

# ANNUAL



# INDUCTION CEREMONY

# **Buena Regional Athletic Hall of Fame**

## **2025 Induction Ceremony**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Social Hour  
Photo Session of Inductees, Team Members

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Dinner and Induction Ceremony

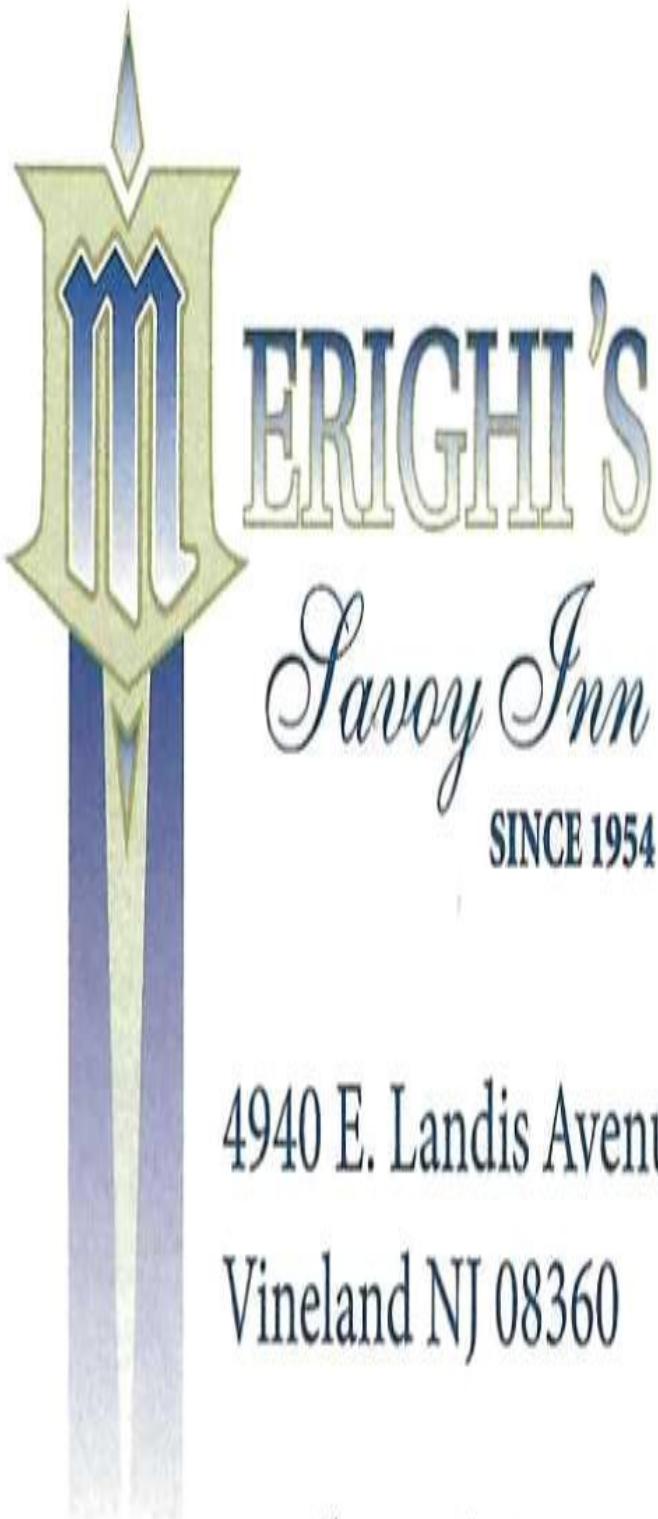
Welcome and Opening Remarks, Master of Ceremonies  
Ron Roberts

Invocation  
Barbara Meyrick

Dinner

Team Induction/Individual Inductees

Closing Remarks  
Brett Aretz, HOF Chairman



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# Robert G. Seelhorst, Jr.

## Head Coach-Boys' Soccer

**2005-2010**

**Robert Seelhorst** served as the head coach of the Buena Boys Soccer Team from 2005–2010. A force multiplier on the Buena sideline, he was a driving influence in the program's historic 2009 season, when the team earned a school-record 16 wins. That year, Buena captured the Cape Atlantic League National Conference Championship and was named the *Daily Journal* Team of the Year. For his leadership and the team's success, Robert was honored as the *Press of Atlantic City* Coach of the Year. The 2009 squad also achieved the program's first—and only—invitation to the South Jersey Soccer Coaches Association Tournament.

A proud alumnus of Washington Township High School, Class of 1992, Robert continued his education at Rutgers University, earning his B.A. in 1998. He later completed his M.A. at La Salle University in 2016, where he was recognized with the Outstanding Graduate Award from the La Salle History Department's M.A. program. That same year, he received the Franklin & Marshall High School Teacher Award.

Robert is married to his wife, Amanda, and together they have three daughters: Avery, Adeline, and Kailani. He has served as a history teacher at Buena Regional High School since 2005. Outside the classroom and off the soccer field, Robert is an avid freshwater fisherman who enjoys spending his free time on the water.

### **Honors and Achievements:**

- Boys Soccer Coach (2005-2010)
- School record for wins, 16-3-1 record (2009)
- Cape Atlantic League Division Champions (2009)
- Cape Atlantic League National Conference Champions (2009)
- South Jersey Soccer Coaches Association Tournament Invitation, 1<sup>st</sup> in school history (2009)
- NJSIAA South Jersey Group II Team Semi-Finalist (2009)
- Under his leadership, multiple players received postseason recognition across all levels, earning Cape Atlantic League National Division, All South Jersey Group II, and Press of Atlantic City all-star honors. (2009)



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# **Harry J. Callahan**

**Class of 1979**

**Coach-Boys' Soccer**

**2007-2013**

**Harry Callahan** served as a coach of the Buena Boys Soccer Team from 2007–2013. A constant presence on the sideline, he played a pivotal role in the historic 2009 season, when the team earned a school-record 16 wins. That year, Coach Callahan's dedication and leadership helped guide the Chiefs to the Cape Atlantic League Division Championship, the Cape Atlantic League National Conference Championship, an invitation to the South Jersey Soccer Coaches Association Tournament, and a berth in the South Jersey Group II semifinal championship game.

A proud alumnus of Buena Regional High School, Class of 1979, Harry competed in Boys Cross Country and Boys Track & Field, serving as captain of both teams. He went on to earn multiple degrees in Business Administration from Pierce College (A.S., 2001), Atlantic Cape Community College (A.S., 2013), and Thomas Edison State University (B.S., 2017).

Coach Callahan honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1982–2006, retiring at the rank of Sergeant First Class. He remains active in his community as a member of the Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Woods and Water.

