

# THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS DINNER

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the Greater Morris County Chapter
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#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to welcome the Greater Morris County Scholar-Athletes to our annual awards dinner. These talented players have been selected by coaches and administrators to represent their Morris, Sussex and Warren County high school and college football programs.

The criteria for the Scholar-Athlete Award, as established by the National Awards Committee, are academic achievement, school and civic leadership, and football ability. The nominees deserve our commendation not only for these achievements but also for the example they set for the young men who will follow them.

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#### Matthew C. Sellitto Scholarship

Matthew C. Sellitto embodied the values that the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame seeks for its award recipients. Active in a variety of sports, from hockey to football, Matthew was just as committed to studies, his community and less-fortunate individuals.

Matthew Sellitto, 23, was on the 105th Floor of Tower One on September 11, 2001

#### Jonathan D. Sellitto Scholarship

Jonathan D. Sellitto was passionate about many things, especially his family and the friends he loved so dearly. It was clear that his daughter Finley was the center of his universe and even at a young age, she reflects his joyful spirit. Jonathan was accomplished in football and hockey and played college lacrosse. He was committed to the MCS Foundation's mission.

Jonathan Sellitto, 34, died suddenly on March 15, 2017

#### **Barry Halper Scholarship**

Barry Halper, a long-time National Football Foundation board member, worked hard to make our chapter, and this banquet, a success. He was a kind and generous man who cared about his community and the charities that supported it. He was the sort of person we hope our scholar athletes will become.

In his memory, we will award a scholarship to one scholar athlete.

Barry will always be part of our organization and no doubt he remains with us tonight, taking great pride for the accomplishments these young men have already achieved.

### ~ PROGRAM ~

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLAR ATHLETES	Brian J. Riley	
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RESPONSE BY	Joe Piscopo	
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RESPONSE BY	Kevin Hennelly	
PRESENTATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GAME AWARD	Bart Oates	
RESPONSE BY	Mike Murphy	
PRESENTATION OF H.S. SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD Greater Morris Chapter Board Members		
RESPONSE BY	John Readlinger Delbarton H.S.	
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# NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to promote and develop the power of amateur football in developing the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, competitive zeal and the drive for academic excellence in America's young people.

We will fulfill this mission in the following ways:

By inspiring young people to excellence: holding up the greatest players and coaches in the history of the game as role models and enshrining them and their achievements in the College Football Hall of Fame.

By exciting young people, and those who influence them, about the game: in particular, managing the College Football Hall of Fame in such a way as to dramatize the history, exhilaration and value of the game to an ever broadening audience of fans and potential fans.

By developing, managing and promoting model football programs, which further strengthen the educational and character building qualities of the game.

By honoring, publicizing and providing financial support to high school and college

football players who represent our ideal of the scholar-athlete.

By continuing a grassroots movement, through local chapters, while involving football fans, coaches, educators, the media and former players in the implementation of the

programs, which will fulfill our mission for America.

Through this mission, The Foundation serves not only youth, but the nation as well.

#### 2020 DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARD

### Joseph Piscopo

Television, film, theater, nightclubs—they're all fields in which Joe Pisscopo has won the acclaim and affection of millions. For over 25 years, Joe has proven to be one of show business' brightest lights. After stints as a disc jockey and dinner-theater performer, Joe turned to comedy. In 1980, he was chosen to join a newly formed ensemble charged with one of the most difficult tasks in TV history—replacing the original cast of Saturday Night Live.

By the time he left the show in 1985, Joe had left his mark on the program, and the nation, thanks to his wide range of hilarious original characters and celebrity impersonations, from The Sports Guy and Doug Whiner to David Letterman and, of course, Frank Sinatra, who repeatedly endorsed Joe's portrayal of him, referring to Joe as 'The Vice-Chairman of the Board.'

