

# BUENA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

### **Third Annual Induction Ceremony**

**Sunday, November 27, 2011  
Buena Vista Country Club**

**Congratulations to all the  
Inductees to the  
Buena Regional High School  
Athletic Hall of Fame!**



**June 9, 2012**

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# **Buena Regional Athletic Hall of Fame**

## **2011 Induction Ceremony**

**2:00pm- 3:00pm**

*Social Hour*

**3:00pm-6:00pm**

*Dinner and induction Ceremony*

**Invocation**

**Dinner**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
**Master of Ceremonies**

*John Patrignani*

**Individual inductees**

**Team Induction**

**Closing Remarks**

*Brett Aretz, Chairman, HOF Committee*

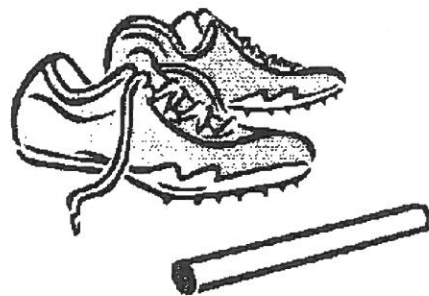
# congratulations

to the Buena Athletic Hall of Fame

Class of 2011

at their induction ceremony

Thank you for inspiring the athletes that  
walk the halls of Buena Regional High  
School today and for years to come



The Buena Track and Field Staff

Wil Barry, Mike Falciani, Greg Gruver,

Mike Loiseau & Stephanie Winkler

# Alisa Petitt

## Class of 2003

### Soccer, Track & Field

Alisa Petitt earned 6 varsity letters while excelling in soccer and track & field for Buena Regional High School. Upon graduation, she attended Elon University and played soccer where she started all four years. Alisa graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Broadcast Communications and recently received her Master's Degree in Interactive Media. Alisa worked for 2 years in the sports department at WFMY-TV (CBS affiliate) in Greensboro, NC, covering local and national sports. She is currently employed at SportsMEDIA Technology Corporation in Durham, NC, as an Account Manager, working with CBS, NBA TV, NBC, MLB, NFL Network, NASCAR and other national clients. Alisa completed 2 full marathons and a half marathon. Alisa currently lives in Chapel Hill, NC.

#### Honors:

- Soccer-4 varsity letters
- Soccer-4 time Cape Atlantic League All Star
- Soccer-4 time Daily Journal All Star Team
- Soccer-3 time All South Jersey Group II
- Soccer-3 time Atlantic City Press All Star
- Soccer-2 time Team Captain
- Soccer-All South Jersey
- Soccer-Career goals-112
- Soccer-Daily Journal Offensive Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player
- Soccer-2<sup>nd</sup> Team Atlantic City Press All Star
- Soccer-2<sup>nd</sup> Team All South Jersey Group II
- Track-1<sup>st</sup> Team Cape Atlantic League (1600M Relay Team Member)
- Track-BRHS School Record in 55M dash, 7.2 seconds
- Atlantic City Press Scholar-Athlete
- 3 time qualifier for the NCAA Division I Southern Conference Tournament
- Elon University Women's Soccer 4 year starter, Team Captain, Offensive Most Valuable Player, Coach's Award, Most Inspirational Player, Athletic Director Honor Roll, Most Improved Player and selected as the featured player on the women's soccer program and schedule

The Buena Regional High School  
**TOUCHDOWN CLUB**



is proud to sponsor the 3rd Annual  
**Buena Regional Athletic Hall  
of Fame Induction Ceremony**

Congratulations to all of the inductees!

For more information about the Touchdown Club,  
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on the Community Links tab.

