

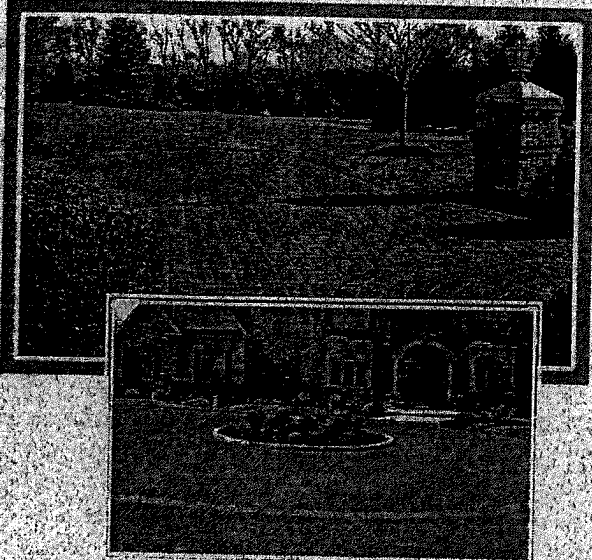
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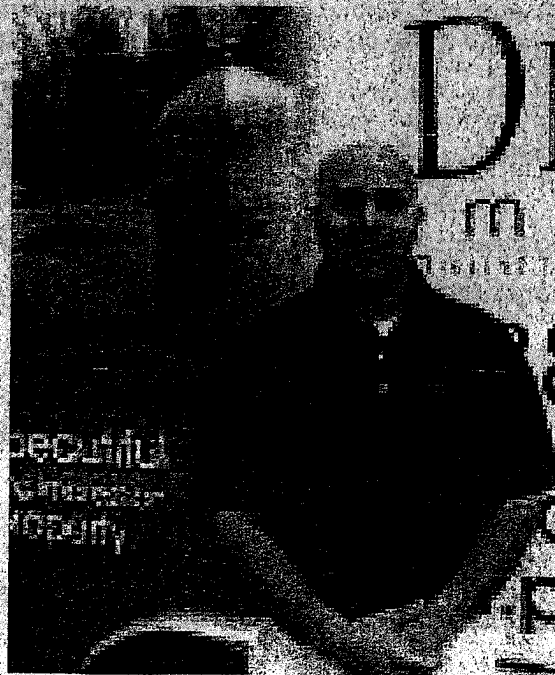
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Ed Belfi

Class of 1977

Football, Baseball, Basketball, Track and Field

Ed Belfi starred in 4 sports and accumulated 11 varsity letters during his tenure at Buena Regional High School. Upon graduation, he attended Maryville College in Tennessee where he excelled in football. Ed has been a teacher in the Vineland School District for over 20 years and has been the head football coach at Vineland High School for the last 9 years. He is married to wife Carol and has a son Edward and a daughter Kayla.

Honors:

- Football - All league, 1974-1976
- Football - All Press Area, 1975-1976
- Football - All Daily Journal, 1975-1976
- Football – MVP, 1975-1976
- Football - All South Jersey Group 2, 1976
- Football - All South Jersey, 1976
- Football - All State, 1976
- Football - 4th Quarter Award
- Football - Top 100 players in New Jersey, 1976
- Basketball - “War on the Boards” award, 1976-1977
- Track- Atlantic Co. Javelin Champion, 1977
- Atlantic Co. Athlete of the Year, 1977
- Team Captain, All League and Little All American football player at Maryville College in Tennessee

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Bob Hanson

Class of 1995

Wrestling, Cross Country

Bob Hanson graduated from Buena Regional High School with the most wins in New Jersey State scholastic wrestling history and is one of the most decorated wrestlers in South Jersey history. After high school graduation, he attended Syracuse University and the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga on wrestling scholarships and continued his wrestling excellence in college. Bob presently lives in Lansdale, PA and is a computer engineer.