Harry is married to his wife, Stephanie (BRHS Class of 1980). They are the proud parents of daughter Tierney (BRHS Class of 2008), son Tyler (BRHS Class of 2010), and son-in-law Mike Tittermary, and grandparents to Nolan. In his free time, Harry enjoys staying physically active and spending quality time with his family.

## **Honors and Achievements:**

- Boys Soccer Coach (2007-2013)
- School record for wins, 16-3-1 record (2009)
- Cape Atlantic League Division Champions (2009)
- Cape Atlantic League National Conference Champions (2009)
- South Jersey Soccer Coaches Association Tournament Invitation, 1<sup>st</sup> in school history (2009)
- NJSIAA South Jersey Group II Semi-Finalist (2009)
- Boys Cross Country (1976-1978)
- Boys Cross Country Team Captain (1977, 1978)
- Boys Track & Field (1977-1979)
- Boys Track & Field Team Captain (1978, 1979)



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# **Tyler Callahan**

## **Class of 2010**

### **Soccer, Baseball**

**Tyler Callahan**, Buena Regional High School Class of 2010, earned six varsity letters—three in boys' soccer and three in baseball.

In soccer, Tyler was a 2007 Cape Atlantic League Honorable Mention selection. In 2008, he earned First Team Cape Atlantic League honors and was named the team's Most Valuable Player. In 2009, he was selected Second Team Cape Atlantic League, again earned team Most Valuable Player, and played a key role on the 2009 Buena Boys Soccer Team that won the Cape Atlantic League National Conference Championship and achieved several school-first accomplishments.

During his baseball career, Tyler was named Cape Atlantic League First Team and All South Jersey Second Team in 2010. He was also a member of the 2008 South Jersey Group II Sectional Championship team.

Following graduation, Tyler attended Kean University, where he earned his B.S. in Accounting. He currently serves on the Board and Finance Committee of the Somerset County Business Partnership and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in New Jersey.

Tyler enjoys spending time with his family, especially trying to keep up with his energetic nephew, Nolan.

#### **Honors and Achievements:**

- Soccer Varsity Letter winner (2007, 2008, 2009)
- Cape Atlantic League Honorable Mention (2007)
- Cape Atlantic League First Team (2008)
- Cape Atlantic League Second Team (2009)
- Team MVP (2008, 2009)
- Team member, 2009 Cape Atlantic League National Conference Champions
- Baseball Varsity Letter winner (2008, 2009, 2010)
- Cape Atlantic League First Team (2010)
- All South Jersey Second Team (2010)
- Team member, 2008 South Jersey Group II Sectional Champions

Congratulations  
Coach Callahan, Tyler Callahan,  
Jared Gruccio, Karlie (Gruccio) Islet,  
Marcie (Holsten) Montalvo,  
Leigh Ann (Duca) Upshaw,  
Coach Seelhorst and  
the 2009 Boys Soccer Team  
On your induction into  
Buena Regional High School Hall of Fame  
Class of 2025

Thank you for inspiring the athletes that walk the halls of  
Buena Regional High School.



The Buena Winter Track and Field Staff:  
Evan Bertonazzi & Stephanie Winkler

# **Marcie (Holston) Montalvo**

## **Class of 1992**

### **Field Hockey, Softball, Track & Field**

**Marcie (Holston) Montalvo**, Buena Regional High School Class of 1992, earned four varsity letters—two in field hockey and one each in softball and track & field.

In track & field, Marcie earned First Team Cape Atlantic League Division II, All-County, All State Group II and All-South Jersey honors in the javelin in 1992. That same season, she won the Cape Atlantic League Division II, Atlantic County, and South Jersey Group II championships, and finished second at the NJSIAA State Group II Championships. Throughout the year, she repeatedly broke and reset the school javelin record, ultimately setting the mark at 121 feet, 3 inches.

Following graduation, Marcie enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving an honorable 32-year career before retiring with the New Jersey Air National Guard at McGuire Air Force Base. She was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant in 2019, the highest enlisted rank—an achievement earned by less than two percent of all service members. Marcie deployed overseas multiple times in support of various operational missions.

Marcie began her law enforcement career in 1998, completing the county corrections academy and graduating from the police academy in 2002. She currently serves with the College of New Jersey Police Department in Ewing, NJ, where she holds the rank of Lieutenant. During her law enforcement career, she has earned numerous citations and commendations and serves as the department's head firearms instructor and internal affairs investigator.

In her free time, Marcie enjoys spending time with family and friends at the beach. She continues to play softball and also enjoys boating and fishing. She actively volunteers at military veteran events and mentors ROTC cadets and individuals considering military service.

#### **Honors and Achievements:**

- Field Hockey Varsity Letter winner (1990, 1991)
- Softball Varsity Letter winner (1991)
- Track & Field Varsity Letter winner (1992)
- Cape Atlantic League Division II, Atlantic County and South Jersey Group II Javelin Champion (1992)
- Cape Atlantic League Division II, All County, All State Group II and All South Jersey First Team selection in the javelin (1992)
- Second place (javelin event) at the NJSIAA State Group II championships (1992)
- Broke/set the BRHS school record in the javelin event, 121 feet, three inches

**CONGRATS TO THE BUENA HOF**

**CLASS OF 2025!**

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**BUENA**

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**WRESTLING**



# Jared M. Gruccio

## Class of 2007

### Cross Country, Football, Winter Track, Baseball

**Jared Gruccio**, Buena Regional High School Class of 2007, earned nine varsity letters—one in cross country, two in football, two in winter track, and four in baseball.

In football, Jared earned Second Team Cape Atlantic League honors in 2006.

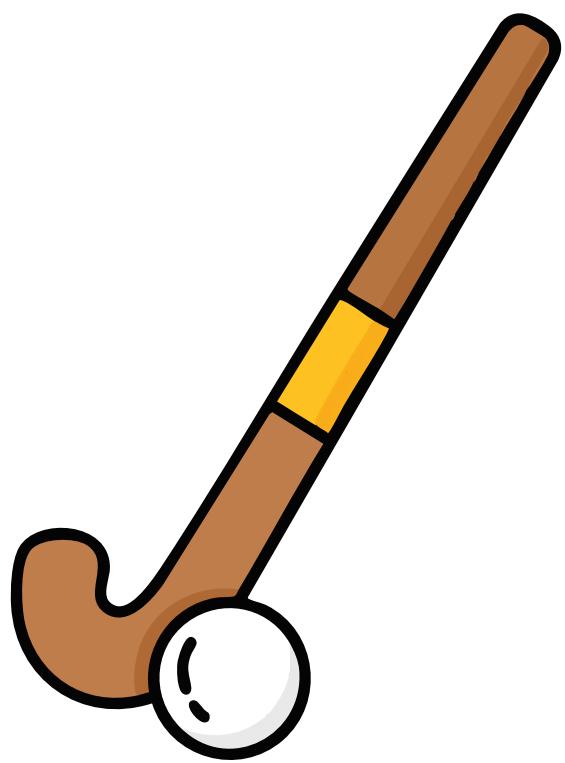
In baseball, he was Cape Atlantic League Honorable Mention in 2004. In 2005, he was named Cape Atlantic League First Team, Press of Atlantic City First Team, and Daily Journal All-Area. In 2006, he earned Second Team Cape Atlantic League honors and served as team captain. As a senior in 2007, Jared was Cape Atlantic League First Team, Second Team All Group II, Daily Journal First Team catcher, and team captain. Over his high school baseball career, he recorded 117 hits and 129 runs. He was also a member of the 2006–2007 Cape Atlantic League Division and Conference Championship teams. In 2014, Jared returned to Buena as a volunteer assistant coach for the NJSIAA Group II State Championship team and 2015 South Jersey Group II Championship team.