Bill Sneathen – President    Jorge Alvarez – Vice President  
Carol DeFoor – Treasurer    Mike Sacco – Secretary

Head Football Coach – Jonathan Caputo

BRHS Touchdown Club, P.O. Box 293, Landisville, NJ 08326

# Ronald B. Roberts, Jr.

## Class of 1992

### Football, Wrestling, Track & Field

Ron Roberts earned 9 varsity letters while competing in football, wrestling and track & field for Buena Regional High School. Upon graduation, he attended The Peddie School where he played football. Ron attended the University of Delaware where he played football for the Blue Hens. He completed his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. He also received his Master's Degree in Leadership and Education from Seton Hall University. Ron is employed by the New Jersey State Police, assigned to the Emergency Management Section. He is an NCAA Division I-AA football official and a NJSIAA football and wrestling official. He is the grandson of 2009 Inaugural BRHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee, Chick Cowell. Ron presently lives in Landisville, NJ with his wife Christina.

#### Honors:

- Football-2 time 1<sup>st</sup> Team Cape Atlantic League and Atlantic County, 1990, 1991
- Football-1<sup>st</sup> Team All South Jersey, 1991
- Football-1<sup>st</sup> Team All South Jersey Group II, 1991
- Football-3<sup>rd</sup> Team All State, 1991
- Football-2<sup>nd</sup> Team All South Jersey Group II, 1990
- Football-2<sup>nd</sup> Team Atlantic City Press Football All Stars, 1990
- Football-3<sup>rd</sup> Team All South Jersey, 1990
- Football-Averaged 39.7 yards on 41 punts, 16 punts were inside the 10 yards line and 10 punts were inside the 5 yard line, 3 punts included 59, 54 and 52 yards, 1991
- Football-played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual South Jersey Football Coaches Fall of Fame–Rotary Bowl (now the Adam Taliaferro Foundation All Star Football Classic), 1992
- Football-Team Captain, 1991
- Wrestling-2 time 1<sup>st</sup> Team Cape Atlantic League, 1991, 1992
- Wrestling-1<sup>st</sup> Team All South Jersey, 1992
- Wrestling-District 31 Champion, Region 8 Champion and Most Valuable Wrestler, 1992
- Wrestling-2 time Edgewood Christmas Tournament Champion, 1991, 1992
- Wrestling-2 time Team Captain, 1991, 1992
- Wrestling-Career record of 52 wins and 9 losses
- Track-2 time Cape Atlantic League (1600M Relay Team), 1991, 1992
- 1992 Old Grad Award Winner (100<sup>th</sup> recipient honoring the top male athlete in Atlantic County)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Prep at Peddie; registered 107 tackles, 2 sacks, 3 interceptions and 2 fumbles, 1993

Coach Pickett and Buena Softball  
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all the 2011

Hall of Fame Inductees

*especially*

*Kim Iannette Gruccio*

*Dawn Lacer Scott*

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# Dawn (Lacer) Scott

Class of 1992

## Field Hockey, Softball

Dawn (Lacer) Scott earned 6 varsity letters while excelling at field hockey and softball at Buena Regional High School. One of the best softball players in the history of Buena Regional H.S., she held the school's career strikeout record for over ten years. Dawn is currently a stay-at-home mother to her two children, Brittany, who is currently a standout softball player at Buena H.S., and CJ. She presently resides in Buena with her husband Chris.

### Honors:

- Softball-4 varsity letters
- Softball- 4 time All Cape Atlantic League, 1989-1992
- Softball- All South Jersey, 1991 and 1992
- Softball- All State, 1992
- Softball- member of the 1990 and 1991 South Jersey Group 2 Champions
- Softball- Cape Atlantic League Conference Champions, 1989, 1991 and 1992
- Softball- Career pitching record- 63-15
- Softball-Career stat-478 strikeouts
- Softball- pitch 4 career no hitters and 16 career shutouts
- Field hockey-2 varsity letters

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Coach Meyrick's graduating crew



Kim Iannette- 1st Team C.A.L.



