

INFORMATION FOR AWARD NOMINEES

NIAAA STATE AWARD OF MERIT

Karen Massaro, CAA

Middletown HS

- Karen attends both the national and state conferences
- Karen has earned her CAA
- Karen serves on the Executive Board
- Karen serves on sports committees

Vismark Maria-Gonzalez, CAA

Hope HS

- Vismark has attended the national and state conferences
 - Vismark has earned his CAA
 - Vismark serves on sports committee
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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

James Cawley, CAA

Rogers HS

- Jim serves on the Executive Board
- Jim serves on sports committees
- Jim attends both the state and national conferences
- Jim has earned his CAA
- Jim has added lacrosse to his program
- During his tenure Boys Swim, Girls Volleyball, Boys Indoor/Outdoor track, Girls JV Tennis have established or reestablished themselves
- During his tenure he also dealt with tragedy in his Boys Basketball program

Mike Sheils,CAA Chariho HS

- Mike serves on the Executive Board
- Mike serves on sports committees
- Mike attends state conferences
- Mike has earned his CAA
- Mike was last years NIAAA State Award winner
- During Mike's tenure he has dealt with tragedy in his Girls Soccer/Lacrosse Program
- During Mike's tenure he has seen his programs earn state success with the most recent Boys Lacrosse program and individual swim

SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Barrington HS: 2016-2017

2017 Fall Sport Champions

Girls Cross Country - Class A Champions

Field Hockey - Division Champions

2017 Spring Sport Champions

Softball - Division 2 State Champions

Unified Basketball - Division 4 State Champions

Girls Track and Field - Division Champions

Boys Track and Field - Division Champions

Golf - Division Champions

2016-17 Winter Sport Champions

Girls Swimming - State Champions, Division Champions

Boys Swimming - Division Champions

Girls Basketball - Division 1 Tournament Champions, Division 1 League Champions

Boys Ice Hockey - Division 2 State Champions, Division 2 South League Champions

Girls Swimming - 200 Relay Team Champions (Danielle Gibalerio, Melanie Baker, Julia Zulker, Sydni Diehl)

Boys Swimming - 200 Relay Team Champions (Harry Homan, Aidan Lane, Ben Noonan, Ethan O'Connor)

400 Relay Champions (Harry Homan, Aidan Lane, Ethan O'Connor, Ben Vesey) New Rhode Island State Records!

Harry Homan - Individual 500 Freestyle and 200 Individual Medley Champion

Ethan O'Connor - Individual 50 and 100 Freestyle Champion

2016-17 Sportsmanship Award

Boys and Girls Swimming

Cranston East HS

- Boys Wrestling 16-0-1, D2 regular season champs
- Baseball lost in the D1 Final Four
- Boys VB undefeated D2 champs
- Boys Soccer D3 champs
- Boys Soccer Player of the year and Coach of the year
- Girls VB undefeated state champions
- Girls VB Coach of the year
- Division 1 football state champions

Mt. Hope HS

Fall 2017:

- This fall our teams finished in respectful positions advancing to Quarterfinals in Boys soccer, Girls Soccer, and Football, qualifying for States in Cross-country for Boys and Girls for the first time in school history. In addition we had three students from Mt. Hope represent Rhode Island at the New England leadership conference this summer. Mt Hope fall athletes received 31 All-division awards, 3 All- Class, 3 All-state, 13 Academic All-State, 1 All-Region, 2 national Senior Excellence Award winners, Team Ethics & Sportsmanship Award Winners-Girls Soccer, 5 Academic-All America qualifiers-Girls Soccer, 3 Academic All-America qualifiers Boys Soccer, a golden dozen nominee and a New England CC qualifier.

