

Female coach of the year:

Karen Dickie – MSC

- Cheerleading coaches at Mount St. Charles Academy in Woonsocket Rhode Island for over the last 21 years
- Strong advocate for the training of coaches in safety within the sports
- Mentors other new coaches coming into the sport of cheerleading
- Over 10 State championships, 4 National championships, several other placements local, regional and national
- Rhode Island delegate at the MIAA 24th Annual Leadership Training Institute
- Continues her education annually and has certification certificates in the following:
 - o AACCA Spirit Safety Certification
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 - NFHS Level I Accredited Interscholastic Coach certification
 - State of Rhode Island Department of Education Certificate of Qualification for Athletic Coach
 - First Aid / CPR current certification
 - NFHS Concussion in Sports
 - NFHS Fundamental of Coaching
 - NFHS Coaching Principles for Cheer and Dance
 - NFHS Spirit Management Course
 - NFHS The Role of Parent in Sport

Leslie Caito Jones – Moses Brown (2nd year nomination)

- 2013 RIIL field Hockey Champions
- No program at Moses Brown consistently produces college level players like field hockey does
- Leslie is a constant supporter of her athletes. She assists with college visits as well as communicating with college coaches.
- Leslie pushes her athletes to be the best they can be on and off the field. Her players are often leaders within our school community because she insists they get involved and represent their team.
- Leslie promotes the benefits of female participation in sports and in fitness. While not a coach in other seasons, Leslie visits campus daily and is often seen encouraging her athletes to participate in other sports.
- Many Moses Brown coaches admire Leslie for her organization, her work ethic, and her ability to connect with her players. Leslie leads by example and never tolerates excuses from her athletes.
- Leslie is extremely active in the sport of field hockey. She is the main organizer of all off season tournaments and activities for all field hockey in Rhode Island.

Athletic Director of the Year:

Chris Cobain – EG

- Appreciates HS athletics and is willing to work with athletes and other schools
- Regularly plays the role of administrator for RIIL league contests at the EG Synthetic field
- Extremely accommodating and puts the extra time in, even offered his facility up as a home site for football when westerly's location was closed down
- Sits on the Boys basketball committee
- Became an executive board member of the RIIAAA this past year

Terry Lynch – SK

- Co-Chair of the Baseball Committee
- Member of the Hockey Committee and recently named to the NIAAA Rules Committee for Hockey
- Member of the RIIAAA Executive Committee

Tom Marcello – Ponaganset

- Chairman and mathematical genius of realignment committee that the RIIL has officially fully supported.
- Member of the following sport committee's – Football, boys and girls xc
- Member of the RIIAAA executive Board
- Annually hosts the RI Class and State XC championships for boys and girls and works with his coaching staff and entire community to be sure the events are run properly and safely

Media Award:

Bill Koch – South County Independent

- Sports writer for the last 13 years in RI covering mostly HS
- Also has covered PC Hockey and currently covers URI football, basketball and baseball
- Started maintaining an active presence on social media, most specifically through twitter.
- Over the past year, twitter has become extremely helpful to communicate with kids and it works tremendously for him in breaking new stories and promoting events.
- Social media has allowed Bill to get more information out and maintain the print space allotted for the HS Sports I cover

Mike Rego - Editor, The East Providence Post

- Employed by East Bay Newspapers since 2001

- Covered high school sports in a variety of ways since 1992, beginning as an intern at The Narragansett Times/Southern Rhode Island Newspapers while attending the University of Rhode Island's Journalism school.
- Worked professionally for The Westerly Sun for four years, Southern Rhode Island Newspapers (Narragansett, East Greenwich, North Kingstown, etc.) for two and Beacon Communications (Warwick/Cranston) for one
- Has documented numerous state championship winning teams, athletes and coaches of all stripes, including several who have gone onto become top-level college players.
- Since 2001, has at times been the sports editor for EBN papers in the towns of Bristol, Warren, Tiverton, Portsmouth, Barrington and East Providence.
- Has specifically covered the Townies for The East Providence Post since 2005, including in current role as News/Sports Editor since 2012.