*Congratulations to  
Kim Iannette Gruccio*

- *Student-Athlete*
- *Coach*
- *Educator*



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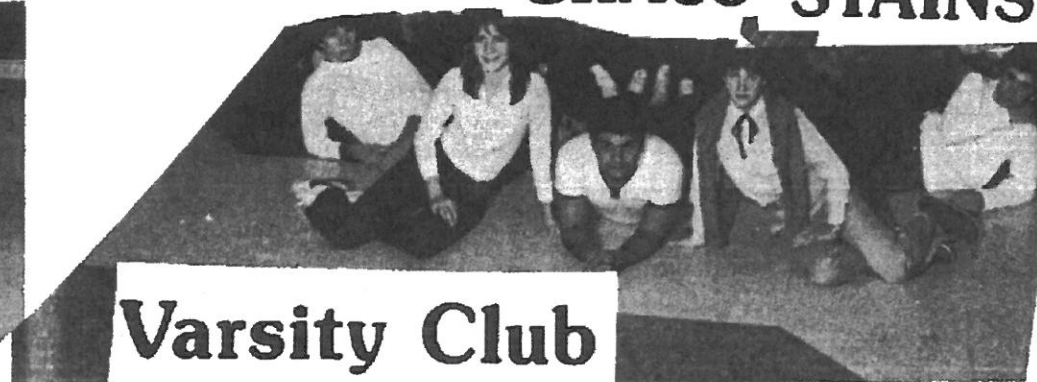
*We are proud of you!  
The BRHS Field Hockey  
And Softball Programs  
Coach Meyrick &  
Coach Pickett*



**GRASS STAINS**



**Varsity Club**



(Above) MOST ATHLETIC: Ismael Rosario and Kim Iannette

B. Aretz, Vice-President, S. Spero, Secretary, I. Rosario, President, K. Iannette, Vice-President, A. Santoro, Treasurer

# Kim (Iannette) Gruccio

## Class of 1983

### Field Hockey, Basketball, Softball

Kim Iannette Gruccio earned 9 varsity letters while excelling in three different sports while competing for Buena Regional High School. After high school, she completed her undergraduate work at Springfield College, received her Master's Degree from Wilmington College, and recently earned her Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership. Kim was employed as a Physical Education/Health Teacher at Hammonton H.S. for 14 years. She moved into educational leadership as both Assistant Principal and Principal of Egg Harbor Twp. H.S. Kim is presently employed as an Assistant Superintendent in the Egg Harbor Twp. School district. She currently lives in Buena with her husband Bob, a long-time coach and teacher at BRHS. Her children, Jared and Karlie, are both Buena graduates and former standout Buena athletes.

#### Honors:

- Field hockey-3 varsity letters
- Field Hockey- Team MVP
- Field Hockey- All Cape Atlantic league 1<sup>st</sup> team
- Softball- 4 varsity letters
- Softball-Team MVP
- Softball- All Cape Atlantic league 2nd team
- Basketball-2 varsity letters
- 151 careers wins-Field Hockey Coach-Hammonton H.S. to include 6 CAL National titles, 1 CAL Conference title, and 1 South Jersey group championship and 1 NJ State Finals appearance.
- Head Softball Coach-Hammonton H.S. to include 2 CAL titles and 1 South Jersey Group championship
- Inducted into the Hammonton H.S. Hall of Fame

**THE BUENA WRESTLING  
BOOSTER CLUB**

**IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THE BUENA  
H.O.F. CLASS OF 2011**

**ESPECIALLY**

**\*\*\*DOUG CASTELLARI\*\*\***

**\*\*\*RONNY ROBERTS\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\* 1978-1979\*\*\*\***

**WRESTLING TEAM**

***GO CHIEFS!***

# Doug Castellari

## Class of 1980

### Wrestling, Cross Country, Football

Doug Castellari earned 8 varsity letters and participated in three different sports while competing for Buena Regional High School. After high school, he attended Temple University where he won over 100 career matches and several Division I wrestling tournaments. Doug has been the Head Wrestling Coach at Buena H.S. for the past twenty-two years and is the owner of Castellari Farms. He currently lives in Buena with his wife Maria, and is the proud father of children Eric, Daina and Nicole.

