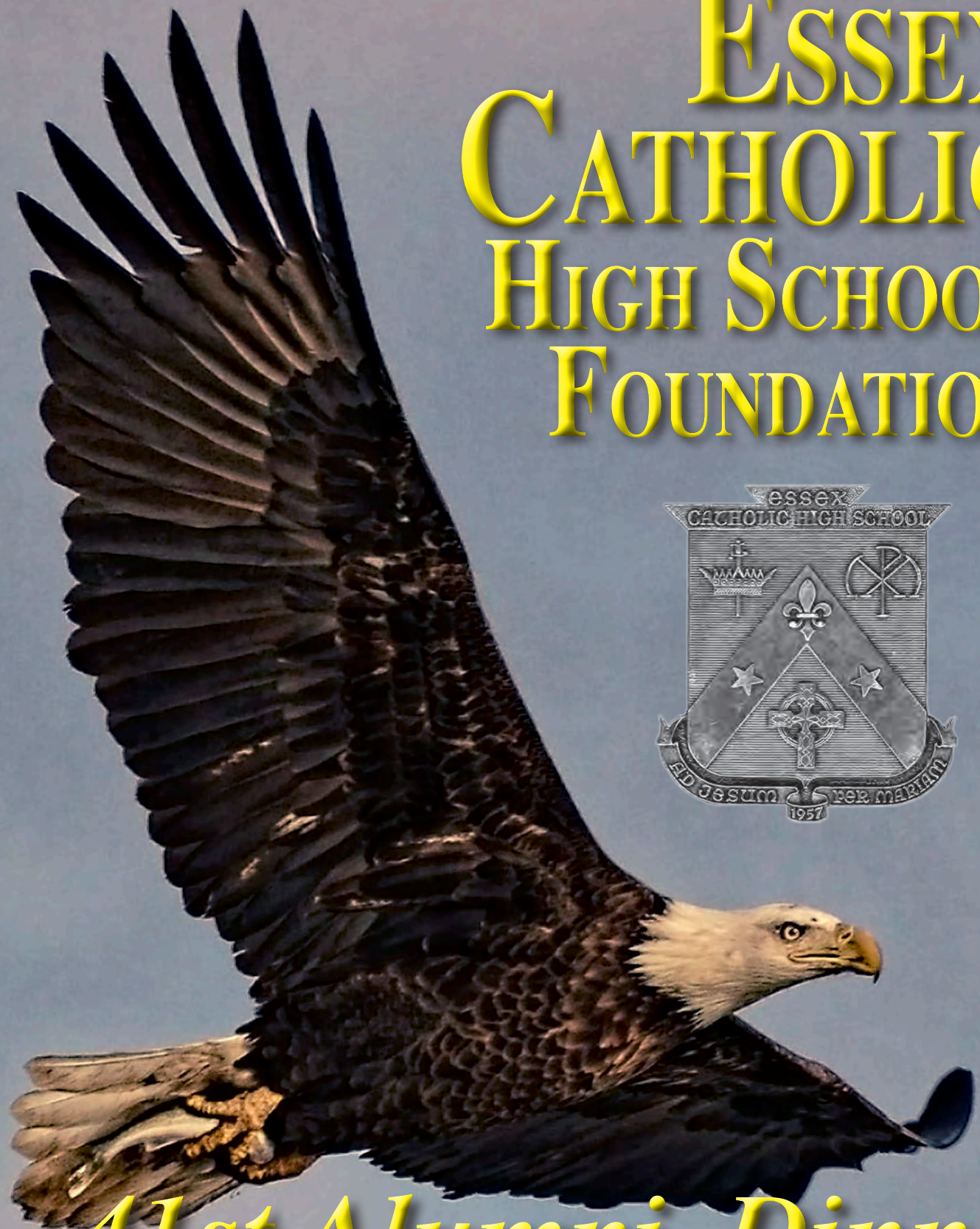


# ESSEX CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION



*41st Alumni Dinner  
& Hall of Fame Induction*

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*November 18, 2022*

# Congratulations!

## To All Our 2022 Inductees



### Hall of Fame

Robert Dent '62 • Joe Bakes '67  
Phil Federico '68 • Brian Smith '72  
Bill Morris '75 • Ron Spagnuolo '75  
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1972 Varsity Wrestling

### Honored

Journalism Alumni



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*Tom Decker '72*



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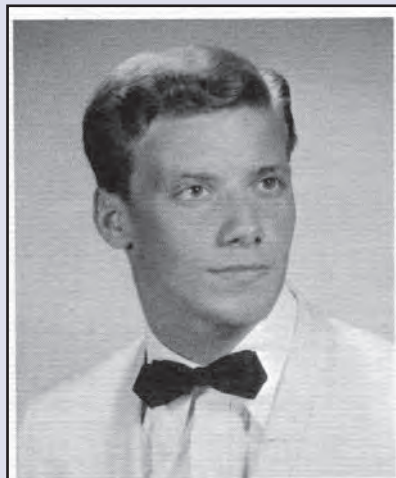
*God Bless!*



**Stephen J. Tobia '71**

## *In Memoriam*

**Al Tobia '67 • 1949-2020 • Hall of Fame 1990**



**ALFONSE D. TOBIA**

*St. Francis Xavier  
Newark*

Class Officer 2, 3; Varsity Club  
3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track  
1, 2, 3, 4.



*Essex Catholic High School Foundation*  
*41st Annual Alumni Dinner*  
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*Friday, November 18, 2022*  
*The Mansion at Mountain Lakes*

## **Program**

### **Cocktail Reception**



### **Master of Ceremonies**

Keith Krauss '71

### **Invocation**

### **Dinner**



### **Doc D'Ambola Tribute**

### **Hall of Fame Induction**

Robert Dent '62

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Phil Federico '68

Brian Smith '72

Bill Morris '75

Ron Spagnuolo '75

Damon Saxon '97

Bill Battershall

1972 Varsity Wrestling



### **Honored**

Journalism Alumni

### **50/50 Drawing**

# *Congratulations 2022 Inductees and Honorees!*



*Bert Tobia '63*

*Hall of Fame 1993*

*and*

*Dora Hillyer*

**Albert P. Tobia EA**

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To My Fellow Essex Catholic Alumni, Faculty and Friends;

The Essex Catholic High School Foundation is very pleased to present the 41st Annual Alumni Dinner and Hall of Fame Induction.

We have been busy and active in 2022, committed to the Foundation's ongoing mission: "Providing alumni, faculty and friends with opportunities to gather, reminisce and reconnect; and providing scholarships to the descendants of Essex Catholic graduates."

