



## JAMES P. CAWLEY, CAA



Jim is recognized in the Aquidneck Island community as an educational leader and has maintained athletics at Rogers High School as an integral part of the total educational process. He works closely with coaches, other educators as well as his administration and a variety of community partners. The Rogers athletic program has teams that go out in the community as volunteers creating meaningful relationships with groups like the Martin Luther King Center, Newport Recreation Department and the Boys & Girls Club.

Jim is 1990 graduate of Rogers High School and earned his BA in 1994 from Rhode Island College. In 2000, he received his Master's in Education from Adelphi University in Garden City, NY. He is a US Army veteran and served with the 399<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital as a Medical Logistician and EMT instructor. Twice during his service he received the Army Commendation Medal.

In October of 1994 Jim was hired to his first coaching job as the Boys Indoor Track & Field coach at Rogers High School. He subsequently over the years has coached or assisted with the Boys and Girls Outdoor Track & Field, Boys' Soccer, Boys' Cross-Country and Co-ed Golf programs at Rogers. In January of 2001 Jim was hired in the Newport Public Schools system as a Health & Physical Education teacher. Since that time he has worked at Thompson Middle School and Rogers High School. Jim also coached the Thompson Middle School Boys' Soccer team prior to being named Athletic Director of Rogers High School in July 2009.

During his tenure the athletic department has been able to bring back the Boys/Girls Cross-Country and Boys Tennis programs. Rogers has also been able to add Unified Basketball, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse and Gymnastics without an increase to the budget. Rogers, with an enrollment of less than 700, currently competes in 26 of the 31 varsity programs offered by the Rhode Island Interscholastic League. A key component to attracting student-athletes to these programs was the complete renovation of the existing 'weight room' to the Rick Hole Fitness Center in 2015. On a smaller, but still effective scale was the introduction of the '3 season student-athlete' t-shirt also in 2015. These shirts are provided only to those student-athletes that start and finish a sport in the fall, winter and spring.

- Earned his CAA in 2013
- 11 YEAR ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE RIIAAA & NIAAAA
- RIIAAA Executive Board Member since 2014
- RIIL softball sports committee
- Annually attends the RI State Conference (MSSADA, Hyannis, MA)
- Regularly takes Leadership Training Courses and is pursuing his CMAA
- Consistently attends the NADC Conference including 2019 in National Harbor, MD
- Annually nominates both a male & female student for the NIAAAA Scholar Essay Scholarship
- Three past recipients have received the NIAAAA State Award for the Scholar Essay Scholarship
- 2019 Female Recipient Ayla Newsome received State, Section 1 and NIAAAA Scholarships
- Since 2009 Rogers varsity teams have won 48 RIIL Division, Class and State titles.
- 2020 RIIAAA Athletic Administrator of the Year