After graduation, Jared attended Wagner College, where he earned a degree in Business Administration. He was a two-year starter for the Seahawks and led the team with a .394 batting average in 2009, ranking second in the Northeast Conference. That season, he tallied 61 hits, 11 stolen bases, and 10 walks. Over his collegiate career, Jared played 114 games, posted a .311 batting average, and recorded a .404 on-base percentage. He was also named to the 2008 and 2009 Northeast Conference Spring Academic Honor Roll.

Jared is married to his wife, April, and they have two sons, Carter (6) and Chase (2). He is the owner of Gruccio Financial, a registered investment advisor. He served as a board director of the Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce from 2018–2025 and was named the Chamber's Board Director of the Year in 2021. Jared remains active in youth baseball, coaching in the Hammonton Little League and Folsom Babe Ruth programs. He enjoys going to the beach, snowboarding, and pursuing longevity and health.

#### Honors and Achievements:

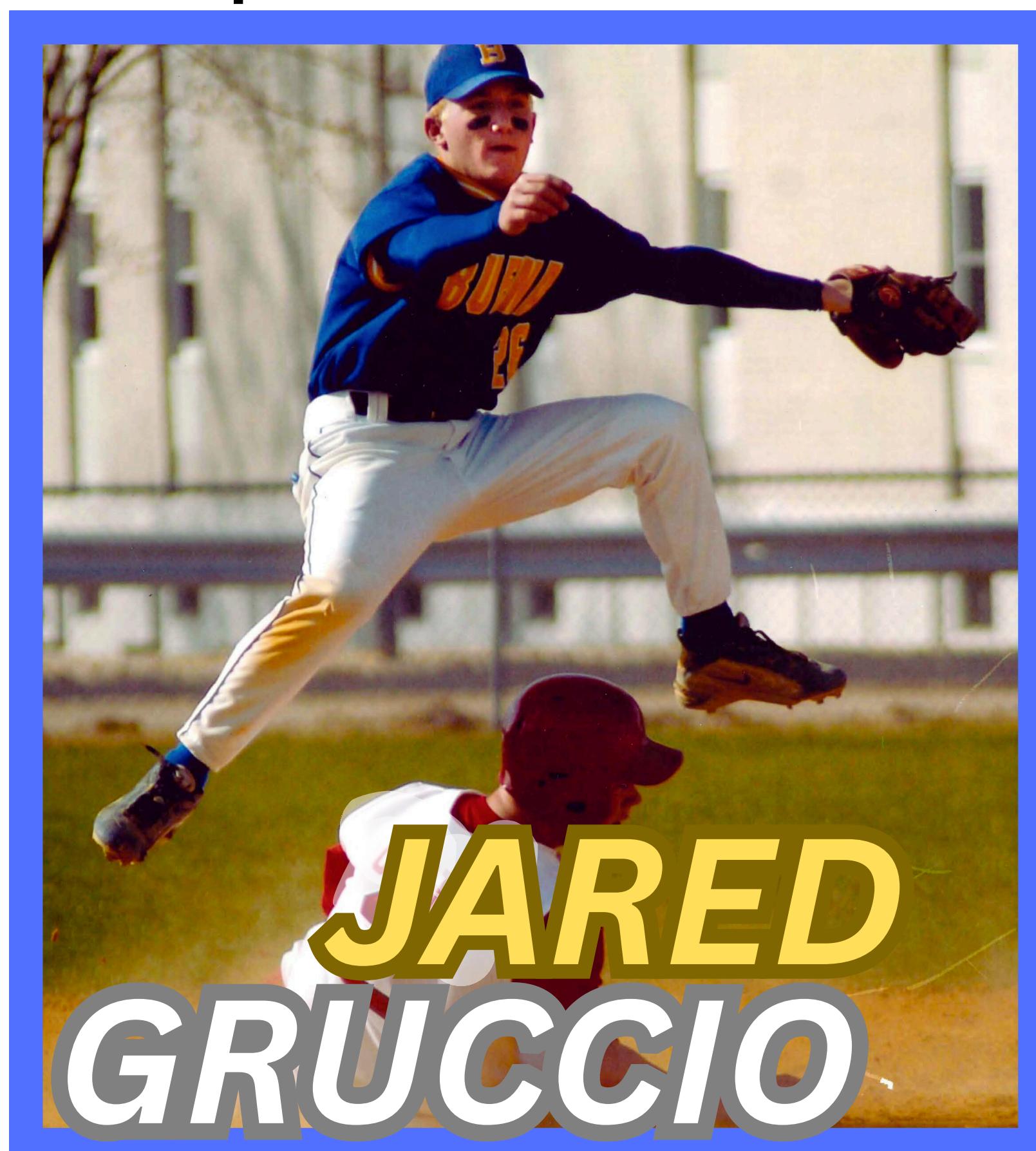
- Cross Country Varsity Letter winner (2003)
- Football Varsity Letter winner (2005, 2006)
- Second Team Cape Atlantic League, wide receiver (2006)
- Winter Track Varsity Letter winner (2006, 2007)
- Baseball Varsity Letter winner (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
- Cape Atlantic League Honorable Mention (2004)
- Cape Atlantic League First Team, All Daily Journal, Press of Atlantic City First Team (2005)
- Cape Atlantic League Second Team, First Team All Daily Journal and Team Captain (2006)
- Cape Atlantic League First Team, Second Team All Group II, All Daily Journal First Team and Team Captain (2007)
- Team member of the 2006-2007 Cape Atlantic League Division and Conference Champions
- Scholastic high school career hits (117) and runs (129)
- Wagner College team best .394 batting average, 61 hits, 11 stolen bases, 10 walks, team Northeast Conference Champions (2009)



# CONGRATULATIONS GRUCCIOS

Your hard work and passion have led you to this remarkable honor! We are all so PROUD of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, April, Shane, Carter, Chase, and Pop Pop



# **Karlie (Gruccio) Isett**

## **Class of 2011**

### **Field Hockey, Softball**

**Karlie (Gruccio) Isett**, Buena Regional High School Class of 2011, earned eight varsity letters—four in field hockey and four in softball.