#### Honors:

- Wrestling- career record - 91-5-1
- Wrestling- 4 time All Cape Atlantic League
- Wrestling- 3 time District Champion- 1977, 1979 and 1980
- Wrestling- Region 8 Champion, 1979
- Wrestling- 3rd place, NJ State Wrestling Championships, 1980
- Wrestling- 3 time team captain
- Wrestling- 2 time team captain-Temple University
- Wrestling- 3 time NCAA Division I Wrestling championships qualifier
- Wrestling- Division I NCAA All American, 1984
- Wrestling-Coached five South Jersey Group II Wrestling Team Champions
- Wrestling-Coached numerous district and region champions and state medalists
- Wrestling-Inducted into the NJ Coaches Association Hall of Fame
- Wrestling-Over 280 career coaching victories at Buena H.S.

**Congratulations to the 2011 Induction  
Class of the Buena Regional High  
School Athletic Hall of Fame!**

**Doug Castellari**

**Kim (Iannette) Gruccio**

**Jim DiDomenico**

**Dawn (Lacer) Scott**

**Alisa Pettit**

**Ronald Roberts**

**Gary Cocking**

**1979 Wrestling Team**

**You have given and continue to give so much to  
make Buena athletics what it was and is today!**

**Congratulations to the honorees  
and their families!**

*Bill, Danielle, Elena, & Will Sneathen*

# Jim DiDomenico

## Class of 1976

### Basketball, Baseball, Golf

Jim DiDomenico earned 6 varsity letters participating in three different sports while competing for Buena Regional High School. After high school, Jim attended Montclair State College and Rowan University where he earned three varsity letters in basketball. He has been employed in the Hammonton School District as a Physical Education and Health teacher for the past thirty years, and has coached baseball and basketball for many years. Jim currently lives in Egg Harbor Township, NJ, with his wife Josephine, and has two daughters, Gina and Jayme.

#### Honors:

- Baseball- 1976 All Cape Atlantic League 1<sup>st</sup> team
- Baseball- 1976 All South Jersey 1<sup>st</sup> team
- Baseball- 1976 Atlantic City Press All Star 1<sup>st</sup> team
- Baseball- member of the 1975-1976 CAL Championship teams
- Basketball- First Player in BRHS history to score 1000 career points
- Basketball-1976 Team Most Valuable player
- Basketball- 1976 All South Jersey 1<sup>st</sup> team
- Basketball- 1976 Atlantic City Press All Star 1<sup>st</sup> team
- Basketball- 1976 All Cape Atlantic League 1<sup>st</sup> team
- Basketball-record holder for most points in season-576
- Basketball-Sportsmanship Award winner from basketball officials-1976
- Buena HS Male Athlete of the year- 1976



The Buena Braves Athletic Association  
is proud to sponsor the 3rd Annual  
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2011 Induction Class !**

For more information about the Buena Braves  
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Buena Braves Athletic Association, P.O. Box 293, Minotola, NJ 08341