Honors:

- Cross country- 4 time varsity lettermen, 1992-1995
- Wrestling – career record 134-5
- Wrestling – All South Jersey, 1995
- Wrestling – 4 time district champion, 1992-1995
- Wrestling – 4 time Region 8 champion, 1992-1995
- Wrestling – One of only 5 wrestlers in South Jersey to be a 4 time district and regional wrestling champion
- Wrestling – 4 time Edgewood Tournament Champion, 1992-1995
- Wrestling – 2nd place, NJ State Wrestling Championships, 1995
- Wrestling – 3rd place, NJ State Wrestling Championships, 1992, 1994
- Wrestling – 3rd place, Senior National Wrestling Championships, 1995
- Wrestling – 8th place, Junior National Championships
- Wrestling – 4 time NCAA Division 1 National Wrestling Championships qualifier
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Edmund Sanford

Class of 1975

Football, Basketball, Baseball

Edmund Sanford was a 3 sport standout for Buena Regional High School who earned a varsity letter in every season he played. After high school, he played baseball in college at Miami Dade North and then played baseball professionally in the Kansas City Royals and St. Louis Cardinals organizations for 6 years. Ed is presently a businessman in the field of health and financial wellness. He lives in Bradenton, Fl with wife Sheri and son Edmund Jr.

Honors:

- Football – All Cape Atlantic League, 1974-1975
- Football – All Atlantic County, 1974-1975
- Football – All South Jersey, All Group 2, 1974
- Football – All State, 3rd team Quarterback, 1975
- Basketball – Team Captain, 1974-1975
- Basketball – 2nd team All Cape Atlantic League, 1974
- Basketball – All Cape Atlantic League, 1975
- Basketball – All Atlantic County, 1975
- Basketball – All South Jersey, All Group 2, 1975
- Baseball – Team Captain, 1974-1975
- Baseball – All Cape Atlantic Team, 1974
- Baseball – 2nd team All Atlantic County, 1974
- Baseball – 2nd team, All South Jersey All Group 2
- Baseball – All Cape Atlantic League, All Atlantic County, All South Jersey All Group 2, 1975
- Baseball - 3rd team, All State, 1975

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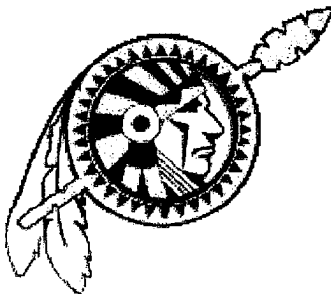
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Kimetha Hall-Topping

Class of 1977

Field Hockey, Basketball, Softball

Kim Hall-Topping was a three sport star at Buena Regional High School who achieved 11 varsity letters during her athletic career and was the first woman athlete in Buena history to score 1,000 points in basketball. Also a standout in the classroom, she received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where she joined the second class of women ever to enter the Academy. Kim served for over 20 years during a decorated military career and retired after achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. She is presently a government consultant and senior research specialist for the Battelle Memorial Institute and lives in northern Virginia with her daughters Jordyn and Taylor.

Honors:

- Softball – 4 time varsity letter winner, 1974-1977
- Softball – Multiple year selection to All South Jersey All-Star teams
- Basketball – 4 time varsity letter winner, 1974-1977
- Basketball – Multiple year selection to All South jersey All-Star teams
- Basketball – 1st female athlete in school history to score over 1,000 points in their career in basketball
- Field Hockey - 3 time varsity letter winner
- Basketball - 4 time varsity letter winner at West Point
- Basketball – 1,000 points scored in her career at West Point
- Softball – 4 time varsity letter winner at West Point
- Assistant basketball coach at Leavenworth(KS) High School
- Decorated 20 year military career and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel

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Rick Dellagatta

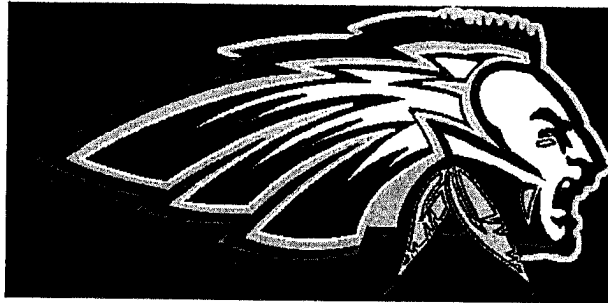
Class of 1977

Wrestling

Rick Dellagatta graduated from Buena Regional High School as a standout scholastic wrestler whose career would take him to the international stage. After an All-American wrestling career at the University of Kentucky, he excelled in international freestyle competitions and won many international championships. Rick is presently owner of a consulting group and lives in Frisco, TX with his wife Cara and children Ricky, Emma, Isabella, Michael and Rocco.

