new building in May of 1919.



Picture of Proposed Ridgewood High School from "The Ridgewood Herald " dated March 18, 1915



**The current Ridgewood High School  
under construction in 1918**



**The old Ridgewood High School (current Ed Center)**





## RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

### Supreme Roll of Honor

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Died</i>
Lindley deGarmo	1908	Basketball	England, 2/16/18
Peter W. Ebbert	1913	Football	France, 8/7/18
James R. Hubbard	1914	Football	USA, 12/23/18
Ulmont A. White	1917	Football	USA, 9/28/18
Stephen K. Roos	1924	Soccer	New Guinea, 10/12/43
George T. Starck	1925	Track, Football, Basketball (Captain)	Australia, 9/23/43
Walter W. Jackson	1929	Basketball	USA, 7/8/43
Joseph E. Bowen	1930	Soccer, Track	Germany, 11/23/44
Howard Holmes Ford, Jr.	1930	Tennis	France, 7/10/44
Richard A. Dwenger	1931	Tennis, Track, Soccer	Italy, 10/10/43
William Todd Campbell	1934	Football, Track	Buka Pass, 1/8/44
Albert Montick	1935	Baseball	England, 12/29/44
Robert D. Stockbower	1935	Football, Golf, Track, Wrestling, Swimming	USA, 11/18/43
David Ellsworth Himadi	1936	Track	Japan, 8/20/44
Howard Anthony Smith, Jr. (3)	1936	Football (Captain), Track, Golf	Italy, 11/1/43
Edward A. Taylor	1936	Track, Baseball	Germany, 2/7/45
Edward Leonard Vanderbeck	1936	Soccer	Wake Island, 5/14/44
Charles McDermott	1937	Basketball	North Sea, 7/28/43
William M. Smyser	1937	Soccer, Baseball	Italy, 12/19/43
William G. Bavin	1938	Football (Captain)	Holland, 9/18/44
Charles J. Haeberle (2)	1938	Baseball	Italy, 3/18/44
Frank Hamilton	1938	Soccer	Germany, 11/30/44
Christopher Lambert	1938	Track	USA, 10/7/42
Harley Benton Lewis, Jr.	1938	Track	USA, 10/7/43
William Sprague	1938	Football, Track	USA, 7/18/46
Walter F. Livingston, III	1939	Football (Captain)	Guam, 7/21/44
Donald W. Maddox	1939	Soccer	Germany, 11/30/44
John Mansfield Mason	1939	Track, Football	Burma, 8/15/45
Charles Victor McHenry	1939	Track	Okinawa, 6/16/45
George Cotton Munroe, Jr.	1939	Track	Germany, 4/6/45
Alan R. Clarke	1940	Football, Track, Golf	N. Atlantic, 3/2/43
Davis H. Dunn	1940	Soccer	Pacific, 6/18/44
Elwood H. Hearne	1940	Track, Soccer	Philippines, 4/28/45



## RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

### Supreme Roll of Honor - Continued

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Died</i>
Richard S. Lane	1940	Football	Japan, 8/15/45
George Alexander Tatosian	1940	Football	USA, 11/19/43
Betty Jo Hicks	1941	Baseball, Basketball	USA, 8/25/46
Walter J. Neske	1941	Track	Belgium, 9/13/44
Richard K. Robb (5)	1941	Football	France, 10/8/44
William R. Burnett	1942	Soccer, Tennis	Hawaii, 4/03/44
William R. Estell	1942	Baseball, Basketball, Soccer (Captain)	USA, 5/17/53
William Ralph Francis	1942	Football	USA, 9/27/44
Donald C. Haldane (4) (photo below)	1942	Baseball (Captain), Soccer Basketball (Captain)	USA, 7/3/44
Thomas L. Hawkins	1942	Football, Track	Italy, 3/7/44
Jeremy Leonard	1942	Football, Track	Germany, 11/16/44
John James Brickell	1943	Golf	Germany, 2/20/45
Richard H. Condo (6)	1943	Football, Baseball,	Italy, 4/14/45
Frank J. Roehrenbeck, Jr.	1943	Track	At sea, 7/18/50
David James Gunster	1944	Football	Vietnam, 6/6/68
Donald B. Koukol	1944	Track	Italy, 4/22/45
Lansing P. Shield	1947	Tennis	USA, 11/1/48
Jack Neil Moore	1948	Football, Track	USA, 5/28/54
William Ward Nichols, Jr.	1955	Track	Vietnam, 10/4/65
Peter Fransson Russell	1958	Football, Swimming	Vietnam, 5/23/69
Jay Julius Schmid	1960	Soccer	Vietnam, 12/7/68
Charles "Ken" Harvey	1962	Soccer	Puerto Rico, 12/18/68
Jon H. Holley	1963	Track	Germany, 8/4/68
Gerald T. Ramsdell	1981	Track (Captain, Soccer	Persian Gulf, 11/11/88



Don Haldane, US Navy Pilot  
RHS Class of 1942  
Hall of Fame Inductee, 2006

- 1) Team captains are mentioned above.
- 2) Charles Haeberle ('38) also pitched well in the service.
- 3) Howard Smith ('36) also was on the high school Polo team.
- 4) Donald Haldane ('42) was scouted by the New York Giants baseball team.
- 5) RHS still presents the Richard Robb ('41) Trophy to the best Senior lineman. *See article on following page.*
- 6) Dick Condo ('43) is said to have punted a football 70 yards. For many years after the war, the Dick Condo Trophy was presented to the winner of the annual Turkey Day game against Fair Lawn.



# 'The epitome of all good virtues'

BY CHRISTOPHER STOUT  
Correspondent

As football season at Ridgewood High School gets under way, take a moment to read about an RHS football star from 73 years ago whose name comes back year after year.

A few of Ridgewood's 113 Honored Dead have been memorialized by friends and family so that even to this day we recognize their gifts and their sacrifice. One such memorial was created in the name of Richard Robb and is valued to this day.

Sometimes known as Roscoe, Robb lived at 12 E. Ridgewood Ave. and 334 Prospect St. His only brother died in 1934. He attended elementary school in Ridgewood, was a Boy Scout and was active in the High School League at West Side Presbyterian Church. He also worked an afternoon job at a local Texaco Station.

Before graduating from RHS in 1941 he was in the Willow Club, played the trumpet in the swing band, acted in the junior play and was on the music committee for the senior prom.

A lineman on the football team, his football coach later said, "Richie was the epitome of all good virtues. He was an aggressive football player who ran like a deer."

Roscoe went to Virginia Tech and later to Lafayette College to study engineering. While there, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He joined the service and received his aerial gunner's wings at Ellington Field in Laredo, Texas in October 1943 and his commission at



The Robb Football Trophy at Ridgewood High School, named after Second Lt. Richard Robb (far left), is presented to the outstanding varsity lineman upon the player's graduation in June.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER STOUT

the Bombardier Quadrangle School in Childress, Texas on Feb. 26, 1944.

He was then assigned to Barksdale Field in Shreveport, La. Two months later, on April 15, 1944, he married June Gorham, his RHS classmate, in the Post Chapel at Barksdale Field. Three months later, he was best man at the marriage of another eventual Ridgewood casualty, Ronnie Helps.

As a member of the 584th Bomber Squadron, 394th Bomb Group Medium (9th AAF), he moved overseas in late August 1944. Flying the B-26 "Marauder" and the Douglas A-26 "Invader," the 394th hit strong points at Brest and then began to operate against targets in Germany. Robb's "Marauder" was powered by two 2,000HP engines, manned by a crew of six, carried a bomb load of up to 5,200 pounds and was cus-

tomarily armed with 10 30- and 50-caliber machine guns.

In October 1944, a revised interdiction program targeted rail lines further to the east and required attacks by all 4 Tactical

Air Commands of the 9th AF, with support from the British 2nd Tactical AF. More than 300 B-26s and A-20s, with fighter

escort, hit strong points and bridges over wide areas of Eastern France and Western Germany.

Robb was engaged in low level bombing of railroad bridges and yards in the Rhine River Valley on their 138th mission. Flying out of Cambrai/Niergnies, France, Robb was killed Sunday, Oct. 8, 1944, when his B-26 col-

lided with another plane while landing upon return from a mission against the railroad bridge at Ahrweiler.

In 1983, his friends created the Robb Football Trophy at RHS, which is still presented to the outstanding varsity lineman upon the player's graduation in June. Roscoe is buried in Plot B, Row 20, Grave 71 at Epinal American Cemetery, Epinal, France.

At death, he was 21 years old.



RICHARD K. ROBB College  
Football Squad, 3; Varsity, 4; Willow Club, 3; Cast, Junior Play; Music Committee, Senior Prom.  
"As becomes a noble knight, war gracious to all ladies."



## JUNE GORHAM

### Undecided

Girls' Club, 2, 3, 4; Golf Club, 2; Decoration Committee, Junior Prom; Scenery Committee, Junior Play; Chairman, Decoration Committee, Senior Prom; Scenery Committee, Senior Play; Sewing Exhibit, 2, 3; Cabaret, 4.

"Always happy, full of fun,  
She's not disliked by anyone."



# 1940 FOOTBALL

Given very little chance at the outset of the 1940 season, the R.H.S. football team proved its mettle by becoming one of the best to represent the Maroon in recent years. Teamwork and good spirit marked its efforts in all games and lack of weight was more than overcome by its speed and aggressiveness.

Led by Co-captains Bill Moore, tackle, and Pete Brown, back, the Maroon went through six straight before suffering its first set-back. Leonia was defeated 13-7 in the opener in a game which showed the versatility of the veteran "pony" backfield. The following week, Hackensack was defeated for the first time since 1936 by the score of 13-0. In the third game, Ridgewood was forced to come from behind in the last five minutes in order to tie Lodi 6-6. The Maroon continued its unbeaten way in its fourth encounter with Hawthorne 18-0 but was again forced to come from behind in its game with Lyndhurst, which finally ended 6-6. On Election Day, Passaic Valley, a new opponent, was soundly trounced 39-0. Pompton Lakes brought the undefeated string to an end by decisively trimming the Maroon 27-7,

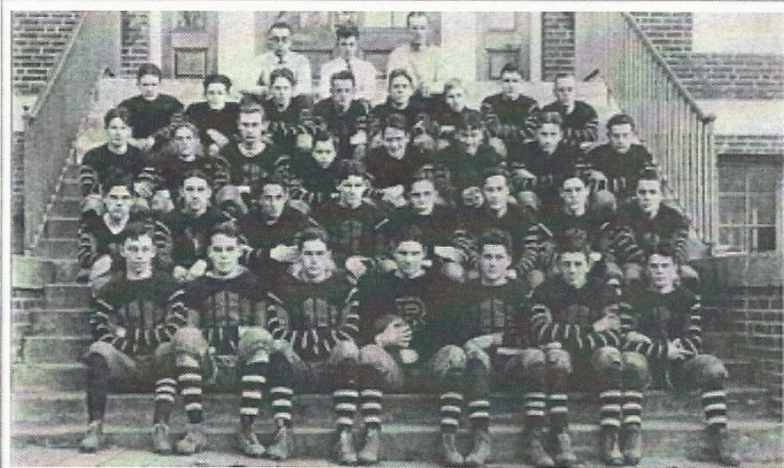
but some prestige was retained as this was the first touchdown ever scored by Ridgewood against Pompton. Ridgewood continued its slump against Clifford Scott and lost 31-13. Some consolation may be had over these defeats since both teams which defeated Ridgewood were later awarded State Championships. The annual Thanksgiving Day game ended the season successfully as Westfield was defeated 18-0.

Pete Brown, Frank Bradley, Don McCullough and Bob Crandall composed Ridgewood's pony backfield with Frank handling the bulk of the passing attack which was a big factor in the success of the team. On the line, Bill Moore, Dick Simpson, and Stan Frank were stand-outs. Dick Casey, Paul Cook, Don Coyle, Rex Gearon, George Henry, Roger Probert and Richie Robb were other Senior letter winners.