In field hockey, Karlie was a First Team Cape Atlantic League all-star in 2008, 2009, and 2010. In 2009, she earned First Team honors from both the Daily Journal and Press of Atlantic City, as well as Second Team Group II recognition from the Courier-Post. In 2010, she was named a South Jersey all-star, Daily Journal Player of the Day and Player of the Year and set the single-season school record with 33 goals. She also competed in the USA Field Hockey National Festival from 2009–2011. Karlie concluded her BRHS field hockey career with a school-record 82 goals.

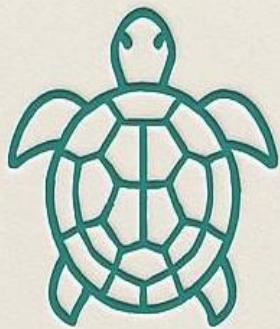
In softball, Karlie earned Honorable Mention from the Press of Atlantic City and Second Team Cape Atlantic League honors in 2010. In 2011, she was selected First Team Press of Atlantic City, Daily Journal, and Cape Atlantic League. That season, she totaled 29 hits, 27 RBIs, and 31 runs scored, and participated in the senior all-star game. She was also a member of the 2009 Cape Atlantic League Division Championship team.

After graduation, Karlie continued her field hockey career at Cabrini College, where she was a four-year starter. She earned 2012 CSAC Honorable Mention, made the 2013 CSAC All-Academic Team, and was named to the 2014 CSAC Second Team. She started 71 of 73 career games and ranked 5th in goals, 7th in assists, and 6th in total points in Cabrini field hockey history. In addition, Karlie competed in lacrosse for three seasons at Cabrini.

Karlie graduated in 2015 with a dual major in Early Childhood and Special Education. She now lives in Williamstown, NJ with her husband, Shane; two cats, Bradley and Arnold; and her dog, Phillip. She has been a teacher for ten years and currently teaches preschool in Washington Township.

#### **Honors and Achievements:**

- Field Hockey Varsity Letter winner (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)
- Cape Atlantic League First Team (2008, 2009)
- Daily Journal and Press of Atlantic City First Team (2009)
- Courier Post Second Team (2009)
- South Jersey all-star, Daily Journal Player of the Day & Year (2010)
- BRHS Season (33) and Career (82) Goals Record
- Softball Varsity Letter winner (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)
- Press of Atlantic City Honorable Mention and Cape Atlantic League Second Team (2010)
- First Team Cape Atlantic League, Press of Atlantic City and Daily Journal Selection, Senior all-star game; 29 hits, 27 RBIs and 31 runs scored in a season (2011)
- Team member, 2009 Cape Atlantic League Champions
- Cabrini College four-year starter in field hockey, 5<sup>th</sup> in goals scored, 7<sup>th</sup> in assists and 6<sup>th</sup> in points
- CSAC Honorable Mention (2012)
- CSAC All-Academic Team (2013)
- CSAC Second Team (2014)
- Played lacrosse for three years



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**Congratulations Class of 2025  
Buena Regional Athletic Hall  
of Fame inductees and 2009  
Boys' Soccer Team!**

**The Sneathen Family**

**Bill, Danielle, Elena & Will**

# **Leigh Ann (Duca) Upshaw**

## **Class of 2002**

### **Tennis**

**Leigh Ann (Duca) Upshaw**, Buena Regional High School Class of 2002, earned four varsity letters in tennis.

In 1999, Leigh Ann was a First Team Cape Atlantic League National Conference selection and earned Daily Journal honors. In that same season, the tennis team posted a 19-4 record and was the Cape Atlantic League Division I National Champions. In 2000, she was named First Team Cape Atlantic League American Division singles, Coaches All Group II, and Press of Atlantic City Athlete of the Week (September 24–30). She also won the Cumberland County United Way High School Tennis Classic Girls 18 singles that season. In 2001, Leigh Ann earned First Team Cape Atlantic League American Conference all-star honors.

Following graduation, Leigh Ann attended La Salle University, earning her B.A. in Social Work in 2006. She continued her education at Rutgers University, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2007 with an M.A. in Social Work. She is a New Jersey Board-Certified Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Leigh Ann resides in Vineland, NJ with her husband, Kurt, and their three children—Mia, Lucas, and Quinn. She is employed at Vineland High School as a social worker on the Child Study Team and operates her own private therapeutic practice, providing mental health services to children and adults throughout the State of New Jersey. In her free time, Leigh Ann enjoys traveling and spending time at the beach with her family.

#### **Honors and Achievements:**

- Tennis Varsity Letter winner (1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)
- First Team All Cape Atlantic League National and Daily Journal selection and team member of the Cape Atlantic League Division I National Champions that posted a 19-4 season record (1999)
- American Division Singles First Team, Coaches All-Group 2 selection and Press of Atlantic City Athlete of the Week (2000)
- Cumberland County United Way High School Classic Winner Girls 18 Singles (2000)
- First Team Cape Atlantic League American Conference selection (2001)

Congratulations to all the 2025  
Buena Regional Athletic Hall of  
Fame inductees and 2009 Boys'  
Soccer Team!



The Callahan Family

# **2009 Buena Boys Soccer Team**

**Cape Atlantic League National Conference Champions**

**Record: 16–3–1**

**Head Coach: Robert Seelhorst**

**Assistant Coaches: Harry Callahan, Bill Dittus**

The 2009 Buena Boys Soccer Team delivered the most successful season in program history. The Chiefs set a school record with 16 wins, captured the Cape Atlantic League National Conference Championship, and earned the program's first and only invitation to the South Jersey Soccer Coaches Association Tournament. Their accomplishments earned them recognition as the Daily Journal Team of the Year.

Buena was powered by one of South Jersey's most dynamic offensive units.

- Stevan Austino, the team's leading scorer with 28 goals, earned 1st Team Cape Atlantic League National, 2nd Team All South Jersey Group II, and 1st Team Press of Atlantic City honors.
- Dominic Crowell, who scored 24 goals, received 2nd Team Cape Atlantic League National, 1st Team All South Jersey Group II, and 1st Team Press of Atlantic City recognition.
- David Silipino, the midfield leader with 14 goals, was named 1st Team Cape Atlantic League National, 2nd Team All South Jersey Group II, and 1st Team Press of Atlantic City.
- Bryan Adams anchored the defense and earned 1st Team Cape Atlantic League National, 1st Team All South Jersey Group II, and 1st Team Press of Atlantic City.
- Goalkeeper Tyler Callahan, a steady force all season, was selected 2nd Team Cape Atlantic League National and 2nd Team Press of Atlantic City.
- Midfielder Brandon Brown was recognized as a Press of Atlantic City Honorable Mention for his contributions.