His work on SNL naturally led to Hollywood, and starring roles in such smash hits as Wise Guys (with Danny DeVito) and Johnny Dangerously (with Michael Keaton). Other film credits include "Dead Heat, Sidekicks with Chuck Norris and a dramatic, critically acclaimed performance in Jonathan Parker's Bartleby. Joe recently had the lead role of Jack Cosmo in the musical comedy, "How Sweet It Is" with Paul Sorvino.

Live performances have always been an important part of Joe's career. He has long been one of America's most popular comedy concert attractions, filling arenas and casino showrooms from coast to coast and in Canada. (Including the prestigious Montreal Jazz Festival!) Joe tours with his own original Big Band tribute to Frank Sinatra, as well as his multimedia comedy show.

Joe has also won acclaim for his dramatic guest-starring roles on the NBC drama, Law and Order. You might have also seen Joe as a guest on The FOX News Channel, or co-hosting The Columbus Day Parade each year in NYC with Maria Bartiromo or on The Late Show with David Letterman.

Although his unique talents are in constant demand from show business quarters, Joe devotes an extraordinary amount of time to non-profit and charitable activities. His willingness to give back knows no limits. As the Spokesperson for Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey, Joe is now lending his time and talents to fundraising, public relations, and advocacy on behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs. We are fortunate to have such commitment and passion from a man who keeps such a busy schedule. He truly is "Jerseys Best."

For his support of our US Military Forces, Joe was honored to receive the Commendation Medal, the highest civilian award from the state of New Jersey.

Most recently Joe was among the 2013 class of inductees to the New Jersey Hall of Fame. You can hear Joe everyday on the radio, from 6am -10am leading the morning drive for Salem Media's Flagship Station, AM 970 "The Answer."

Although Joe's impressive career and public service include several major accomplishments, he insists his proudest achievement of all is twice being named Father of the Year, in 1983 by the National Father's Day Council, and in 1989 by the New Jersey Council of Children's Rights. No matter how busy he may be, Joe always makes sure he has enough time at his New Jersey home, for his children, Joey (an impressive talent, in his own right!), Alexandra, Michael, Olivia and Charley-Rae.



#### **2020 DISTINGUISHED COACH AWARD**

#### **Kevin Hennelly**

Kevin Hennelly graduated from McBurney High School in New York, where he lettered in football, wrestling, and baseball. After serving as senior captain in both football and baseball, Kevin went on to be a three year letterman at East Stroudsburg University double majoring in Economics and Secondary Education, receiving his B.A. in Economics. He later earned his Master's Degree in Special Education from New Jersey City University.

Upon graduating from East Stroudsburg University, Mr. Hennelly worked at Monvest Securities in New York City as an investment banker. In 1988, he started his own company, P and H Contracting, while serving as an assistant coach for Cranford High School in Union County, NJ. Following that, he began his career in 1991 teaching and coaching at West Morris Central High School, where he coached alongside Hall of Fame Coach Pete Piccirillo, who received the Distinguished Coach's Award in 1999. Mr. Hennelly served as assistant for six years under Coach Piccirillo, winning two state titles and two conference championships. Mr. Hennelly took over the West Morris program in 1997 where in his twenty-three years as a head coach he recorded 165 wins and 91 losses. During his tenure, his teams made the playoffs twenty times, winning six conference championships, six trips to the state finals, and four state championships.

Mr. Hennelly has been awarded the Daily Record Coach of the Year, Star Ledger Coach of the Year, Morris County Football Association Coach of the Year, Bigtime Magazine Coach of the Year, and the New York Jets Coach of the Week. He also proudly served as the president of the Morris County Football Coaches Association. Mr. Hennelly's strongest and most successful team to date is comprised of his wife, Maryann Scotti, and his three children, Michelle, Kevin, and Kaitlyn. His son was a former West Morris Central Scholar Athlete in 2014. Coach Hennelly's plans include continuing to coach and teach for West Morris Central.



## 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GAME AWARD Mike Murphy

Michael J. Murphy is a retired police officer with 28 years of service. Michael holds a Master's Degree and was a former D.A.R.E. Officer and National School Resource Officer.

Currently Michael serves as the Head of the Security Team for the New York Giants.

