

# **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

• **CLASS OF 2018** •



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**INDUCTION DINNER  
APRIL 6, 2019**

# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



## WINDOW PROJECT

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**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DINNER**  
**• CLASS OF 2018 •**

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

**WELCOME**

Tom Thurston

*"The Star-Spangled Banner"*

*"Go Get 'Em, Ridgewood"*

*"Ridgewood High School Alma Mater"*

**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

**RHS COACHES AWARD OF MERIT**

Presented by Keith Cook

**DINNER SPEAKERS**

Aimee McGuire Coen	RHS 1994	HOF 2004
Tricia Pappalardo Rogers	RHS 1995	HOF 2012
Steve Silver	IHA Girls Soccer Coach	
Dr. Paul Semendinger	Principal Hawes School	
Kelly Conheeney	RHS 2009	
Tadd & Nancy Yearing	RHS 1995 & RHS 1998	
Jim Stroker	RHS 1970	
Sam Cermack	RHS 1977	

**VIDEO TRIBUTE**

**INTRODUCTION OF THE 2018 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**

Jeff Yearing RHS 1966

Coach:

RHS Girls Soccer, RHS Boys Soccer, RHS Baseball

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**POST BANQUET SOCIAL GATHERING**

9:30 PM – ?





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## **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL** **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

Good Evening to All Attendees of the 2018 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 2018.

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.



Coaches must have a proven and long tenured career whereby they are not only successful with regard to wins and losses, but have also had a noteworthy and well recognized influence on their student-athletes.

The Hall of Fame will not be limited to individuals only. In the years since competitive interscholastic athletics was introduced as an extracurricular event at Ridgewood High School for both boys and girls (research suggests around 1903-04), there have been many outstanding athletes, coaches and teams.

The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee reserves the right to recognize entire teams or parts of teams should it deem it appropriate.

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.

The RHS Hall of Fame Committee reserves the right to change or modify the criteria for induction into the Ridgewood High School Hall of Fame and it openly welcomes nominations and information supporting nomination of candidates for induction from all potential sources.

The Ridgewood Athletic Hall of Fame is affiliated with the Ridgewood Public Schools and acts as a representative body of Ridgewood High School as designated by the Ridgewood Board of Education. The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame receives no financial support from publicly designated funds appropriated for use by the Ridgewood Public Schools.

Again, welcome to all! Enjoy this occasion to honor the 7th induction class, "The Class of 2018," into the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Warmest Greetings To All,  
The Ridgewood High School  
Athletic Hall of Fame Committee



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## **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL** **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

April 6, 2019

Dear Banquet Attendees and Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to celebrate this evening with me and with those who could not. All of you have had a significant impact in shaping my career and life. As was once said “we are all shaped by the totality of our existence.”

Thank you to the fine people of Ridgewood who have had so much influence on the evolution and direction of my life; educators, family members, coaches, colleagues, advisors, employers, employees, students, athletes, friends and friends families.

The opportunities I was presented throughout this community allowed me to make a career and life that I could not have imagined in my wildest dreams.

Thank you for seventy years of associations and living in the Village of Ridgewood that opened so many doors which helped me to become who I am today.

Much love to all on this evening and all of the days and nights we may continue to experience.

Endless love always to the love of my life and guiding light, my wife Barbara for her patience and support throughout our fifty four years together (she was my date to the RHS junior prom in 1965). I also want to express my great love, admiration and pride for my daughter Nancy , my son Tadd, my daughter in law Christine and our two grandsons Grant and Wes.



Jeff Yearing and Barbara Spencer June 23, 1966  
at RHS graduation.

I am honored and humbled by this induction into the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall Of Fame and I wish to share this recognition with all of you who have done so much , for so long, culminating with this recognition.

My warmest regards to all of you. You are the reason I can reflect on and celebrate our past, present and future together.

**Jeff “Years”**

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## **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL** **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

### **PAST MEMBERS OF THE RHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE**

#### **Jane Reilly, HOF Technology Director**

Former Mayor of Ridgewood, 2000-04  
Village Council Member, 1996-2004  
Sports and Youth Council Liaison  
Board Member, RBSA and Maroons Soccer Club  
Coach, Youth Softball and Soccer  
U Mass, Amherst, Graduate  
Red Sox and Liverpool SC Fan!



#### **Brian Farrell, HOF Biographer (In Memoriam)**

Award Winning Sports Editor, North Jersey Media Group  
Midland Park High School, Class of 1967: Baseball and  
School Sports Editor  
King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, Graduate and Editor of  
School Newspaper Senior Year  
Brazilian Soccer and Travel is a Passion



#### **Jim Jones, HOF Biographer and Researcher**

HOF Inductee 2008, Special Contributor  
*The Ridgewood News* Sports Editor, 1960-2000  
and Sports Editor Emeritus



#### **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



#### **Dave Vanderbush, HOF Researcher**

Athletic Director, Ridgewood High School, 1984-1999





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## **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL** **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

### **CURRENT HOF COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ARE 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: 78, 79, D-III 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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### **CURRENT HOF COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ARE FORMER MAROON STANDOUTS**

#### **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



#### **Erica d'Elia Diestel, 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!



#### **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

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Congratulations to Coach Jeff Yearing on his induction into the Ridgewood High School Athletics Hall of Fame, Class of 2019. Coach Yearing's career as the Ridgewood High School Head Girls Soccer Coach cannot solely be measured by his impressive record of 485-154-38, but equally by his enthusiasm as a coach, his passion for the sport of soccer that he has imparted to generations of student athletes, and for his genuine connection with his soccer players.

Athletic excellence is the hallmark of the Ridgewood High School Girls Soccer program, a reputation earned under Jeff's dedication and guidance as Coach. His team championships include 17 Conference Titles, two County Championships and four Sectional Titles. During his career Jeff coached 152 First Team All-Conference Players, 38 First Team All-County Players, 105 NJSCA All-State Recognition Players, 29 NSCAA Regional All-Americans and 9 NSCAA National All-Americans. Four players were recognized on *The Record's* All-Century team, while three players were named to *Parade Magazine's* National All-American Team.

In addition to a stellar athletic record, Coach Yearing's teams have repeatedly exemplified academic excellence in the classroom, garnering student-athlete status many times. During Jeff's tenure 20 of his teams received National Team Academic Achievement Awards for their collective team GPAs of 3.5 or higher, distinguishing them as top performers in the classroom and on the field.

Along with the great respect he enjoys from his students, Coach Yearing has been repeatedly recognized by his peers for his coaching body of work. The accolades are numerous; a most recent example is the honor given him by the Greater North Bergen YMCA for his contribution to the sport of girls' soccer.

Induction into the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame is a distinction only bestowed upon a select few. Coach Jeff Yearing is deserving of this honor at the culmination of an extremely successful and storied career. I congratulate and thank him for all that he has done for the Ridgewood High School Girls Soccer program and for his shining example of excellence to all students and staff of Ridgewood High School.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Fishbein, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools





# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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Thomas A. Gorman, Ed.D.  
*Principal*

March 2018

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 the years have gone by since Jeff Yearing walked the halls of RHS as a student, teacher, and coach, this evening he is recognized for his excellence and commitment to girls soccer.

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. Coach Yearing found that balance and truly is a role model for our student-athletes today.

Congratulations to Coach Yearing for tonight's deserving recognition. 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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## 2019 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Ridgewood High School

Dear Coach Yearing,

It is my honor to be a part of this evening's festivities that bring us here to celebrate your life-long body of work in education and athletics at Ridgewood High School and the community at large.

When I look back to my first few years working at RHS I can vividly remember being in awe of colleagues such as yourself, the late Jack Elwood, Drew Gibbs, Coach Johnson, Dave Marsh, Jack Van Yperen, and a handful of others. The interactions you had with one another and more importantly with your students were ones filled with enthusiasm and passion. There was no doubt you loved what you did and looked to make a connection with everyone you crossed paths with whether it was in the classroom, at Graydon, coaching baseball, or most notably sharing your love for soccer with a countless stream of student-athletes you inspired over your career.

One of the most notable accomplishments you have to mark your time as an educator and coach at Ridgewood High School are the Women's Soccer Boards within the coaches office across from Gym I. For those who haven't seen the boards they take up two full walls and serve as a record of the accomplishments of each team and the individual accolades for dozens and dozens of players. When I look at the names and the years associated with each player I don't tally up the 1st Team All-County selections or number of times you appeared in a Sectional Final. What I see are the countless life lessons and joyful memories you helped to shape and be a part of prior to the accomplishments that were bestowed upon each name etched onto the boards.

There is no doubt you have served as an inspiration to everyone in this room and hundreds and hundreds of others who could not be here tonight. I can say without reservation we thank you and love you for your tenacious spirit, commitment to education, and the unwavering pride and devotion you have to the maroon and white of Ridgewood High School. It is for these reasons that we will always consider you a hero, mentor, and most importantly - friend (who else would have taught me the "Ridgewood Honk"!)

Congratulations on a well deserved honor!

Sincerely,

Keith Cook  
Athletic Director  
Ridgewood High School

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**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**



**“Go Get ‘Em Ridgewood”**

*(Ridgewood Fight Song)*

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



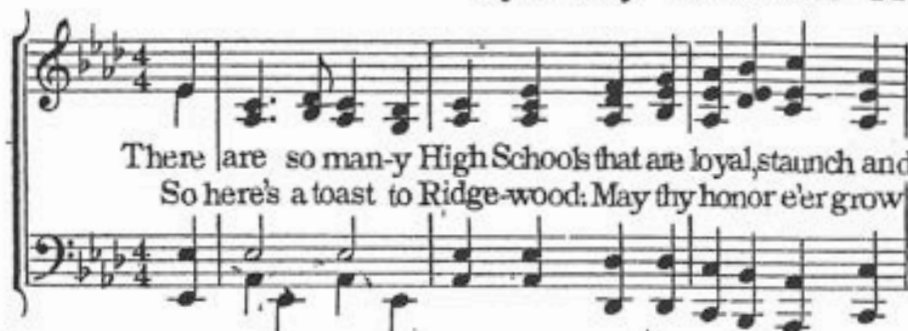
Go get ‘em Ridge - wood!

Go get ‘em, Go get ‘em NOW....