With six letter-men from the Junior Class, two from the Sophomore Class and several promising prospects from among the numeral winners as a nucleus for the team next fall, it is hoped that R.H.S. will carry on from where it left off last November.







**RHS Football Team, 1925-1926**



**RHS Track Team, 1925-1926**



**RHS Baseball Team, 1925-26**



# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

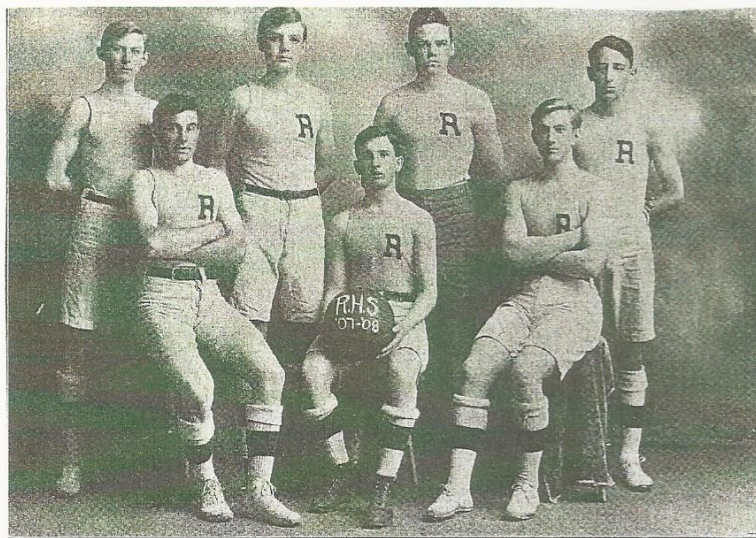
## BASEBALL TEAM, 1911



"For the first game, the Ridgewood team were faultlessly attired in their new suits which were cut decollete and up to date in every particular and so becoming!"

- *The Arrow*, 1911

## BASKETBALL TEAM, 1907-1908



Reading from the left, those standing are:

DeGarmo, sub, R. Iserman, r. f., J. Merrihew, sub, A. Nathan, l. g.

Those seated are: R. DeRichmond, r. g., W. Ransom, Captain, l. f., W. Coyle, c.





# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## You've Come a Long Way!

It is 1922 and a premonition of things to come appears in the fall edition of the RHS Arrow Quarterly. Marion Delamater, class of 1924, writes an editorial about the lack of opportunity for girls to participate in varsity athletics at RHS! Women received the right to vote two years earlier when the 19th Amendment to the constitution was ratified August 18, 1920 guaranteeing a women's right to vote! Fifty years later, in 1972, Title IX legislation was passed, which allowed female athletics to expand protecting the rights of people from discrimination based on gender in educational institutions, programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance.



The Arrow

### MORE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS FOR GIRLS

This year, in chapel, it was announced that the boys are to have two new sports, soccer and cross-country running. These two, with the other sports already open to the boys, make six different branches of athletics in which the boys of R. H. S. may earn school letters. That is all well and good, but what about the girls? Three years ago the Girls' Basketball Team was organized. Last year and this year the girls have had a hard time to persuade the authorities to let them have the team continued. It is true that the team has not been very successful, but it has been more successful than the boys' team and it must be remembered that the girls did not have basketball until three years ago. Last year the team expected to have a good year, but through poor refereeing and non-support of the student body, it became discouraged and finished third. But this year the girls have a good squad, and, with the support of the school will make a good try for the championship.

Enough for basketball. Why can't the girls have other sports in which to earn letters? The complaint has been made that only a few girls can play on the basketball team. Granted, but if there were more sports for the girls to win their 'R's' in, there would be more girls going out for athletics.

I believe that Mr. Somerville's plan is to have inter-class teams in the various branches of athletics. I think that is a good plan but I also think that interscholastic athletics for the girls would be better. Participating in games with other schools would give the girls better school spirit. There can't be any doubt but that every girl in this school would like to earn an 'R' and the 'R' would be a big incentive to the girls. There is not as much interest in inter-class athletics as in interscholastic. Then, too, I believe that the majority of students in this school are girls; therefore, the number of girls who support the A. A. equals or exceeds the number of boys; and yet the boys have six interscholastic sports and the girls one. Why should the boys spend six sevenths of the A. A. fund to the girls' one-seventh, when they are in the minority? Too much time spent on athletics would affect the studies, but if each girl had to have a fair report of her studies every so often or be dropped from her particular squad until her marks are better, there would be no need for complaint on that score.

But the most important thing which interscholastic athletics teaches so much better than inter-class is sportmanship. When you are having a game with your friends as opponents, for that is all an inter-class game is, you might think that, if you should gently but firmly push that opponent of yours out of the way without the referee's being able to see you, she wouldn't mind very much as you are a friend of hers. But when you have been shoved around by a girl you don't know, you appreciate the feeling which some girl has when you treat her that way, and you like the sound of that golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Or if you chance to play against a girl who is playing just as fairly as she can and saving you all

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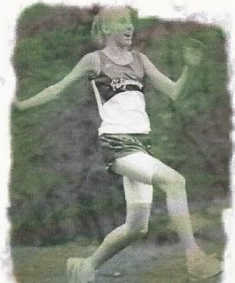
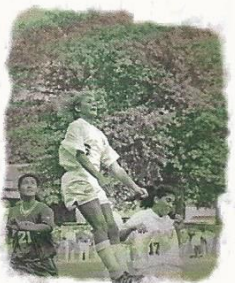
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the unnecessary jolts that she can, believe me, you try your very best to do the same to her.

Give the girls a chance to take an active interest in their school and not just a "paying subscriptions" and "cheering" interest.

Marion Delamater, '24

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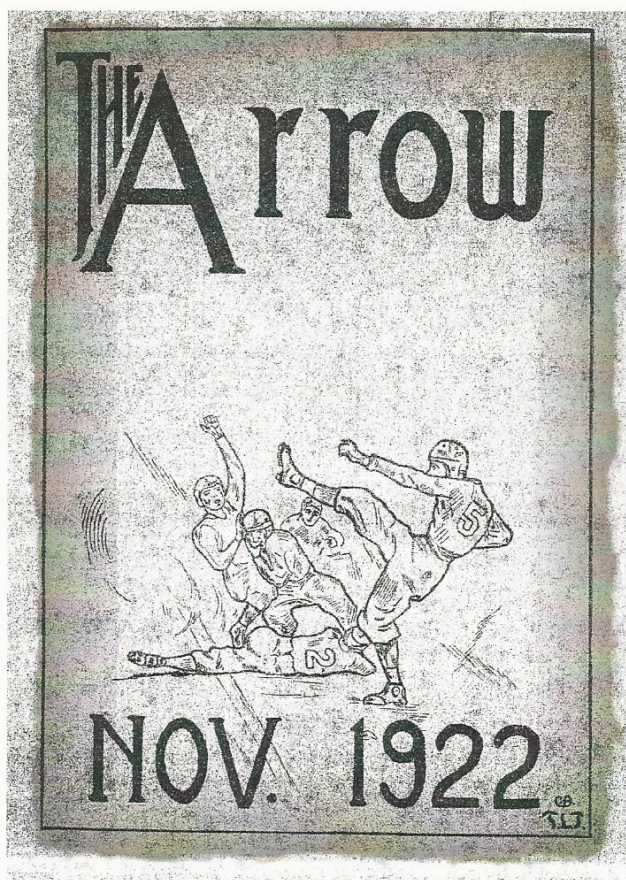




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## 1922 Athletics Overview and Football

Until the early 1930's the Ridgewood High School yearbook *The Arrow* was published in four segments. The edition published in the Fall usually had as one of its main themes the state of the athletics programs at RHS. In this issue from ninety four years ago, November 1922, we can see the development of some of the athletic programs Ridgewood still has today as well as some that we don't. Girls (Field) Hockey is mentioned and was sponsored off and on throughout the 1920s. RHS dropped Girls Field Hockey after the 1982 season with the introduction of Girls Soccer into the athletic program in 1983. We find that Ridgewood did sponsor girls basketball the winter of 1922-23 in organized fashion and played in the Northern New Jersey Interscholastic league with the 1922-23 edition of the team, mentioned in this quarterly, going on to win the first ever girls interscholastic championship at the school. That team was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008. We also see that Boys Soccer was introduced at the interscholastic level as a minor sport for the first time and would gain status as a major varsity sport for the 1927 season. Boys Cross Country is introduced for the first time in 1922 as well as the idea of Freshman Football. A history of Ridgewood Football is given in this quarterly and it might be mentioned that the account of the 1913 team gives reason as to why that team was inducted into the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014 as one of the first great interscholastic teams representing the school and setting a standard for what we call our "Tradition of Excellence" today.



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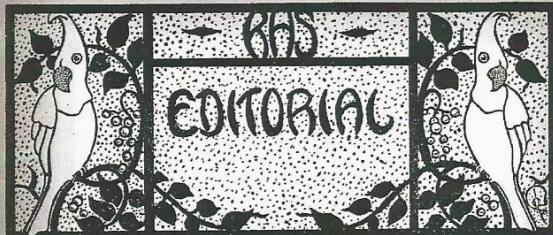




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It's scarcely appropriate to welcome you back to school and ask whether you had a pleasant vacation; and we needn't introduce ourselves, for you met us during the Arrow drive. But since this is our first number it is fitting to say that we're very glad to be here and we hope to give you the kind of Arrow you want.

The results of the Arrow drive were very satisfactory and they proved that you're interested in your school magazine. Keep it up by handing in plenty of good material and new ideas, and the Arrow will be the kind of magazine you can be proud of.

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### ATHLETICS FOR ALL

A crisp November Saturday afternoon. Two brawny elevens lined up at the kick-off. The referee's whistle. The ball goes sailing through the air. The crowd yells. Blood goes pounding through your veins. That's foot-ball.

On such a scene as is described above, the spirit, the life of a school, is at its highest point. In such a scene the type of school is brought out. The individual is lost in the feeling of the school.

The eleven on the field—big, brawny, in the best of condition, —why not be one of them?

There is a kind of athletics for every single fellow in the high school. Every boy should participate in at least one organized sport. There is some kind of athletics in which you, if you do not excell in it, are at least average.

Find out what it is. Try something. The time spent on the athletic field is well worth it. You will be amply repaid.

No boy can be skilled in all sports but every boy in the school can have a knowledge of all kinds of sport. To know the fine points of a game makes it more enjoyable to watch and follow.

There are many kinds of athletics—football for the big fellows, soccer for those who prefer it. Have you good wind and endurance? Cross-country for you. Are you quick, agile? Basketball's the game. There are also baseball, track, and rifle shooting.

How about an 'R'? Surely wearing the athletic insignia of the school is something to be proud of. It should be the ambition of every boy to wear an 'R'. There is but one way to get an 'R', and that is—earn it.

William F. Young, '24

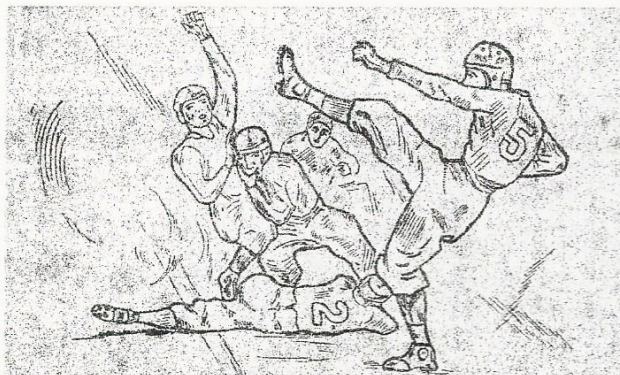
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R. H. S. FOOTBALL TEAM -- 1922

Captain Wadsworth

Coach Ford







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The next task was the Hindenburg line; but using the sleeping gas, which Medea had given him, this was nothing to our hero. Soon he was in possession of the fleece and with Medea and his friends set out on the Rubiyat. Arriving home he succeeded in taking the kingdom from his uncle, Pellas, and with his dear wife, Medea, lived happily ever afterward.