# Gary W. Cocking

## Coach-Football, Basketball, Baseball

### Buena Regional School District, 1973-2007

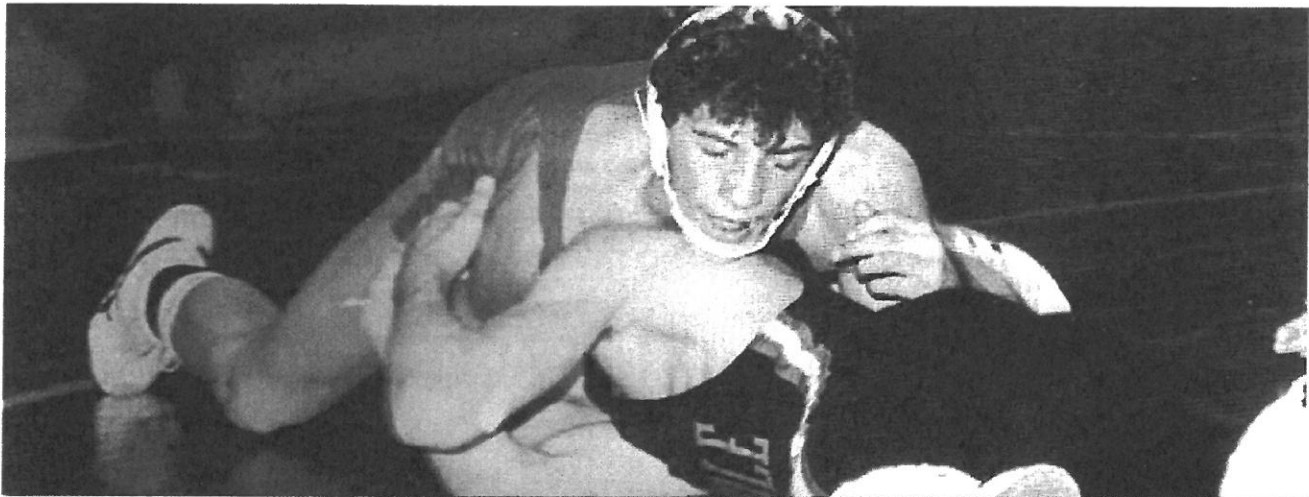
Gary Cocking was an original faculty member at Buena Regional High School upon its opening in 1973. A fixture on the sidelines of Buena Regional H.S. athletic events, he was an assistant football coach for 7 years, an assistant and head coach of boys basketball for 6 years, and an assistant and head coach of baseball for 8 years. Gary was on the staff of many championship teams, coached basketball teams ranked in the top ten in South Jersey, and baseball teams that were ranked as high as #1 in South Jersey. An avid supporter of the community, Gary co-founded the Buena Braves AAU basketball program and was the co-founder of the South Jersey Baseball College Night. A long-time guidance counselor, he received his B.S. and Master's Degree from Rowan University. Gary is currently employed as an admissions counselor for Northwood University. He presently resides in Margate, NJ with his wife Linda. Gary is the proud father of former BRHS athletes Danielle and Brad and is also a grandfather.