Wrestling Honors:

- Career High School record of 78-8
- All South Jersey
- 2 time District and Region Champion(Outstanding Wrestler Award)
- Career record of 124-20 at the University of Kentucky
- Athlete of the year-University of Kentucky
- 2 time Southeastern Conference Champion(OW)
- Midwest Region Champion(OW)
- Lehigh Invitational and Great Plains Champion(OW)
- 4 time Great Lakes Champion(OW)
- 2 time Southern Open Champion(OW)
- 3 time USA National Wrestling Championship Team
- Bronze medal, USA Freestyle Nationals
- 3 time USA National Freestyle Champion(OW)
- AAU National Freestyle Champion
- USA Wrestling World Cup gold medal team
- 2 time Canadian Cup Freestyle Champion(OW)
- Cerro Pelado Freestyle Champion(Cuba)(OW)
- Silver medal, World University Games
- Named Outstanding Wrestler at USA Wrestling Nationals
- Twice pinned and defeated 3 time Olympic Champion Sergei Beloglozov
- Inducted into the South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame
- As a wrestling coach, instructed over 50 age group state champs, 6 national age group champs, 17 high school state champs, 3 high school national champs, 13 high school All Americans, 3 NCAA champions and 9 NCAA All-Americans.



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Bill Barrale

Class of 1989

Football, Baseball

Bill Barrale starred for the Buena Regional High School football and baseball teams in the mid to late 1980s. After graduation, he received a full athletic scholarship to Northeastern University where he continued to excel at both football and baseball. After coaching at several colleges and universities, Bill presently is an Assistant Professor, Head Baseball Coach, and offensive coordinator at Williams College. He lives in Williamstown, MA with his wife Alix and children Maggie, Jude, and Lily.

Honors:

- Football – School record for touchdown passes in a season, 1986
- Football - 2nd team All Cape Atlantic League, 1987
- Baseball – 2nd team All Cape Atlantic League, 1987
- Football – 1st team All Cape, 1st team All Group 2, 2nd team All South Jersey for 11-0 South Jersey Group 2 Champions, 1988
- Baseball – 1st team All Cape, 1st team All Group 2, 2nd team All South Jersey and selected to play in the Carpenter Cup, 1988
- Baseball – School record for stolen bases in a season, 1988
- Baseball – 1st team All Cape, 1st team All Group 2, 2nd team All South Jersey and selected to play in the Carpenter Cup, 1989
- 6 varsity letters at Northeastern University in football and baseball
- Led Northeastern University football in total offense, 1990
- All Conference Outfielder and All Academic team, Northeastern University, 1994
- All Conference Tournament team and Tournament MVP, Northeastern University, 1994

Congratulations to our inaugural class into the Buena Athletic Hall of Fame! You have made us proud!

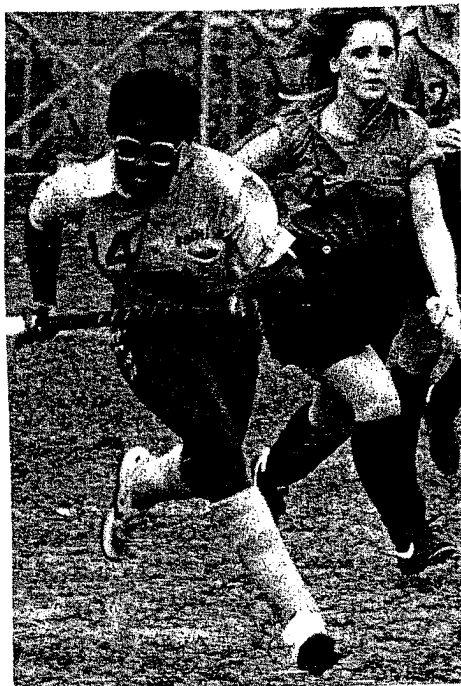


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LAURIE REED ABBOTT

GAYANNE SPIVEY



Kim Hall



GAYANNE SPIVEY



Laurie Reed Abbott

Class of 1987

Field Hockey, Softball

Laurie Reed Abbott was a 2 sport standout at Buena Regional High School who earned a varsity letter in every season she participated and owned many school records upon graduation. After high school, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stockton State College and proceeded to coach various sports and activities in the Buena Regional School district. Laurie is presently employed by the Buena Regional School district as a teacher's aide at Milanesi School. She lives in Malaga, NJ with her husband Bryan and daughters Heather, Hailey, and Pamela.