A. V. P., '23  
M. J., '23

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### RIDGEWOOD FOOTBALL, PAST AND PRESENT

Sportsmanship is an attitude of mind which seeks to find expression in certain qualities. It is very readily applied to athletics and school activities or life. One sees the most emphatic illustration of this spirit in athletics. Here one learns to fight for victory in a fair and square way. Men who have the requisites, vim, vigor, and stamina, have no better field to test them in than football.

From the time of the founding of our Athletic Association in Ridgewood High School, football has rapidly grown in favor in Ridgewood until today it is one of our major sports, well supported and well played. From the good old days when football was first played here up to this present season we have had pretty much the same opponents, and a summary of clashes with these teams shows that Ridgewood is to the fore in most cases.

In the days of 1913 in Ridgewood we have a fine example of past football. The high school started practice in September with eighteen men, and no coach but the captain. Captain Donnelly developed his team of that year into a fast, hard, clean-playing bunch. In that year we had such men as Hopper, conspicuous on account of his line plunging and punting, Pagano to rake in the forward passes, and Todd with his fine defensive work. This same Hopper, who played for Ridgewood, later achieved fame on the gridiron as captain of Pennsylvania. The standard which this group of stars helped to set established a precedent which Ridgewood has always tried to live up to. That year, pitted against some of the strongest teams, Ridgewood High School scored 246 points to its opponents' 68. Many a severe jolt was given to the aspirations of other schools by our warriors of that day.

Each succeeding year has been nearly as successful for the Red and White. In recognition of the efforts of our men an order was established about 1914 by the football team that was known as the Order of the "R". The requirements to be a wearer of the sacred "R" were very strict as compared to those of today. A player had to play in 50 per cent. of the games, not less than 4. Today it is 25 per cent. of the numbers of games played.

In former years these teams which so successfully carried the high school to victory had no such incentive as regularly organized cheering. Modes of travel to and from games and equipment also were below the par of those of today. But in spite of these handicaps the records of those former teams prove that it is largely hard work and not equipment that brings forth a winning team and season.

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A few years later we have men whose names are more familiar to us. In 1917-18, people were dubious as to the outcome of our football team because of the loss of such stars as Runk, M. Hopper, and others. The pessimists lost out, however. Other men stepped up to brighten the fame of our school. Caramella, Beatty, T. White, Troup, and Ford all came to the fore in the next couple of years. At this time our present coach, Judson Ford, played a very modest but hard game at guard.

A personage by the name of Mr. Tack L. Dummie made his first appearance in Ridgewood and according to an article by Mr. Ford, in a previous issue of the Arrow, his influence was considerably felt in the high school.

In 1917-18 a very successful year was experienced as the following score would indicate: R. H. S. 47—Cliffside 0; R. H. S. 38—Passaic 0; R. H. S. 27—Rutherford 0. Other games just as profitable for us followed. In 1918 and 1919 a new group of stars loomed up to carry on the good work. The backfield was one worthy of recognition, consisting of Joe Batchelor, H. B.; Gwynn Fielding, H. B.; Dave Shannon, Q. B.; and Duncan Cheel, F. B. The spirit of the school took a big jump up the ladder this year. Mellie Hiler first won fame at this time which earned him the position of all state center in 1921.

During this year many spectacular games were played. One battle of the season brought out the same "do or die" spirit as shown by Ridgewood teams in former years. In this game Bill Drier was "knocked out" six times but each time "came back", typically illustrating the fighting spirit of the team. Gwynn Fielding was also "knocked out" for the first time in his career as a football player.

A game with Paterson High School about this time showed what our "crew of huskies" really could do. The score was 38—0. This score was piled up against one of the best teams Paterson had turned out in several seasons. Last year we again met Paterson after a respite, and this game, replete with thrills, kept the audience continually on edge. The score was 7—0. About this time Rutherford, champions for three years and would-be champions of the time, clashed with Ridgewood on the gridiron in a game which will long be remembered. Four touchdowns to one shows what perseverance and hard playing did for us. This indomitable fighting spirit of past, present and future is one of Ridgewood's greatest assets on the football field.

As in the colleges, football in the high schools has made rapid advancement. The teams of football in Ridgewood today will rank as the standard set by other schools, our rivals Passaic, Rutherford, Englewood and Hackensack. True it is that a team cannot always be champions but we try to follow up the example and record before us as set by previous Ridgewood teams. The eleven we have today and the outlook for next year and ensuing years is good. One of the main reasons for this belief is the fact that we are fairly sure of having a permanent coach, Mr. Ford. In the past the coach has been with us for one season at a time and then again not at all. This is a handicap to any school.

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A very fine thing has started this year which will help the school in the future to carry on the work in football as a representative of athletics. Freshman football has been introduced and although in its infancy has promises of making good. In this way the rudiments of the game are learned by those who have four years in which to attain a coveted position on the varsity. Experience is a good teacher. This idea follows somewhat along that of the one at Rutherford. This school generally turns out a team of championship material. They, however, start in the grammar school to learn the game, a very good idea.

Fighting rallies in second half showing offensive strength is a noticeable factor in this year's games. Football so far this year has been fair to middling—nothing more. No special or dazzling advances seem to have been made. Let us note a few details of our games as played this year. Punting by Captain Wadsworth is good and well adapted for covering. Passing, also by Wadsworth is fine, accurate and swift. The offense seems to be fair but it does not seem to work together. The defense seems good when it comes to a pinch. With Cliffside and then once again this year the team has demonstrated this by standing like a stone wall with the ball on their own 5 yard line or thereabout. These facts when summed up compare fairly well with facts of the same nature from previous years. Next year a number of the good men will be back and start us off on one of our best schedules.

Thus in speaking of football both past and present in Ridgewood one might say that it has embodied the true spirit of Ridgewood High School; that it has always brought forth the truer, finer, qualities of school spirit that only clean fair play can produce. And because football has done so much to advance and uphold the traditions of the school it is to be hoped that it will always be a dominating sport in the future. Much has been said about the football player but the following lines seem to describe him perfectly:

He's just one man of the eleven,  
A cog, or a link in the chain;  
The best type of man under heaven,  
A user of muscle and brain.

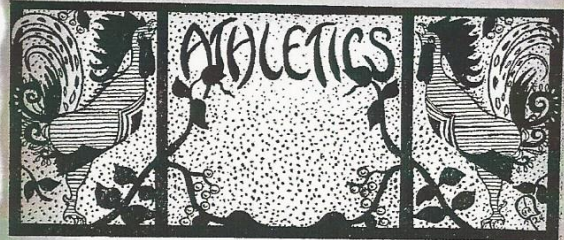
For ev'ry wrong move he is scolded;  
He knows he must play hard and clean;  
Sometimes for his good work they praise him,  
And sometimes he does it unseen.

The crowd is but fickle and changing;  
It's ready to cheer or abuse.  
He knows how to take knocks or praises;  
He knows how to win—and to lose. —Author unknown.

Wallace Carr, '24

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### The Arrow



#### R. H. S. 12—DOVER 0

In spite of very hot weather and the first game of the season, the team showed up well. Although it was not included in the regular schedule the game was of great importance as it showed definitely what the team could do. Ridgewood's offense was in good shape after the start of the game and made telling gains through the Dover line.

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#### R. H. S. 0—CLIFFSIDE 0

This game was closely contested. It was a steady game, neither side exhibiting any brilliant plays. Ridgewood had a slight advantage due to Wadsworth's punting. Our defense was good when a touchdown threatened. There was a great deal of loose handling of the ball.

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#### R. H. S. 0—NUTLEY 31

The Nutley game was played under adverse conditions. The contest was played during a heavy rain which, because our backfield is light and fast, greatly handicapped our offense. However in spite of the apparently onesided score, the game was interesting from start to finish. Captain Wadsworth was out of the line-up because of injuries, which also handicapped the team. The wet weather naturally caused loose handling of the ball by both teams.

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#### R. H. S. 6—DICKINSON H. S. 27

Ridgewood, not playing her full line-up, was no match for Dickinson, who ranks well in State football standing. A large Election Day crowd attended the game.

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#### R. H. S. 0—PASSAIC 19

A clean, hard-fought, well-played game. Although a one-sided score, Passaic had to fight for every point. Quite a number of rooters followed the team. This helped Passaic to avenge her two defeats at our hands in the last two years.

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### R. H. S. 14—MIDDLETOWN 13

A hard fighting team, never ready to give up was Middletown. With a few moments left to play and the score 14-6 against them they carried the ball over for another touchdown. Pretty playing by Terhune and Morrison in the backfield featured the game. Wadsworth was removed from the game for the first time on account of injury.

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#### THE REGULAR LINE UP

Carlin ..... Right End  
Sheffield ..... Right Tackle  
Asten ..... Right Guard  
Johnston ..... Center  
Smith ..... Left Guard  
Thompson ..... Left Tackle  
Hendrickson ..... Left End  
Terhune—Morrison ..... Quarterback  
Hanks—Starck ..... Right Half  
Arentzen—Cumins ..... Left Half  
Capt. Wadsworth ..... Full Back

W. C., '24

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#### FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

One of the most important additions to the high school in athletics is our freshman football team. Under the coaching of Mr. Walker they are showing up well.

The real work of this team is to prepare players who are not quite up to standard in weight and ability for the first team in succeeding years, giving the younger folks a firm grounding in the rudiments of football.

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#### SOCCER

A new addition to league sports is soccer. Joel Bowen is our efficient manager for this year by a vote of the A. A. Quite a number of games are scheduled so far. With men like Cantrell and Howard we have all kinds of expectations for a successful first season.

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#### CROSS-COUNTRY

Many league teams have taken up cross-country this year and it will probably number among the league sports in the near future. Ed. Krech of the Senior Class was elected manager. Our first meet with Hackensack, there, will give us an idea of what kind of a team we have. At present Russell and Bruder are two promising men to cover the distance in fast time. The distance run is anywhere from three to five miles. Great weather, this, for cross-country.

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### BASKETBALL

Under Frank Terhune as captain we are looking for a very successful season. As the season starts the outlook is good. Most of last year's men are back and many new men are out. With a good bit of cheering this winter to follow the team we are sure they will be able to avenge many last year's scores. Come out and see, you rooters.

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### GIRLS' ATHLETICS

The girls' athletics opened this year with the organization of hockey and basket ball teams. The hockey team plays every Wednesday. The team has three good coaches, Mrs. Duncan, Miss Tufts, and Miss Sellier, and great things are expected of it. When enough girls from each of the classes are out for the team and make good, hockey will become an interclass sport.

The basket ball teams play on Tuesday and Thursday. As the season has only just opened, the positions of the girls on the Varsity Team are not known. The Varsity Team is practicing and doing good work. The members of the team are as follows: Florence Hopper, Ruth Leffler, Frances Maines, Janet Marshall, Adele Gilbert, Marian Delamater, Gladys Haddon, Sara Fitzhugh, Florence Surpless, Betty Rogers, Betty Welles, Helen Willard, Evelyn Ireland, and Mary Blauvelt. Let us stand behind the team and help win the games.

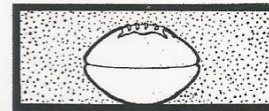
Miss Sellier has organized game teams in every gym class. Around Christmas, picked girls from among the Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors, will compete against each other in an interclass game contest. Now girls, your chance is here to get in and help win medals and honor for your class. Let's show people the good stuff we have in us.