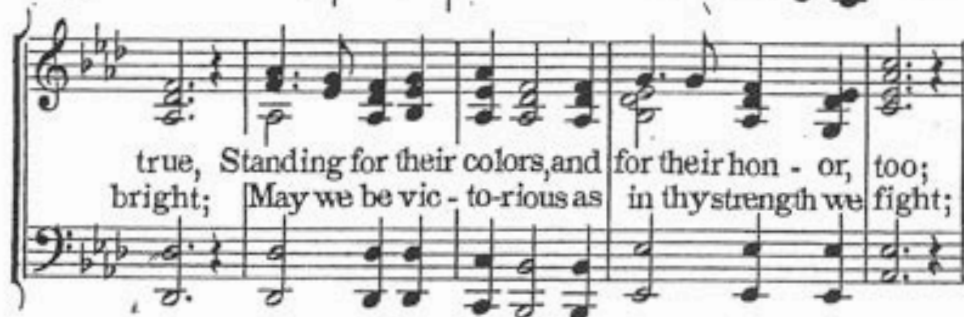


# Ridgewood High School Alma Mater

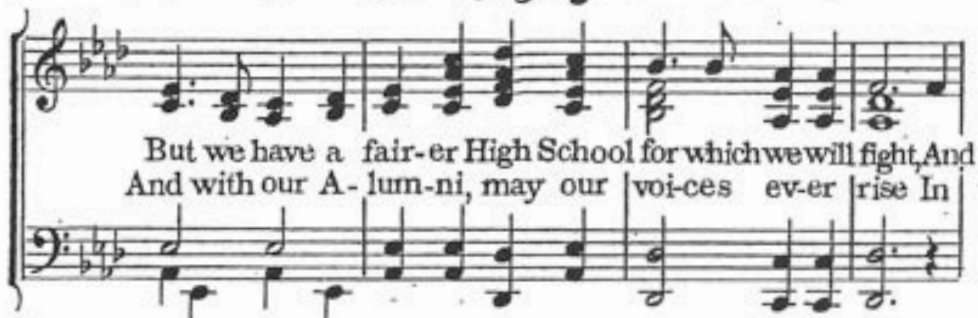
Words and Music  
By Percy C. Fisher '14



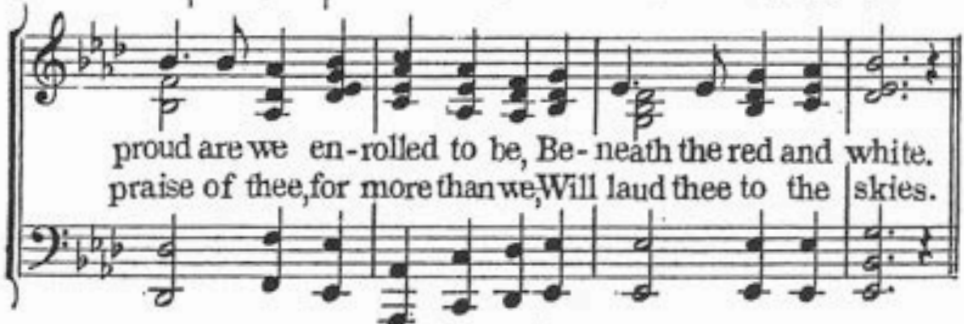
There are so man-y High Schools that are loyal, staunch and  
So here's a toast to Ridge-wood: May thy honor e'er grow



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

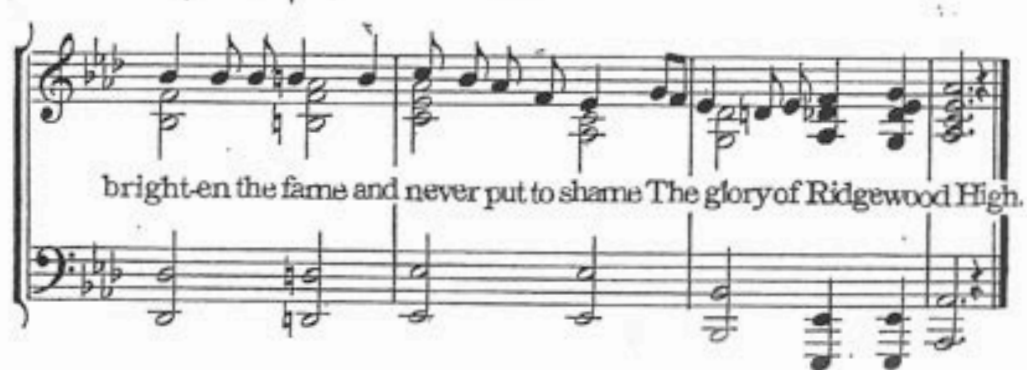
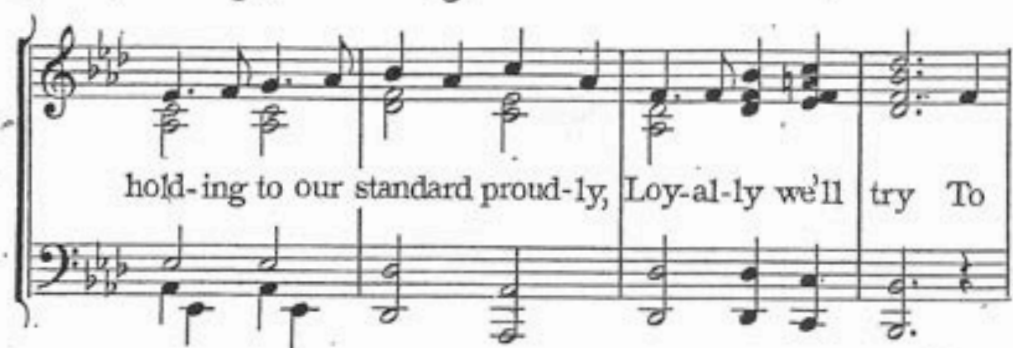
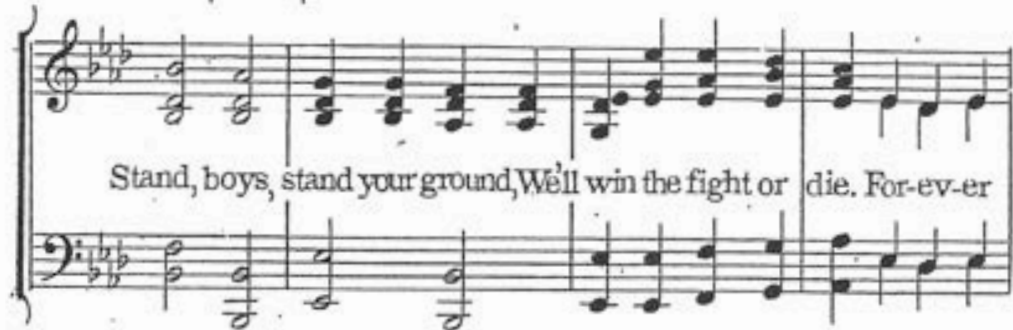
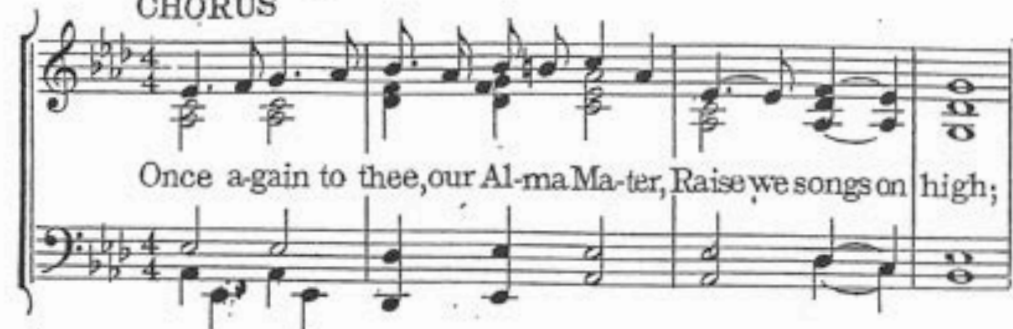


But we have a fair-er High School for which we will fight, And  
And with our A - lum - ni, may our voi - ces ev - er rise In



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



Note: 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

• **2018 INDUCTEE** •  
**JEFF YEARING**



**Ridgewood Wins Debut;  
Pitcher Yearling Stars**

RIDGEWOOD—This could be a big year for Ridgewood High's baseball team, which launched its John Palmer ended the threat by picking Sabino off first. Both of Ridgewood's first-inning runs were unearned. Leadoff man







**JEFF YEARING** completed his 44th and final year of coaching high school soccer at the conclusion of the 2017 fall season.

Jeff was hired by the Ridgewood Public Schools to teach physical education at the George Washington Jr. High School beginning in the fall of 1974. At GW Jeff started the first freshman baseball program in Ridgewood and in 1975 became the Asst. boys' varsity soccer coach at Ridgewood High School. Working with Bergen County Head Coach of the Century, Dick Bennett, for ten seasons, Jeff was in charge of training the teams' goalkeepers and working with the defense and backs. In ten seasons with the boys' varsity, the team enjoyed a 124-34-15 record with four league titles, two Bergen County Tournament Championships and one New Jersey State Sectional Championship.

In 1985, Jeff accepted the position of Asst. Varsity girls' soccer coach at RHS. The team won its first two NNJIL league titles, had a record of 29-10-2 and made appearances in both the Bergen County and State tournaments in his two years as an assistant. Coach Yearling was hired as the varsity girls head coach in 1987 and remained there for 31 years. He finished his career with an overall varsity team record of 485 wins, 154 losses and 38 ties. His team won 15 league titles, two Bergen County Championships and appeared in five Bergen County Tournament Finals. The program had four New Jersey State Sectional Championships while appearing in eight State Sectional Finals. Ridgewood appeared in every Bergen County Tournament since 1987 and qualified every season for the New Jersey State Tournament.

From October 27, 1987 to September 27, 1995 the team held a 111 game league (NNJIL) consecutive undefeated streak. It is a record which still stands today for accumulated league play in Bergen County. The program received many National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) national rankings and received the NSCAA National Team Academic Award nineteen times under Coach Yearling.

Since 1987, his program produced 138 first team All League selections, 37 All Bergen County First Team recognitions, 104 New Jersey Girls Soccer Coaches Assoc., (NJGSCA) All State North 1 player selections, 19 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), All East Regional All American Player Selections, 7 NSCAA National All American player recognitions, 1 NSCAA Scholar All American and 3 Parade Magazine All American recognitions and 1 NSCAA New Jersey State Player of the year. In 1999, 8 RHS women soccer players were recognized as members of the Bergen "Record's" All Century Team and 6 RHS Women's Soccer players have been recognized and inducted into The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jeff coached on the boys and girls varsity soccer fields at Ridgewood High School for a total of 43 seasons. In total he coached in 891 varsity soccer matches as an Asst. Varsity and Head Varsity soccer coach with an overall record of 638 wins, 198 losses and 55 ties. He was a part of 21 league Championships, 4 Bergen County Championships, 8 Bergen County Tournament finals, 5 New Jersey State Sectional Championships and 9 New Jersey State Sectional Finals.

He also coached HS baseball for 37 seasons; Ridgewood Freshman for 9 years, RHS JV for 3 years and RHS assistant varsity coach for 11 years. He was the varsity head coach at Midland Park High School for 5 years, assistant varsity coach for 7 years and JV baseball coach for 1 year along with 1 year as the JV baseball coach at Millburn High School.

