

**Coach Jason Cannici (Dumont High School). Coach of the year/Hall of Fame Inductee 2019
NFHS Coach of the year 2019/Hall of Fame Bergen County Coaches Association**

After playing Div. 1 Baseball at Manhattan College for 3 years he decided to become a teacher and begin his journey into coaching. Jason started his Career when he was hired at 22 years old at Bogota High School as the head varsity baseball coach. He turned the program around with a 20-win season in 2001-2002 reaching the state sectional semifinal game and making their first appearance in the Bergen County Tournament in a very long time. He accepted the Head coaching job at Dumont High School in 2004 where the program flourished. He captured 10 league titles and one sectional state title in 2011. After the sectional win, he tore his Achilles during the celebration. Jason's dedication to the game and his players was truly on display as he coached in a boot in the state semifinal pushing off the surgery for as long as he could. Coach Cannici has led the huskies to huge victories throughout the years in both the county and state playoffs. He has put his Dumont baseball program on the map for success in Bergen County. For the past 6 years his team has played in the Autism challenge tournament in Weehawken, NJ where his team has raised over \$2,000 for Autism research. He has had many players go onto college baseball careers as well as become coaches themselves. He is currently a hitting and pitching instructor in NY where he works with many kids in the Rockland area. He is married to his wonderful wife Suzi and has three beautiful children: Noah, Ben, and Ava. He is truly blessed by the guidance of his parents Robert and Clare Cannici and his twin brothers David and Brian.

“Coaching is my passion, this profession gives me the opportunity to shape young minds, create teachable moments for kids, and to spread the simple message to my players that the price of success is hard work” - Coach Jason Cannici