"Murphy's Life Lessons" Presentation focuses on athletes and student awareness in regards to the pitfalls of alcohol, drugs, and making poor choices.

Michael's life experience has allowed for him to share his knowledge to athletes and students all across the country in preparation for the opportunities and situations that truly test their character and strength.







# 20 SCHOLAR



BRYAN LEON Boonton



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NICK MILLER Morris Knolls



JASON JONES Morristown

# 20 ATHLETES



JAYSHON DUBOSE Morristown-Beard



NICO NEGRON Mount Olive



DANIEL RASER Mountain Lakes



JULIAN SIBBLIES Newton



MAXWELL JANEIRO North Warren



ANTHONY COLASUONNO Parsippany



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JOSEPH CAROSELLA Vernon



RYAN NUGENT Wallkill



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#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Bryan Leon Boonton

Jason Jones Morristown

Alvaro Pliego Pequannock

Kevin Jung Randolph

Tyler Doerr Roxbury

Tommy Adamiak Whippany

From the National Football Foundation

## CONGRATULATIONS Nick Miller #4

Morris Knolls High School

"Champions don't show up to get everything they want, they show up to give everything they have."

Beyond Proud of You! Love, Mom, Dad, Danielle and Adam

## CONGRATULATIONS Anthony Colasuonno #24

Parsippany High School

The entire Parsippany Redhawk family is proud of you!



# CONGRATULATIONS Matt "Bam" Johnson #4 Jefferson Township Falcons

We are so proud of the man that you have grown into. Your accomplishments only begin to tell your story - it is your heart and leadership ability that will carry you through and make you a success in life!

Good luck as you prepare for your next chapter playing at FDU

Love - Mom, Dad, Cheech, Grandma, and Grandpa

## CONGRATULATIONS David Heath #73

Pope John XXIII Regional High School

David, you lead by example,
When the whistle blows, you are always
ready to play and you never give up -on
yourself or your team.
You are AN Honor to the Father.

Best wishes, The Administration, Faculty, Staff and Fans of Pope John XXIII H.S.

## CONGRATULATIONS JayShon DuBose #21



Congratulations to all of the recipients of the Scholar Athlete Award.
We wish you continued success on and off the field.

Morristown-Beard School

## CONGRATULATIONS Justin Lockwood #59

Kinnelon High School

We are very proud of you.

Keep working hard.

Good luck at Wesleyan University.

Love Dad, Mom, Jeremy & Jillian

## CONGRATULATIONS Matthew Luttenberger #87

Morris Catholic High School

Your accomplishments both on and off the field continue to amaze us!

We are extremely proud!

Love, Mom, Dad, Marissa, Grammy & Grandpa

## CONGRATULATIONS Jacob Luciani #54

Butler H.S.

We are beyond proud of all you have accomplished both on and off the field. Continue to work hard in all you do. We wish you much happiness and success in the next chapter of your life!

Love, Mom, Dad and Kate #GoNova

## CONGRATULATIONS Michael Conrad #55

Montville High School

We are so proud of the young man that you have become. You continue to amaze us on and off the field. Always treat others with kindness and lead by example. Always reach for the stars and do great things. Wishing you all the best at Stevens Institute. Love, Mom, Dad, Sammy, Grandma, Grandpa

## CONGRATULATIONS Luke Malatesta #55

Morris Hills High School

You continue to amaze us with your accomplishments both on and off the field.

We are so very proud of you! Keep blazing your own trail!

Love, Dad, Mom, and Cole

#### **CONGRATULATIONS** Jacob Luciani

Butler H.S.

The Butler High School Booster Club, Butler football team, and the entire Butler community are very proud of you Jake!

> State Champions 2018 #Grinding Go Bulldogs

#### CONGRATULATIONS Roger White #52

Hopatcong High School

Roger, thank you for your hard work and dedication. Wishing you continued success both on and off the field

Proud to be a Chief!