Honors:

- Softball – 4 year letter winner, 1984-1987 MVP, 1986
- Softball – Graduated with most hits in a career(129)
- Softball - Record holder for most RBIs in a season(41) and career(100)
- Softball – All Cape Atlantic League, 1986-1987
- Softball – Honorable mention, All Cape Atlantic League, 1985
- Softball – Millville Tournament MVP, 1986
- Field Hockey – 4 year letter winner, 1984-1987
- Field Hockey – All Cape Atlantic League, 1985 and 1987
- Field Hockey – All Area Athlete, 1st/2nd team, 1984-1987
- Field Hockey – 2nd team All South Jersey All Group 2, 1985
- Field Hockey – single-season record holder for saves(115) and shutouts(12)
- Field Hockey – career record holder for shutouts in a career(31)

Thoughts from the Inductees...

Gayanne Spivey:

"Fortunately during my tenure at Buena there were many folks who offered incessant support both on and off the court. I call them my Titans, and not a day goes by that I don't remember their kindness, love and unrelenting support and contributions in helping me self actualize. They are, to name a few...my family, Mrs. Tripoli (who never missed any game/meet and whom threatened to 'tell Lorraine' (my mother) that I was flirting with a 'C' in history), Mr. Rice, Mr. Namiotka, the former Ms. Fickett, Pearl, Shawn, DeDe, Mindy and all my teammates who were subjected to my ferocious intensity that was downright mean at times in my determination for Buena to not be in the basement of the league and county in girls basketball and hockey like we were when I go there. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. Special thanks to my sister Karen (Valedictorian 1984) for setting the bar super high for me both on and off the field. To my parents and grandmother for 'the gifts' and for demonstrating a work ethic on a daily basis I tried to emulate. Thank you Boo, KeKe, Virgil and the boys at OLV for letting me play football and basketball with you. You made me fearless. Lastly, to the boys basketball team who helped me earn my scholarship and for Frank and Kirby for their loving adoration that only a brother could render."

Donald Miller:

"First and foremost I would like to thank my Mom and Dad who gave me the encouragement to succeed and also disciplined me enough to keep my head straight and stay out of trouble. Much of my high school baseball success was due to Coach Luisi who taught me to 'never be satisfied with your success,' keep striving for more, and work hard. I want to thank the rest of my family and friends that supported me during high school and into my college years. We were so lucky to have John Kulikowski as our principal. He cared about the students and loved athletics. How can we forget the time he called half day to celebrate our first baseball championship in 1974 and had us parade through Vineland?"

Donald Miller

Class of 1976

Football, Baseball

Donald Miller pitched the first baseball game in Buena Regional High School history, a win over Wildwood and starred on the baseball and football teams until he graduated. He played on the baseball team for 4 years at Biscayne College and graduated with a degree in Sports Administration. Upon graduation, Donnie had the unique job of road manager for the San Diego Chicken. He had a 10 year career as coach and general manager of various teams in Minor League Baseball. Donald presently serves as Director of the Stockton, California Sports Commission and lives there with his wife Janice, and children Nathan and Janelle.

Honors:

- Baseball - Pitched the first baseball game in BRHS History, 1974
- Football – 3 year varsity letterman, 1974-1976
- Baseball – pitched a one-hitter against Hammonton to win the Cape Atlantic League Baseball Championship, 1975
- Baseball – 1st team All Cape Atlantic league, 1974-1976
- Baseball – 1st team All South jersey, 1976
- Baseball – 3 year pitching record of 27-7
- Baseball – Senior year pitching record of 13-1, 1976
- Baseball – Senior year batting average of .427, 1976
- Buena Regional HS Male Athlete of the Year, 1976
- 4 year letterman in baseball at Biscayne College in Miami, Fl

Ed Belfi:

"I would like to personally thank and acknowledge the following people who supported me during life: My parents Thomas and Jan Belfi for being at every event from midget football to present. My brothers and sisters who always support me in whatever I tried. My wife Carol and children for understanding that athletics are an important part of my life. Jay Luisi for giving me a positive experience in football and helping me make it a lifetime achievement. Gary Cocking, Joe Peterson, Kenny Nelson, Bob Guccio, and Ron Anderson. The teachers at Buena Regional for keeping me grounded in a confusing time in my life and making me realize that academics are so important. My teammates and their parents who always had time for us. Cooking meals and enjoying each other's company after games, on Mondays watching film, and at the games each week."