#### Honors and Achievements:

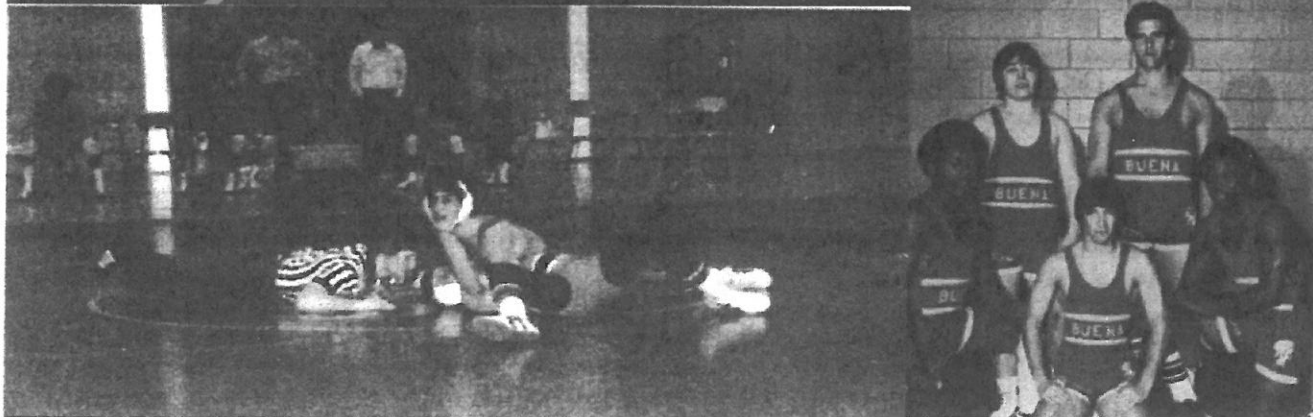
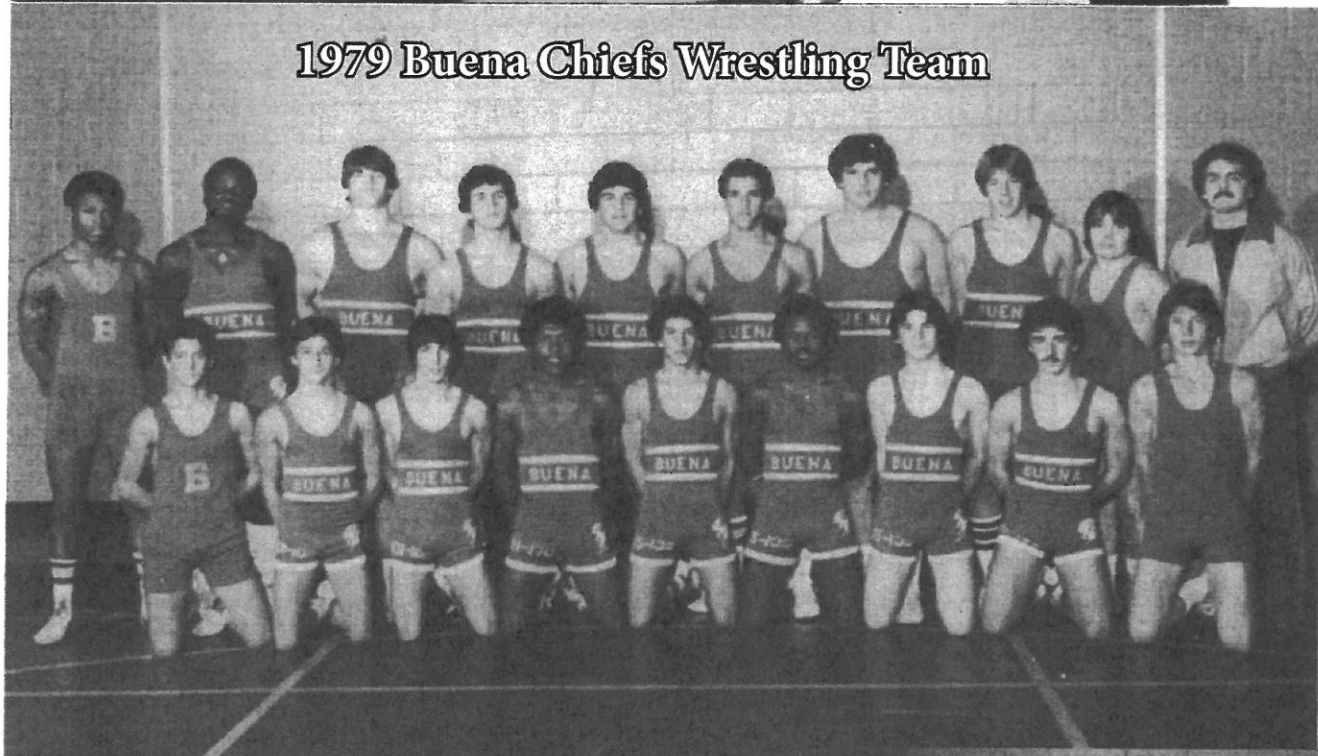
- Inducted into the South Jersey Coaches Association Hall of Fame
- Atlantic City Press Area baseball Coach of the Year
- Daily Journal Baseball Coach of the Year
- Area Baseball Scout-Atlanta Braves-New Jersey Territory
- Chairperson- State Baseball Clinic held at Rutgers University
- Served as baseball coach for the Carpenter Cup at Veterans Stadium
- Negotiated baseball contract with Montreal Expos for 14<sup>th</sup> round draft pick
- Assisted Major League Baseball Scouting Bureau with high school invitational showcase-South Jersey
- Certified as an Athletic Agent/Advisor for 2003 BRHS graduate as NFL prospect
- Coached three 1,000 point scorers in same season
- Won 3 boys basketball Christmas Tournament Championships
- Won 3 Cape Atlantic League baseball Championships- 1986, 1988, 1989
- Coached BRHS football squad that gave up only 45 points in an entire season-1983

# WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

CHIEF WRESTLERS BRING HOME CAL  
AND DISTRICT 31 CHAMPIONSHIP BANNERS



1979 Buena Chiefs Wrestling Team



# 1979 BRHS Wrestling Team

**Cape Atlantic League Champions**

**Cape Atlantic All Star Champions**

**Head Coach: Jim Shipman**

**Assistant Coach: Norm Tomasello**

On January 31, 1979, the wrestling team beat 4 time Cape Atlantic League Champions, Lower Cape May Regional, by a score of 28-22. The next step was the Cape Atlantic All Star Championships. Seven Chief wrestlers, including senior wrestlers Lenny Nelson, John Thomas and Art Capriotti, helped in that effort. At the District 31 Championships, Lenny Nelson, Bobby Giovinazzi and undefeated Doug Castellari clinched individual titles.

## Team Members

Shawn Aretz

Al Brown

Angelo Camarano

Dom Caprice

Art Capriotti

Doug Castellari

Delmo Cifaloglio

Mike Dellagatta

George DiTomasso

John Formisano

Bobby Giovinazzi

Louis Guilford

Mike Monahan

Len Nelson

Terry Paul

Lou Ressani

Domingo Rivera

John Thomas

John Vanaman

# Thoughts from the Inductees...

## Jim DiDomencio

*"Memorable Moments" or individuals I would like to personally thank:*

- 1. ("Memorable Moments") - Hoisted on the shoulders by a special fan base known as the "Golden Bandits" after sinking the 1,000pt. of my varsity basketball career.*
- 2. Celebrating after beating Wildwood HS in baseball, which clinched the Buena Varsity Baseball Team to win it's third consecutive CAL Baseball Championship. (The Golden Bandits popped the champaign and lit up the cigars right on the baseball field), The saying "Tic Tac Toe, Three in a row", was reborn throughout the Buena Community.*
- 3. Hitting the third of four home runs in a row. I commented to my dad before stepping up to the baseball plate, "what an act to follow"... Donny Miller & Aaron Day homered in front of me. Just for the record, Larry Barnes hit the fourth homer.*
- 4. The newspaper referring (point guard) Dominick Baruffi and I as the "Linguine Connection", because of the many assist that Dominick fed my way."*

*"Personal thank you: To My Parents, The Families That Supported BRHS Athletics, My Best Man In Life Dominick Baruffi II, My Coaches at Cleary (Chick Cowell, Jim Daily), My Coaches at BRHS (Jay Luisi, Gary Cocking, Albert Rochetti), My Teamates at BRHS, The "Golden Bandits" And The Community Of Buena. (It was a TERRIFIC ride, THANK YOU!!!"*

## Gary W. Cocking:

*"Special thanks to my father, Bill Cocking and my coach, Chick Cowell for inspiring me to become a coach at a very early age. I would like to personally thank the Buena Braves and Buena Little League systems for continuing to produce quality athletes at the high school level. I will always have special memories of the 1970 teams that were the foundation for the traditions built in the Buena athletic programs. I will never forget the great football defensive squads of the early 1980's, and the dedicated baseball players from the mid to late 1980's. To end my coaching career, I had the unique opportunity to coach a group of quality young men for eight years who were more like "sons" to me than basketball players. I would like to thank my loving family and the entire Buena community for memories that will last a lifetime."*

## Alisa Pettit:

*I would like to thank my parents (Susan and Gene Pettit) for all of their endless support and personal sacrifices they made for me to succeed. My brother (Matt Pettit) for paving the way and raising the bar and inspiring me to reach for goals higher than I ever would have known possible. My grandparents for cheering me on and being proud of me no matter how many goals I scored or whether we won or lost. To all of my coaches, my teachers, my teammates, and to Buena Regional High School for teaching me that it doesn't matter if you are the biggest school, have the nicest uniforms, or even have the best players. If you work hard, you can achieve anything, you can go anywhere, and you can do anything.*

**Kim (Iannette) Gruccio:**

*I would like to personally thank Coach Pam Pickett for her guidance and encouragement, not only to me but to my daughter Karlie. Her insight, words of wisdom, and frankness were expansive.*

