

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS

Sponsored by the Greater Morris County Chapter of The National Football Foundation And College Hall of Fame And Atlantic Sports Health

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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.

Matthew T. Sellitto

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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.



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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.

2021 DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARD



William W. Bradley

Senator William W. Bradley, 77, is a Managing Director of Allen & Company LLC. From 2001-2004, he acted as chief outside advisor to McKinsey & Company's nonprofit practice. He was a Senior Advisor and Vice Chairman of the International Council of JP Morgan & Co., Inc. from 1997-1999. During that time, he also worked as an essayist for CBS evening news and was a visiting professor at Stanford University, University of Notre Dame and the

University of Maryland. Senator Bradley served in the U.S. Senate from 1979 – 1997 representing the state of New Jersey. In 2000, he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States. Prior to serving in the Senate, he was an Olympic gold medalist in 1964 and a professional basketball player with the New York Knicks from 1967 – 1977 during which time they won 2 NBA championships. In 1982, he was elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame. Senator Bradley holds a BA degree in American History from Princeton University and an MA degree from Oxford University where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He has authored seven books on American politics, culture and economy, including his latest book We Can All Do Better. Currently, Senator Bradley hosts American Voices, a weekly show on Sirius XM Satellite Radio that highlights the remarkable accomplishments of Americans both famous and unknown.



2021 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GAME AWARD

Andre Tippett

Andre was born in Alabama and grew up in Newark, NJ. A product of Barringer High School, where he was a three sport standout athlete lettering in football, wrestling and track and field.

He was recruited by the University of Iowa and was two time All-Big-Ten in 1980 & 1981, and All-American in 1981. He helped lead the Hawkeyes to their first winning season, their first Big Ten title and the first Rose Bowl appearance in two decades.

He was subsequently drafted in the 2nd round by the New England Patriots in 1982, where he played 11 seasons at linebacker from 1982-1993. He was a 5 time Pro-Bowler, NFL Defensive Player of the Year, AFC Player of the Year, NFL 1980's All-Decade Team, NE Patriots Hall of Fame, '100 sacks Club', 2x 1st team All Pro, and 2X 2nd Team All Prow. In 2008 he was enshrined in the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

This year, the National Football Foundation, the parent organization of our chapter will be inducting Andre into the College Football hall of Fame in December, 2021.

He has studied martial arts for over three decades and holds a 6th degree black belt in Uechi-ryu karate and is certified under the Okinawa Karate-do Association based in Okinawa, Japan.

Andre and wife Rhonda, reside in Massachusetts, with their three daughters and a son.

He currently serves as Executive Director of Community Affairs for the New England Patriots.







2021 DISTINGUISHED COACH AWARD

Brian Bowers

The Distinguished Coach Award provides recognition to those whose efforts to support the NFF and its goals have been local in nature and who have made significant contributions to the game of football in which it is played, and coached, both on and off the field, while providing examples of perseverance, leadership, and sportsmanship.

This year's award winner, Coach Brian Bowers, supports the Foundation's fundamental creed without flaw.

Coach Brian Bowers has served as Delbarton School's Head football coach for the past 18 years. Under Coach Bowers' leadership, the Green Wave have won eleven conference championships, competed in five State Championship games - and sent scores of players on to prominent college football programs around the country. Coach Bowers was awarded the Morris County Coaches Association "Bill Regan Coach of the Year" Award in 2012 and, again last year in 2020.

Before being named HC in 2003, Bowers served as an assistant coach under HC John Kowalik for 6 years. Prior to arriving at Delbarton, Bowers coached at Williams College, the University of Pennsylvania and at Stony Brook University.

Coach Bowers is a 1991 graduate of Union College where he played tight end. His 1989 Union College team played in the Division III National Championship (Stagg Bowl) game. Coach Bowers is a member of the History department and he currently teaches the Senior Leadership class.

Coach Bowers is also the Assistant Director of Athletics. Brian and his wife Melanie are the proud parents of three daughters - Lexi, Mary and Tessa.