## 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 1974-1978, 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
Jeff Yearing	Girls Soccer	1987-2017



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## **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

### **COACHES AWARD OF MERIT**

#### **• 2016 INDUCTEES •**



#### **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.



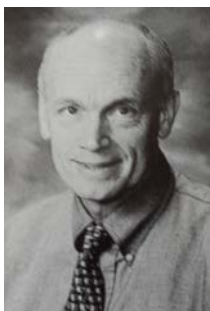
#### **JIM STROKER, BOYS BASKETBALL 1987-2005**

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**

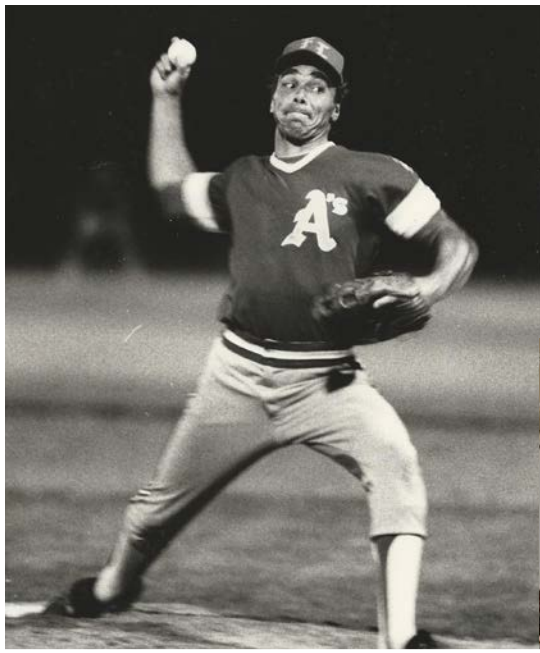
As head coach of the boys and girls swimming programs for fourteen seasons at RHS, Keith Cook brought both programs into prominence at the county and state level. His boys program accumulated a dual meet record of 117-46, with 3 league titles, 2 Bergen County titles and 3 state sectional championships.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



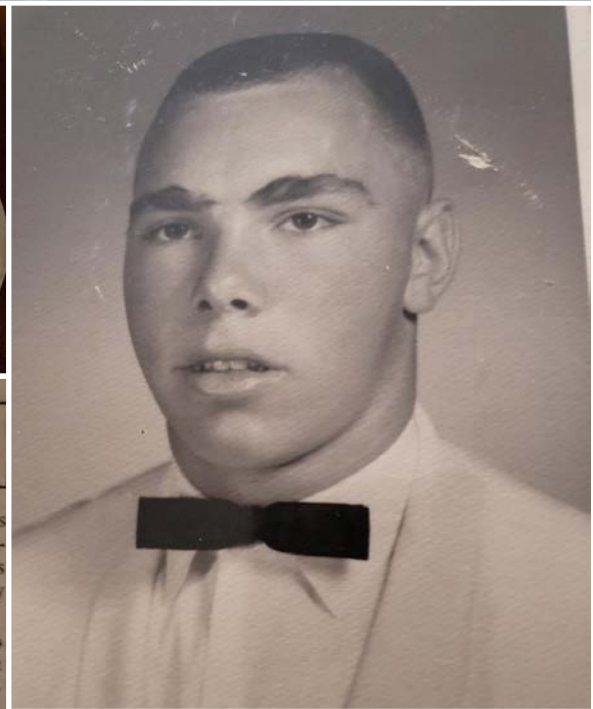
#### **JACOB BROWN, GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY 1974-2014, GIRLS TRACK & FIELD 1972-2015**

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.









## WINNERS' CIRCLE

Recording six shutouts and producing consistently brilliant net play, goalie Jeff Yearling is the main reason Ridgewood presently enjoys its high position in the NNJIL standings.

Having never been scored upon more than once by any team, Jeff must be rated the best goalie in the league, backboning the the Ridgewood defense, which shares top NNJIL honors with Teaneck as yielding the finest goals.

While lacking a consistent scoring punch, the team

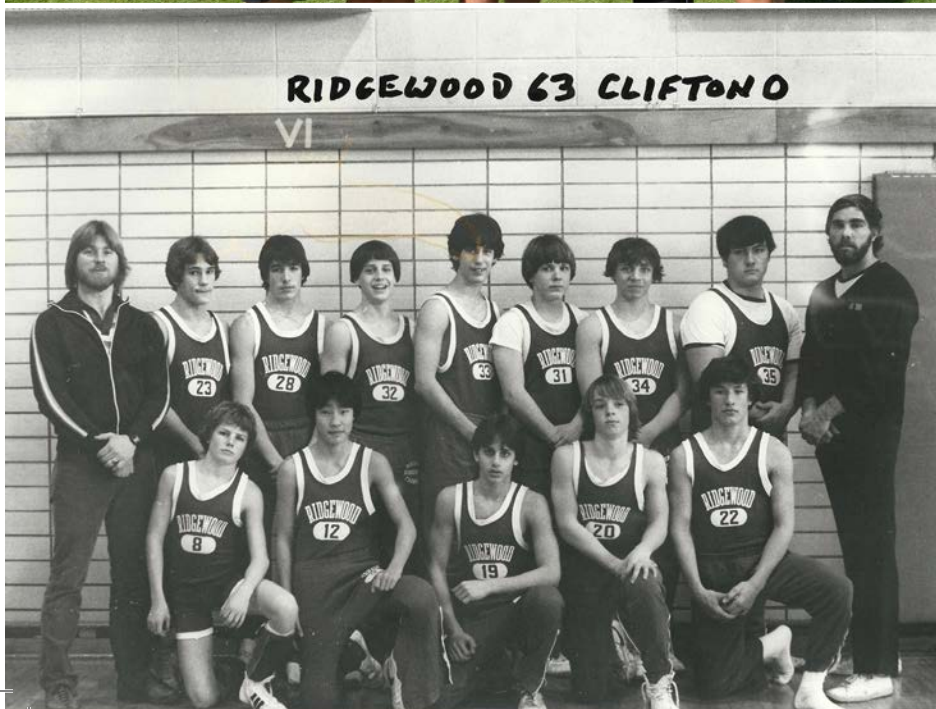
often fallen back on Jeff's talents to preserve slim margins of victory. Three games have been won 1-0 and one by a 2-1 score.

Jeff wears football pants during games to protect himself from his own aggressiveness. Judging from the way he dove for saves at Teaneck, where he was kicked twice, he should be wearing the rest of the uniform as well.

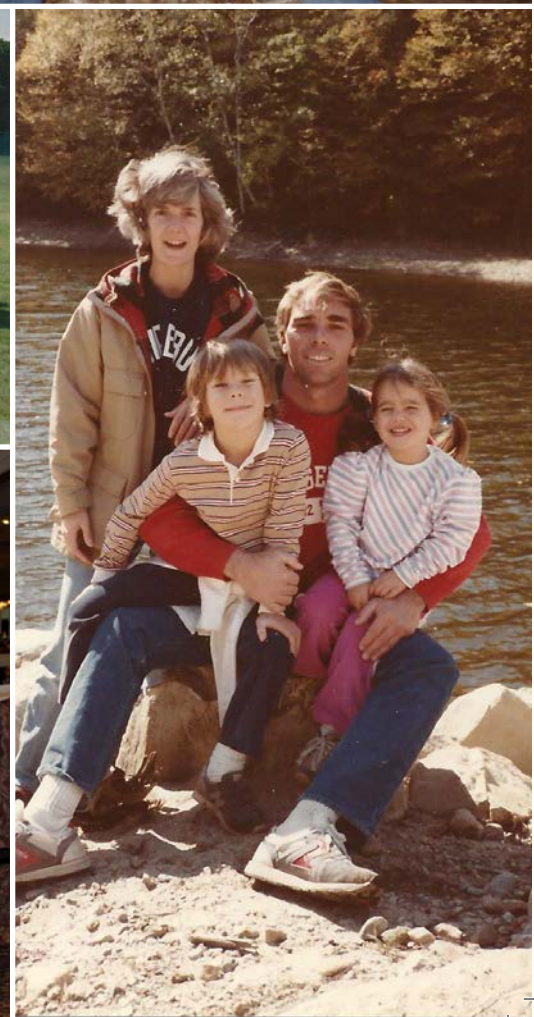
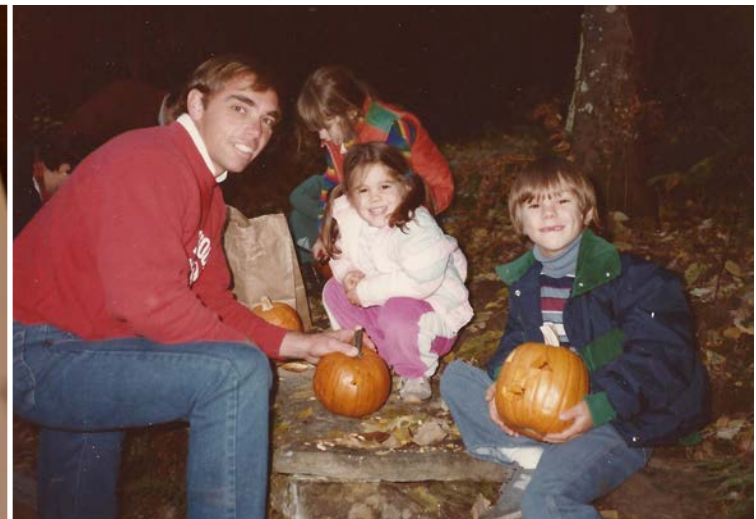
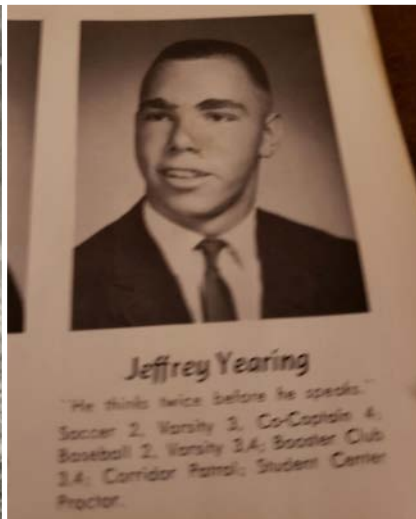
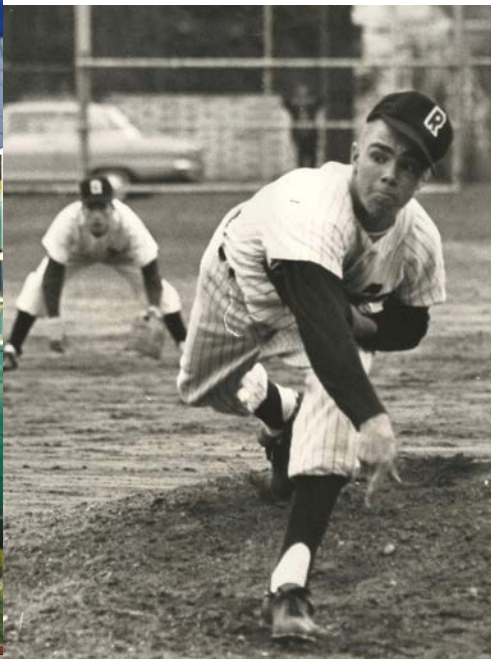
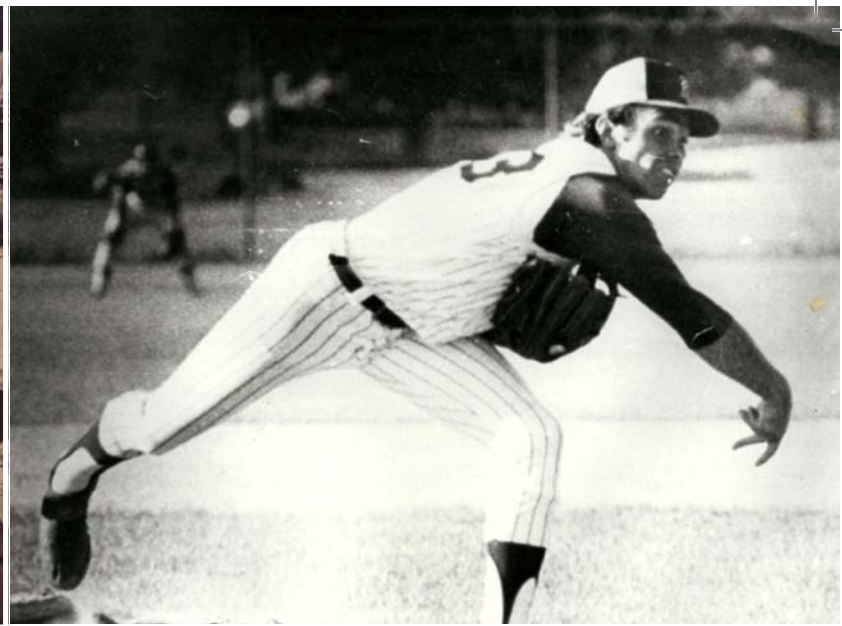
Jeff's booming punts consistently carry more than half the length of the soccer field and, when more accuracy is called for, he can throw the ball extremely well and almost