### CONGRATULATIONS **Matthew Luttenberger**

Morris Catholic High School

We are proud of you. Thank you for the way you represented

Morris Catholic High School

## **CONGRATULATIONS Captain Daniel Raser #64**

Mt. Lakes High School

HUSTLE **ENTHUSIASM** ROUGHNESS DEDICATION DESIRE

Lets Go!

Love Always, Mom & Dad

#### **CONGRATULATIONS** Ryan Kinkead #11

Sussex Tech

So proud of all your accomplishments both on and off the field.

Continue on your path and never settle.

Love Mom, Richard & Emily

#### CONGRATULATIONS **Travis Tallamy #30**

High Point Regional H.S.

We are all so proud of your accomplishments. As you begin your next chapter, continue to always work hard and remain faithful to the ONE who holds your future in HIS hands.

Love your biggest fans Mom, Dad, Leanna, Hayden, Larissa, Bryce, Patrick, Lanae, Loree, Brandon, Hannah, Alicen and Annika

#### **CONGRATULATIONS EJ Comerford #9**

Parsippany Hills H.S.

The entire Par Hills Viking family is proud of you!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS** Terrence Hurley #58

Sparta High School

We are extremely proud of your achievements both on and off the field. Wishing you continued success in whatever your future holds!! Remember to "Love Life".

Love, Dad, Mom, Jean & Ali

## CONGRATULATIONS Joseph Carosella #51

Vernon Twsp. H.S.

You have made us all so proud! You have given it your all both on and off the field. Continue to dream big, work hard and great things will follow.

Love Mom, Sal, Jade, Andrew, Nicholas & Hannah

Congratulations Joey B.L.T. We are all super proud of your accomplishments! Love your George Inn Family.

### **CONGRATULATIONS** Captain Thomas Diegnan #1

W.M. Mendham H.S.

You have made us all so proud! You have given it your all - on and off the field. Continue to dream big and work hard, and great things will follow.

Love, Mom, Dad, Jack and Charlie

#### CONGRATULATIONS Michael Conrad #55

Montville High School

Congratulations and thank you Mike for the outstanding ride you took us all on!!!!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS** Ryan Nugent

Wallkill Valley H.S.

Your accomplishments on and off the field are inspiring! I am so proud of you and can't wait to see what your future holds!

Love, Uncle Robert

#### CONGRATULATIONS Max Janeiro #55

North Warren Regional H.S.

Max, you are strong, determined & always humble. We are very proud of your accomplishments, but most of all for the outstanding person you are.

> We love and support you, Mom, Dad & Sydney

# CONGRATULATIONS Liam High

Chatham High School

We are always so proud of you both on and off the field; we can't wait to see where life takes you next. We will always be your biggest fans!!

> Love, Mom and Dad

## CONGRATULATIONS Austin Seames #8

Kittatinny Regional H.S.

We are proud of everything you have accomplished on and off the field. Keep up the great work. Can't wait to see what the future has in store for you.

Love, Dad, Mom, Amber, Grandpa, Grandma and Megan

## CONGRATULATIONS Captain Thomas Diegnan #1

W.M. Mendham H.S.

Congratulations on this tremendous honor!



W.M.Mendham High School Mendham Football Booster Club

## CONGRATULATIONS Joseph Carosella #51

Vernon Twsp. H.S.

We are so proud of you twiggy. You are a great man on and off the field.

Love Dana & Jon

## CONGRATULATIONS Matthew Johnson

Jefferson Twp. H.S.

Hard work pays off

FalconNation

## CONGRATULATIONS Paul Saurer #70

Madison High School

We are so proud of all your hard work and leadership.

Love, Dad, Mom, Danny, Izzie #GoDodgers!!!

## CONGRATULATIONS Cris Vindel

Dover High School

Cris, great job on an awesome Senior Season & outstanding career. Keep up the great work in everything you do and continue to strive to be the best that you can be. The Dover community is proud of you. Many more great things are coming your way.

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Dover Football Family

# **CONGRATULATIONS Stewart Saharic #35**

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Congratulations on this tremendous honor! We are so very proud of all your accomplishments on and off the football field. We wish you continued success as you start your next chapter in life. You have made us all proud!