Bob Marr – The Westerly Sun

- Covers Westerly HS, Chariho HS, North Stonington HS and Stonington HS
- Wrote a book called “The Swish Kids” which is a historical piece from the good old days 1938-1965 of westerly basketball
- Covers all sports, boys and girls, popular and less attended and gives them all the attention they deserve
- Helped develop the online statistical feature that is far superior to anything else in the state
- Writes his articles with understanding that this is HS athletics, doesn't attempt to make this out to be professional
- Has an appreciation for the coaches and the athletes and it translates into his articles
- The student athletes always ask if they are called on by the coach to speak if Bob was at the game, he is the best reporter to work with.

Sister Charlene

Steve DeGiacomo – Ponaganset

Ponaganset Recreation Basketball and Travel Team Director

- Working with more than 200 youth yearly in the program, for over a 21 year span.
- In 2001 became the Travel Team coordinator.
- Took over as director of PBA in 2004
- Currently organizing and operating the Town's Recreational League for youths in grades 2-8 as well as oversee the Travel All-Star Teams
- Ensure that equipment and facilities are safely/properly prepared and maintained for use by program participants and staff
- Recruit needed volunteers and contract service employees
- Promote and publicize event programs and services by utilizing all forms of available media

- Maintain accurate and detailed financial records; determine fees; control revenues and expenditures; and make recommendations for future budget appropriations
- Supplement the budget through the use of fees, contributions, sponsorships, in-kind services and other fundraising alternatives

Beth Keeling – Ponaganset

- Created and runs a weekly program called TOPS (The Outreach Program for Sports) that operates year round and provides opportunities in soccer, basketball, and baseball for young mentally and physically challenged youths.
- Serves on the Foster-Gloucester school committee and advocates for athletics at each meeting
- Has taken and continues to take pictures of athletes in action and continues to showcase the pictures in the ponaganset hallways weekly
- Is the organizer of the unified basketball and volleyball programs with volleyball recently winning the division 4 state championship

Peter Antoniou – Woonsocket

- 12 years as equipment Manager for Woonsocket athletic department
- Cleans and repairs the uniforms weekly or as needed
- Is available to help prepare the athletes in any way on game days
- Serves as manager, scorekeeper, fundraiser and fan for all the sports teams
- Exemplifies respect, pride and commitment to all of the student athletes at Woonsocket hs

Male Coach of the Year:

Keith Croft – BH

- Won the 2013 superbowl for the 4th year in a row, becoming the first program to accomplish this feat. Appeared in the superbowl the previous 2 seasons as well
- His head coaching Win % is 82% (67-15) over his 7 years
- Head coach Indoor and Outdoor Track and field as well.
- Keith is overwhelmingly respected in the football and athletic community in the state for his ability to pass on lifelong traits, not just coaching

Willie Edwards – MB

- Varsity football coach at Moses Brown where they were the div 3 runner up
- Has engulfed himself in the MB community and organizes workouts for all students

- Organized the “breakfast club” that runs 6:45-7:30am for the student body’s workouts
- Has his kids believing in his motto “Work hard, get better”

Marc Brocato – EG

- Girls Tennis coach that won the Div 1 title this past season and went undefeated all year long.
- Developed a summer program for the town of East Greenwich and the team volunteers to teach at it to develop skills in the youth of the town
- He is also the announcer at boys and girls basketball games
- Appears in school productions
- Advisor to the school newspaper
- Is also the golf coach at EG
- Develops all of his players in each sport to not only become better athletes but ambassadors of the town

Steven O’Donnell – LaSalle

- Coach of the 2 time defending RIIL State boys lacrosse team
- His team placed 7 athletes on the 1st team all-state squad, and only 1 had earned that distinction the year prior.
- His team’s call mark is the amount of improvement from start of the season to end of the season both individually and as a group
- Named the 2013 Northeast Sectional Coach of the Year by the NFHS Coaches Association

Tom Kenwood – Cumberland

- Coaches the Cumberland boys xc, indoor track and outdoor track & field teams
- Won the Northern Division Championship the past 3 seasons
- Has won the Indoor and outdoor Division championships 10 years running
- Coached the Gatorade Cross Country Runner of the Year in 2012

School Administrator of the Year:

Andre Thibeault

- Oversees the largest Athletic department in the state
- Recently developed a new athletic department at Juanita Sanchez
- Has advocated and received acceptance to add sports at Hope, Central and Classical over the past few years

Dr. Michael Barnes – Foster-Gloucester Schools

- 2013 Superintendent of the Year.