H. C. B., '25

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At the time of its final printing, The Arrow is able to announce the scores of three additional football games played since it first went to press:

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R. H. S. 6	Englewood 0
R. H. S. 0	Rutherford 49



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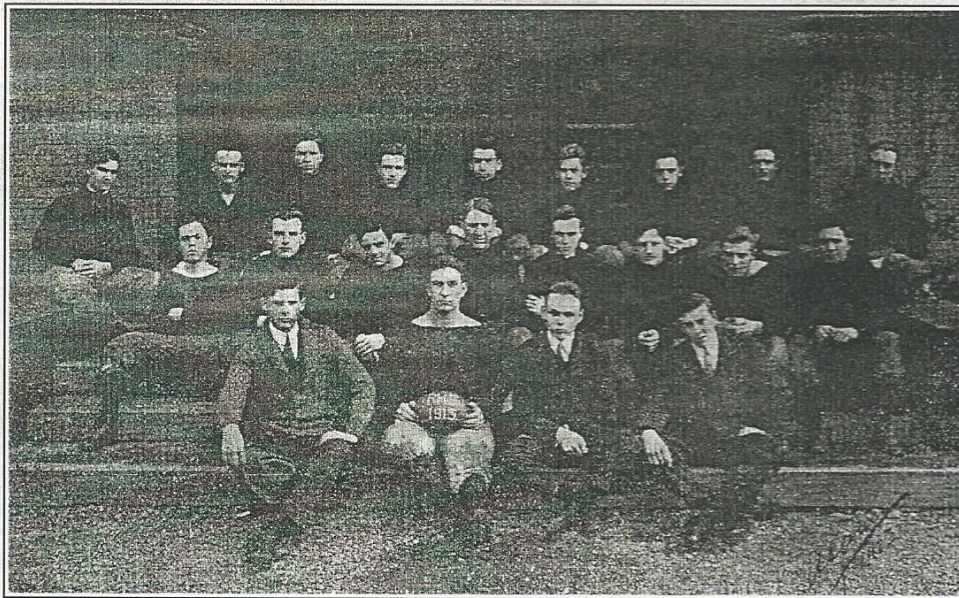
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RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 1913

Back row left to right: McCreedy, Wandless, Sloat, Ahlrott, Todd, Hubbard, Westerhoff, Pagano, Waddell. Second row left to right: Donnelly, Williams, Feeney, Keyser, MacKenzie, Runk, Paul, Knowlton. Front row Mr. Elson, Hopper, (Capt.), Cheel and Wardell (Managers)

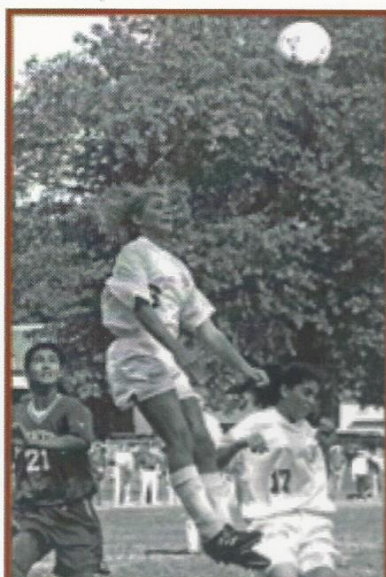




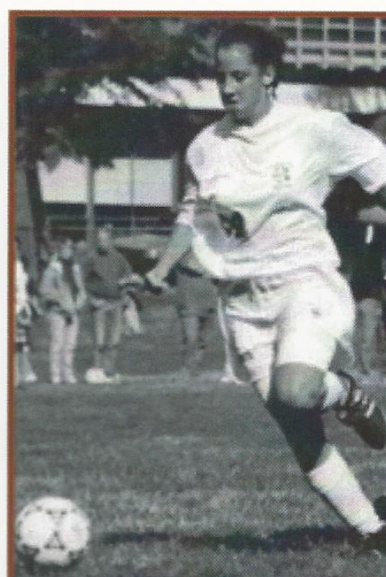
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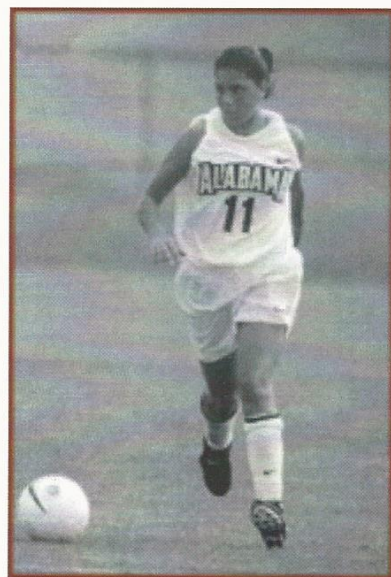
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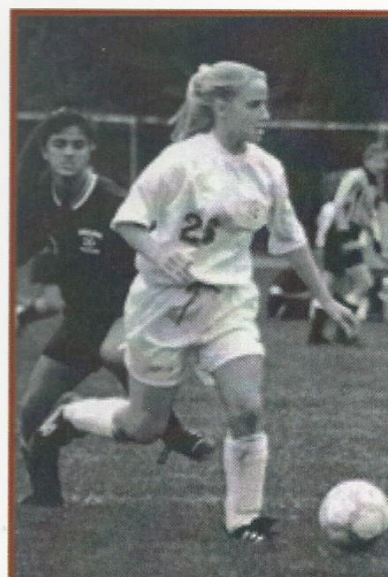
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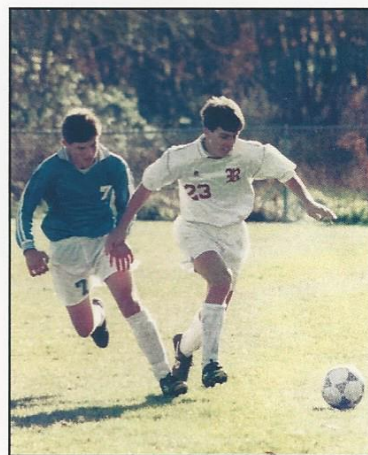
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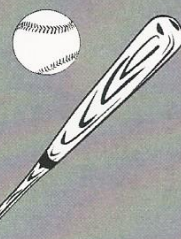
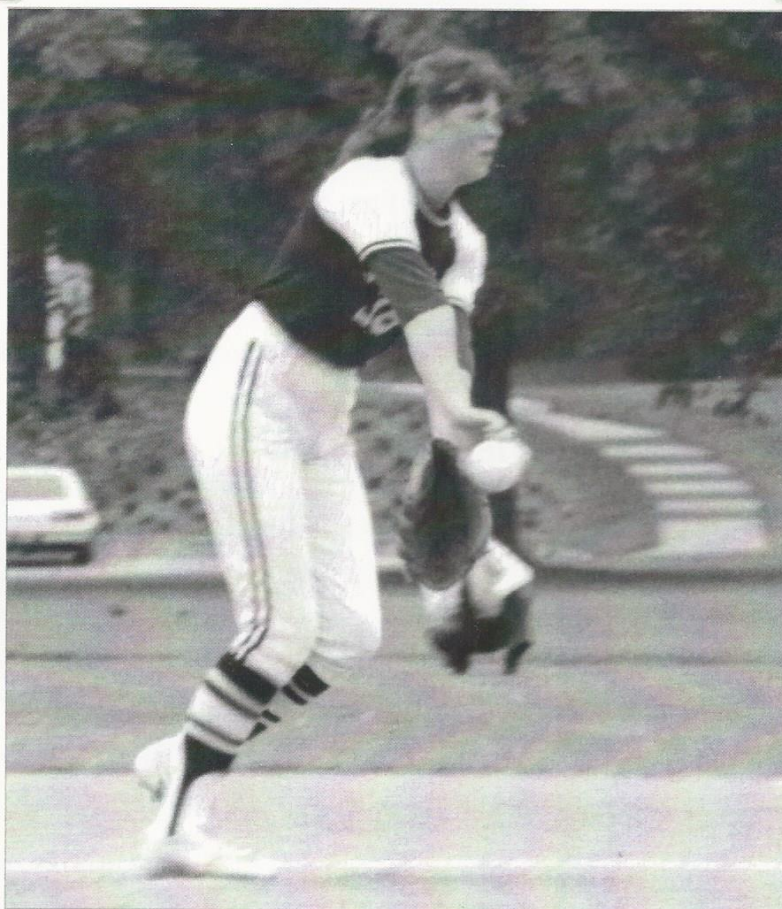
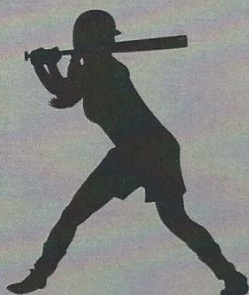
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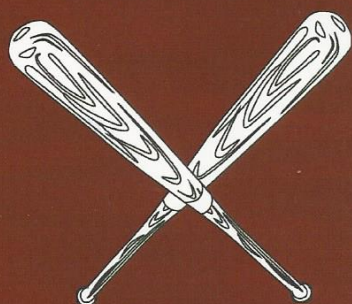


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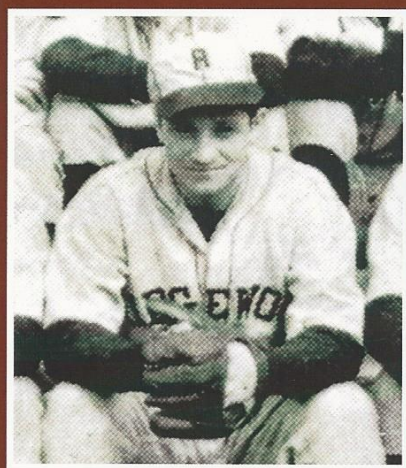