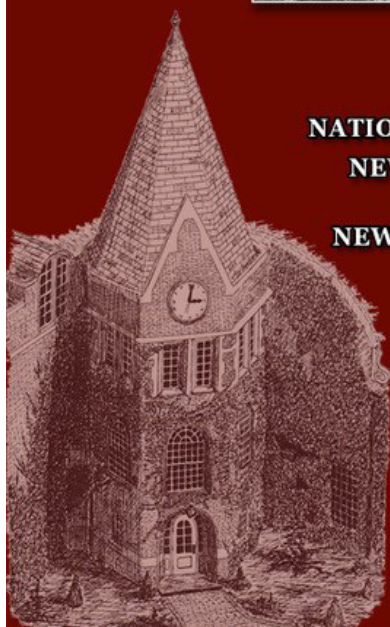
# JEFF YEARING

**HEAD COACH - GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER 1987-2017**  
**ASST. COACH - GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER 1985-1986**  
**ASST. COACH - BOYS VARSITY SOCCER 1975-1984**  
**ASST. COACH - VARSITY BASEBALL 1988-1998**  
**COACH - JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL 1980-1982**  
**COACH - FRESHMAN BASEBALL 1975-1979, 2010-2013**  
**ASST. COACH - WRESTLING 1976-1982**



**NATIONAL LETTER OF COMMENDATION**  
**NATIONAL SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**  
**NEW JERSEY SCHOLASTIC COACHES ASSOCIATION**  
**HALL OF FAME 2003**  
**NEW JERSEY GIRLS SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION**  
**HALL OF FAME 2011**  
**CO-CAPTAIN RHS SOCCER AND**  
**BASEBALL 1965-1966**

**CLASS OF 1966**  
**INDUCTED 2018**



**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**



# **JEFF YEARING**

## **RHS 1966**

### **HEAD COACH GIRLS SOCCER 1987-2017**

"I guess I really do bleed maroon." Those seven words, spoken by Jeff Yearing during an interview with The Record's Sports columnist Darren Cooper perfectly sums up Jeff's relationship with Ridgewood High School. A 1966 graduate of RHS where he played soccer and baseball garnering League, County and State accolades Jeff went onto play baseball and graduate from Springfield College in 1970. After earning his Master of Arts in PE/Athletic administration from "The" Ohio State University Jeff taught in the Milburn Public School system for two years before coming home to Ridgewood.

In 1974 Jeff joined the Ridgewood Public School system and the journey that brings him to being the 2018 Ridgewood High School Hall of Fame Inductee began. His coaching records on both the girls and boys soccer fields are outstanding. The numbers speak for themselves. Ridgewood girls' soccer; 485 wins, 154 losses, 38 ties for a .759 winning percentage, 15 league titles, 2 county championships, 5 county final appearances, and 4 state sectional titles. From October 27, 1987 to September 27, 1995, Ridgewood was undefeated for 11 consecutive NNJIL league games. A record that still stands.

"Years" also coached on the boys side with legendary RHS boys soccer coach and 2016 Hall of Fame honoree Dick Bennett for ten years. Working with the backs and goalies he helped the Ridgewood boys achieve a 124-34-15 record and win 4 league titles, 2 Bergen County championships and 1 NJ State Sectional Championship. In his 43 seasons with the Ridgewood boys and girls soccer programs Jeff Yearing coached in 891 varsity soccer matches with an overall record of 638 wins, 198 losses and 55 titles. Truly exceptional.

It isn't just wins and championships that make Jeff the 2018 Hall of Fame Inductee. He is also being recognized for his passion for "The Beautiful Game", his teaching and mentoring of young athletes and his unwavering dedication and promotion of girls sports. Ridgewood girls' soccer didn't begin as a varsity sport until 1983. Jeff joined the program in 1985 as an assistant coach and two years later he became the head coach, a position he did not relinquish until 2017 when health issues forced him to step aside.

It was during those years where Jeff made his biggest impact on Ridgewood athletics. He led a program that graphically illustrated girls could compete as well as boys. His teams were tough, talented, successful and fun to watch. They were not just successful on the pitch but in the classroom as well. They were nationally ranked in soccer but more importantly 19 times the RHS girls' soccer program received The NSCAA National Team Academic Award. His girls were the epitome of "student-athletes". They played hard and they studied hard and six of his former athletes have been inducted into The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame and there are more to come.

Even with all of the athletic accolades, championships and recognition, Jeff's lasting legacy will be his passion for teaching, be it students or players. Jeff was one of the pioneers in believing that a field, a court, or a mat was really just an extension of the classroom. He always championed the necessity of physical fitness and exercise in the education curriculum and the value that it delivers to students academically, emotionally and intellectually. He was at the forefront of thought that is now mainstream.

A graduate of RHS, a decorated athlete at RHS, a coach at RHS, an outstanding teacher at RHS, a parent of RHS graduates, a mentor to many, many RHS graduates and someone who "bleeds maroon" is the reason Jeff "Years" Yearing is the sole inductee of the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame, Class of 2018.



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# BELOVED FORMER RIDGEWOOD GIRLS SOCCER COACH JEFF YEARING KEEPS ON FIGHTING

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Darren Cooper • North Jersey Record

January 14, 2019

RIDGEWOOD — Effusive yet meaningful, respectful but fierce, there was never any doubt where Jeff Yearing's loyalties lay.

"I guess I really do bleed maroon," Yearing said, laughing at his own joke.

The last 16 months have seen plenty of blood for the venerable — and venerated — former Ridgewood girls soccer coach. Now 70, Yearing is recovering from an epic medical battle that began with the diagnosis of multiple myeloma, and also included bouts of sepsis, stem cell treatments, a stubborn collapsed lung and atrial fibrillation.

For decades, Yearing was a presence on North Jersey sidelines. He's the father of the no-cut policy, a pioneer in taking girls overseas to play, the curator of the Ridgewood athletics Hall of Fame, and someone who never gave up on anybody.

And when he was fighting for his life, the Ridgewood community responded.

"I've gotten some things I just couldn't believe when I read them. I'm like, did I really do that?" said Yearing. "What I say to the young men and young women all the time is it's my job just to open the doors and make you realize what you can do to walk through them and where you can go after that. That's my greatest satisfaction."

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## THE DIAGNOSIS

Yearing isn't ready to give up. Will he coach again? Maybe. Who wouldn't want one of North Jersey's premier minds on the sidelines with them? But he also believes in living one day at a time.

In August 2017, Yearing was walking down the stairs of his home in Warwick, N.Y., about to get on the treadmill, when his doctor

called. He needed to come to the hospital, like, now. Blood tests had shown his kidneys were failing.

The always-fit Yearing had noticed some shortness of breath at times, but chalked that up to not being in optimal physical shape. His first response was, "this can't be real, I'm about to get on the treadmill."

But this was serious. He followed the doctors orders and tests began.

After several days, a bone marrow biopsy revealed the news. It was multiple myeloma. In layman's terms its plasma cell cancer, or cancer inside your bone marrow. There is no cure.

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## COACHING THROUGH THE PAIN

Since it was August, Yearing was about to start his 31st season with the Ridgewood girls soccer program.

Some coaches act tough.

Some coaches talk tough.

Yearing coached all season while going through chemotherapy.

He did not tell his players, but they figured something was wrong. The biggest side effects of the treatment were back pains, and Yearing would be constantly stretching his back or grimacing. Eventually, the players recognized this and would run down to his van — the infamous Jeff Yearing Soccer Van — and bring him a chair to sit on.

"It was so kind," Yearing said. "They were so good about it."

After the season, however, his condition got worse. He transferred to doctors at the Hackensack Medical Center. They started

collecting his stem cells, they needed 18 million of them for an infusion in February.

#### SENSE OF COMMUNITY

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Everywhere Yearing went, he found soccer players. One of his former players helped him set up the appointment in Hackensack. One of the doctor's had a daughter who played for him.

Even when he wasn't thrilled to see a woman who knew him, there they were.

"A lot of the nurses were all former soccer players and they'd be like, 'Hey Coach! How are you?'" Yearing said. "I'd be like, yes, look at me now. Aren't I great?"



**Former Ridgewood girls soccer coach Jeff Yearing hopes to one day coach again.** (Photo: Darren Cooper)

In May, Yearing finally realized he wasn't going to be able to coach the girls soccer program. He'd lost weight. He'd lost his hair (it has since returned). And it was time. He informed Ridgewood athletic director Keith Cook that he should find someone new.

Going forward, he didn't want to overshadow the program. He went to one soccer game to cheer for the girls, stayed in touch with new coach Peter Kay about the basics of the job, and was a welcome guest at the season-ending banquet.

"I'm at the banquet and Peter came up to me and said, 'so, are you ready to take it back next year?' and I said, 'Peter, I can guarantee you it's all yours,'" Yearing said. "That was closure for me. Almost like when Urban Meyer put the whistle around Ryan Day after the Rose Bowl."

#### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

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Medically, Yearing is in what they call partial remission. He's exercising a little, gaining weight.

It's been quite an ordeal, but there have been moments of incredible satisfaction. Coaches like Yearing are really just conduits to the future for their student-athletes. They have opened the doors but they don't always know for sure if the student has walked through.

After sitting for an hour telling his story, Yearing stands, grabs his lower back and steadies it. And you just know somewhere a Ridgewood soccer player is reaching for a chair.