*I would also like to thank Coach Barbara Meyrick for her support and direction. She suggested Springfield College-which paved the way for my educational career. Coach Meyrick, who after my days at Buena went from coach to opponent, was on the sidelines during the 1996 South Jersey Field Hockey final and later welcomed me to her sidelines many years later to help coach Buena Field Hockey.*

*Both of these ladies and Buena icons played a significant role in my high school career and life, and the life of my daughter. Thank you! Your legacies are cherished.*

**Dawn (Lacer) Scott:**

*"The greatest moment for me is pitching and winning Buena's only two SJ softball titles. Also, being able to relive Buena softball again for the last few years with Ms. Pickett and her coaching staff while following my daughter. Buena softball is truly a family, and the memories that were made during my years of high school are enough to last a lifetime. It also is a great honor that my #17 was not worn again by any Buena softball player after my graduation until Brittany wore it her freshmen year in 2008."*

**Doug Castellari:**

*"First and foremost I would like to thank the late Mickey Caprice for introducing me to the sport of wrestling. My most memorable moment in high school was losing my first and only dual meet as a freshmen. I revenged that loss the same year in the district finals. Thanks to Mickey Caprice, who instilled that in me since my very first practice at age 10, I have never lost to the same opponent twice throughout the rest of my high school and college career."*

**Ron Roberts:**

*I would like to give my love and special thanks to my wife Christina, who has accepted and understands my life of participation and commitment to athletics. I would not be able to partake in these activities without her full support. To my dad, Ron Sr., I want to thank him for transforming me into the man that I have become today. I understand the sacrifices that was made during my childhood and young adult life that allowed me to become successful to this day. To my mother, Pat, thank you for the all of the support that a son truly needed. Thank you to Coach Chuck Donohue and the football and track and field coaching staff and Coach Doug Castellari and the wrestling coaching staff for providing me with their expertise and fundamental knowledge that allowed me to become a successful student athlete. A special thank you to Lew Ware, a man that spent countless hours on the wrestling mat with me. I want to recognize all of my coaches from the Mays Landing Athletic Association that spent many years with us on the field and the gym. Lastly, thank you to all of my teammates, teachers, administrators, classmates, team supporters and fans of the Buena Regional sports community that supported us through all of the successful seasons. If it wasn't for your loyal support, it would not have allowed me to receive this induction today.*



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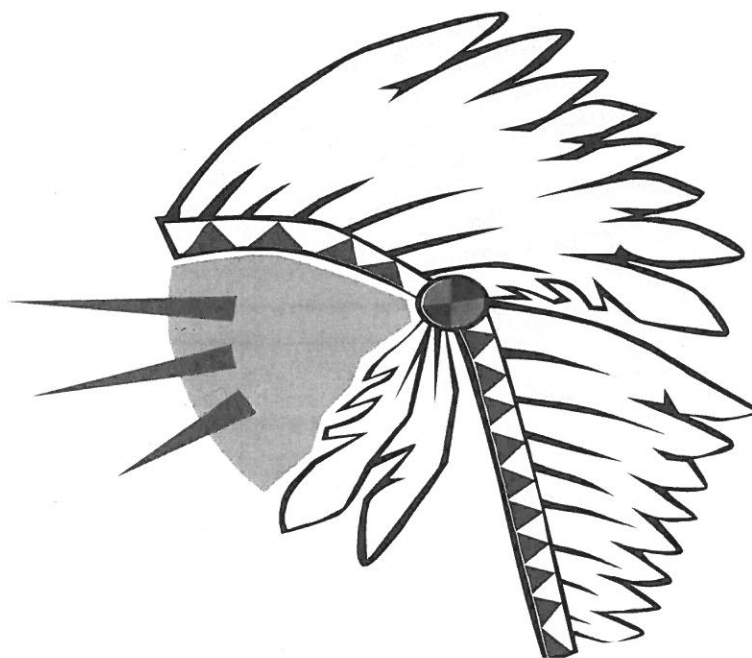
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