Our Board of Trustees and Committees continue to meet regularly, through Zoom meetings. Our website, [www.essexcatholiceagles.com](http://www.essexcatholiceagles.com), augmented by Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn social media postings as well as frequent email campaigns, is providing greatly improved access and communications for our alumni to keep abreast of events and stay connected. We continue to fund and grant scholarships to the descendants of Essex Catholic alumni following the successful inauguration of our *Century Club* in 2021 (see pages 7 and 9), awarding \$31,000 in scholarships over the course of two years. We continued to support the former students of Cristo Rey Newark enrolled at Montclair Immaculate High School. We held a well-attended Eagle Open in May (page 47), as well as an All-Classes Reunion at McGovern's and a summer luncheon at the Cloverleaf Tavern. We'll return to the Cloverleaf on Dec. 9 for our annual Christmas luncheon.

I want to thank the members of the Board, the Officers and the Committees for their time, commitment and hard work.

Congratulations to this year's inductees, honorees and scholarship recipients. Stay safe and healthy, and stay involved.



*Keith Krauss*

Keith Krauss '71  
Chairman and President  
Essex Catholic High School Foundation, Inc.  
Hall of Fame 2013

*Congratulations to*

**Essex Catholic High School  
Hall of Fame Inductees**

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To Our Alumni and the Greater Essex Catholic Community;

As you know, an important part of the Foundation's mission is to award scholarships to the descendants of Essex Catholic High School graduates.

In 2020, the Board of Trustees authorized creation of the *Century Club*, the intent of which is to have 100 Essex Catholic alumni donate a minimum of \$100 per year exclusively for scholarships, with the goal of raising at least \$10,000 annually. All Board of Trustee members committed to this goal and signed on as *Century Club* members.

The first two years of this program have been successful, and it is with great satisfaction that the Foundation awarded five scholarships in 2021, and five in 2022 to the following students:

- **Olivia Wolfe, granddaughter of Michael Shannon '64: \$3,500, Henry Prata Memorial Scholarship, to The University of Wisconsin-Madison.**
- **Thomas Kelley, grandson of Christopher Healy '66: \$3,000, to Seton Hall Prep.**
- **Soren Torlucci, son of Ronald Torlucci '80: \$3,000 to Pope John XXIII Regional H.S.**
- **Claire D'Andrea, granddaughter of Louis D'Andrea '67: \$3,000 to Elon University.**
- **Gabriella Minichiello, granddaughter of Ronald Dellanno '69: \$3,000, to Immaculate Heart Academy.**

The total amount of scholarships awarded thus far, \$31,000 over the course of two years, would not have been possible without the generosity of those who supported our *Century Club*. This generosity has put meaning and substance into the Scholarship Fund, and we look forward to ongoing support of a minimum \$100 per year, which will continue to allow us to award meaningful scholarships on behalf of our beloved school.

The Board of Trustees recognizes the names of *Century Club* members in appreciation for their donations on our website, at [www.essexcatholiceagles.com/scholarships](http://www.essexcatholiceagles.com/scholarships), and in this Alumni Dinner Journal, on p. 9. If you're not already participating, we ask that you consider committing to this project. If you haven't renewed your commitment, please do so as soon as possible.

All donations are tax-deductible, as the Foundation is a 501(c3) entity.

There are few endeavors more meaningful than helping to educate a student. Please send your donation checks, payable to "Essex Catholic High School Foundation Inc.," to:

**Bill Vantuono '77**  
Treasurer, Essex Catholic High School Foundation Inc.  
36 George Street  
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Please be sure to designate your check as "Scholarship Fund." The donation will be used exclusively for scholarships. Alternatively, you can donate through the website at <https://essexcatholiceagles.com/donations/>. Be sure to send a separate email to Bill Vantuono at [wvantuono@sbpub.com](mailto:wvantuono@sbpub.com) to notify us that you've contributed to the *Century Club*.

Sincerely,

*Roger Desiderio*

ROGER J. DESIDERIO '67  
Scholarship Chairman

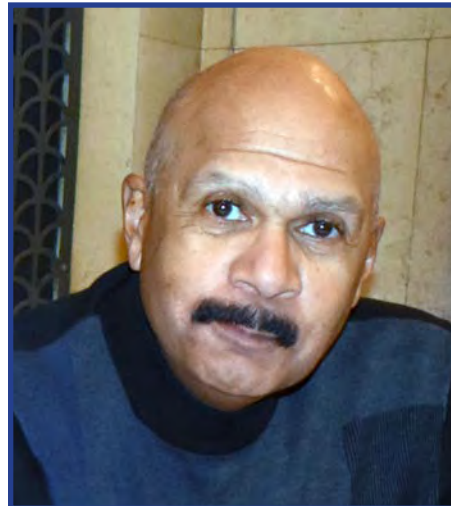
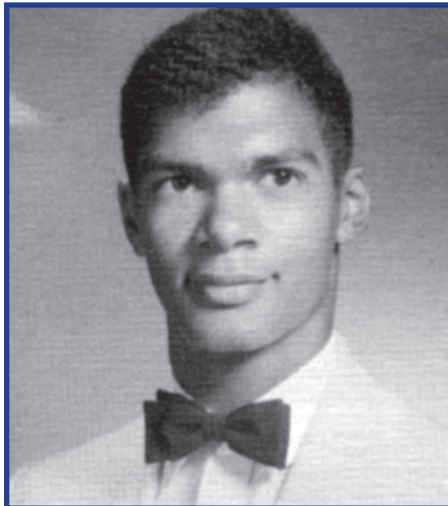
# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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1972 Varsity Wrestling***

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***Way to go, classmate Joe!  
The spotlight is on, golf buddy Ron!***