The season featured several signature victories. The Chiefs earned a long-awaited 2–1 win over rival Sacred Heart, their first in seven years, and defeated Middle Township twice, including a memorable Senior Night victory under the lights on the Buena football field, highlighted by a Silipino hat trick. In the postseason, Buena battled Haddonfield to a 0–0 draw before advancing 4–1 on penalty kicks in the South Jersey Group II quarterfinals, ultimately reaching the sectional semifinal—one of the deepest playoff runs in school history.

The 2009 Chiefs are remembered for their talent, resilience, and unified senior leadership. Their championship season remains a defining chapter in Buena soccer history.

**Team Roster:**

Bryan Adams, Stevan Austino, Brandon Brown, Tyler Callahan, Dominic Crowell, Scott Dortsu, A.J. Gazzara, Nick Gaboda, Santiago Garzon, Gabriel Guadarrama, Jose Guadarrama, John Miro, Stephen Nilsen, Luis Pomales, Jose Rodriguez, Dave Silipino, Eddy Warren

**2009 Buena Boys Soccer – Game-by-Game Results**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Result</b>
Sept. 14	Wildwood Catholic	Away	<b>W 7-1</b>
Sept. 16	Sacred Heart	Home	<b>W 2-1</b>
Sept. 22	Holy Spirit	Away	<b>W 4-0</b>
Sept. 24	Bridgeton	Home	<b>W 2-1</b>
Sept. 29	Cumberland Christian	Away	<b>W 7-1</b>
Oct. 1	St. Joseph	Away	<b>W 3-0</b>
Oct. 2	Cape May Tech	Home	<b>W 7-1</b>
Oct. 6	Middle Twp.	Home	<b>W 1-0</b>
Oct. 9	Lower Cape May	Away	<b>W 5-0</b>
Oct. 13	Medford Tech	Away	<b>L 1-3</b>
Oct. 16	Vineland	Home	<b>W 3-2</b>
Oct. 17	West Deptford	Away	<b>L 1-3</b>
Oct. 19	Bridgeton	Away	<b>W 1-0</b>
Oct. 22	Middle Twp.	Away	<b>W 4-3</b>
Oct. 26	Lower Cape May	Away	<b>W 5-1</b>
Oct. 28	Pleasantville	Away	<b>W 8-0</b>

**Conference Titles:**

*Cape Atlantic League National Conference & Division II Champions*

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**Postseason – NJSIAA South Jersey Group II**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Result</b>
Nov. 3	First Round	Overbrook	Home	<b>W 8-0</b>
Nov. 6	Quarterfinal	Haddonfield	Away	<b>T 0-0 (Won 4-1 PKs)</b>
Nov. 10	Semifinal	West Deptford	Away	<b>L 2-5</b>

## BUENA ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

### Inaugural Induction Class (2009)

Charles "Chick" Cowell  
Ed Belfi  
Bobby Hanson  
Gayanne Spivey  
Kim Hall-Topping  
Donny Miller  
Edmund Sanford  
Lauren (Reed) Abbott  
Ricky Dellagatta  
Billy Barrale

### Class of 2010 Scholarship Recipients

Stacey Olsen  
William Esposito  
Meghan Borz  
Jessica Zwaan  
Lydia Wilson  
Shannon Rock  
Tyler Hillgrube  
Marisa Pastore  
Dominic Hinrichsen  
Jonathan Alvarez

### 2nd Induction Class (2010)

Richard Siciliano  
Chuck Donohue  
George M. Maxwell Jr.  
George T. Maxwell  
Melissa (Maxwell) Brown  
Thomas Maxwell  
Stephanie Maxwell  
Gregory Maxwell

### Class of 2011 Scholarship Recipients

Sawyer Brown  
Phillip Guilford  
Joseph Hartline  
Eric Hensel  
Karlie Gruccio  
Landy Panico  
Gina Rios  
Sergio Cortes

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Induction Class (2011)

Doug Castellari  
Jim DiDomenico  
Alisa Pettit  
Gary Cocking  
Kim (Iannette) Gruccio  
Dawn (Lacer) Scott  
Ronald Roberts  
IMO Richard Siciliano

### Class of 2012 Scholarship Recipients

Justin Pierotti  
Manny Colon  
Helena Leyrer  
Kaitlyn Cooper  
Rachel Heath  
Brittany Scott  
Nicholas DeFeo  
Anthony Lopez & Nicole Fabrizio

**4<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2012)**

Camaline Williams-Nathaniel  
Damon Nelson  
George West  
Kenneth Farrell  
Laura (Boniello) Miller  
Kenneth Soboloski  
Walter Heard  
IMO Richard Siciliano

**Class of 2013 Scholarship Recipients**

Janay Smith  
Nate Niederhofer  
Jarred Corniell  
Rayshawn Scott  
Andrea Olsen  
Eden Wilcox  
Darryl Guilford  
Robert Bunton

**5<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2013)**

Robert Coia  
Irena (Burgos) Fischer  
Clifford Groce  
Samantha Horner  
Kiesha Mack  
Christopher Meyrick  
Kris Rainear  
Robin (Gilmore) Woodie  
Barbara Meyrick  
1988 Boys XCC Team  
IMO Richard Siciliano

**Class of 2014 Scholarship Recipients**

Nicholas Caporale  
Elena Sneathen  
Robert Panco  
Gina Testa  
Jennifer Cimino  
Jake Bleyhl  
Eric Rainear  
Alaina Seyler  
Kaitlin Wilson  
Lisa Testa  
Dominick Pace

**6<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2014)**

Bill & Diana Wilcox  
Michael Wilcox  
Tamika Nelson-Dawkins  
Joseph Burke  
Susan (Mc Carville) Belmonte  
Gerald Grunwell  
IMO Richard Siciliano  
IMO Ricky Wilcox  
IMO Shawn Aretz

**Class of 2015 Scholarship Recipients**

Jesse Repko  
Luis Rivera  
Joshua Olive  
George DiBiase  
Samantha Fiocchi  
Danielle DeFeo  
Denny Brady  
Charles Bramble  
Abigail Aretz

**7<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2015)**

Aldo Falasca  
Lisa (Skilowitz) Egrie  
Kristin (Shaughnessy) Case  
1989 Boys Track & Field Team  
IMO Richard Siciliano  
IMO Shawn Aretz