Bill Barrale:

"Thank you, Coach Donohue for making a teenager into a man, and for demanding accountability in my life. Thank you, Coach Cocking for teaching me to respect the game of baseball and allowing me freedom on the diamond. Thank you, Coach Guccio for being a friend and a coach when that transformation from teenager to man wasn't easy. Thank you to my entire family for their love and support, especially my mother and her prayers. The 1988 football team for an unbelievable season. And, most importantly, Jesus for being my Lord and Savior."

Rick Dellagatta:

"My inspirations-My parents and my Aunt Marie. My mother Eleanor and Aunt Marie Gatto. Raising 7 children and working hard to teach us to be good citizens, and have strong faith. My father Joe was a Marine and served our country in the Korean conflict. He taught us to be proud Americans, good citizens, and love family."

Thoughts from the Inductees...

Charles “Chick” Cowell, Jr.

Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director

Buena Regional School District, 1956-1991

Chick Cowell was a fixture in the Buena Regional School District at J.P. Cleary Jr. High School and Buena Regional High School for over 35 years. After an excellent athletic and academic undergraduate collegiate career at Bloomfield College and Glassboro State Teachers College (now Rowan University), he did graduate work at Springfield College in Massachusetts prior to a tour of military duty in the US Army. After his military discharge, Chick started teaching health and physical education at Cleary Jr. High and coached football, basketball, baseball and track for 17 years. In 1973 he transferred to the newly opened Buena Regional High school as Athletic Director and Drivers Education Teacher and also coached football and baseball. He retired in 1991 after more than 35 years of service in the Buena Regional School district. Chick now lives in Haines City, FL, with his wife of 53 years Irene and is father to daughters Donna and Patricia and son Charles Cowell III.

Honors and Achievements:

- Inducted into the South Jersey Coach’s Hall of Fame, 1986
- Excelled at and was varsity letter winner in football, basketball and baseball while at Glassboro State College
- Inducted into the Glassboro State College Hall of Fame, 1992
- Inducted into the Greater Vineland Baseball League Hall of Fame, 2002
- Founded the Buena Braves Football Club and was its first coach
- Started football program at Cleary Jr. High School
- Coached football, basketball, baseball and track at Cleary Jr. High
- During one stretch the Cleary Jr. High School football team was undefeated for six straight years with a record of 36-0
- First Athletic Director at Buena Regional High School
- Coached baseball and football at Buena Regional High School
- Won multiple Cape Atlantic League titles as baseball coach at Buena Regional HS
- Co-founder of Buena Regional High School team colors and the “Chief” logo

Congratulations to all the athletes and coaches

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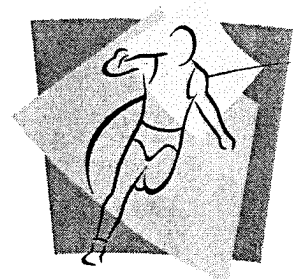
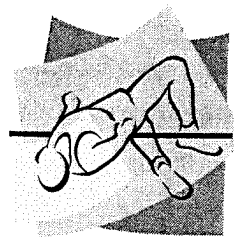
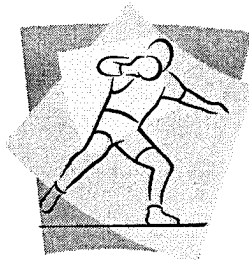
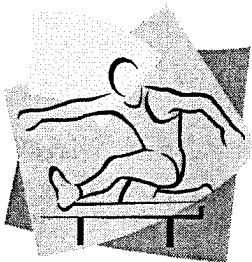
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*Thank you for creating a tradition for our
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From the Buena Regional

*Track and Field and Cross Country Athletes and
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Gayanne Spivey

Class of 1986

Basketball, Field Hockey, Track

Gayanne Spivey was a true 3 sport star who accumulated 10 varsity letters at Buena Regional High School and graduated as one of the most decorated athletes in the school's history. She attended St. Peter's College where she had an exceptional basketball career and graduated as the all-time assists leader at that school. Gayanne presently lives in Newtonville, NJ and is owner of the retail clothing store By Design in Sicklerville, NJ.