#### THEY SAID IT

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Jeff was my coach and had organized the "Jersey United" team, which was a select team to travel to Europe to train and compete. It was the summer before my junior year of high school. We competed in the Norway Cup! Unbelievable experience. As a colleague Jeff was one of the first to offer his advice and suggestions to me as a new young coach. — *Northern Highlands girls soccer coach Tara Madigan*

Coach Yearing was a large presence whenever he was. The girls from all of the years speak very fondly of him as a coach and his record speaks for itself. They would do anything for him and his recent battle has given many of them a chance to tell him and show him how much they care for him. His influence is still felt by so many. — *Ridgewood Principal Tom Gorman*

I would say he is the total package. He is a coach who cares about his players on the field, more importantly; he cares about them off the field. The one thing that always strikes me about him is he's so open-minded and has a big appetite for learning. He has a special heart. — *Ramapo boys soccer coach Evan Baumgarten*

It was so great to watch a guy who inspired and gave hope to his players and then have to play in the game of his life call on the things he used to motivate his players. I don't think there was a day that Jeff didn't push himself to get better at least one percent every day. The greatest game I ever saw Jeff play was the last year. — *Yearing's friend and long-time Ridgewood coach Jim Stroker*

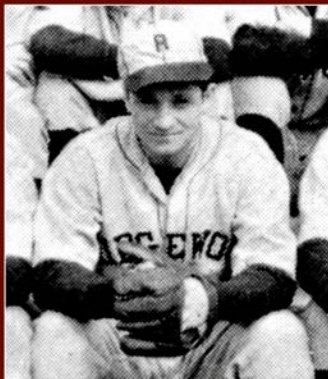


# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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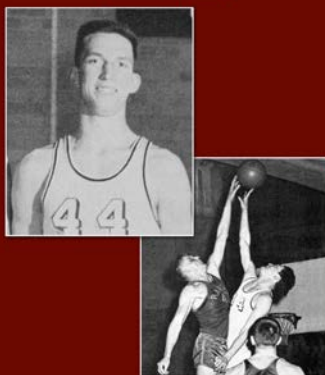
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BASEBALL • FOOTBALL



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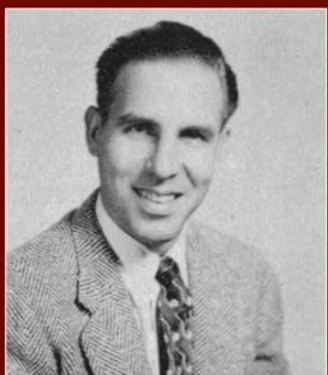
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FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • BASEBALL



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1946-1963 • INDUCTED 2004

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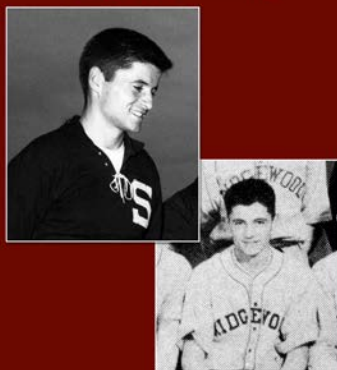
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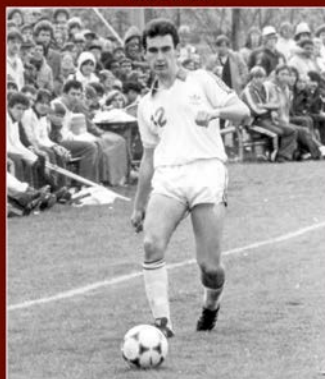
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**TOM SIMOS**  
SOCCER • BASEBALL



CLASS OF 1943 • INDUCTED 2004

**KAZBEK TAMBİ**  
SOCCER



CLASS OF 1979 • INDUCTED 2004

**BECKY DEETZ**  
TRACK AND FIELD



CLASS OF 1977 • INDUCTED 2004



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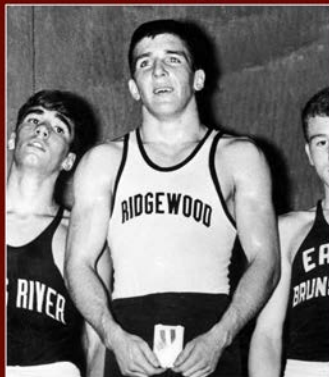
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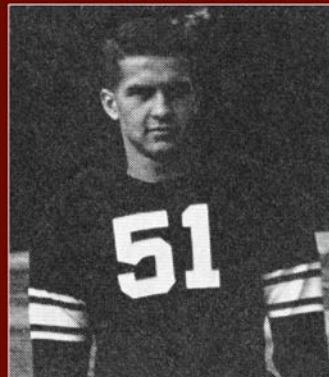
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WRESTLING



CLASS OF 1965 • INDUCTED 2004

**WALT PERDUE**  
FOOTBALL



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**DEBBIE O'CONNELL**  
BASKETBALL • SOFTBALL



CLASS OF 1985 • INDUCTED 2004

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**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**  
**• 2006 INDUCTEES •**

**BOB KEINO**  
CROSS COUNTRY • TRACK & FIELD



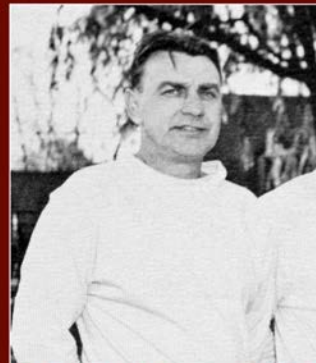
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COACH  
BASKETBALL • SOCCER • BASEBALL



1943-1956 • INDUCTED 2006

**FRANK MOZELESKI**  
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FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • GOLF



1943-1970 • INDUCTED 2006

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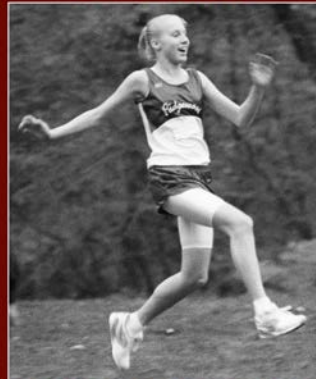
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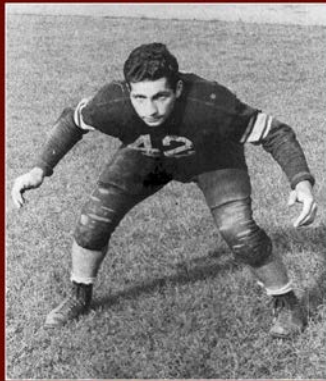
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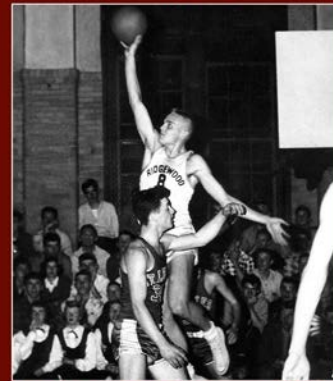
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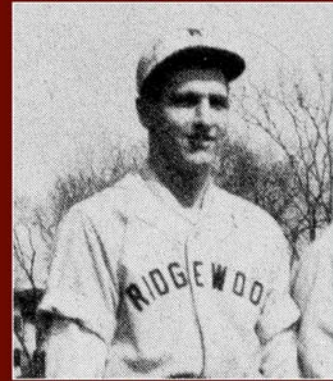
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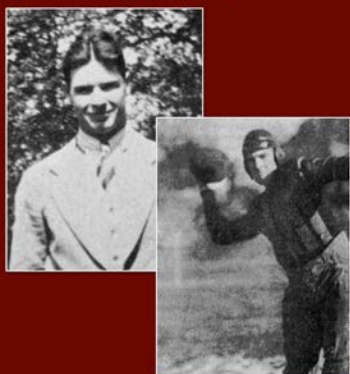


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### • 2008 INDUCTEES •

**HENRY BLAUVELT**  
FOOTBALL



CLASS OF 1927 • INDUCTED 2008

**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**

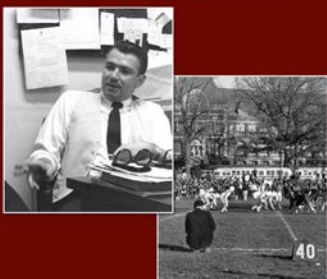


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MARION DELAMATE • CLASS OF 1924 • GUARD  
FLORENCE HOPPER • CLASS OF 1923 • JUMPING CENTER  
RUTH LEFFLER • CLASS OF 1923 • CAPTAIN FORWARD  
FRANCES MAINEN • CLASS OF 1923 • GUARD  
ADELE LOUISE GILBERT • CLASS OF 1924 • SIDE CENTER

REAR ROW L TO R:  
MISS ELIZABETH M. SELLER • COACH  
FLORENCE SURPLESS • CLASS OF 1923 • FORWARD  
JANEY 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  
RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPERS  
PATERSON EVENING NEWS • 1954-1984  
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**CHRIS DUFLOCQ**  
SOCCER



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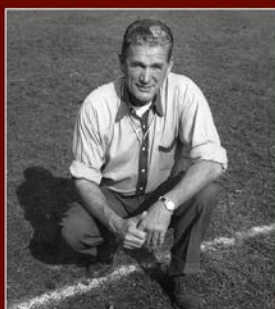
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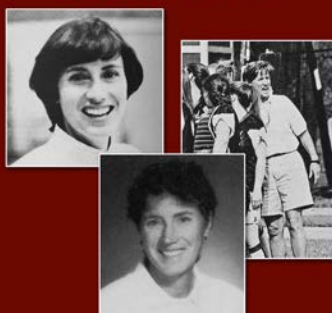
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BASKETBALL COACH 1936-1942



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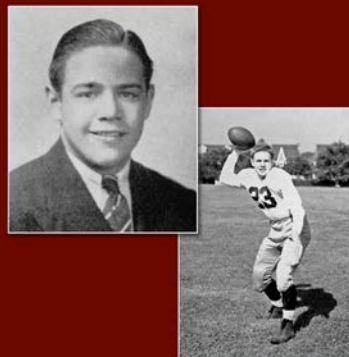
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SOFTBALL COACH  
1974-1978 • 1980-2006



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



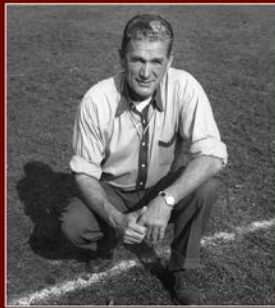
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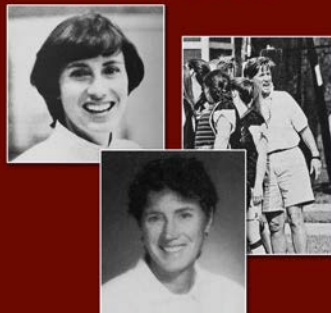
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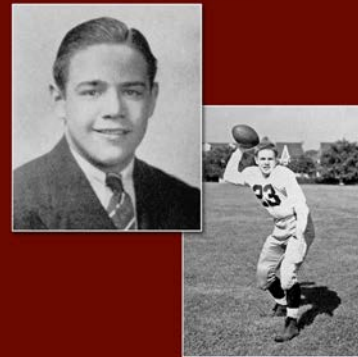
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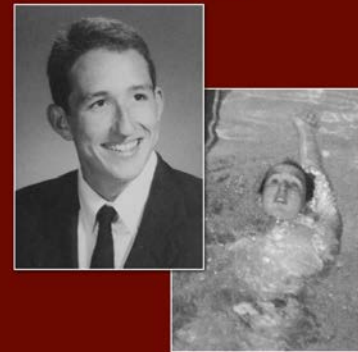
SOFTBALL



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#### JAMES SULLIVAN

SWIMMING



CLASS OF 1995 • INDUCTED 2010

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LACROSSE



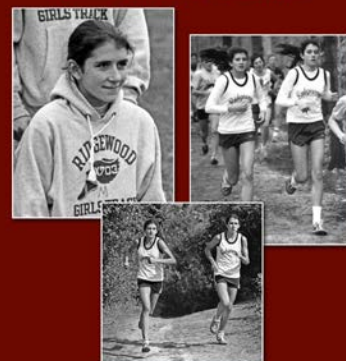
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SOCCER