***Joseph M. Fowlkes Jr.***

***Proud Member***

***Essex Catholic High School Class of 1967***

***Hall of Fame, 1998***

# Century Club Scholarship Fund

**\$24,850**

As of Nov. 1, 2022

2022: \$11,450

2021: \$13,400

**\$10,000 Annual Goal**

## MEMBERS

Victor Addotta '64  
Richard Angowski '65  
Joe Bakes '67  
Peter Balsamo '68  
Francis Bigley '71  
Gregory Bornako '66  
Dave Brown '75  
Walt Camuso '69  
David Castlegrant '72  
Severio Cereste '61  
Frank Choppy '71  
Peter Connolly  
Akbar Cook '94  
Craig Courter '66  
Jack Decker '71  
Anthony Del Sordi '67  
Robert Dent '62  
Tom DePoto '70  
Roger Desiderio '67  
Victor Dielmo '66  
Duane Dixon '77  
Jack Doll '77  
Danny Farrell '82  
Gary Ferrari (Hudson Catholic)  
Don Floyd '80  
Richard Fontana '71  
Jim Foti '74  
Walter Goff '72  
Richard Gray (Faculty)  
Nick Grosch '71  
Dennis Hall '86  
Bob Hoatson '70  
Don Hart '71  
Edwin Herrera  
Charlie Hood '77  
Joe Hughes '67  
Immaculate Conception HS  
Mark Komorowski '77  
Robert Kosinski '67  
Keith Krauss '71  
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Peter Lattanzi '75  
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Richard Maser '68  
Bill Mathias '77  
Al Matos '76  
Steve McCabe '64  
Sean McGovern '84  
John McGrath '71  
Kevin McGrath '72  
Dan McLaughlin '78  
Harry McLaughlin '63  
Robert McNamara (Faculty/Coach)  
William Naedele '63  
Tony Naclerio (Faculty/Coach)  
Phil Nufrio '69  
Sebastian Palmeri '66  
John Prachar '77  
Bob Rapp '71  
Michael Redmond '67  
Joe Reilly '68  
Kevin Reilly '71  
Frank Salas '71  
Mark Santasieri '80  
Mike Shannon '64  
Tom Sharkey '71  
Brian Smith '72  
Nick Spezio '77  
Greg Stewart '71  
Peter Stoffers '76  
Bert Tobia '63  
Steve Tobia '71  
John Tosato '77  
Bill Tortoriello '69  
Bill Vantuono '77  
Gary Vitale '73  
Gerard Vitiello '71  
Ken Vogt '69  
Raymond Wade '61  
Tom Washington '61  
Jack Wickens '74  
Mike Witsch '65  
Steve Zirpoli '76



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**Gilbert H. Lamphere, Founder and Chairman**  
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...In Heaven.. to E.C. Legendary Fencing Team Coach -  
Dr. Samuel D'Ambola who was with us up until 99 & 3 months  
(just last January) and was born Oct. 12, 1922

Dr. D'Ambola established the fencing dynasty at Essex Catholic High School from 1960 to 1974. He coached 15 teams, never taking a salary, and volunteered his services as EC's football and other teams' physician. His legendary teams won the NJ State Championship 9 of his last 10 years and won 8 Cetrulo tournaments. His teams had an astonishing win steak of 107 consecutive wins in head-to-head dual meets of other schools, defeating many top collegiate teams and service academies at the success rate of over .900 for Essex !

Several of Doc's fencers went on to become National Champions, Collegiate Fencers and Olympians, most notably Phil Reilly, and his teammate, Peter Westbrook, who won 13 National Championships, was a Six-time U.S. Olympian from 1976 to 1996, and won an individual Bronze Medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Many of Doc's graduates became National Collegiate Champions and Captains, any went on to coach very successful fencing programs. For example, Peter Westbrook, whose foundation has trained 4,000 scholar-athletes and 8 Olympians / Frank Mustilli who has trained thousands of students at his fencing clubs, producing World Champions and Olympians / Peter was selected as NJ Fencer of the Century from the Star Ledger

David Bryer, as head coach of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, was chosen NCAA Collegiate Coach of the year for the entire NCAA. Tom Boutsikaris coached MKA Girls to be State Champions for 9 consecutive years and the Boys for 1 year – His daughter, Liza Boutsikaris was selected as Female Fencer of the Century by the Star Ledger  
George LaTorre, returned to teach and coach fencing at EC from 1982-1988 bringing EC from near last in the State to 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State in year 4 to Repeating State Champions in Yrs 5 & 6 and not losing to anyone in 2.5 years (all by copying Doc's program) 5-time NJ State Coach of the Year & Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Coach of the Year / Jim Powers and Gus Dellalave have been coaches of many successful fencing clubs and programs.  
Doc's students (and the next generation as well) have gone on to be successful Businessmen, Medical Doctors, Lawyers, Judges, Teachers, School Principals and Successes in Many Fields.

Doc attended Barringer H.S. was the individual State Foil Champion and a member of the Metropolitan State Championship Fencing Team. Doc earned a full scholarship to Seton Hall University and was an integral part of his program which won 68 straight matches before WWII ended competitions. Doc enlisted in the Navy, where he earned the rank of Lieutenant-JG. Doc and his wife Alice (a concert pianist and music teacher) married in 1954 and raised their son, John and daughter, Lesly who both became Medical Doctors as well !

Doc graduated from the Long Island College of Medicine; From 1954-1976 - Had a Large Solo Family Practice in Newark, seeing patients in his office and at 3 local hospitals- Saint Michael's, Columbus, and Clara Maass. Chief of Clinics at St. Michael's and on the Executive Committee of St. Michael's Medical Staff. Doc served as President of the Essex County Medical Society. Doc was Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine at Rutgers Medical School In 1976, Doc became the founding medical director of the Family Practice Residency Program at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He received the New Jersey Academy of Family Practice Chair Award for his lifetime of service and commitment to the field of Family Medicine. UMDNJ in Newark named the Family Medicine Award after Dr. D'Ambola for the graduating physician excelling in family practice. In his "spare time", Doc wrote a weekly column in the Italian Tribune News: "A Left-Handed view of Fencing, and was inducted into the HOF's for ECHS, the NJSIAA, Seton Hall University and the U.S. Fencing Program. Memorial Program Sponsors: Lesly D'Ambola, Tom Boutsikaris, Charles Brooks, David Bryer, Michael Calluori, Brendan Cassidy, Edward Chafart, Joe DePoto, Paul Martino, Walter Krause, Wayne Krause, George LaTorre, Brian Smith

One of 7 brothers who all served our country in WW II- and all miraculously returned!  
 Doc was one of 10 children, 8 boys and 2 girls and lived primarily on Roseville Ave in Newark across from City Stadium



Doc's final team EC team  
 State Champions 1974



The 1972 State Championship Team. Kneeling From Left: Patrick Arre, Rick Cerone, and Team Captain Paul Martino.