**Class of 2016 Scholarship Recipients**

Eriberto Torres  
Kristin Siegle  
Lindsey Armanini  
Evan Bertonazzi  
Jordan Ellis  
Taylor Abba

**8<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2016)**

Albert "Bert" Aretz  
Brett Aretz  
Margaret (Brent) Helton  
Coach Steve Kordos  
Stephen Cirino  
Cynthia (Hepler) Parker  
IMO Richard Siciliano  
IMO Shawn Aretz  
IMO Shawn Aretz

**Class of 2017 Scholarship Recipients**

Meghan Winkler  
Jake Maxwell  
Rachael Leyrer  
William Francz  
Deep Patel  
Aysiah Cintron  
Andrew Jones  
Brynn Baran  
Hannah Cintron

**9<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2017)**

Jan Anderson  
Jennifer (Berenato) Stepnosky  
Lauren (Decker) Shanklin  
Mary (Veneziale) Ennis  
Paul Zemanik  
IMO Richard Siciliano  
IMO Shawn Aretz

**Class of 2018 Scholarship Recipients**

Joshua Doughty  
Kayla Davila  
Gianna Schiavo  
Kelsey Biondi  
Joseph Caporale  
Isaiah Kennison  
Robert Leek

**10<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2018)**

Felicia (Bianco) Fiocchi  
Katrina (Sye) Maddox  
August "Augie" Merighi  
Matthew Petitt  
1998-99 Girls Winter Track Team  
Jon Forster  
IMO Richard Siciliano  
IMO Shawn Aretz

**Class of 2019 Scholarship Recipients**

Kacey Jones  
Olivia Dormanen  
Riyuan Coleman  
Benjamin Winkler  
Chaunice Murphy  
Ryan Clark  
Jake Guglielmi  
William Donnelly

**11th Induction Class (2019)**

IMO Pat Baldiserra  
Maryann Busan  
Quian Davis  
John Patrignani  
Zelda (Spence) Wallace  
2008 Baseball Team  
IMO Shawn Aretz

**Class of 2020 Scholarship Recipients**

Ross Ennis  
Bridgette Gilliano  
Sammy Drogo  
Luke Santiago  
Aliyah White  
Jimmy Kurtz  
Leah Formisano

**In Memory of HOF Individuals**

Charles “Chick Cowell” (2009)  
Richard Siciliano (2010)  
Kenneth Soboloski (2012)  
Shawn Aretz  
Ricky Wilcox (2014)  
Albert “Bert” Aretz (2016)  
Pat Baldiserra (2019)

**Class of 2021 Scholarship Recipients**

Marta Muzzarelli  
Dante Coia  
Jenna Lenko  
Cael Aretz  
Antonio Thompson  
Cael Aretz  
Samantha Hurban

**12th Induction Class (2021)**

Bruce Hall  
Jim Marketto  
Claudia Smith  
Gregory Gruver  
Chelsea Salisbury  
1986 Girls Track & Field Team  
IMO Albert “Bert” Aretz  
IMO Shawn Aretz  
IMO Richard Siciliano

**Class of 2022 Scholarship Recipients**

Matthew Carugno  
Kayden Platania  
Madison Hand  
Nicholas Wiker  
Emily D’Ottavio  
Jessica Perella  
Kaitlyn Sack  
Broderick “Brodie” Murphy  
Ronny “Tre” Carano

**13<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2022)**

Robert Allen  
Kevin Gunter  
Andrew Mack  
Kenneth Miles  
Shawn Tripoli  
1993-94 Wrestling Team  
IMO Albert “Bert” Aretz

**Class of 2023 Scholarship Recipients**

Sebastian Gonzalez  
Maggie Coia  
McKayla Heitz  
Austin Wokock  
Giuliana Pantalione  
Allen Adkins  
Maria Mazzoni

IMO Shawn Aretz  
IMO Richard Siciliano

Allen Adkins  
Ryley Betts

**14<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2023)**

IMO Charles “Pops” Fellenbaum  
Denise (Ritchie) Fields  
Frank Geremia  
Christy O’Gaughan  
Pam Pickett  
1993-94 Softball Team  
IMO Albert “Bert” Aretz  
IMO Shawn Aretz  
IMO Richard Siciliano

**Class of 2024 Scholarship Recipients**

Vincent Dalponte  
Katrina Coia  
Dominic DiGiovacchino  
Melissa Krail  
Jadarys Morales  
Cameryn Johnson  
Katherine Dormanen  
Charles Mazzarelli  
Vincent Dalponte

**15<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2024)**

Domenic Caprice  
Michael “Mickey” Caprice  
Vincent Cifaloglio  
Brittany (Scott) Fogg  
Maria Santiago  
Shawn Smith  
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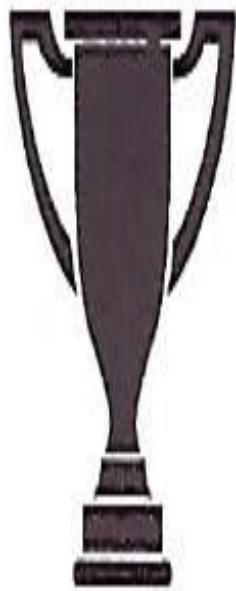
**Class of 2025 Scholarship Recipients**

Kylie Sack  
Carlo Sprend  
Emma Coia  
Brynn Robertson  
Mya Inman  
Daniel Fonseca  
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## ***Thoughts from the Inductees...***

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

### **Harry Callahan:**

*“I have two: 1. Meeting Bob Seelhorst in 2007 and having him ask me to assist him with coaching the BRHS Boys’ Soccer Team. That meeting not only resulted in a coaching position, but a friendship for life. 2. The entire 2009 season! Records (individual and team) fell that season and I got the opportunity to watch those young men grow especially my son Tyler Callahan.”*

### **Tyler Callahan:**

*“I would like to express my deepest appreciation to two of my coaches, Robert Seelhorst Jr, who guided me in soccer, and George West, who led me in baseball. Both Coach Seelhorst and Coach West were tremendous leaders, each demonstrating unique qualities that made a lasting impact on my life. Their leadership and professionalism played a significant role in shaping who I am today, instilling in me values and principles that continue to guide me. I am also incredibly grateful to my parents, Stephanie and Harry, for their unwavering support throughout my four years at Buena. Their time, energy, and love provided the foundation I needed to pursue my goals and overcome challenges. Additionally, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to my sister, Tierney, who always offered her insights and shared her experiences with me. Her guidance helped ensure that I continually strived to be the best version of myself. The strength of the Chief is in its tribe.”*