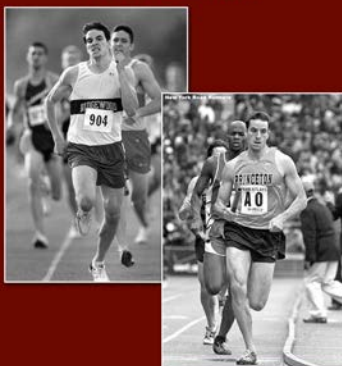
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CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK



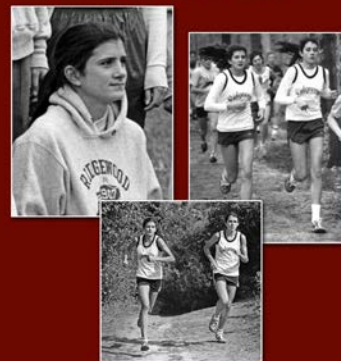
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**JOSH KAUK**  
TRACK & FIELD



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**MARY ELLEN MILESKI**  
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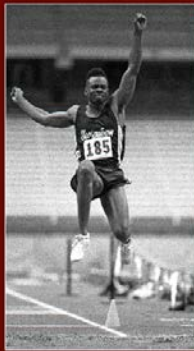
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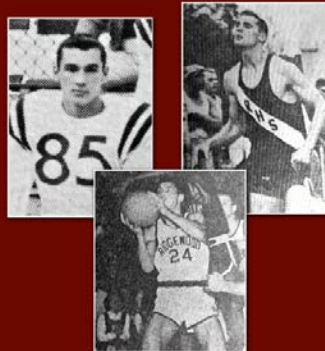
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TRACK



CLASS OF 1989 • INDUCTED 2012

**MIKE HENDERSON**  
FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • TRACK



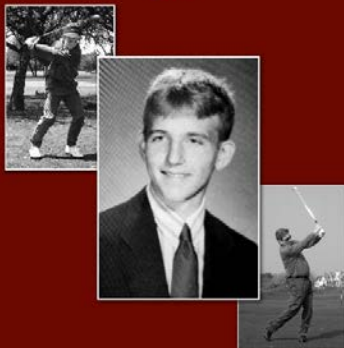
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**KANDIE LATHAM**  
TRACK



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**TOM FLATT**  
GOLF



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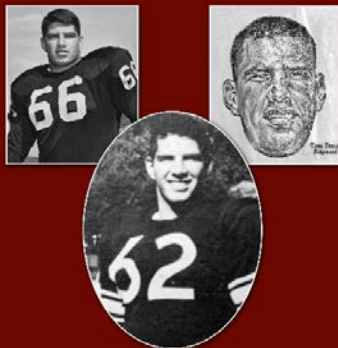
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**LEIGH JESTER**  
LACROSSE • SOCCER



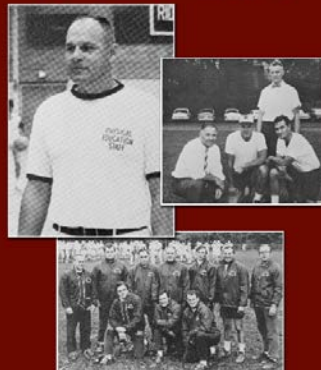
CLASS OF 2003 • INDUCTED 2012

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FOOTBALL



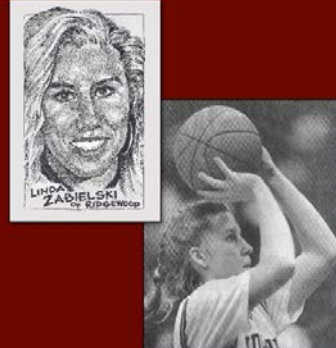
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**ROGER SWEENEY**  
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



1959-1975 • INDUCTED 2012

**LINDA ZABIELSKI**  
BASKETBALL



CLASS OF 1991 • INDUCTED 2012



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**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**  
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**DENNIS SULLIVAN**  
**LACROSSE • FOOTBALL**



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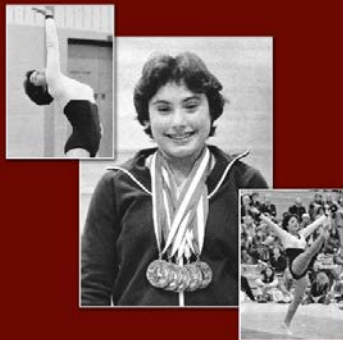
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**1955-56**

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**PATTY CAPASSO**  
**GYMNASTICS**



**CLASS OF 1980 • INDUCTED 2012**

**NICK & DOTTIE CAPASSO**  
**SPECIAL CONTRIBUTORS**



**LONG TIME CONTRIBUTORS TO**  
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**FOUNDERS OF THE RIDGEWOOD**  
**BIDDY BASKETBALL PROGRAM**  
**INDUCTED 2012**

# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME • 2014 INDUCTEES •

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

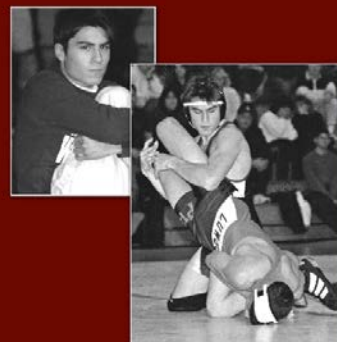


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**JIM BRUNI**  
HEAD COACH – BOYS BASKETBALL  
1964-1971

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## MARK ROMEO WRESTLING



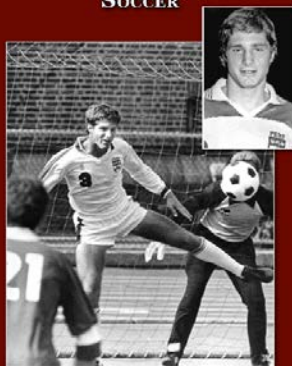
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**JEAN HUGHES**  
CROSS COUNTRY • TRACK & FIELD



**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

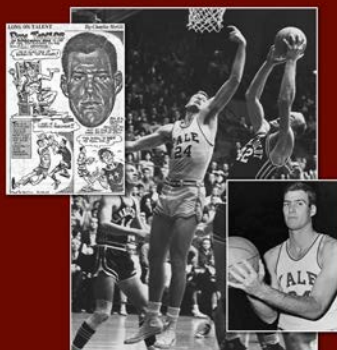


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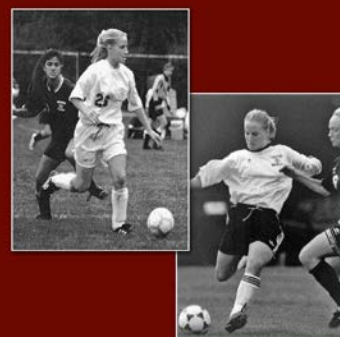
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**CLASS OF 1961 • INDUCTED 2014**

**RACHEL GRYGIEL**  
SOCCER



**CLASS OF 1993 • INDUCTED 2014**

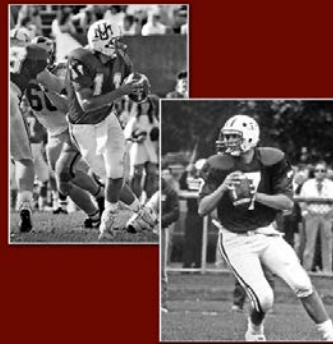
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**JOHN CERF**  
GYMNASTICS



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



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## RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME • 2016 INDUCTEES •

### MAUREEN GRIECO SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
TO THE  
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT  
1989-2014

INDUCTED 2016

### TOSHIKO D'ELIA SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

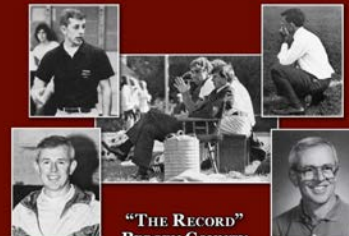


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FOUNDING ORGANIZER OF THE "RIDGEWOOD RUN"  
INSPIRATION AND ROLE MODEL FOR THE  
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INDUCTED 2016

### 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

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## RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME • 2016 INDUCTEES •

### LARRY COYLE

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



INDUCTED 2016

### 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

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## **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

### **ATHLETIC 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



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## **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

### **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

#### **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

#### **2016 INDUCTEES**

- Maureen Grieco, Special Contributor, Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Department
- Toshiko d'Elia, Special Contributor, Track and Field
- Richard Bennett, Head Coach, Boys Soccer, Girls Basketball, Boys Golf, Bowling
- Larry Coyle, Head Coach, Boys Cross Country, Boys Track and Field

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## **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

<b>1914</b> Earle Hopper	<b>1915</b> Peter Pagano	<b>1916</b> George Lilly	<b>1917</b> Charles Ward
<b>1918</b> William Caramella	<b>1919</b> Harry Troup	<b>1920</b> William Dreier	<b>1921</b> Gwynn Fielding
<b>1922</b> Harold Baldrich	<b>1923</b> Milville Hiler	<b>1924</b> Everett Wadsworth	<b>1925</b> George Cantrell
<b>1926</b> Lucius Howard	<b>1927</b> Henry Blauvelt	<b>1928</b> Walter Vandenburg	<b>1929</b> Donald Seixas
<b>1930</b> Robert Glynn, Charles Peraino	<b>1931</b> Mario Placa	<b>1932</b> Herman Stewart	<b>1933</b> Paul Arrigoni
<b>1934</b> Richard Leopoldt	<b>1935</b> Frederick Sommerrock	<b>1936</b> Edward Wilson Jr.	<b>1937</b> Clarence Bergsma
<b>1938</b> Stanley Kay	<b>1939</b> George Monro	<b>1940</b> Ralph Mendillo	<b>1941</b> Hubert Brown
<b>1942</b> Donald Haldane	<b>1943</b> Thomas Simos	<b>1944</b> Wallace Hedman	<b>1945</b> Dolph Walter
<b>1946</b> Eugene Links	<b>1947</b> William Dunne	<b>1948</b> John Morrison	<b>1949</b> Walter Perdue
<b>1950</b> Fred Dickman	<b>1951</b> Frank Walter	<b>1952</b> James Davidson	<b>1953</b> Larry Higgins
<b>1954</b> William Wilcoxson	<b>1955</b> William Scott	<b>1956</b> David Bain	<b>1957</b> Peter Campbell
<b>1958</b> Joseph Thompson	<b>1959</b> Leslie Davies	<b>1960</b> William Gryson	<b>1961</b> Michael Henderson
<b>1962</b> Thomas Dusel, Bob Frame	<b>1963</b> Peter MacDonald	<b>1964</b> John Harper	<b>1965</b> Gregory Corcoran
<b>1966</b> David Blackford	<b>1967</b> Fred Mina	<b>1968</b> Jack VanYperen	<b>1969</b> Robert Hopkin
<b>1970</b> Robert Bauman	<b>1971</b> John Marshall	<b>1972</b> Rick Hartung	<b>1973</b> William Lamb
<b>1974</b> Robert Groat, Nancy Hogan	<b>1975</b> Cathy Deyoe, Robert Cummings	<b>1976</b> Renee DuFlon, Brian Miller	<b>1977</b> Cathy Kraft, Paul Ferraro
<b>1978</b> Nancy Stroker, Dee Lander	<b>1979</b> Amy Lyons, Steve Baldacci	<b>1980</b> Lucia Cancelmo, Brian O'Callahan	<b>1981</b> Cathy Crocco, Margaret Niemann, Gordon Young, Tom Hughes
<b>1982</b> Colleen Wright, William O'Leary	<b>1983</b> Patricia Mileski, Mary Ellen Mileski, Robert Sullivan	<b>1984</b> Donna O'Connell, Roger Jones	<b>1985</b> Debbie O'Connell, Margaret Scutro, Chris Sullivan
<b>1986</b> Kathy Brienza, Damian Ross	<b>1987</b> Norine D'Arcy, David Herzig, Chris Rae	<b>1988</b> Mary Ellen Foley, Scott McMurray	<b>1989</b> Jennifer McDermott, Craig Halyard
<b>1990</b> Molly Hooper, TJ Crocker	<b>1991</b> Jodi Hartwig, James Reilly	<b>1992</b> Sarah Grygiel, Dennis Sullivan	<b>1993</b> Renee Pavelski, Mark Kossick
<b>1994</b> Aimee McGuire, Jenna Rogers, Bob Keino	<b>1995</b> Kate Brunner, Kevin Brophy	<b>1996</b> Stephanie Doyle, Craig Myatt	<b>1997</b> Jennifer Sielicki, Jamie Carifa
<b>1998</b> Celeste Sedo, Jay Landgraf	<b>1999</b> Kate Ferguson, Meg McDermott, Tim McDonagh, James Ruhlen	<b>2000</b> Kelly Behan, Andrew Clark	<b>2001</b> Karen Seavers, Andrew Reenstra
<b>2002</b> Clair Nowakowski, Tyler Rhoten	<b>2003</b> Trisha McGowan, Rodolfo Crispin	<b>2004</b> Justine Lupo, Jack Riley, Ari Zamir	<b>2005</b> Paige Woodruff, Chuck Kaliades
<b>2006</b> Ellen Seavers, Michael Cator, Byron Williams	<b>2007</b> Cristina Law, Chelsea Steinberg, Randall DeFeo	<b>2008</b> Elizabeth Donovan, Kate Michel, Nikola Mirkovic	<b>2009</b> Kelly Conheeney, Kelly Hommen, John Freeman, Taizo Shigenobu
<b>2010</b> Samantha Cermack, Abby VanHorne, Thomas Devita	<b>2011</b> Sarah Devita, Kyle Gibson, Insoo Hwang	<b>2012</b> Courtney Tarleton, Kelci Smesko, Levi Jennings, Evan Bartlik	<b>2013</b> Lauren Beausoleil, Noah Pounds
<b>2014</b> Kelly Skettini, Jamal Locke	<b>2015</b> Carleen Jeffers, Antonio Hroncic	<b>2016</b> Katie Bourque, Samantha Halvorsen, Michael Thurston, Cooper Telesco	<b>2017</b> Zachary Feagles, Olympia Martin, Hailey Ricciardi
<b>2018</b> Nicole Lester, Jack Barclay			