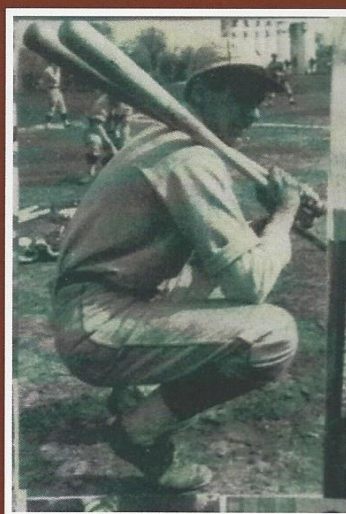
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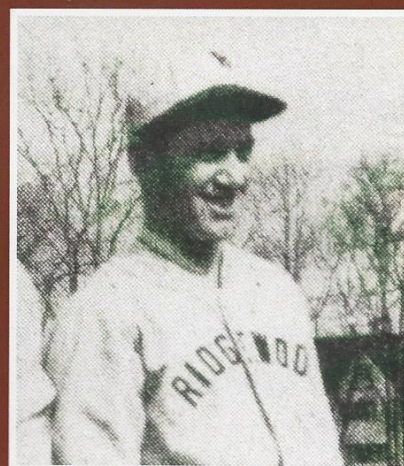
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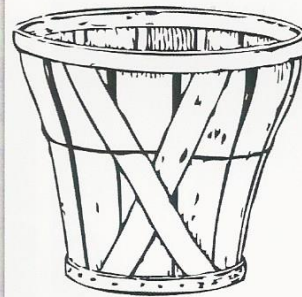
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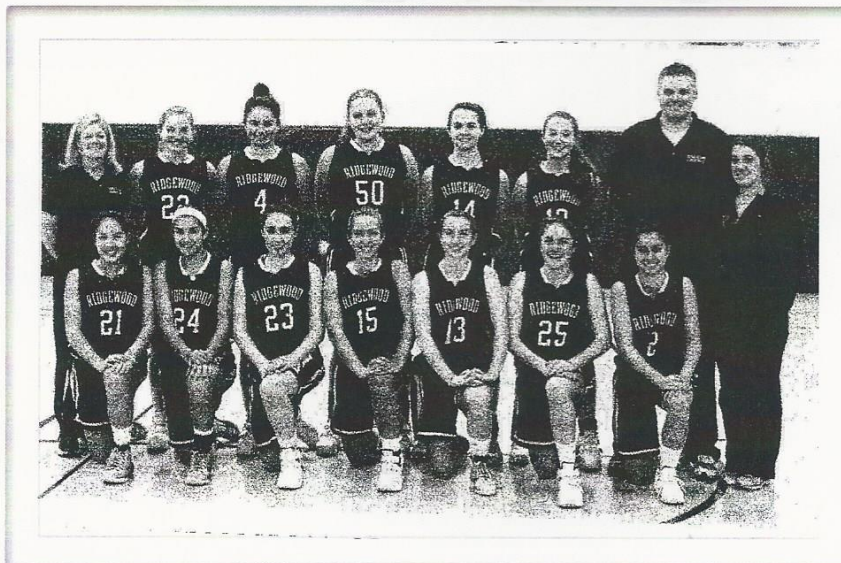
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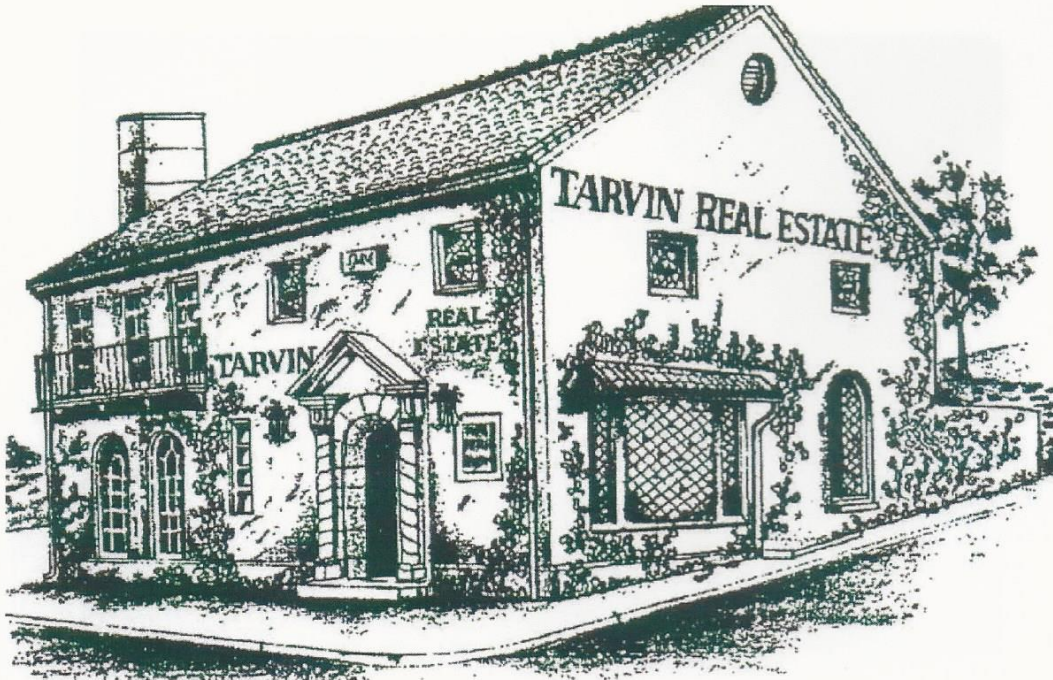
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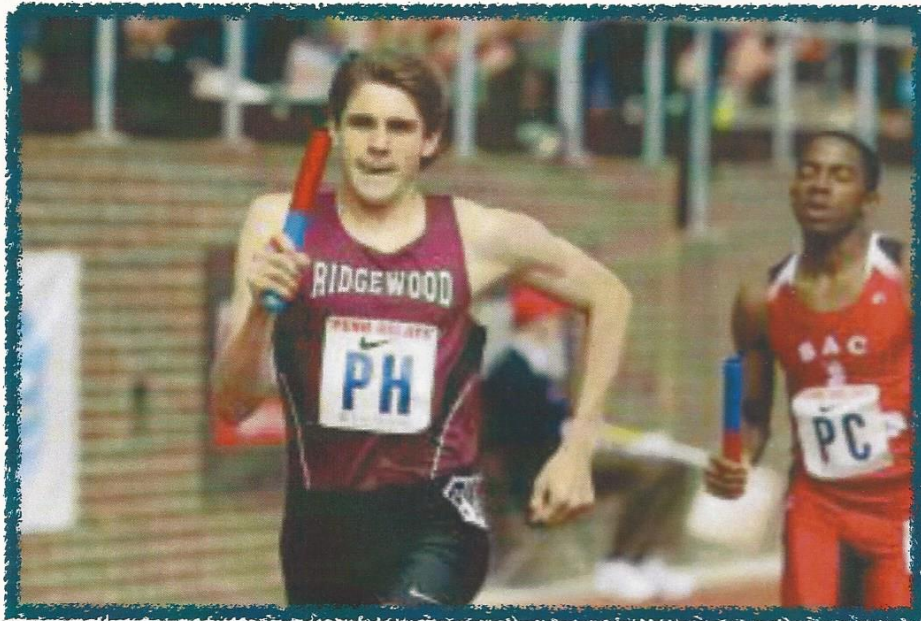


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# SANDLER O'NEILL + PARTNERS, L.P.

Congratulates all of the Inductees into the  
Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame  
Class of 2016



WHEN IT IS TIME TO RUN YOUR FINANCIAL RACE,  
YOU CAN COUNT ON US TO BRING YOU ACROSS  
THE FINISH LINE IN FIRST PLACE.



# RIDGEWOOD LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

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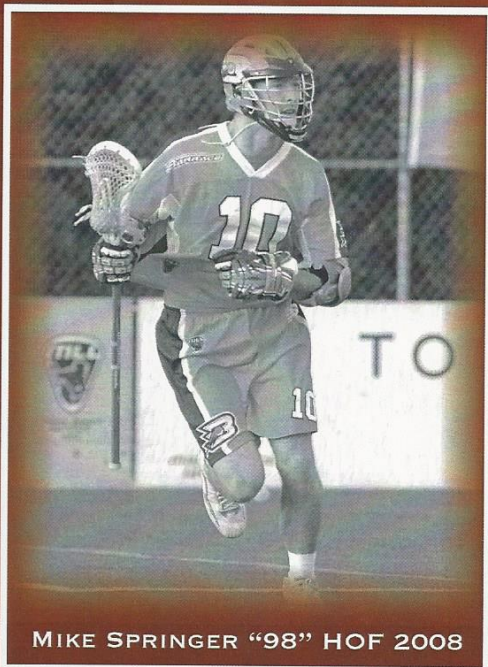
RHS ATHLETIC HOF CLASS OF 2016

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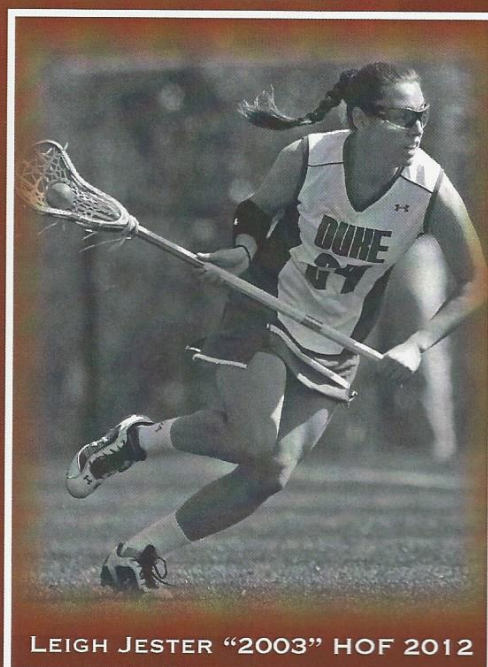
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AS EXAMPLES OF OUR

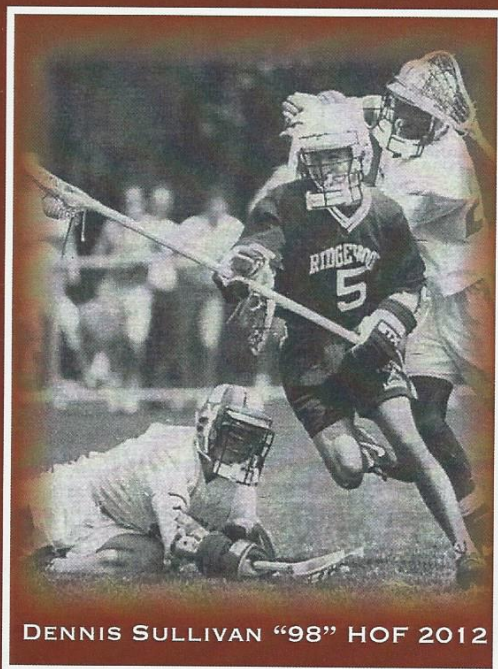
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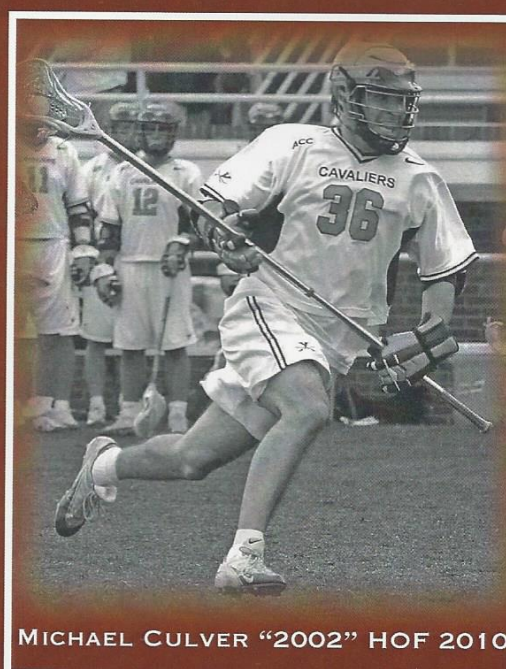
MIKE SPRINGER "98" HOF 2008



LEIGH JESTER "2003" HOF 2012



DENNIS SULLIVAN "98" HOF 2012



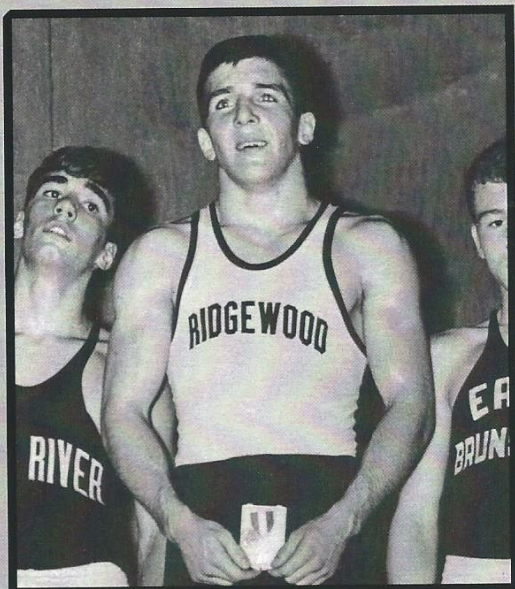
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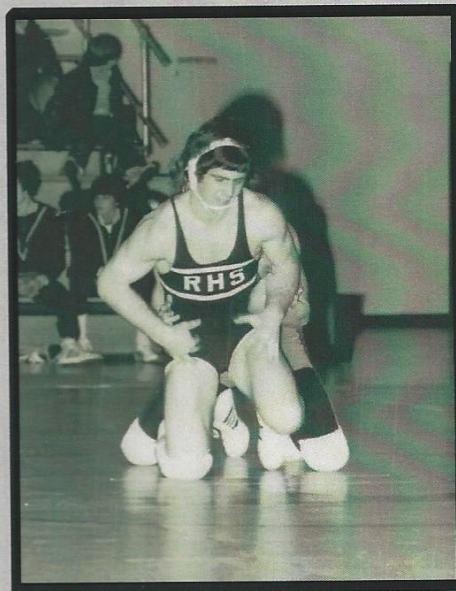
# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Congratulates the Newest Members of the  
RHS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016!