Return to the EC Ballroom for the  
 50th Anniversary of the School

***In Memoriam -***

***John Bradley D'Ambola, son of Dr. Samuel and Alice D'Ambola and sister of Dr. Lesly D'Ambola, passed on March 28, 2022 at the age of 67.***

Essex Catholic 1968-72

Attended Villanova University, SUNY Downstate College of Medicine,

Residency in Pediatrics: St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center-

Appointed Chief Resident his final year

Fellowship in Neonatology- UCLA

Worked at Kaiser Permanente of Southern California

for approximately 30 years in Pediatrics and Neonatology

Medical Director of the Neonatal Care Unit /NICU at Kaiser's

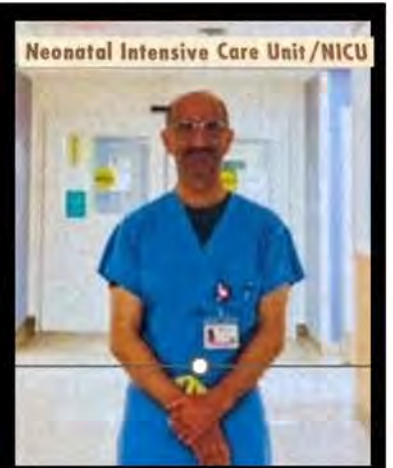
West Los Angeles Medical Center

Honored as a Top Doc in Los Angeles Magazine

Retired in 2019



Fencing Team (Sabre) State Champions,  
Co-Captain - Physical Fitness Team  
Vice President - Future Physicians Club



# ***Congratulations***

*to our*

**2022**

***Hall of Fame Inductees,  
Honorees***

*and*

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# Robert A. Dent '62



uation from Stevens, he worked at the United Illuminating Company in New Haven, Conn. as an Assistant Engineer in the Relay Protection Group until 1969. He then moved to New York City and was employed at Gibbs & Hill, Inc.. He progressed from Assistant Engineer to Engineer, working on analytical studies and construction projects until 1977. Next, he worked at the

Power Authority of New York (a public-owned electric utility with headquarters in NYC/White Plains). He progressed from Engineer to Director, Electric System Studies. He left in 2002 for the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) where he served as the Executive Director, Power Engineering Society (PES) until his retirement in 2007.

Bob has volunteered much of his time over the past decades. As an IEEE volunteer, he has more than 45 years of service. This includes many years for the IEEE New York Section, including Chairman (1989-90), and as Chairman (1983-84) of the PES/IAS Chapter of the New York Section. He then joined the Executive Board of the PES as Publications Chairman, progressing to the presidency (1996-97) of the IEEE Society. PES is presently the second-largest Society within IEEE. He has also served on the IEEE Board of Directors as Division VII Director (1992-93) and Vice President of Technical Activities (2000).

Bob has also been active in the IEEE Society on Social Implications of Technology (SSIT). After years on the Board of Governors, he was elected President to serve in the 2019-20 term. Other assignments have included Chairman of the PES History Committee, Chairman of the IEEE History Committee, voting Member-at-Large of the IEEE Technology and Engineering Management Society, and many others.

Bob has been volunteering at his hometown public television station since 2010. He served on the ECHS Alumni Dinner Committee until 2002. Other volunteer activities include the SUNY New Paltz Engineering Advisory Committee, Engineering Committee of the Parker Imperial Condominium and Cristo Rey Work Study Committee. He is a Member of Eta Kappa Nu, the IEEE Honor Society.

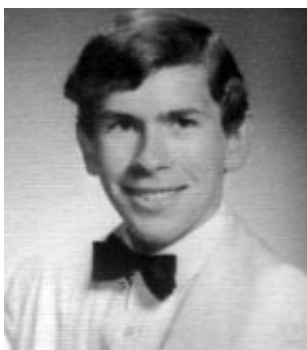
**B**ob Dent '62 was instilled with the values taught at Essex Catholic: pursuit of excellence, develop your God given skills and give back at least as much as you take. After graduation in 1962, he pursued an engineering degree at Stevens Institute of Technology, earning a Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) in 1966. He further pursued degrees at Pratt Institute and Polytechnic Institute of New York. Bob received an M.S. in Computer Science in 1976 from Pratt Institute, and an M.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1983 and an M.S. in Management in 1987 from P.I.N.Y. When he received the M.S.M., he was awarded the *Wall Street Journal* Student Achievement Award.

Bob is presently retired. He worked for 41 years in technical/management positions in the electric utility industry. After grad-

# *Congratulations*

2022 Hall of Fame

Joe Bakes '67



**A True Essex Man**

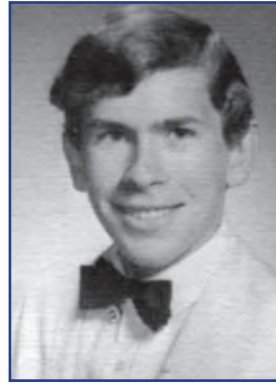
**From The Hudson County '67 Group**





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## Joseph P. Bakes '67



300 book. Joe was also a member of the Social Science Federation and Drama Club.

At Seton Hall University, Joe was Sports Editor of *The Setonian* for two years and then Co-Editor-in-Chief. He was a student senator and recording secretary of the student senate, basketball analyst for WSOU-FM, statistician for club football, and was student representative on the selection committee for basketball coach. All of this resulted in his selection for *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

Upon graduation, Joe began his distinguished 40-year career in New Jersey newspapers as reporter and editor. He goes back to the days when he could get "scoops" by scanning teletypes machines in police stations. He started out with Worrall Publications at the *News Record* of Maplewood and South Orange and as Managing Editor of the *Orange Transcript*. At the *Elizabeth Daily Journal*, Joe was a City Hall and police reporter and Assistant City Editor, and winner of Best Spot News Story of 1974 of the North Jersey Press Association.

Later, Joe was at the *Courier News*, Bridgewater, as Night Editor, Features Editor, Day News Editor and Editorial Page Editor. He was runner-up for Best Editorial of 1984 of the New Jersey Press Association. Next came 24 years at *The Star-Ledger*, beginning as a reporter and finishing on the features staff as Assistant Features Editor. During this time, the features section was selected as best in the nation by the Scripps-Howard Awards. Joe concluded his journalism career as a copy editor for *The Times of Trenton*.

In addition to being in the business, Joe was an instructor in journalism at Seton Hall, Montclair State and Kean Universities for more than 10 years.

As recognition by his fellow journalists, Joe served as President of the New Jersey Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. When he wasn't writing or editing, Joe managed to find enough time to serve as a volunteer and 4-H club leader with the Somerset County 4-H Association for more than 25 years. In recognition, he was honored by a term as its President.

At 300 Broadway, Joe sowed the seeds for his future prestigious career in journalism. He was Sports Editor of *The Eagle*, the winner of Best Sports Column of 1967 from the Scholastic Press Association of New Jersey, and co-author of the *Newark*

Everyone on the ECHS Foundation Events Committee has personally observed Joe Bakes '67's strongest qualification for entry into the Hall of Fame: his long-standing and enduring devotion to Essex Catholic, its history and its values.

Highlights of Joe's involvement include being an Events Committee member for more than 15 years and a co-organizer of the Class of '67 50th anniversary reunion in 2017. But what he does is much more than highlights. There has rarely been an Essex event where Joe was not working. He doesn't golf but was at the welcome desk at the Eagle Open in May. Joe can usually be seen selling 50/50 tickets at the Alumni Dinner and was selling the same tickets for the tricky tray at the golf outing. He buys the boutonnieres and flowers for the Alumni Dinner. He is a journalist and finds news about Essex grads. His lifetime of writing and editing made him a perfect fit for the team that proofreads Constant Contact emails the day before they go out. He appreciates deadlines and is always fast to help.