### **Jared Gruccio:**

*“Foremost, I'd like to thank God. All the glory to Him. A special thank you to my Mom, Kimberly Gruccio, also a member of the Buena High School Athletic HOF, who instilled in me a competitor's mindset. Mom wrote a note for me on a napkin every game day--and my white spikes were always clean. A special thank you to my Dad, Robert Gruccio - assistant coach on the 1988 Football Team, also a member of the BRHS Hall of Fame. Thank you for driving me to all the*

*tournaments over the year...before there was GPS, you were printing out MapQuest directions and getting us where we needed to go. Thank you for making the trek to home and away collegiate games... for all the Gatorades over the years... and mostly for having my back. I knew where to look in the stands to find you. Thank you to my coaches, Coach Kordos, Coach Gelespie, Coach West, Coach Carano, Coach Sieminski, Coach Jesse Carolla, Coach Harry Maurice, Coach Trommello, Coach Maxwell Sr, Coach Callahan, Coach Rovani, Coach Maxwell Jr, and Coach Caputo. Thank you to my teammates for making me better, especially Mike Ney, Marco Carolla, and Matt Prez. We were having fun on the Sandlot, but at the same time we were getting better. I vividly remember coming home from school one day, my sophomore year. My mom and Dad were sitting at the island counter in our kitchen. They handed me a letter with the Buena Regional logo on the envelope. Inside was a letter from Dave Albertson, notifying me of my selection as 1st Team All Cape Atlantic League selection. And one of my most vivid memories is that I can STILL see the spin of a hanging slider that I hit over the left field fence at the 2007 Diamond Classic. Congratulations to my sister Karlie for her induction. The proudest moment in my Buena career is today-- which cements the legacy of the Gruccio Family into the Buena Hall of Fame."*

### **Karlie (Gruccio) Isett:**

*"As I reflect on this incredible honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame, I am filled with deep gratitude. To my family: thank you for your unwavering love and support. You were there through the long practices and car rides, the tough losses, and the moments of doubt, always reminding me why I love the game. Your sacrifices, encouragement, and belief in me made all the difference. To my coaches: thank you for pushing me to grow, not only as an athlete but as a person. Your guidance taught me discipline, perseverance, and teamwork—lessons that extend far beyond the field. I would not be standing here without your support. To my teammates and friends: I would not have this honor without you all. Every practice, every game, every win and loss we shared built a foundation of trust and friendship that I will always treasure. You challenged me, inspired me, and made the journey unforgettable. I've always loved sports because I was playing with my friends. This Hall of Fame recognition is a reflection of the people around me who*

*shaped, supported, and believed in me. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for being part of my story.”*

**Robert Seelhorst:**

*“I would like to thank my youth soccer coach Jody Roberts for inspiring in me a love of the game, and my father for supporting my passion for the game. I would like to thank my assistant coach Harry Callahan for his many contributions to our team, and the development of our players. Lastly, I would like to thank my players for their sacrifices, their courage, and their willingness to work together to overcome adversity. I will forever cherish our victories over Middle Township and our overtime playoff win against Haddonfield in 2009.”*

**Leigh Ann (Duca) Upshaw:**

*“I’m so thankful for my time on Buena’s tennis team. It was such a different time period and I have such wonderful memories with my teammates and coaches. Years later, I had the chance to be an assistant tennis coach at Millville High School, which also gave me the opportunity to reconnect with an old friend and teammate who became an amazing tennis coach in Ocean City. This recognition is especially meaningful to me because so much of my success in high school came from my mom, who passed away a year and a half ago. She never missed a tennis match and was always my biggest supporter. I know she would have loved to share this moment with me tonight.”*

### Inaugural Induction Class (2009)

Lauren (Reed) Abbott	Class of 1987	Field Hockey, Softball
Billy Barrale	Class of 1989	Baseball, Football
Ed Belfi	Class of 1977	Baseball, Basketball, Football, Track & Field
Charles 'Chick' Cowell	1956-1991	Athletic Director, Coach, Teacher
Ricky Dellagatta	Class of 1977	Wrestling
Bobby Hanson	Class of 1995	Cross Country, Wrestling
Donny Miller	Class of 1976	Baseball, Football
Edmund Sanford	Class of 1975	Baseball, Basketball, Football
Gayanne Spivey	Class of 1986	Basketball, Field Hockey, Track & Field
Kim Hall-Topping	Class of 1977	Basketball, Field Hockey, Softball

### 2nd Induction Class (2010)

Chuck Donohue	1986-1997	Coach, Teacher
George M. Maxwell Jr.	1985-2006	Coach, Teacher
George T. Maxwell	Class of 1989	Football, Track & Field, Wrestling
Gregory Maxwell	Class of 2002	Baseball, Football, Wrestling
Melissa (Maxwell) Brown	Class of 1994	Softball
Stephanie Maxwell	Class of 1999	Cross Country, Softball, Track & Field
Thomas Maxwell	Class of 1990	Baseball, Football, Wrestling
Richard 'Stats' Siciliano	Class of 1982	Supporter

### 3rd Induction Class (2011)

Doug Castellari	Class of 1980	Cross Country, Football, Wrestling
Gary Cocking	1973-2007	Coach, Guidance Counselor, Teacher
Jim DiDomenico	Class of 1976	Baseball, Basketball, Golf
Kim (Iannette) Gruccio	Class of 1983	Basketball, Field Hockey, Softball
Alisa Pettit	Class of 2003	Soccer, Track & Field
Ronald Roberts, Jr.	Class of 1992	Football, Track & Field, Wrestling
Dawn (Lacer) Scott	Class of 1992	Field Hockey, Softball

### 4th Induction Class (2012)

Kenneth Farrell	Class of 1982	Baseball, Basketball
Walter Heard	Class of 1991	Basketball, Football
Laura (Boniello) Miller	Class of 1995	Cross Country, Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field
Camaline Williams-Nathaniel	Class of 1989	Basketball, Track & Field
Damon Nelson	Class of 1990	Football, Track & Field, Wrestling
Kenneth Soboloski	1982-2008	Principal, Supporter
George West	Class of 1994	Baseball, Basketball, Football, Coach

### 5th Induction Class (2013)

Robert Coia	Class of 1986	Baseball, Wrestling
Irena (Burgos) Fischer	Class of 2000	Field Hockey, Basketball, Softball
Robin (Gilmore) Woodie	Class of 1979	Field Hockey, Basketball
Cliff Groce	Class of 1989	Cross Country, Track