20 SCHOLAR



DANNY PORTAS Boonton



CRISTIAN VERRICO Butler



JACK KUPPERHEIMER Chatham



OWEN HAND Delbarton



JULIAN CHAVARRO Dover



DYLAN GONZALEZ Fairleigh Dickinson University



DEVIN FEENEY Hackettstown



JUSTIN TULI Hanover Park



ALEX BUCHWALD High Point



FRANCESCO MASTROENI Hopatcong



MICHAEL GOULD Jefferson



MATTHEW SMITH Kinnelon



TYLER SWEATT Kittatinny



GAVIN COLES Lenape Valley



LUKE VOORHEES Madison



NICK AMOROSO Montville



DANIEL BENNETT Morris Catholic



DAUNTE WHITE Morris Hills



MICHAEL DRUCKER Morris Knolls



JACKSON WILLETTE Morristown

21 ATHLETES



GREG SUTTON Morristown-Beard



GAVIN LOCKWOOD Mount Olive



THOMAS BARKAUSKAS Mountain Lakes



AARON FANTASIA Newton



LUCAS VAN HORN North Warren



MICHAEL MARUCCI Parsippany



JORDAN THOMPSON Parsippany Hills



EVAN JOYCE Pequannock



LIAM GANG Pope John XXIII



CORY NACLERIO Randolph



LUCAS SPITZER Roxbury



BREDAN CINA Sparta



TREVOR GRUBER Sussex Tech



ADEN MOSKOVITZ Vernon



ROMEO CUEVAS Wallkill Valley



ANDREW PRUSS West Morris Central



PATRICK ROBERTSON West Morris Mendham



JOHN BRULATO Whippany



Atlantic Health System

Congratulations ADEN MOSKOVITZ

Vernon High School

We are so proud of you. We know you will be successful in whatever the future has installed for you.

Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS Captain Liam Gang #64

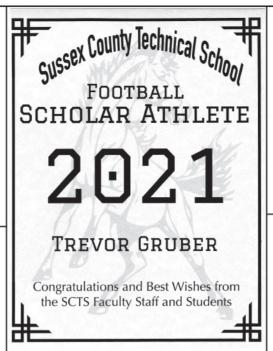
Pope John XXIII High School

FAITH
FAMILY
ACADEMICS
FOOTBALL

We are all very proud of you! We love and support you,

> Mom, Dad, Olivia, Luke, Lilly & Oliver

GO LIONS! GO CATS! Villanova '25





Congratulations Romeo Cuevas #2

Wallkill Valley Regional High School

We are so proud of you. No matter what came your way, you always kept your head held high and gave it your all. We know you will be successful in whatever the future has planned for you. We love you always and forever.

Love Mom. Dad. Bella and Mimi

CONGRATULATIONS Andrew Pruss #3

West Morris Central High School

The entire Wolfpack family is Proud of You!

Go Pack!

CONGRATULATIONS Tyler Sweatt

Kittatinny Regional High School

The entire Cougar Family is proud of your accomplishments on and off the field!

Go COUGS!

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 Jordan Thompson #11

Parsippany Hills High School

We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Continue to work hard, stay focused and dream big and great things will follow.

Love, Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS Greg Sutton '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 Andy Pruss #3

West Morris Central High School

We are so proud of your hard work, dedication and commitment to always be your best. You make us so proud.

Love, Mom, Dad, Matthew, and Ryan

CONGRATULATIONS Daunte White #5

Morris Hills High School

Everyone is very proud of everything you have accomplished on and off the football field. We look forward to you becoming a successful student athlete in college. You are an inspiration to your brother, sister, family and friends. We love you and wish you the best in the next chapter of your life!

Love, Dad, Mom, and the family

CONGRATULATIONS Michael Drucker #54

Morris Knolls High School

We are extremely proud of your achievements both on and off the field. We can't wait to see what the future holds for you! Love your biggest fans,

Mom, Dad, and Jayme

CONGRATULATIONS **GAVIN LOCKWOOD**

MT. Olive High School

We are extremely proud of your achievements both on and off the field. We can't wait to see what the future holds for you!