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# Congratulations!



**Joe Bakes '67**

**“A Role Model’s Role Model”**

***Joan and Paul Barnas***

# Joe Bakes, The Legend



**Congratulations  
on this  
well-deserved  
honor, Dad!  
You have always  
been our  
Clark Kent.  
We're glad to see  
others agree.  
We're with you in  
spirit tonight.**

**All our love  
and admiration!  
Elizabeth, Jason,  
Declan, Ronan  
and Kiernan**





**CONGRATULATIONS**  
*Coach Phil Federico*



Vin Viola '79

Stan Sarentino '79

Mike Piliome '80

Glenn Nicholls '78

Rich Timm '79

Ron Nicholls '79

Mark Feinberg '79



**With pride and thankfulness, we congratulate you on an honor well deserved!**

It has been said that a good coach can change a game, but a great coach can change lives.

No truer words were ever spoken!!

The lessons and the dedication given to your guys, were, and continue to be, an inspiration! You are **TRULY ONE OF A KIND!!!!**

Not only were you a coach, but you turned into a friend to so many of your wrestlers!

Those memories, connections and friendships will last forever!

We are so blessed to have you in our lives and to learn from your direction and inspiration! We love our "reunion get togethers" and time with just the four of us as well!

We are so proud of you and all of your **MANY** accomplishments! We can't wait to see you again!

Stan and Laura



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## *Philip M. Federico '68*



as a teacher and head wrestling coach at Pinelands Regional High School, building one of the strongest wrestling programs in the state.

Phil has been retired for several years and lives with his wife Mary of 45 years in Barnegat, N.J., close

to his daughter Kelli, husband Jamie and his two wonderful grandchildren, Matthew and Nathan. He enjoys teaching and watching them play baseball and shares his passion for hunting and fishing with them.

Phil has had an enormous impact on his students over many years, a number of whom have traveled from all over the country to express their thanks for the life lessons he taught them and for his endless warmth and caring.

Among these former students are Jon Blum, Pinelands Regional '87, founder and co-owner of FORCE Concepts, a provider of instructional design and training solutions for law enforcement and other public safety professionals. The company's evidenced-based law enforcement curricula has been adopted in 28 states and 450-plus agencies across the United States and Canada, reaching hundreds of thousands of public safety professionals.

Phil coached Jon at Pinelands Regional from 1983-1987. "Coach Fed was far more than a wrestling coach," he says. "He was a mentor, counselor, quasi-parent, big brother and role model. Life lessons learned from Coach Fed are numerous and timeless. He taught me how to commit to something greater than myself while remaining accountable in both deed and word. Coach Fed taught me how to lead by example with integrity and be a team player in a sport that emphasizes individual talent. These and other core life lessons taught by Coach Fed carried over into my 30-year career in law enforcement, as a business owner and as a parent. Make no mistake, Coach Fed's legacy will live on in places and people long after he and I leave this life for the next."

**P**hil Federico '68 was a highly ranked wrestler at Essex Catholic, and received many honors. He was also a star wrestler at Seton Hall University, and went on to a much-praised career as a teacher and coach at Clifton High School before moving to South Jersey, where he enjoyed a long career

# SUCCESS!



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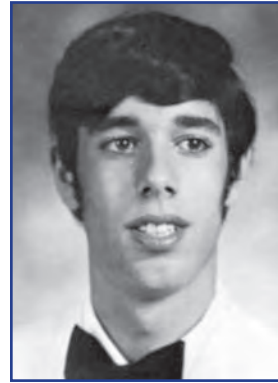






## 2022 ESSEX CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

# *Brian M. Smith '72*



fostering team cohesion.

Following his tenure at Essex, Brian matriculated at Columbia College, Columbia University in New York City, where he was a pre-medical student. At Columbia, Brian continued to fence saber, winning All Ivy honors in his junior and senior years. In 1976 during his senior year, Brian gained All American honors by winning the NCAA Saber cham-

pionship. In addition to his athletic endeavors and accomplishments during college, Brian was a residence floor counselor in his junior year on a co-ed dormitory floor, where his duties included conflict resolution among his charges and organizing events to foster comradery. His abilities as a floor counselor (dealing with one of the first co-ed dormitory floors at Columbia College at that time) were recognized, and in his senior year he became a Residence Hall Advisor, where he supervised floor counselors for an entire dormitory building.

During his tenure at Columbia, Brian never neglected his studies, and as one might imagine at an Ivy League college maintaining excellent grades in a pre-med program while competing successfully at the national level is no easy task. After graduation, Brian matriculated at The University of Pennsylvania, where he obtained his Doctorate of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree. With that dental degree in hand, Brian felt obliged to serve his country and joined the United States Navy, eventually rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander (active/reserve). Upon discharge from the Navy, Brian obtained further training in Oral and Maxillofacial surgery, and over the past decades has chaired the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Temple University School of Dental Medicine and Temple University Hospital, and has been Division Head at Cooper University Hospital for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Brian's accomplishments at Essex Catholic, his athletic and leadership accomplishments at Columbia University and his distinguished career as a surgeon all speak to his qualifications to be named to the Essex Catholic High School Hall of Fame. There are few who could serve as a better exemplar of what an Essex Catholic education meant to scores of young men.

**B**rian Smith '72 grew up in Belleville, attending Essex Catholic for all four of his high school years. While at Essex, Brian began his fencing career, learning swordsmanship under the tutelage of "Doc" D'Ambola, who coached Essex to a decade's worth of state championships. Brian fenced saber, the traditional cavalry weapon, and during his senior year was on the starting saber team of Essex Catholic's 1972 State Championship team. To win the championship, all three weapons must successfully compete (foil, epee and saber), and without Brian's winning contributions, Essex Catholic's championship would have been in doubt. In his senior year, Brian also became the 1972 Individual State Saber Champion. Because of these accomplishments Brian was named to the New Jersey All State Fencing Team. At Essex, Brian also competed on the lacrosse team, playing the defense center position, providing considerable leadership to the team and