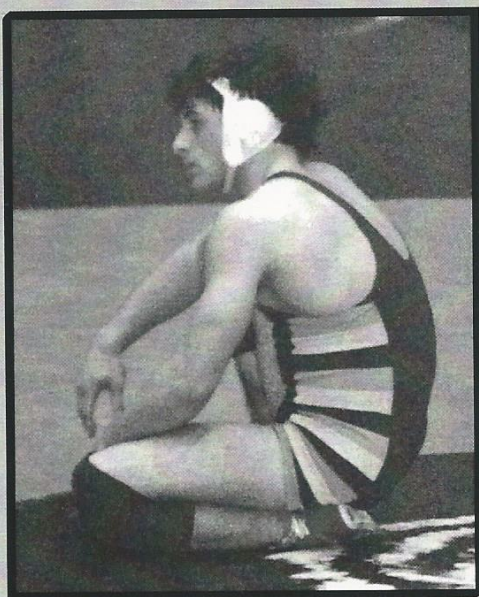
We salute our wrestling Hall of Fame inductees,  
who are an inspiration to all!



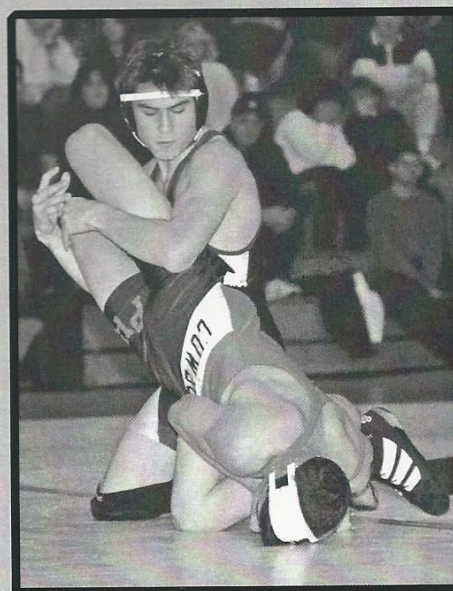
Bob Whitaker  
RHS Class of 1965  
RHS HOF 2004



Paul Ferraro  
RHS Class of 1977  
RHS HOF 2006



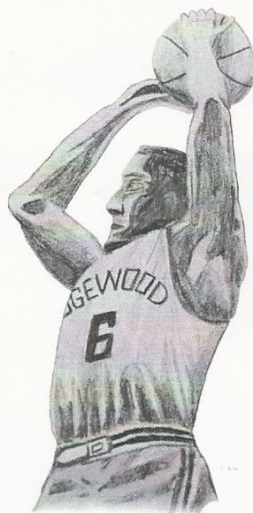
Damion Ross  
RHS Class of 1986  
RHS HOF 2008



Mark Romeo  
RHS Class of 2002  
RHS HOF 2014



CONGRATULATION TO ALL OF THE INDUCTEES  
OF THE RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC  
HALL OF FAME, CLASS OF 2016,  
FROM RIDGEWOOD BIDDY BASKETBALL

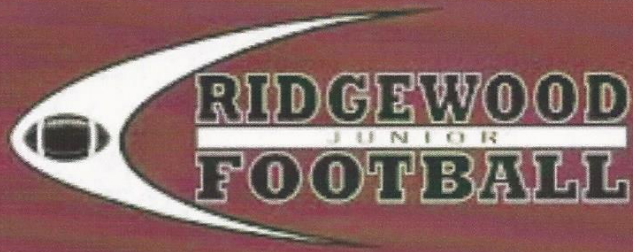


NICK AND DOTTIE CAPASSO



FOUNDERS OF RIDGEWOOD BIDDY BBALL  
"RHS HOF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTORS 2012"



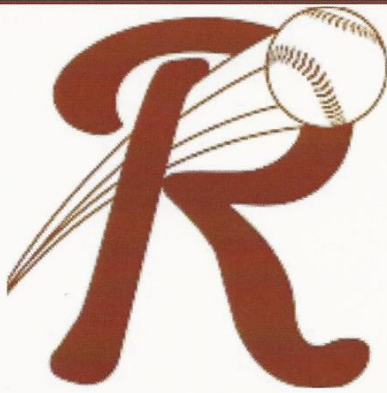


CONGRATULATIONS TO RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2016!

We will aspire to your legacy of excellence!







# RIDGEWOOD BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
RHS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2016

Strong Baseball Programs in Ridgewood  
for over 60 years!

Bringing Championship Programs  
to boys and girls of all ages!



Ridgewood Little League All Stars 1949  
East Regional Champions



Boys 2016  
Regional Champions



Girls 2016  
Regional Champions



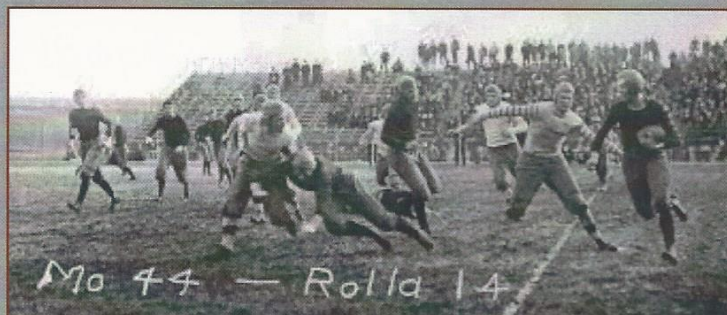
# THE RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

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2016 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES!

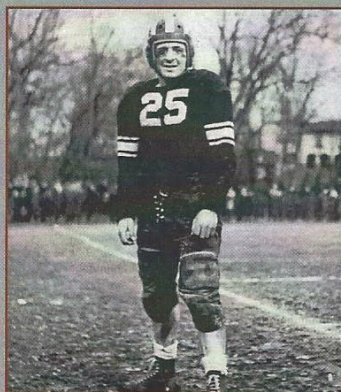
108 YEARS OF GLORY ON THE GRIDIRON  
1908-2016\*

GOOD LUCK TO THIS YEARS TEAM AND OUR FUTURE HALL OF FAMERS!

\*FIRST RHS TEAM WAS IN 1908. RAA VOTED TO HAVE NO FOOTBALL IN 1909, BUT REINSTATED IN 1910 FORWARD.



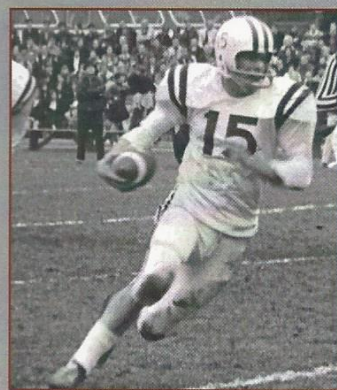
1913 FOOTBALL TEAM



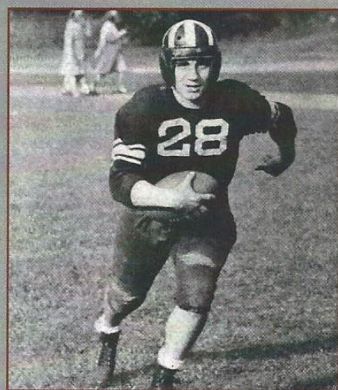
FRANK BRADLEY JR.  
"41" HOF 2008



1926 FOOTBALL TEAM



JACK VAN YPEREN  
"68" HOF 2004



GEME LINKS  
"46" HOF 2004



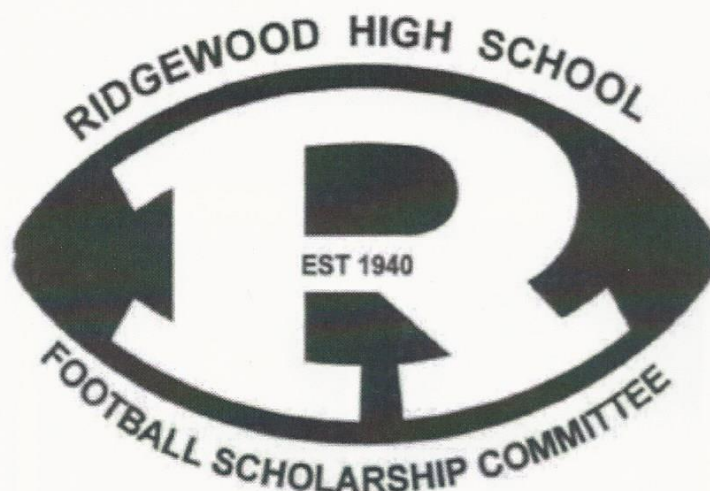
HENRY BLAUVELT  
"27" HOF 2008



# Congratulations to the RHS Hall of Fame Class of 2016!

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## Ridgewood High School Football Scholarship Committee

*Paul Simpson*  
**Chairman**

*Alec Jacobs*  
**Vice Chairman**

*Ramon M. Hache*  
**Treasurer**

*Edward Simpson*  
**Secretary**

*Eric Bachmann*  
*Rich Barclay*  
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*Tony Cerasuolo*  
*Andrew Clarke*  
*Rob Conenello*

*Jeff Creegan*  
*Frank Del Vecchio*  
*Anthony Desena*  
*Emanuel Edwards*  
*Ken Ekert*  
*Jeff Feagles*  
*Dan Gioia*  
*Tom Gregorio*  
*Chuck Johnson*

*Peter Kiernan*  
*Scott Lief*  
*Bob Loparo*  
*Larry Mond*  
*Brian Murphy*  
*Randy Pastorius*  
*Jack Peene*  
*Michel Plasse*  
*Sid Rabinowicz*

*Frank Riggio*  
*Robert Rigoloso*  
*Jeff Saladucha*  
*Bill Sherman*  
*Dave Tarleton*  
*Dean Vellis*  
*Torre Watson*  
*Duncan Yate*

**Past Chairmen:** Brian Martin '14; Jacques E. Peay '13; Chris Derrico '12; Bob Ebert '11;  
Jim Gibson '10; Michael Krauss '09; Donald Eidschun '07-08; John Albano '06; Ed Gallo '05; Tom Martin  
'04; Walter Pilipiak '03; Steve Loyka '02; Doug Conetta '01; John Loewenstein '00.