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## 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 Monro, 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.



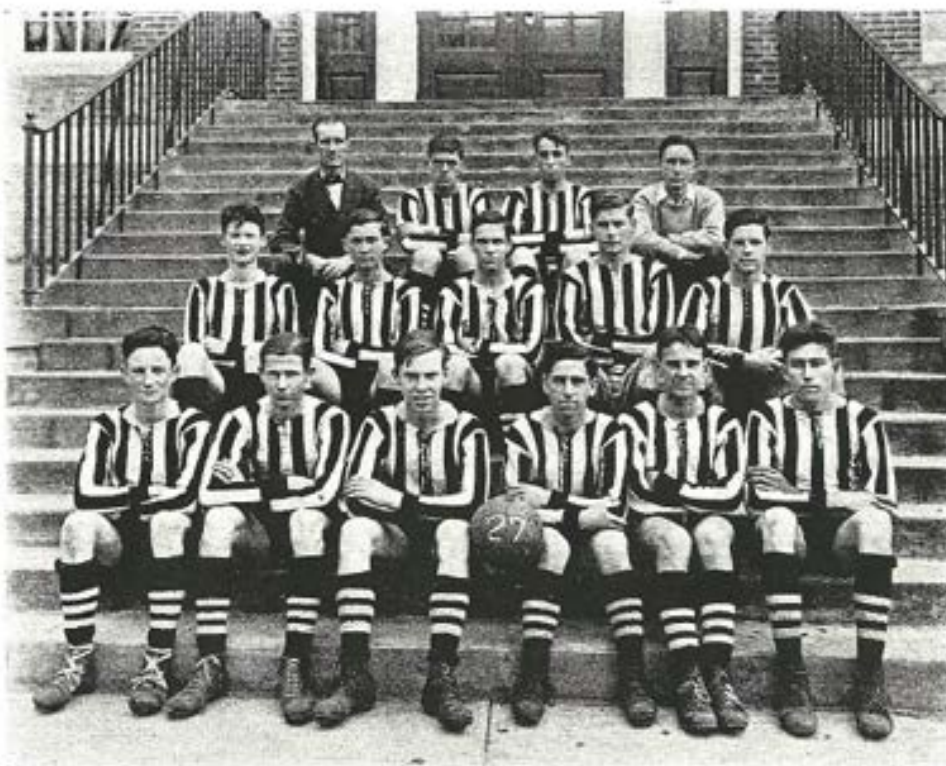


## THE FIRST VARSITY SOCCER TEAM AT RHS 1927



*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.

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## **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."



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## **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

### **DID YOU KNOW? ...SOME RHS ATHLETIC HISTORY**

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 Ridgely 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.

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## **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

### **DID YOU KNOW? ...SOME RHS ATHLETIC HISTORY**

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.

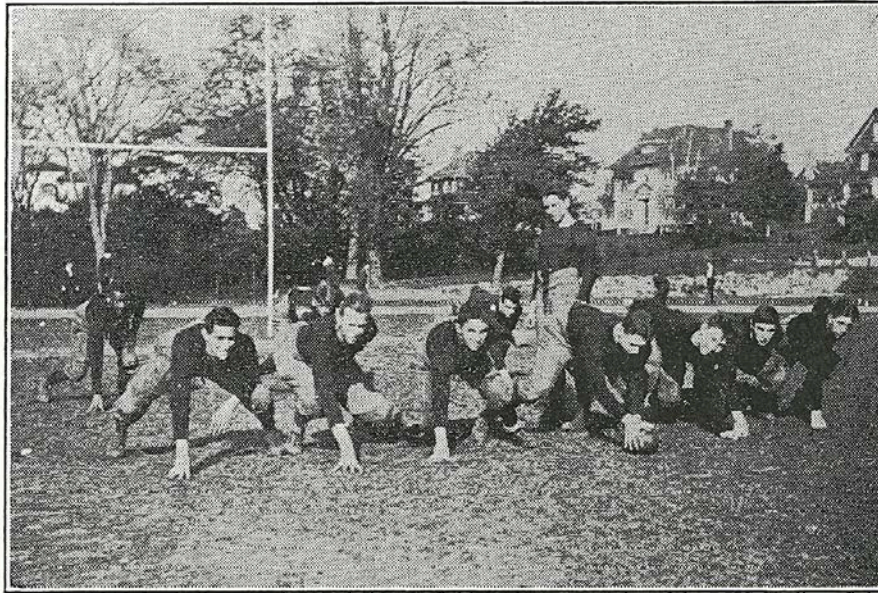


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## **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

### **DID YOU KNOW? ...SOME RHS ATHLETIC HISTORY**



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**



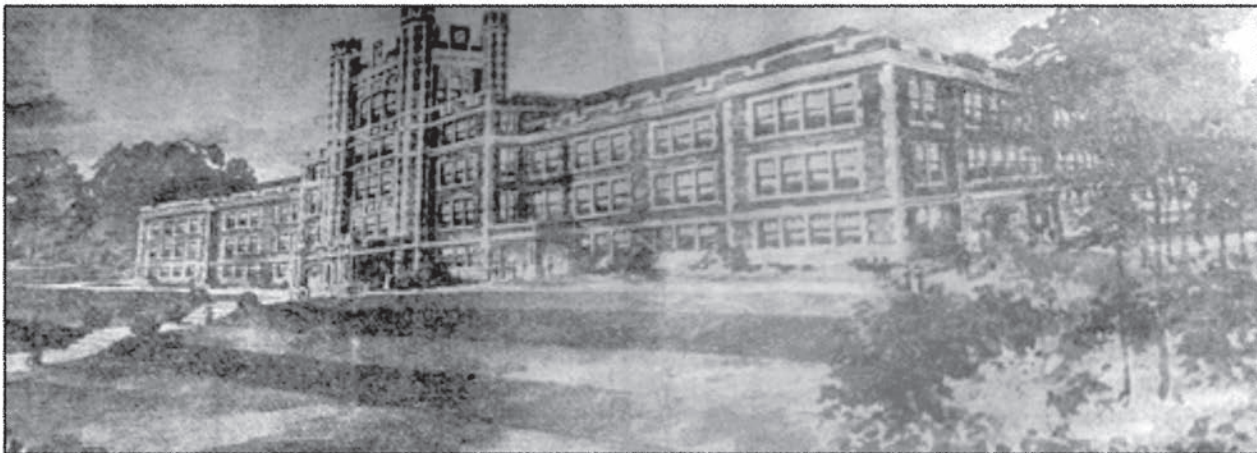


## THE RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL THAT NEVER WAS!

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><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Class</b></i>	<i><b>Sport</b></i>	<i><b>Died</b></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.

## RECALLING FIRST LINE NEWS

## History of the Robb Football Trophy

# '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; 4; 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.

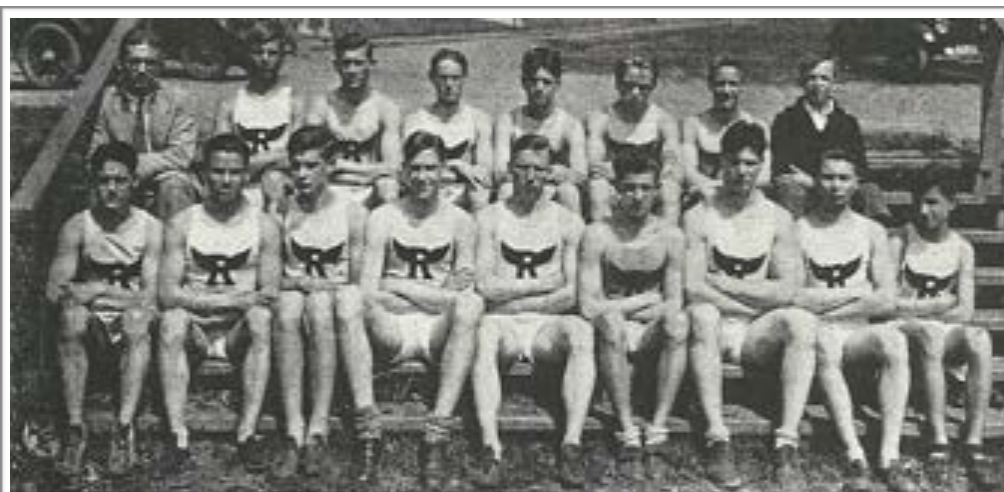
Pete Brown, Frank Bradley, Don McCullough and Bob Crandall composed Ridgewood's pony backfield with Frank handling the bulk of the passing attack which was a big factor in the success of the team. On the line, Bill Moore, Dick Simpson, and Stan Frank were stand-outs. Dick Casey, Paul Cook, Don Coyle, 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.