# CONGRATULATIONS!



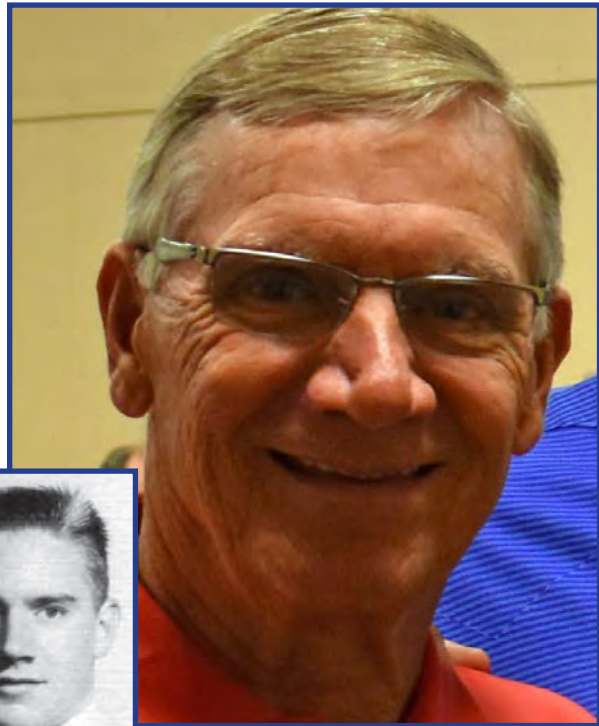
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**MIKE SHANNON '64**

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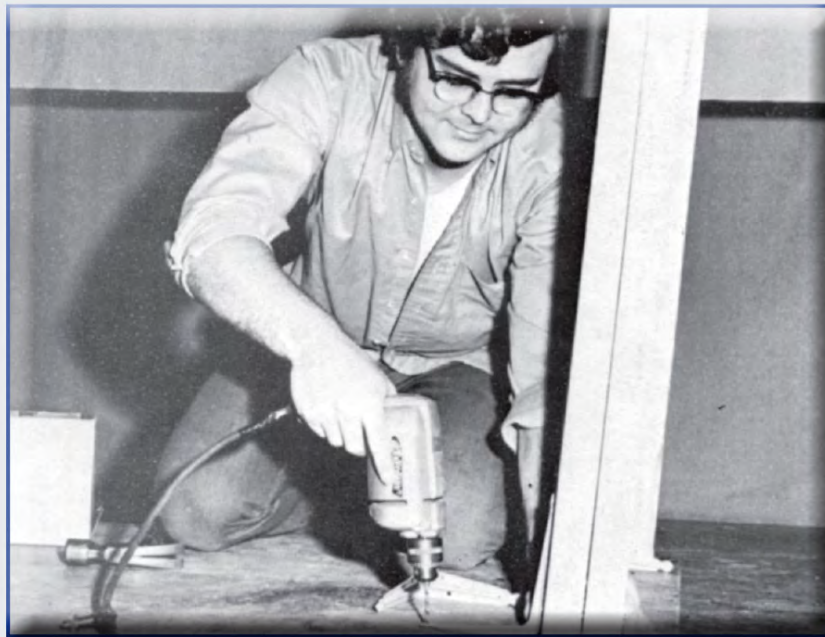
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*Bob Heugle '71 • Hall of Fame 2017*

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*Richard Gray*

*Essex Catholic Faculty, 1966-1972*



2022 ESSEX CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

## William R. Morris '75



how talented and prodigious a high school football player he was. But Billy's tremendous performances and successes on the gridiron were merely a prelude to the outstanding achievements that he has been able to compile on his 45-plus life's journey since that time, and the thousands of people that he has impacted through his teaching, charitable and volunteer endeavors.

"After graduation from Essex Catholic, Billy went on to attain a journalism degree from Lehigh, then a master's in communications from Howard University, and finally, a law degree from the University of North Carolina. Throughout the 1990s, Billy practiced law, specializing in civil rights and employment discrimination. He then decided that he didn't want to practice law anymore, moved to Mexico, then to Guatemala, doing church work and teaching English to indigenous people.

"Billy came to Bloomington, Ind. in 2005 to be with his ailing mother, and decided shortly thereafter to make Bloomington his home. In Bloomington for the past 15 years, he has accomplished so much and made such an impact in the community that he is affectionately known as "Brother William." He is currently back to practicing law, representing people with workplace issues, teaching legal studies at Ivy Tech Community College, working as a DJ at WFIU where he hosts jazz program he created, *The Soul Kitchen*, on Friday afternoons and Saturday evenings, and practicing as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church.

"Billy says the foundation of all his work is teaching. How incredibly proud we all are to call Billy Morris one of the true 'Essex Men.'"

So who exactly is William Morris? "I would respond, a teacher," he said without hesitation in a recent *Limestone Post* article on his life. "On the radio, and as a lawyer, I'm a teacher. The best lawyers I knew back in North Carolina had been teachers first. They had impressed upon me that you could teach your client the law. You teach the opposing side your client's case. You have to teach your jury the law. You're always teaching. And on *The Soul Kitchen*, I'm teaching people different kinds of music."

**T**he best description of William R. "Billy" Morris '75 is by his classmate, lifelong friend and fellow Hall of Famer Ed Gibney: "Do you remember Billy 'White Shoes' Johnson, the longtime NFL wide receiver? Well, at Essex Catholic, we had our own Billy White Shoes, and his name was Morris. His nickname could just as easily have been 'Mercury,' because that is

# Congratulations!

## Essex Catholic Hall of Fame

### Class of 1975 Inductees



*Bill Morris*



*Ron Spagnuolo*

## Your Fellow Classmates and Brothers



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*Kevin Banks*



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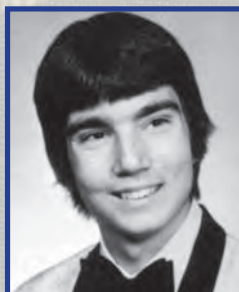
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*Dom Tibaldo*





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*Ronald J. Spagnuolo '75*



the C-5 (bottom) during the Gulf War into the combat/war zone delivering supplies. Ron served in the USAF Reserve for 25 years, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Continental Airlines hired Ron after he left USAF active duty; he was based in Guam. When Continental merged with United Airlines, Ron obtained the rank of Captain, flying the Boeing 757 and 767 aircraft. He

retired from United in May 2020.

Ron remarried in 2009 and moved from New Jersey to South Carolina in 2018 to be near his twin grandchildren. He always proudly wears his Essex apparel, and supports the ECHS Foundation as a regular at the annual Eagle Open and Alumni Dinner.



**F**ollowing four years as an Eagle, playing football, Ron Spagnuolo '75 took to the skies—literally. He attended Rutgers University-Newark and graduated in 1980, but during his time there, he took flying lessons at Morristown Airport and obtained his pilot's license.