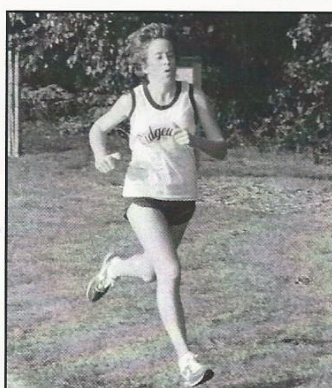
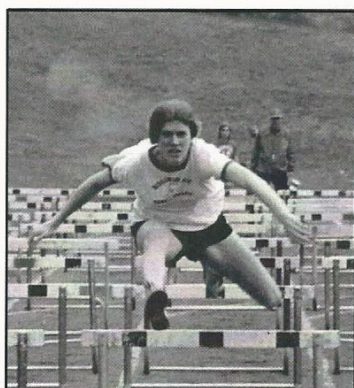
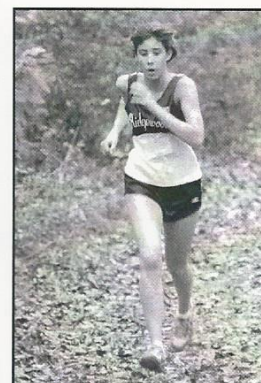
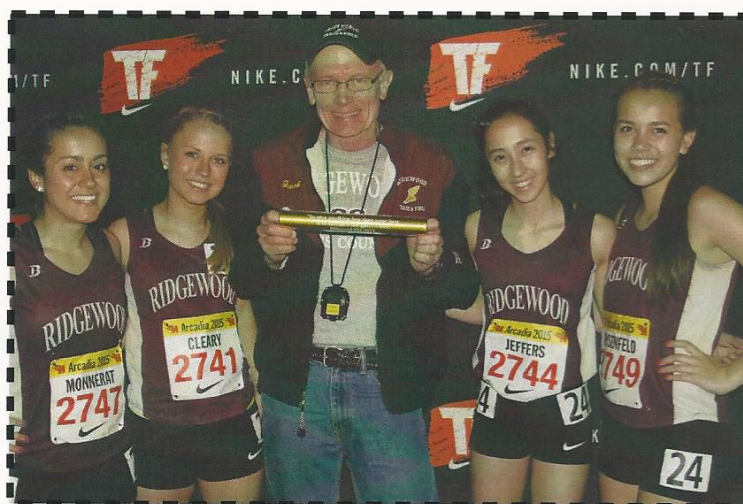
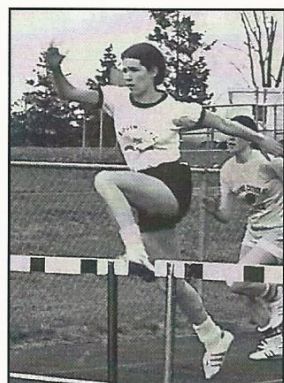
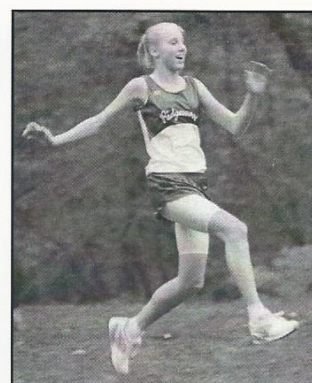
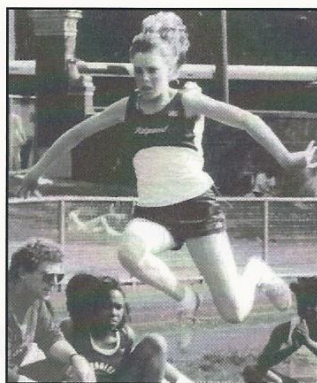
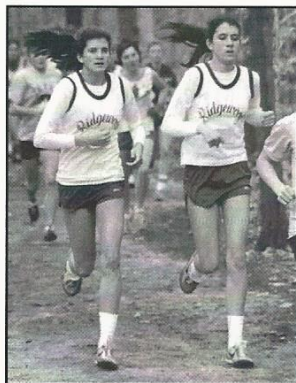
**Our 75th Year of Supporting Ridgewood High School Football**  
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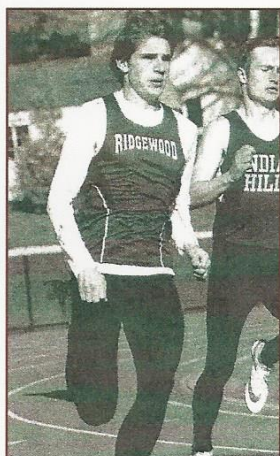
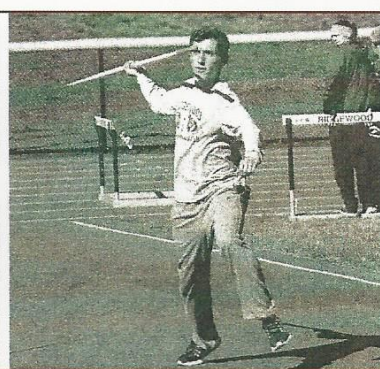
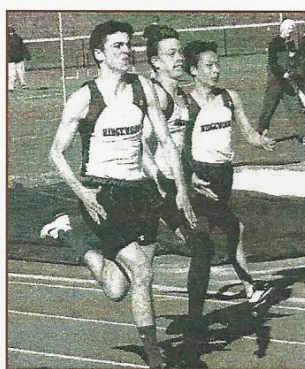
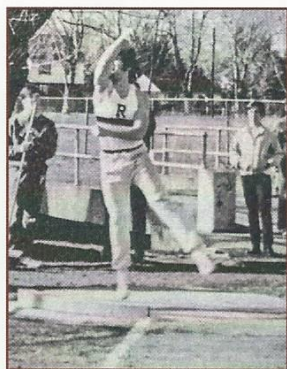


Ridgewood High School Girls Track and Field  
 Congratulates Jacob Brown  
 on his selection to the  
 Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame!

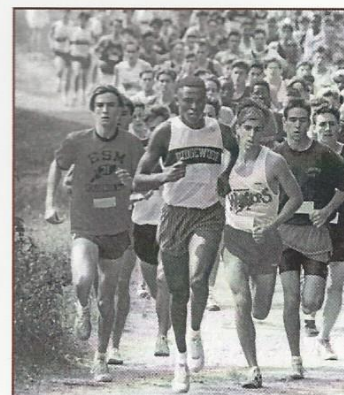
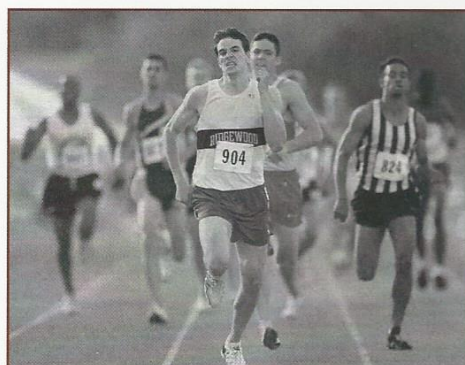
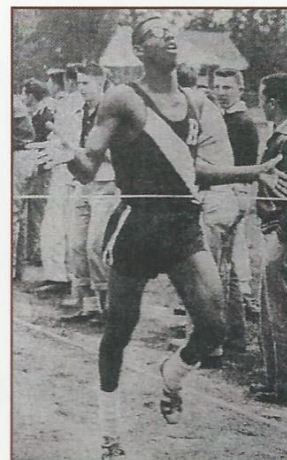




**Ridgewood High School Boys Track and Field**  
Sends Congratulations to  
**Coach Larry Coyle and All of the Inductees**  
of the  
**Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016**



**Thank you Coach Coyle for all you did!**  
**We will never forget you!**





# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER 2016

SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO

COACH RICHARD BENNETT

ON HIS RHS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION!

## **R** S O C C E R



2016 BOYS VARSITY TEAM

### RICHARD BENNETT

HEAD COACH

BOYS SOCCER 1969-1997

GIRLS BASKETBALL 1976-1989

BOYS GOLF 1972-1976

BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING 1997-PRESENT



"THE RECORD"  
BERGEN COUNTY  
ALL 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY  
BOYS SOCCER COACH

INDUCTED 2016

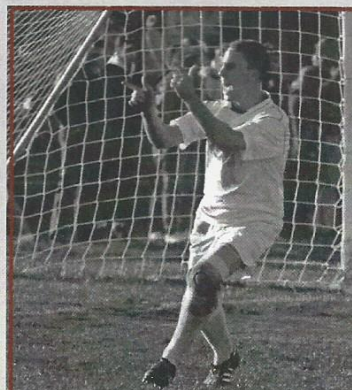
AND WE RECOGNIZE THE HALL OF FAME PLAYERS THAT  
COMPETED FOR HIM!



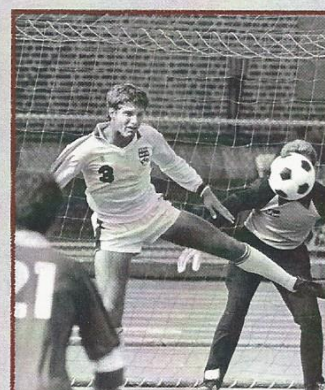
KAZBEK TAMBI  
"79" HOF 2004



CHRIS DUFLOCQ  
"77" HOF 2008



KEITH O'CONNOR  
"94" HOF 2010



CHRIS VANNOTE  
"81" HOF 2014



CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH DICK BENNETT FOR  
YOUR MANY DECADES OF COACHING AND  
INDUCTION INTO RHS HALL OF FAME.

WELL DESERVING TO THE COACH WHO  
ALWAYS INSPIRED HIS PLAYERS TO PERFORM TO  
THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES AND WITH GREAT  
SPORTSMANSHIP.

YOUR DEDICATION AND ENTHUSIASM IS  
UNMATCHED.

OUR CLASS AND PLAYERS OF 1977 WISH YOU ALL  
THE BEST ON THIS VERY DESERVING  
RECOGNITION AND INDUCTION INTO THE  
RHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME.



**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**  
1976 SOCCER TEAM 1976  
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

FIRST ROW: (Left to Right): Eric Ullrich, Jeff Robinson, Todd Ogren, Tim Kline, Karl Rosenberger, Dick Van Duren, Captain: Tim Storms, Chris Douglas, Sam Carmack, Maurice Aite, John Caspers. SECOND ROW: Karelk Tandi, Bob Rynche, Andy Klein, Michael Autera, Jill O'Amico, Chris Du Faso, Hank Widmer, Jeff Mughnabi, Bob Lalonia, Tim Wharton, Sam Kusan. THIRD ROW: Kirk Shaw, Don Wiley, Dave Robinson, Joe McNulty, Rob Ignarcola, Tony Baccini, Nelson Pelenis, Tim O'Callahan, Pete Olin, Tom Kearney. FOURTH ROW: Coach: Dick Bennett, Jeff Yearag, John Smith.

OVER-ALL SEASON RECORD						WON 17 - LOST 3	
1	Hackensack	0	5	Wayne Valley	1	1	Hackensack
6	Passaic Valley	0	1	Teaneck	0	7	Passaic Valley
4	Clifton	1	1	Paramus	0	2	Clifton
1	Fair Lawn	0	2	Bergenfield	0	3	Fair Lawn
2	Wayne Valley	0	2	Wayne Valley	0	2	Wayne Valley
4	Teaneck	0	4	Teaneck	0	4	Teaneck
5	Bergenfield	0	5	Bergenfield	0	5	Bergenfield
2	Paramus	0	2	Paramus	0	2	Paramus

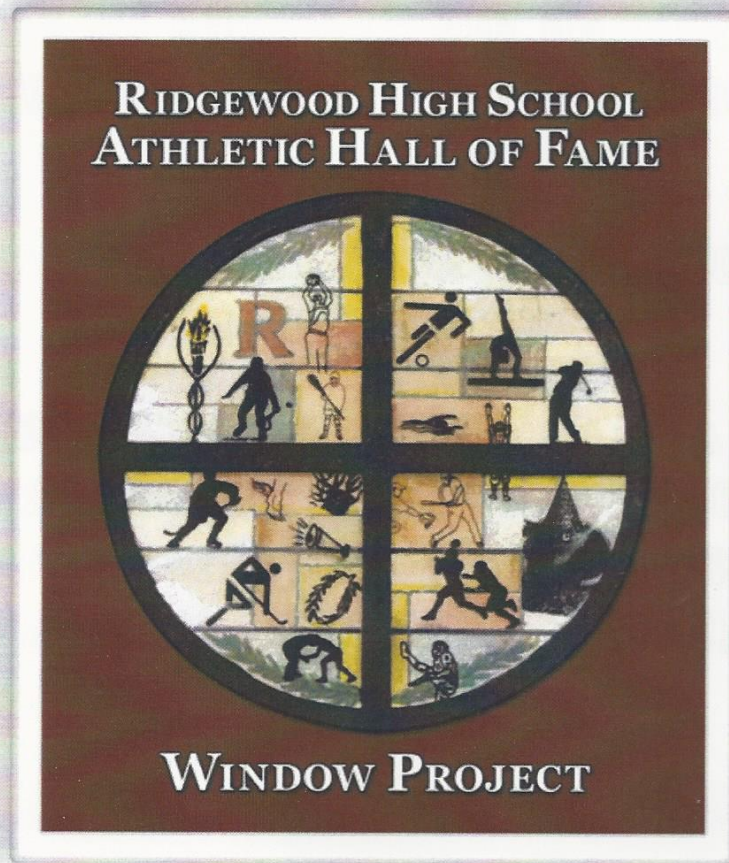
NEW JERSEY STATE GROUP IV TOURNAMENT				BERGEN COUNTY COACHES TOURNAMENT			
6	Indian Hills	3	1	Kearney	1	1	Demarest
LOST ON CORNER KICKS				WON ON PENALTY KICKS			
				LOST ON PENALTY KICKS			



# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Athletic Hall of Fame Recognition Atrium

Stained Glass Window by Pattie Walker, Class of 1966  
for a west-facing window in the New Athletic Facility  
to illuminate the site of the plaques of the Hall of Fame Inductees



### Design Elements

**Laurel:** A symbol of victory and excellence crown the top

**Building Blocks:** Representing the building and metaphor for the strength, endurance, and focus required to produce excellent athletes

**Sports in Silhouette:** A collage of many sports played by students of RHS, representing a sense of movement and action inherent in sports

**Clock Tower:** A historic distinguishing feature of RHS

**The "R"**

**Torch:** From the school insignia, the flame symbolizes the creative spirit, the sense of timelessness and the passing along of traditions and training in sports

*The technique is traditional leaded stained glass: colored glass cut and joined together with lead. Details of the laurels will be acid etched. Figures will be painted and fired. Details of the flame in silver stain.*



# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Athletic Hall of Fame Project

Dear Alumni and Friends of RHS,

Ridgewood High School has a long tradition in both academic excellence and athletic success. In recent years, a formal committee has been established to honor those Ridgewood High School student athletes who excelled on the high school playing fields and courts, while students at RHS. These individuals exemplify the virtues of participation in sport as part of a well rounded, holistic, educational experience. We wish to recognize these individuals' accomplishments as beacons to others, that they may clearly see and be inspired by the outcomes of lives lived in the love of sport and competition.