Honors:

- Field Hockey – South Jersey Newcomer of the Year, 1984
- Field Hockey, Basketball - Team MVP, 1984
- Track – Team MVP, 1985
- Field Hockey – Team MVP, 1986
- Field Hockey, Basketball, Track – All Cape Atlantic League, 1985
- Field hockey, Basketball – All Cape Atlantic League, 1986
- Field Hockey, Basketball, Track – All Atlantic County, 1985
- Field hockey, Basketball – All Atlantic County, 1986
- Track – County Champion, 400 meters, 1984-1985
- Track – County Champion, 200 meters and Long Jump, 1985
- Track – South Jersey Group 2 Champion, Long Jump and 200 meters, 1984
- Track – South Jersey Group 2 Champion, 400 meter relay, 1985
- Track – 6th at NJ State Championships, 400 meters, 1984
- Track – 7th at NJ State Championships, 400meters, 1985
- Track – All South Jersey, 1985
- Field Hockey – All South Jersey, 1985-1986
- Basketball – All South Jersey, 1986-1986
- Graduated academically in the Top 10 of her graduating class and was a member of the National Honor Society
- All time career and single season basketball assist leader at St. Peter's College

Thoughts from the Inductees...

Edmund Sanford:

"The memory of our 1st baseball championship will always be a fond memory. Special thanks to Larry Marandino for hitting the home run to win it all. I was on deck, and who knows? Thanks to the coaches, teachers, and friends for their support and contributions to my successes though life."

Laurie Reed Abbott:

"To Mrs. Meyrick and Fickett, who have supported me through thick and thin, I appreciate you both. I know you purchased an extreme amount of hair dye the four years you coached me. I am very thankful for having you in my life to this day. You have both made a difference in my life and for that I am thankful.

Mr. Soboloski, I look back to twenty years ago when you first gave me the opportunity to become a coach. You were instrumental in allowing me to do what I love in the coaching field. I have been able to touch the lives of many athletes and make a difference. I appreciate all you've done on my behalf.

Mom and Dad, all of my life I have had the opportunity of pursuing my dreams. This was only because you were both so dedicated every minute to my wants and needs. Running me from field to field and eating dinner late many nights never seemed to faze you. I realize now how many sacrifices were made to help me achieve my goals. You are the best and I love you both.

To my family Bryan, Heather, Hailey and Pamela, I appreciate every one of you. I realize my coaching sometimes interferes with our home life. The late night dinners and the shortened weekends cut down on our family time. You guys always support my love of being a coach and accept everything that comes with it. You're awesome! I love you guys, XOXO..."

1974 Buena Baseball.....our first championship team.

1st ROW: Mgr. Diane Mastrangelo. MISSING: Sharon Vassallo. 2nd ROW: Mike Muccio, Terry Smith, Don Miller, Tom Consalo, Larry Marandino, Juan Rodriguez, Bill Fennen. 3rd ROW: Tony Trommello, Robin Banks, Ed. Belfi, Carl Dolente, Walt Grisky. 4th ROW: Gary Cocking, Ass't Coach, Julio Rodriguez, Aaron Day, Ed Sanford, Paul Michelett, Head Coach Jay Luisi. MISSING: Jim Vassallo.



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1974 Varsity Baseball

In the first year of Varsity Baseball, the Chiefs won the Cape-Atlantic League Championship with a 14-4 record. The history making Chiefs met rival Sacred Heart in the championship game and won 5-4. With one out in the last inning, and the game tied 4-4, Larry Marandino hit a homerun over the left field fence to win the game. With their outstanding record, the first year Chiefs were rated as the number one team in Atlantic County.

Coach Jay Luisi



Ass't Coach
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CHARLES "CHICK"
COWELL, JR.



Hello,

I just received word of the Hall of Fame Inductees. Looking over the list there are definitely some names I remember. They like the other names on the list were our Titans of sports. They made our High School days much more memorable. Whether they were passing for a touchdown, throwing a 90mph pitch or pinning their opponents. It all contributed to a time in our life that definitely put some of the building blocks for the persons we are today.

I am very proud to have gone to B.R.H.S. and am so glad that we are honoring these athletes. I would like to give this small donation in hopes it will help. The only thing I would ask is, if I could be sent a program from the function. I am presently out of country. Seems to be a habit of my job.

Congratulations to all and God Bless.

Rick Hernandez

Class of 76'

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