Soon after graduating from Rutgers, Ron joined the United States Air Force, where he qualified for combat, flying the Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II “Warthog” anti-tank attack plane, designed for CAS (Close Air Support). He served on active duty for four years. Afterwards, he joined the USAF Reserve, flying the Lockheed C-5 Galaxy military transport plane. He flew

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**Steve McCabe '64**

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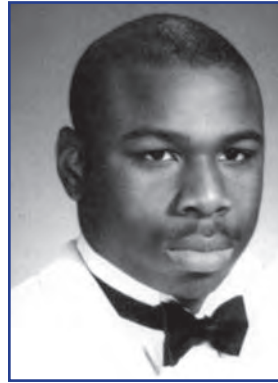
**Buffy McCabe**





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*Damon J. Saxon '97*



statistics, but Damon rushed for an additional 289 yards against Ursinus in the 2002 ECAC Southwest Regional Bowl. That performance brought his season yardage to 2,033, a number not officially recognized by the NCAA.

Damon received a number of awards as a senior, including 2000 All-MAC First Team, 2000 ECAC First Team, Don Hansen's Football Gazette All-South Region First Team, Hewlett-Packard First Team All-American, D3Football.com First Team All-American, and Don Hansen's Football Gazette First Team All-American. In addition, he was named the 2000 MAC Player of the Year and was a finalist for 2000 Melberger Award honoring the Division III National Player of the Year.

After graduating from Kings College and completing his playing career, Damon began coaching high school football and working with a youth football organization now known as the Wilkes Barre Wolverines. He started his own company, Saxon Sports Academy, which teaches kids how to play the game of football and develop balance, speed and agility. Damon started this company in 2020 during the pandemic, and it has been flourishing ever since.

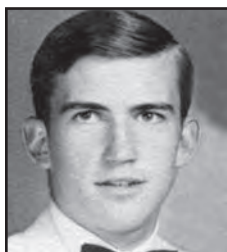
**D**amon Saxon '97 had a stellar high school football career at Essex Catholic that concluded with being named All Essex County 1st Team as well as All Area 1st Team. A three-sport athlete, he also played basketball and baseball for the Eagles.

Damon went on to attend NCAA Division III Kings College in Wilkes Barre, Pa. He concluded his King's career in the 2000 season, enjoying an epic senior year at tailback. Damon led the nation in rushing with a Division III-best 174.4 yards-per-game rushing average, concluding the regular season with 1,744 yards. At the time, the NCAA did not allow the inclusion of post-season



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2022 Hall of Famers and Honorees



## Bob Hoatson '70

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Bill Hoatson '68



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## *William H. Battershall*



shall used to give us his paychecks to go to the bank and get them cashed since he was at the school until 6 pm.

“Mr. Battershall was the one who kept us as safe as possible. He was a skilled diagnostician and healer, and an early proponent of sports medicine. He was always available for every athlete. He was a great believer in Essex and its tradition. Mr. Battershall eventually left Essex Catholic for a teaching position at West Essex High School, where he continued his chosen profession. He volunteered his time serving as the trainer for many all-star teams and games. He was inducted into the St. Peter’s University Hall of Fame in 1991. I believe that if West Essex High School had a Hall of Fame, Mr. Battershall would be a member. His induction into the Essex Catholic Hall of Fame is well deserved and long overdue.”



**Bill Battershall in 1967 with Athletic Director and Varsity Football Moderator Br. James Taaffe.**

**B**ill Battershall, who died in 2010, began his career as an athletic trainer at Essex Catholic High School—as our first athletic trainer, actually the only trainer for the entire school, handling all fall, winter and spring sports. A graduate of Caldwell High School, he started at Essex as a 22-year-old, right out of Seton Hall University, looking for a position. In addition to his athletic training duties, he taught Biology and Driver Education, and moderated the Varsity Club.

Harry McLaughlin '63, Hall of Fame 1991, recalls those early years: “Mr. Battershall’s salary was around \$50 a week. How do I know? My classmate Joe Biglin had a car in 1962. Mr. Batter-

# Thank You Essex Catholic for the Memories!

## THE MULLIN FAMILY

Jim, Class of 1973 (B.A. Columbia, M.B.A. Rutgers), Hall of Fame 2013

Wife, Linda (B.A. Douglass, M.A. William Paterson)

Daughters, Jessica (B.A. Columbia); Christen (B.A., M.A. St. Joseph's)

### Sisters

Pat, EOCHS Class of 1969, *Brigadoon* (B.A. St. Elizabeth's)

Andrea, EOCHS Class of 1977, Essex Cheerleader (B.S. Montclair State)

Liz, EOCHS Class of 1978, Essex Cheerleader (B.A. Centenary, Magna Cum Laude)



### In Memoriam

Parents  
Jim and Anastasia (Nettie)



Essex Catholic 1973 Varsity Wrestling Co-Captains, left to right: Jim Mullin, Baggio Uricoli, and Ken Villano.



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## 1972 Varsity Wrestling



**Kneeling, l-r: Matt Lopreiato '72, Alex DiMeo '72 (Co-Captain), Gary Thunell '72 (Co-Captain), Mike LaTorre '72 (dec.). Standing, l-r: Mike Keller '72, Kevin Van Riper '73, Kevin Kearns '74 (dec.), Ken Villano '73, Billy Martin '72, Jim Mullin '73, Biaggio Uricoli '73, Charlie Reiner '73.**

**F**rom the 1972 *Talon* yearbook: The Essex grapplers, established as a power years ago, continued to roll this year. The Eagles smashed through their toughest schedule ever and came out with a 10-1 record, the best record in their history. Four opponents were kept under 10 points, and the combined points scoring totals were 297-147. The victory over Millburn, made possible by 12 outstanding performances, proved to be the highlight of the dual meet season.

In district and regional competition, our wrestlers confirmed without a doubt their number one ranking in Region 2. In the District 7 tournament, Essex crushed its closest competitor,

Belleville, 95-71.

Co-captains Gary Thunell ( 11-0 ) and Al Di Mayo ( 9-1-1 ) displayed both poise and skill in capturing regional crowns. Bill Martin's aggressiveness was apparent in his registering 13 pins throughout the season; he posted 10-1 dual mark. Seniors Matt Lopreiato, Mike LaTorre and Mike Keller scored points in key bouts, enabling Essex to be victorious.

Juniors Biaggio Uricoli and Ken Villano should provide enough foundation for coach D'Alessandro to build another superior team in 1973. Congratulations to all involved in helping to make Essex the successful wrestling team that it is.

# *Thank You, Essex Catholic*

It is a great honor to enter the Essex Catholic Hall of Fame and join 19 members of the Class of '67: Vic Collucci, Bill Connell, Bob Coppola, Roger Desiderio, Charlie Dowd, Pete Flannery, Joe Fowlkes, Larry Iovino, Milton Irvin, Wayne Krause, Ed Kwasnik, Rev. Bob LaFerrara, John Lennon, Marty Liquori, Mark Murro, Frank Norton, Paul Schetelick, and the beloved and dearly missed Al Tobia and Ralph Vreeland.