In this regard, the athletic program at RHS would like to also recognize that one does not need to be a star athlete to enjoy the values and benefits offered through an educationally based athletic program. Many thousands of Ridgewood High School graduates can point to lessons learned through their coaches and teachers that have prepared them for the life beyond our doors.

To honor all students athletes past, present and future at Ridgewood High School, the Hall of Fame Committee has commissioned Ridgewood High School graduate Pattie Walker, Class of 1966, to create a visual centerpiece for our athletic recognition area that will reflect the endeavors and qualities attained by all who participate on Ridgewood High School Athletic teams.

**To make this window a reality, we need your help.** This project must be funded by outside resources. We are counting on all those who have worn the "Maroon and White" in athletic competition, have been friends and parents of Ridgewood High School athletes, or individuals who have a deep regard for RHS and its rich traditions, to raise the thirty five thousand dollars to make this dream a reality. Business or corporate sponsorship will be gladly accepted.

I sincerely hope you can help. As a former RHS athlete and co-captain of two sports (soccer and baseball), I have looked back many time to the camaraderie and time spent with others on or playing fields as building blocks of my life. If you wish to make this project a reality, please make checks payable to, RHS Athletic Hall of Fame and forward your donations to:

Hall of Fame Project, c/o Jeff Yearing  
Ridgewood High School  
627 East Ridgewood Ave.  
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Our most sincere thanks to you for your help with this important project  
*"Go get 'em, Ridgewood"*

Regards,

Jeffrey L Yearing '66  
Chair RHS Hall of Fame Committee

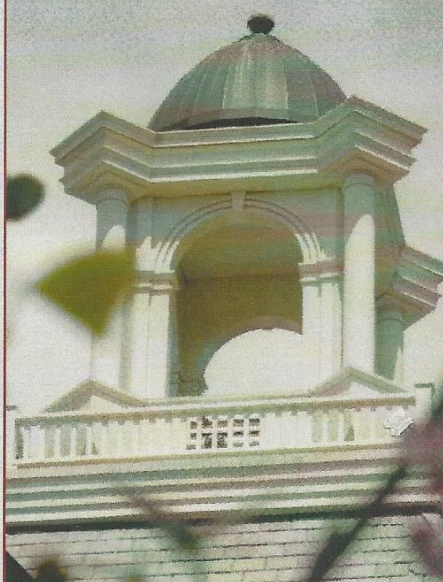
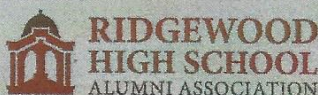
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☐ I am not an alumnus of RHS but wish to donate to the RHS Hall of Fame Project  
☐ I am an alumnus of RHS (Class of \_\_\_\_\_, Sport(s) Played \_\_\_\_\_)  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Tower Club--\$1,000 and up  
☐ Maroon & White Club--\$500 and up  
☐ Athletic Associate--\$100 and up  
☐ Hall of Fame Associate--up to \$99



# RHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES THE 2016 INDUCTEES TO THE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

A REFLECTION OF OUR  
“TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE”



If you would like to support RHS with other ways of giving, please contact us directly with any and all ideas. Please send any questions or inquiries to [Info@RHSAlumniAssociation.org](mailto:Info@RHSAlumniAssociation.org). If you would like to learn more about the intellectual, social, volunteer, and community service programs being created by and for RHS alumni, simply provide us your information. We look forward to connecting with you on any level.

*Ridgewood High School Alumni Association's* mission is to celebrate and promote the collective experiences unique to the Ridgewood High School community. In order to do so, we need to facilitate an active and dynamic alumni network, encourage participation in alumni relations programs, and promote connections between alumni and the Ridgewood High School community.

Please be sure to sign up to receive news, information about events and reunions, or to connect with your fellow alumni online at [RHSAlumniAssociation.org](http://RHSAlumniAssociation.org). Please also encourage others to do the same as many fun-filled future events will be posted on this dynamic site created for all of you.

If you wish to support our efforts with a monetary donation, you can donate to the Ridgewood Alumni Association online or by mail. The Ridgewood High School Alumni Association, Inc. is a public charity exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501 (c) (3). If your employer offers a matching gift program, you may be able to increase the value of your gift. For your reference our EIN: 47-1360432.

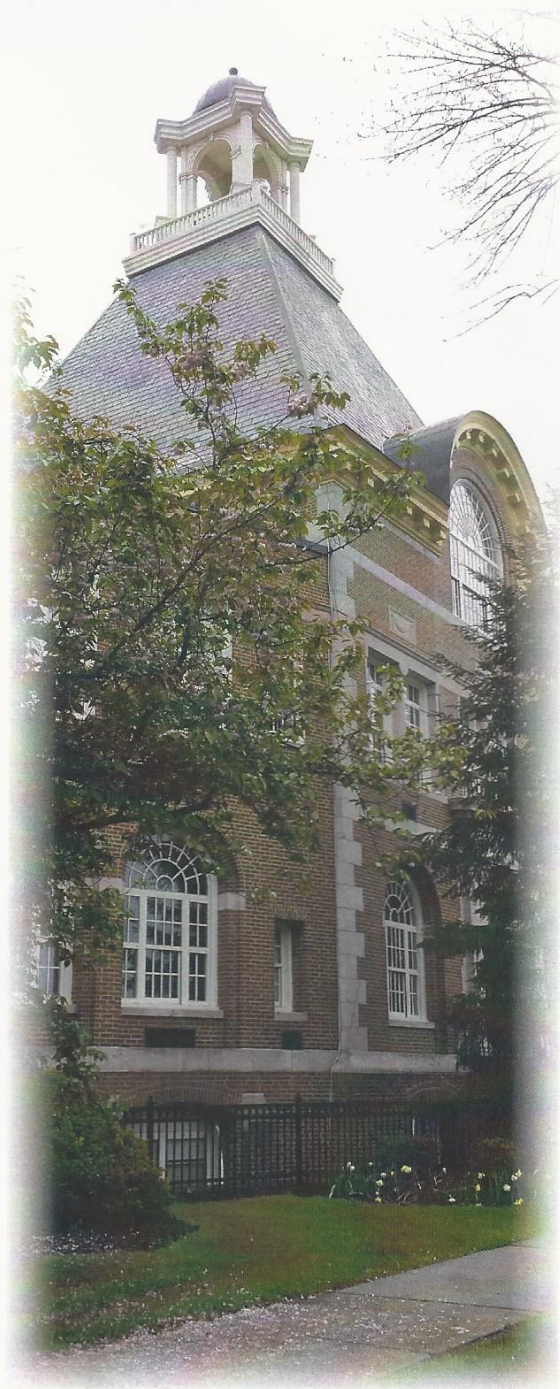
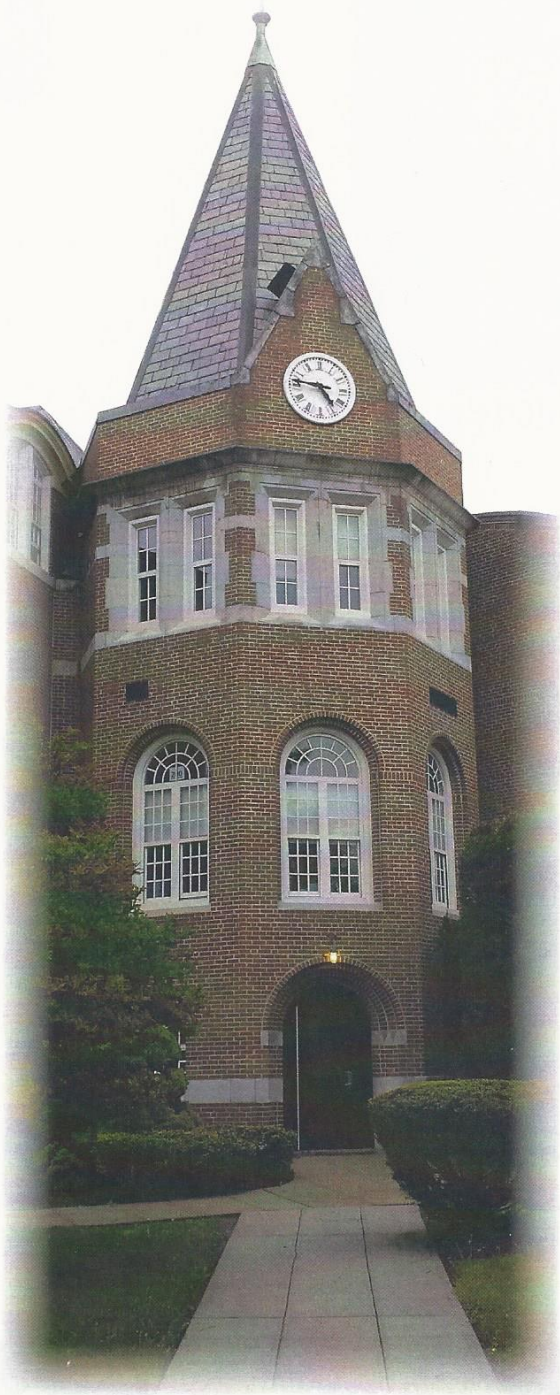
#### To Donate Online:

Please visit [RHSAlumniAssociation.org](http://RHSAlumniAssociation.org). We are currently accepting both credit card and PayPal.

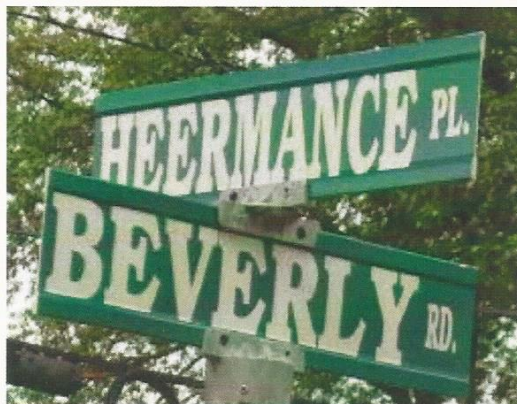
#### To Donate by Mail, Mail To:

Ridgewood High School Alumni Association Treasurer  
627 East Ridgewood Ave. Ridgewood, NJ 07450  
Make checks payable to: RHS Alumni Association









## *Maroon Notes*







**OUR SPIRIT WONT DIE!**  
**WE ARE FROM**  
**RIDGEWOOD HIGH!**





# **R**IDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

A Tradition of Excellence