Mt. Olive Faculty and Staff

CONGRATULATIONS OWEN HAND #77

Delbarton School

Your hard work and dedication to our football program has been exemplary!

CONGRATULATIONS! DANNY PORTAS

The entire BOOTON staff and students are proud of you!

CONGRATULATIONS **LUCAS VAN HORN**

North Warren High School

We are so proud of you! Keep up the good work and best of luck in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS NICK AMOROSO

Montville High School

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Whippany Park High School

We are so very proud of the fine young man you've grown into on and off the a great student and a great person! Congratulation on receiving this award! Love, Mom and Dad

JOHN BRULATO

football field. You are a great teammate,

CONGRATULATIONS CAPTAIN THOMAS **BARKAUSKAS #74**

Mountain Lakes High School

Your integrity, heart and determination are a part of everything that you do! We are so proud of all that you have accomplished and exactly who you are!

Remember that no matter where you go and what you achieve, we will always be your biggest fans!

Love. Dad, Mom, Richard, Matthew & Emma

CONGRATULATIONS GREG SUTTON

Morriston-Beard High School

Wishing you continued success both on and off the field.

We are so proud of you.

CONGRATULATIONS

GAVIN COLES #11

Lenape Valley Regional High School

We are proud of all your hard work and accomplishments. You represent all that we try to promote and encourage in athletics and academics. You are a true leader and role model for others.

CONGRATULATIONS BREDAN CINA

Sparta High School

We are so proud of you! Keep up the good work and best of luck in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS **GREG SUTTON**

Morriston-Beard High School

Wishing you continued success both on and off the field.

We are so proud of you.

CONGRATULATIONS Michael Drucker #54

Morris Knolls High School

We are extremely proud of your achievements both on and off the field.
We can't wait to see what the future holds for you!

Love your biggest fans, Mom, Dad, and Jayme

Jackson Willette

Morristown High School

Congratulations Jackson. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Warmest regards, Mother & Father

CONGRATULATIONS Alex Buchwald

High Point Regional High School

Congratulations on another outstanding accomplishment. We are beyond proud of all you do on and off the field. Always continue to dream BIG and work HARD!

We love you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Kate & Eric

CONGRATULATIONS Evan Joyce #24

Pequannock High School
Evan you are an amazing young man.
Your hard work and tenacity will bring you
much success in life. Your compassionate
heart and understanding soul will bring
you much love and friendship. We are so
proud of you.

Love always, Mom, Dad, Sarah, The Blooms and the Benacquista's

CONGRATULATIONS Devin Feeney #14

Hackettstown Football

The Hackettstown Football
Booster Club, the high school and
entire Hackettstown community
are very proud of all that you have
accomplished!

Go Tigers!

CONGRATULATIONS! Michael Marucci #55

The entire Parsippany Red Hawk Family is proud of you!

CONGRATULATIONS Michael Gould

Jefferson Twp. H.S.

Hard work pays off

FalconNation

CONGRATULATIONS Justin Tuli

Hanover Park High School

On behalf of the Hanover Park staff, administration, and students, we wish you all the best in the next phase in life and we thank you for representing our school with pride and dignity.

Great Job and Good Luck!

CONGRATULATIONS Patrick Robertson #6

West Morris Mendham High School

The Booster Club and entire Mendham Football community are proud of you!

GO MINUTEMEN!

CONGRATULATIONS Matthew Smith

Kinnelon High School

Congratulations Matt! We are so proud of all you have accomllished on and off the field. You have proven there are no limits to what you are capable of. Keep working hard and never settle. We love you!

Love, Mom, Dad & Craig

CONGRATULATIONS Frank Mastroeni #5

Hopatcong High School

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

Proud to be a Chief!!!

OWEN HAND

Delbarton High School

You have represented yourself and Delbarton with integrity.
We are very proud of you!

The HAND FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS Michael Marucci

Parsippany High School

We are so proud of your hard work and commitment to excellence both on and off the field. Wishing you continued success and we cannot wait to see all that you accomplish.