- Developed STEM Academy and "Pathways" for all electives leading to industry certifications and/or college credit.
- Always in attendance at athletic events.
- Helped to grow our athletic department (Increased by 4 teams).
- Supports & Hosts to DII Wrestling Sectionals and RIIL XC Championship Meets.
- Rise in NECAP test scores during his tenure.
- Fosters a as strong relationship with community and community leaders (Town Councils).
- Does not shy away from difficult situations but attacks them head on.
- Works tirelessly for our district minimum of 60 hours a week.
- Loves and is extremely proud of who we are at Ponaganset.
- Sets aside \$ for large athletic-related capital projects (field house (2008), new track (2013), weight room (2014) tennis courts (2014-15).

NIAAA Award of Merit

Jeff Maidment – MB

- Current President – RIIAAA
- Attendee of the RI/Mass AD conference and the National Conference
- Moderator at both regional and National conferences

Paul Alianello – BH

- Attendee of the National Conference
- Annual host of the Bishop Hendricken invitational and other League neutral site events

School of the Year:

West Warwick

- Division championships: Ice hockey (12-13), boys volleyball (2013), boys soccer (2013), football (2013)
- State championships: Ice hockey (12-13), girls soccer (2013), football (2013)
- State runner-up: Gymnastics (12-13), boys soccer (2013)
- Sportsmanship awards: Gymnastics (12-13), girls basketball (12-13)
- Four regional winners of RIIL Student-Athlete of the Month in the past 2 years (1 state winner)
- Individual state cheerleading champion (2013)-Brighton Landroche
- Cox Communication Cheerleader of the Year-Brighton Landroche
- Coaches on the following sports committees: Baseball, boys basketball, ice hockey
- Coach of the Year-Football Division IIB (2013)-Shane Lagor

- Back of the Year-Football Division IIB (2013)-Kody Greenhalgh
- Lineman of the Year-Football Division IIB (2013)-Chris Stafford
- 1st Team All-State Football: Kody Greenhalgh, Austin Paygai, Chris Stafford
- Community service: Student-athletes have volunteered in the following:
 - 1) “Christmas Is”-providing toys to needy children (helping to pack toys and selling ornaments to raise money for the organization)
 - 2) School blood drives in conjunction with the student-council
 - 3) VAASA (Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse)-Work to counsel middle school and elementary students on the importance of being “substance free”
 - 4) Reading week at local elementary schools
 - 5) Hat and mitten drive at the Thanksgiving Day game
 - 6) Canned food drives during the holiday seasons
 - 7) Organized “Coaches v. Cancer” basketball boys-girls doubleheader to raise money to donate to the American Cancer Society in the name of Bruce Vanasse (deceased basketball coach and school committee member). Donated over \$400.
 - 8) Organized ALS varsity baseball game with Mt. St. Charles to raise money for ALS research (Assistant coach of West Warwick’s wife was diagnosed with ALS, head coach of MSC’s brother died of the disease)
 - 9) Student-athletes ran numerous fundraisers (car washes and dinners) to raise over \$5,000 for Kim Denise a senior soccer player diagnosed with lymphoma during her senior year.

Classical

- Div 1 Girls State Championship Outdoor T&F Spring 2013
- Div 1 Girls State Championship Indoor T&F winter 2013
- Boys Basketball Division 1 State Champion
- Boys Basketball Open State Champion
- Boys Basketball Division (Central) Champions, regular season
- Boys Indoor T&F State Champion Runner up winter 2013
- Boys Indoor T&F Metro Division Regular season Champion
- Girls Volleyball Div 1 State Champion runner up, fall 2013
- Girls Volleyball northern Division regular season champions
- Freshman football Division 2 superbowl champions fall 2013
- Boys tennis Division Champions, regular season
- Numerous coach of the year awards by the different association