Samantha Horner	Class of 2005	Field Hockey, Softball, Indoor Track
Kiesha Mack	Class of 2000	Basketball
Barbara Meyrick	1974-2012	Educator and Coach; Field Hockey, Softball
Christopher Meyrick	Class of 1999	Soccer, Indoor Track, Track, Tennis
Kris Rainear	Class of 1982	Football, Baseball
<b><u>6<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2014)</u></b>		
Joseph Burke	Class of 1990	Wrestling
Gerald Grunwell	1970-2006	Educator and Coach; Baseball, Basketball
Susan (McCarville) Belmonte	Class of 1995	Tennis, Softball, Soccer
Tamika Nelson-Dawkins	Class of 1993	Track
Bill and Diana Wilcox	Class of 2004	Supporters
Ricky Wilcox	Class of 2005	Distinguished Alumnus
Michael Wilcox		Wrestling
<b><u>7<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2015)</u></b>		
Aldo Falasca	Class of 1981	Football, Wrestling, Golf, Supporter
Kristin (Shaughnessy) Case	Class of 1996	Tennis
Lisa (Skilowitz) Egrie	Class of 1989	Field Hockey, Basketball, Softball
<b><u>8<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2016)</u></b>		
Albert Aretz		Supporter
Brett Aretz	Class of 1983	Cross Country, Wrestling, Track & Field, Supporter
Stephen Cirino	Class of 2000	Cross Country, Football, Winter and Spring Track & Field
Margaret (Brent) Helton	Class of 1983	Field Hockey, Basketball, Track & Field
Steve Kordos		Educator and Coach; Winter and Spring Track & Field
Cynthia (Hepler) Parker	Class of 1995	Soccer, Softball
<b><u>9<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2017)</u></b>		
Jan Anderson	Class of 1982	Football, Supporter
Jennifer (Berenato) Stepenosky	Class of 2002	Soccer, Softball
Lauren (Decker) Shanklin	Class of 1998	Soccer, Indoor Track, Softball
Mary (Veneziale) Ennis	Class of 1994	Field Hockey, Softball
Paul Zemanik	Class of 2005	Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
<b><u>10<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2018)</u></b>		
Felicia (Bianco) Fiocchi	Class of 1993	Field Hockey, Basketball, Track & Field
Jon Forster	Class of 1996	Wrestling, Cross Country
Katrina (Sye) Maddox	Class of 1999	Indoor Track, Track & Field
August 'Augie' Merighi		Supporter
Matthew Petitt	Class of 2001	Soccer, Indoor Track, Golf, Track & Field

### **11<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2019)**

Pat Baldiserra	Class of 2004	Soccer, Tennis
Maryann Busan	Class of 2001	Field Hockey, Softball
Quian Davis	Class of 1999	Football, Baseball
John Patrignani	Class of 1984	Football, Cross Country, Wrestling, Baseball
Zelda (Spence) Wallace	Class of 1987	Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track & Field

### **12<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2021)**

Gregory Gruver	Class of 1999	Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
Bruce Hall	Class of 1994	Football, Wrestling, Track & Field, Indoor Track
Jim Marketto	1980-1987	Coach, Teacher
Chelsea M. Salisbury	Class of 2002	Basketball, Track & Field
Claudia Smith	Attended 1986	Cross Country, Track & Field

### **13<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2022)**

Robert Allen	Class of 1993	Track & Field, Football, Wrestling
Kevin Gunter	Class of 2002	Baseball, Basketball, Football
Andrew Mack	Class of 2003	Football, Basketball
Kenneth Miles	Class of 2009	Baseball, Football
Shawn Tripoli	Class of 1990	Wrestling

### **14<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2023)**

Charles 'Pop' Fellenbaum	Class of 1999	Supporter
Denise (Ritchie) Fields	1987-1988, 2013-2023	Basketball, Softball, Cheerleading, Athletic Trainer
Frank Geremia	Class of 1994	Coach
Christy O'Gaughan	1980-Present	Softball, Basketball, Tennis
Pam Pickett		Coach, Teacher

### **15<sup>th</sup> Induction Class (2024)**

Domenic M. Caprice	Class of 1982	Cross Country, Wrestling, Track & Field
Michael 'Mickey' Caprice		Supporter
Vincent Cifaloglio	Class of 2002	Football, Wrestling, Baseball
Brittany (Scott) Fogg	Class of 2012	Soccer, Softball
Maria Santiago	Class of 2011	Tennis, Softball
Shawn Smith	Class of 1989	Football, Basketball, Track & Field



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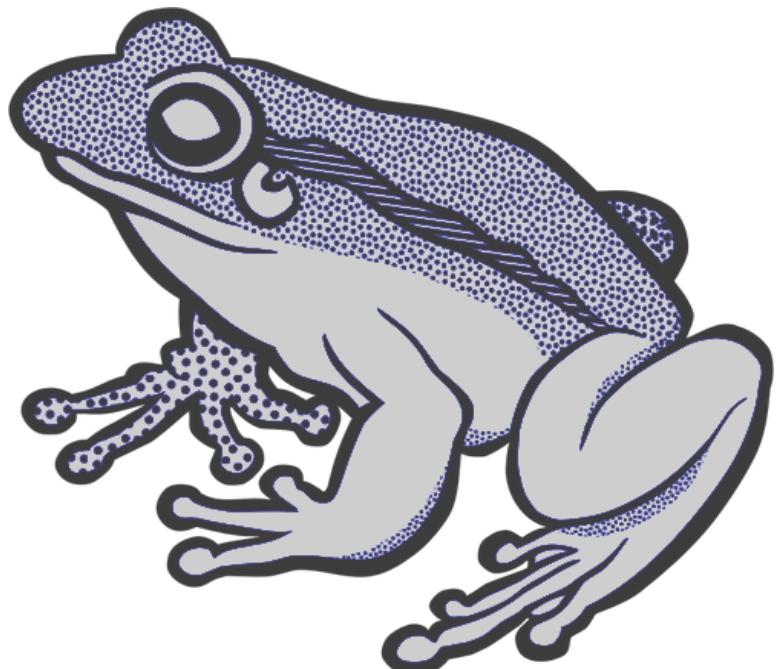
### **BUENA HALL OF FAME TEAM INDUCTIONS**

2009		1974 BASEBALL
2010	*	1988 FOOTBALL
2011		1979 WRESTLING
2012	*	1989 SOFTBALL
2013	**	1988 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
2014		1989 GIRLS BASKETBALL
2015		1989 BOYS TRACK & FIELD
2016	**	2000 BOYS TRACK & FIELD
2017		1992 FIELD HOCKEY
2018	**	1998-99 GIRLS INDOOR TRACK
2019	*	2008 BASEBALL
2021	*	1986 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
2022	*	1993-94 WRESTLING
2023		1993-94 SOFTBALL TEAM
2024		2002 BASEBALL

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The Buena Braves Athletic Association proudly recognizes and congratulates all 2025 Buena Regional Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and team honorees. Your dedication, accomplishments, and contributions have left a lasting legacy within our athletic community.

We applaud your excellence and the pride you have brought to Buena. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