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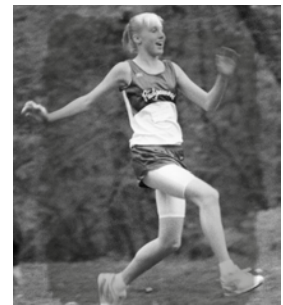
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the unnecessary jolts that she can, believe me, you try your very best to do the same to her.

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

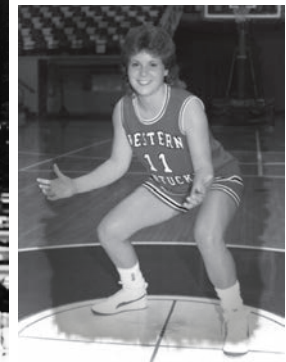
Marion Delamater, '24

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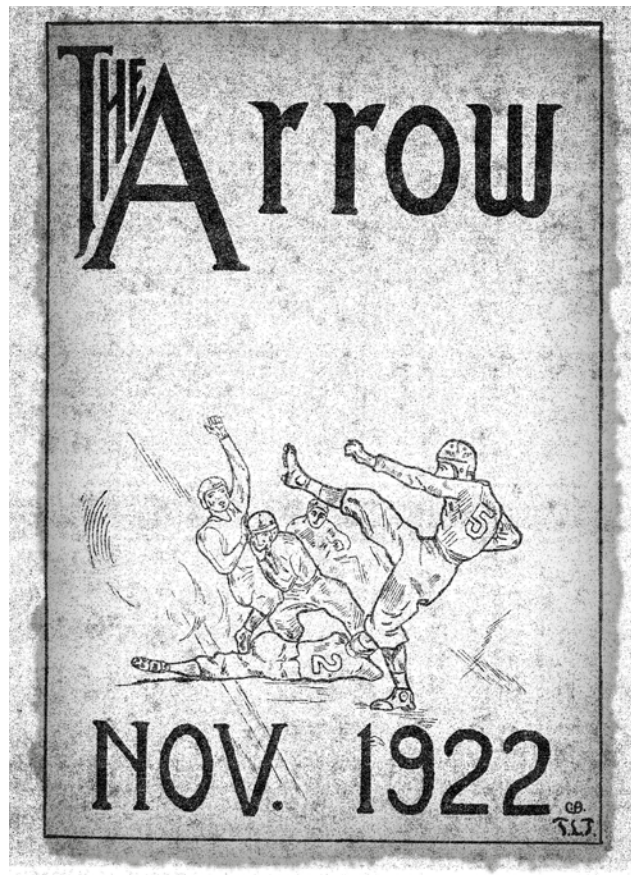
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**YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY!**





## RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL 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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# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## 1922 ATHLETICS OVERVIEW AND FOOTBALL

The Arrow



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 excel 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



# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## 1922 ATHLETICS OVERVIEW AND FOOTBALL

The Arrow

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, Pelias, 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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### 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 one-sided 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:

R. H. S. 0	Hackensack 7
R. H. S. 6	Englewood 0
R. H. S. 0	Rutherford 49



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**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 1913**

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





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**FOR YEARS...**

**THROUGH THE YEARS...**

**THANKS FOR THE YEARS...**

**RHS WILL MISS YOU YEARS!**

Congratulations Coach Yearling from the Girls and Boys Soccer Program on your induction into the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments at RHS through your years as a teacher, mentor, educator and coach. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.



**1975-2018**

**Thank you, Years, for  
coaching us all!**

We couldn't think of  
someone more deserving  
of this honor than you.



Much love,  
The Conklin Family



**Congratulations on an amazing career in education! You are a true inspiration!**

**Can't wait to go for another run in Warwick. This time I will make sure I run in the right direction!!**

**Love, Sammy**



# **COACH YEARING,**

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RHS  
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION!**



***YOU ARE THE BEST!***

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, PASSION,  
COURAGE, & HARD WORK - ON & OFF THE FIELD!**

**LOVE,  
THE RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

Sports is human life in microcosm.

— Howard Cosell —

**CLASS OF “77” BOYS SOCCER TEAM  
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**ON YOUR INDUCTION TO THE  
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WITH THE DEEPEST RESPECT FROM ALL PLAYERS THAT HAVE PLAYED FOR YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIRELESS ENERGY, ALONG WITH YOUR STRONG DEVOTION AND PASSION TO HELP SO MANY STUDENTS YOU HAVE COACHED OVER THE YEARS TO BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE ON AND OFF THE FIELDS. A TRUE TESTAMENT TO YOUR VALUES YOU HAVE PASSED ON TO ALL OF US THAT YOU HAVE COACHED, ALONG WITH THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN COACHING YOU HAVE ACHIEVED OVER THE YEARS MAKES THIS AWARD SO WELL DESERVED!!!



## **THE JESTERS**

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**Jeff,**

**Congratulations on a well-deserved honor!**

**You have been an inspiration and wonderful role model, not only to Leigh, but to all the athletes who have had the privilege to play for you. You earned a tremendous amount of respect from your players, not just because you were their coach, but because of who you are and the values you instilled, both on and off the field.**

**Thank you for all that you have done for so many student athletes at RHS. Their lives are forever changed because they had the opportunity to be the beneficiary of a wonderful individual who dedicated his life to teach them. We are so very grateful to you, Jeff.**

**Sincerely,  
Pat & Bill Jester  
Kelly, Kevin & Leigh**

# *Congratulations and Thank you!*

Jeff,

Congratulations on your induction into The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame. It is a well deserved honor in recognition for all that you have done for RHS and its students.

There would not even be a Hall of Fame if not for all of your time and effort to put it together and keep it going. We are honored to serve on the Committee with you and look forward to inducting many more classes.

Enjoy your evening.

Tom Thurston  
Sam Cermack  
Donna Skettini  
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Bob Lasky  
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**Coach Yearing,**

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**Thank you for all you have done for  
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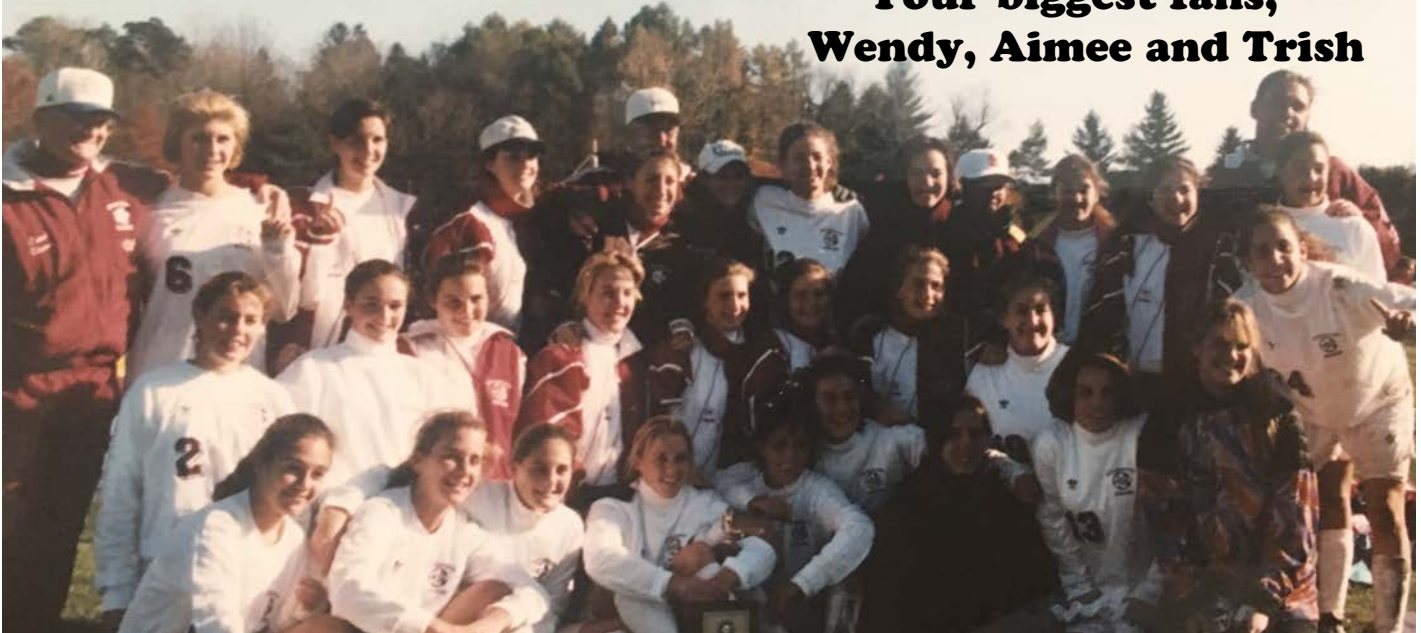
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## **CONGRATULATIONS YEARS!**

**We are forever grateful for the many life lessons that  
you have taught us, both on and off the field.**

**Your biggest fans,  
Wendy, Aimee and Trish**



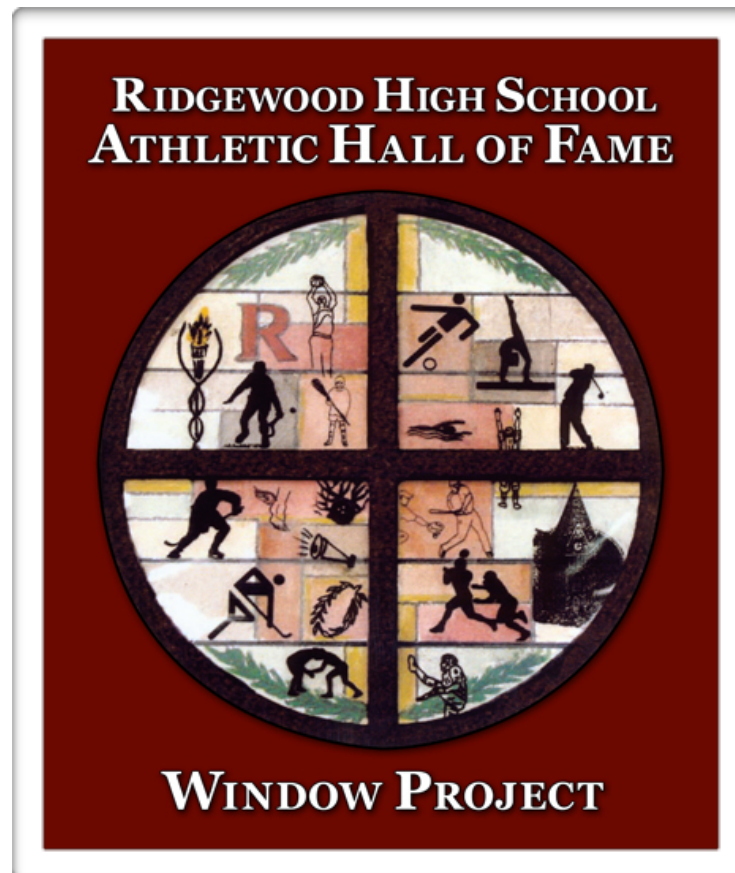


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## **RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL** **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME RECOGNITION ATRIUM**

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.*

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## 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  
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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  
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# *Jeff Yearing*

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