Love, Mom, Dad, Vivian & Rocco

CONGRATULATIONS Lucas Spitzer

Roxbury High School

You have made your family proud with all you have accomplished on and off the field. Stay focused, work hard, and the make the most of your opportunities ahead.

Love, Mom, Dad, Jess and the rest of the Spitzer gang.

CONGRATULATIONS Jordan Thompson #11

Parsippany Hills High School

The entire Par Hills
Viking family is proud of you.

CONGRATULATIONS Captain Cristian Verrico #1

Butler H.S.

I am so proud of all you have accomplished on and off the field.
Remember to always work hard, dream big and great things will be within reach.
Wishing you continued success in whatever your future holds.

Love your #1 fan, Grandma Verrico

CONGRATULATIONS

You've made our whole school and football family proud with the way you live, serve, and perform. You live out our core values of

Faith
Toughness
Hard Work
and Discipline
on a daily basis!

We love you! God Bless you #55

Go Crusaders!

Morris Catholic High School

CONGRATULATIONS LUCAS SPITZER #8!!

Lucas, the Roxbury Football Fan Club and the Roxbury High School Football Team couldn't be more proud of you. What you have accomplished both on and off the field is a testament to your hard work and dedication.

Best of luck at TCNJ and with all that the future has in store for you!

CONGRATULATIONS Cristian Verrico #1

Butler High School

You closed out this chapter of your life in stellar fashion despitae the many obstacles you faced. We are very proud of your accomplishments both on and off the field, but most of all we are proud of the outstanding young man you have become. We wish you continued success in the future.

Love, Mom. Dad & Will

CONGRATULATIONS Julian Chavarro #13

Dover High School

You have made us all so proud!

Congratulations on your accomplishment.

One success in life changes the zeal to earn more success.

Continue to dream big and work hard and great things will follow.

Love, Mom, Oscar, and Alaia.

CONGRATULATIONS Devin Feeney #14

Hackettstown High School

We are beyond proud of your accomplishments on and off the field! You have an exciting future to look forward to; continue to be the hard working, humble and kind young man you are, and success will follow.

Love always, Mom. Dad and Alex

CONGRATULATIONS LUKE VOORHEES!

MADISON HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE



#73





The Mountain Lakes Football Team
HERD Alumni
MLHS Athletic Department
and the entire Mountain Lakes High School
Congratulate

THOMAS BARKAUSKAS #74 Excellence in All Areas.

A great football player, student and teammate.

CONGRATULATIONS Captain Dylan Gonzalez #52

Fairleigh Dickinsonn University Class of 2021

We are so proud of all your achievements on and off the field. Continue to dream big, work hard and never settle. Wishing you continued success in all you do and we can't wait to see what your future holds!

Love, your biggest fans, Mom, BV, Ally, Lil'Vic, Nicole, Annie and Madison

congratulations Alex Buchwald #7

Your accomplishments on and off the field are unparalleled.

High Point is incredibly proud of you and we are so excited to continue watching you excel at the next level.

CONGRATULATIONS Julian Chavarro

Dover High School

Julian congratulations on a great high school career. We are very proud of how much you have grown over the past four years. We are very excited to see you continue to grow well into adulthood.

Dover Football Family

CONGRATULATIONS Jack Kuppenheimer #48

Captain Chatham High School

Jack - you have kept your nose to the grindstone and worked so hard on the field and in the classroom. We're so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Will & Paul

















































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Congratulates The Greater Morris County National Football Foundation

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2020 Class of Football Scholar-Athletes

The Greater Morris County Chapter of the National Football Foundation is proud to announce the 2020 Scholar-Athlete Award winners. On May 17, 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

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% athleticism and 20% citizenship. Also recognized were the NFF's 2020 Distinguished American Joseph Piscopo, Distinguished Coach recipient, Kevin Hennelly and Contributor to the Game recipient Mike Murphy, who both embody the chapter's core principles of



civic responsibility and professional excellence.



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