We love you!

Love, Mom, Pop and Gram, Danielle and Kevin, Emily, Mitch, Miley and Alexander

## CONGRATULATIONS Jabir Abdallah #82

Lenape Valley Regional High School

We are all so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. This award is the result of your hard work and perseverance to be a person of excellence in every area of your life.

Lenape Valley Regional High School

## CONGRATULATIONS Ryan Nugent

Wallkill Valley H.S.

Thank you for your hard work on the field and in the classroom.

## CONGRATULATIONS Nicolas Gagliardi #7

Hackettstown High School

Hackettstown H.S. Booster Club Go Tigers!

## CONGRATULATIONS Travis Tallamy

High Point Regional H.S.

Best wishes!
Scholar Athlete 2020
From the students, faculty, administration and staff.

It's a great day to be a Wildcat!

# CONGRATULATIONS PAUL SAURER!

MADISON HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE



#70



## CONGRATULATIONS Nicolas Gagliardi #7

Hackettstown High School

Hackettstown H.S. Go Tigers!

## CONGRATULATIONS Anthony Colasuonno #24

Parsippany High School

We are so proud of all your accomplishments. Continue to work hard and follow your dreams.

Love, Mom, Dad and Andrea

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Austin Seames #8** 

Kittatinny Regional H.S.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

We wish you continued success on and off the field

**#KRHSCOUGARS** 

## CONGRATULATIONS Stewart Saharic

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Congrats on this great honor.
Our FDU Football family is proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Continue to have an ALL-AMERICAN mentality in ALL that you do. We can't wait to see all of the future success you will have!

@FDUFootball #FastFiveStar #FUELtheFIRE

## CONGRATULATIONS Matthew Tuli #7

Hanover Park H.S.

Always very proud of all your accomplishments!

Love, Mom, Dad, Justin & Tate

Go Hornets!

### CONGRATULATIONS JACK READLINGER #56

Delbarton

You brought so much excitement to our autumn weekends Jack. It was thrilling to watch #56 play each snap with incredible energy. We are proud of the man you have become and the service you provided in the community. We anxiously await your next chapter at MIT.

Love, Mom and Dad.

# CONGRATULATIONS Nico Negron #68

Mt. Olive High School

We are so proud of you for all of your accomplishments!
Keep pushing yourself, dream big, work hard and make a difference!

We wish you continued success on and off the field at Marist College.

All our love, Mom, Papa, Gaby, Sabrina, Lauren & Franco

## CONGRATULATIONS Jabir Abdallah #82

Lenape Valley Regional High School

We are so very proud of the man you have become. May achieving this honor be one step on your path of achieving much more.

Love, Dad, Mom, Mohammed & Amira

## CONGRATULATIONS Ryan Nugent

Wallkill Valley H.S.

Ryan, your accomplishments both on and off the field continues to amaze us! We are so proud of how hard you give everything you do in life and how many adversities you had to overcome. We cannot wait to see what your bright future holds.

Love, Mom, Dad and Shane

# CONGRATULATIONS Julian Sibblies Newton High School

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#### **Congratulates The Greater Morris County National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame** 2019 Class of Football Scholar-Athletes



The Greater Morris County Chapter of the National Football Foundation is proud to announce the 2019 Scholar-Athlete Award winners. On March 28, Morris, Sussex, and Warren County football players who demonstrated exceptional athletic and academic accomplishments along with community service were honored at The Madison Hotel in Morristown.

NFF Chapter President and founder Mr. Matt Sellitto, representative of the Foundation's more than twenty five years of work, spoke in celebration of these scholar athletes who work on and off the field as active participants in their community. These young men were chosen using the formula that is mandated from National, which is 40% academic, 40% athletacism and 20% citizenship. Also recognized were the NFF's 2019 Distinguished American Brian Gragnolati and Contributor to the game recipient Joseph Purzycki, who both embody the chapter's core principles of civic responsibility and professional excellence.

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