We salute the Essex Catholic journalists we know: Jim White '67, Michael Redmond '67, Tom Monigan '68, Walt Camuso '69, Don Skwar '69, Tom DiPoto '70, Gerald Monigan '71, Tim Carroll '74, Bill Vantuono '77, Anthony Venutolo '86



*Joe Bakes '67*  
*Kathy Vreeland Bakes*





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## Honorees



### Essex Catholic Alumni Journalists

Many successful journalists found their calling with *The Eagle*, Essex Catholic's school newspaper, printed on-premises in our print shop. Over the years, publications like *The Star Ledger* (Joe Bakes '67) and *The Wall Street Journal* (Jim White '67), trade journals like *Railway Age* (Bill Vantuono '77), and numerous other newspapers and magazines have had Essex alumni on their staffs. Journalism is a tough field, especially today, with so much misinformation and noise drowning out legitimate voices. This year, the ECHS Foundation honors those Essex men who have made journalism—"literature in a hurry"—their career.



The Eagle editors, with moderator John King, 1967.

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### Nation Stands In Disbelief And Horror

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Business And Finance

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### Death Toll, Source of Devastating Attacks Remain Unclear; U.S. Vows Retaliation as Attention Focuses on bin Laden

Streets of Manhattan Resemble War Zone Amid Clouds of Ash

**A MASSIVE FINANCIAL** market closed yesterday and remains closed today in the wake of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. The major stock markets in the global market that remained open reported that substantial damage was done to the world's financial system as they edged from prospects of an unprecedented recession. In Tokyo, the Nikkei stock index fell below 10,000 after Wednesday for the first time since the 1989 crash.

The World Trade Center housed many Wall Street and banking firms, law firms, technology companies, trading firms and other businesses. Many escaped before the destruction of the building yesterday, but the toll of death and injured is unclear.

The attack's devastation is a major blow to the global economy into widespread recession, smothering consumer confidence and disrupting trade and financial markets such as air travel.

The dollar tumbled in global markets following the attacks. In London trading, the euro shot at 1.48 U.S. cents, the yen rose to 100.20 cents, the British pound rose to 1.61 U.S. dollars.

**HEALTH CARE** workers rushed to treat thousands of injured victims. Health workers rushed to a makeshift triage center for thousands of injured victims in hospitals, many of whom were taken to the hospital in ambulances. At least 1,000 people were reported injured in New York City, and thousands expected to arrive. Blood-center officials said transfusion needs would be met by available supplies. They warned that they would run short if coming days as they face the need to replenish supplies.

**DEATH TOLL** remains unclear. The number of the deaths to the necessary was announced by the White House. The number of deaths remains unclear. The number of deaths remains unclear. The number of deaths remains unclear.

**U.S. VOWS RETALIATION** as attention focuses on bin Laden. The U.S. government has vowed retaliation against the terrorists. The U.S. government has vowed retaliation against the terrorists. The U.S. government has vowed retaliation against the terrorists.



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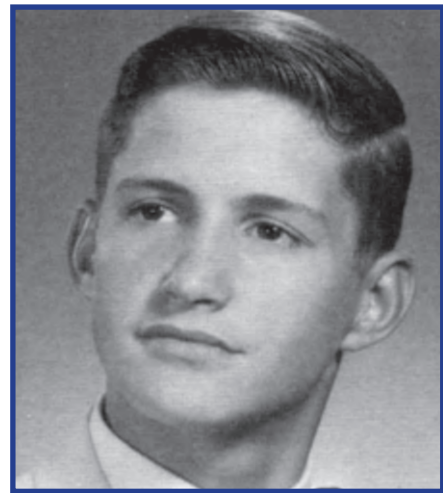
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**Honored: Journalism Alumni**



**Robert M. Hoatson, Ph.D. '70**  
**Hall of Fame 2020**



**William R. Hoatson, Esq. '68**



**In Memoriam: James C. Hoatson '67**

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# 2022 Eagle Open

More than 100 Essex Catholic alumni golfers, family and friends took to the beautiful and challenging Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, N.J., on May 9, 2022, for a day of fellowship and fundraising. The Foundation raised nearly \$10,000 for scholarships, \$7,500 of which was earmarked for Montclair Immaculate Conception High School students who transferred from Cristo Rey Newark when the Archdiocese of Newark shut that school down in 2020. Many thanks to our sponsors! Save May 8 as the date for the 2023 Eagle Open!





To all the 2022 Hall of Fame inductees, especially my Eagles teammate Bill Morris, and to the guys from the Class of '75: I've spent much of my life in the air, but Essex Catholic helped keep me grounded in the things that matter. Let's keep soaring like Eagles!

## *Ron Spagnuolo '75*



*Thanks Mom!*



# *2022 Eagle Open*

**Jack Decker '71  
addresses  
the ball:  
“Hello, ball!”**



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## **CONGRATULATIONS!** 2022 Hall of Fame Inductees



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Kevin Cawley  
Al Cifelli  
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**We salute you! Mea Mea!**

***Al Matos '76 and Family***

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# *Congratulations* and *Best Wishes*



to  
Fellow Classmate  
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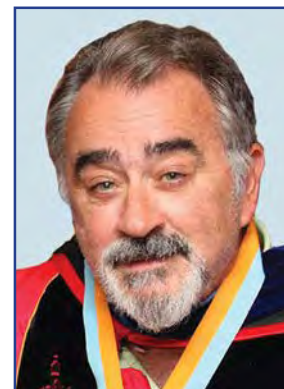
on your induction into the

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**Joe Deehan, Class of '62**

**Congratulations to Mr. Battershall (Bill), Coach “D,”  
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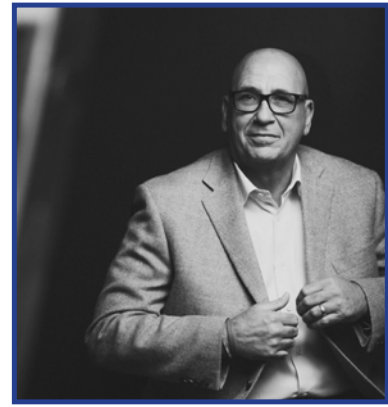


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# *Congratulations!*

to all our

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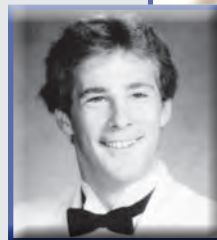
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# *Congratulations*

to

**Bill Morris and Ron Spagnuolo**  
on their induction into the  
2022 Hall of Fame!



“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

*John 3:16-17*

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

*I Corinthians 15:3-4*

To Bill, Ron and all the Inductees, their families and friends, you are in my thoughts and prayers tonight.

With love,



*Russ Whitley, Class of 1976*