SEE BELOW (MORE INFORMATION FOR MT HOPE)

BWRSD ATHLETICS 30 WAYS WE INSPIRED

CLASSROOM EXCELLENCE, LEADERSHIP & SCHOOL SPIRIT
IN 2016-2017

Football, Boys & Girls Soccer, Boys & Girls Cross-Country, Boys & Girls Volleyball, Girls Tennis, Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Ice Hockey, Wrestling, Boys & Girls Swim, Cheerleading, Boys & Girls Indoor Track, Boys & Girls Lacrosse, Softball, Baseball, Unified Sports, Golf, Gymnastics, Boys & Girls Outdoor Track, SAAC, VASSA, Internships in Sports Management, Information & Medicine



CHAMPIONS RECOGNITION

98 All-Division
11 All-State
23 State Tournament Appearances
7 Division Championships
3 State Championships
2 Team/4 Individual New England Qualifiers
1 All-American



TARGET PROJECTS

Title IX locker room compliance
Simplify & Streamline Evaluation Process
Revamp Handbooks
Designed Open House Materials
Earned Safe Schools Recognition



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NFHS CIC Certification
Heads-Up Football Certification
NIAAA Transgender & Pregnancy Law
NIAAA Professional Boundaries
NIAAA Enhancing Organizational
Management



DEVELOPING SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

125 Student-Athletes utilizing ASP
65 Seniors wearing Scholar-Athlete Medals at
graduation (3.0 CUM +)
31 Academic All-State
1 NFF Golden Dozen Award Winner
2 NSCAA Scholar All-America
1 US LAX Academic All-American



FOSTERING COMMUNITY & SCHOOL SPIRIT

Huskies Tailgate
Fan T distribution class of 2020
Champions Event
Dog Pound & Fan Buses
Middle School Night, Legends Night, Pop-Warner
Night, Fan Night, Youth Night, Veterans Night
JP Medeiros Cup, Alumni Games



CULTIVATING LEADERS

54 SAAC Participants
12 NCAA commits class of 2017
NSCAA Team Ethics Award Girls Soccer
Gatorade Secondary AT of year
AT Honored in Training & Conditioning Magazine
RIIL Division 1 Soccer Coach of the Year
RIAAA RI Female Coach of the Year
3 Delegates at NE Leadership Conference

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Craig McKenzie, Chariho Regional HS

- Since Mr. Mackenzie has become the Chariho High School Principal 2 years ago, he has helped transform the atmosphere in the high school building to one of success, hard work and a great place to be. Mr. Mackenzie can be visibly seen at many of the athletic events each day, whether it be a practice or an athletic game. He helps supervise many of the major athletic contests on campus as well. He has developed an excellent rapport with the student body and speaks with many of the student athletes on a daily basis regarding their future games, practices, performances and much more.
- Mr. Mackenzie has participated in many of the school fundraisers each of the past years. For example, an Interact Club's fundraiser required him to be taped to the wall of the cafeteria during lunches to raise money each of the past two years. He participated in this year's Pep Rally and was a major contributor during the events. He helped coordinate senior week activities and chaperoned the Homecoming Dance that was run by the Athletic Department. This past year he formed a Dodge Ball Team and participated in the first dodge ball tournament.
- Mr. Mackenzie has always supported any new sport programs such as the Unified teams, gymnastics and ice hockey teams. These new programs have had his full support in the budget process and the implementation into the Athletic Department.
- Mr. Mackenzie has been in full support of the Chariho Sports Boosters and the individuals that make up that organization. He has constantly thanked them on a regular basis for their volunteerism and is always looking for ways to include them at our school functions. He has participated in the

Chariho Boosters Golf Tournament every year, has helped with the Madeline Potts Fund this past fall.

- Mr. Mackenzie always finds time to meet with parents who have an idea or a concern about athletics. He is always willing to participate in the hiring of new coaches and meeting with teams and coaches throughout the sports seasons. He is always in support of improving our current Chariho Athletic facilities such as playing fields, gymnasiums, locker rooms and much more.

Philip Solomon, West Warwick HS

- *Principal of West Warwick High School since 2013.*
- *Has been very supportive of interscholastic athletics (Attends every senior night, playoff game athletic awards banquet, etc.)*
- *Has volunteered his time to serve as game supervisor at soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, ice hockey contests.*
- *Has improved communication between the athletic department and administration by creating a regularly updated system of student-athlete eligibility.*
- *Has volunteered to serve on the Principals' Committee of Athletics.*

In the last two calendar years, Phil has led the West Warwick athletic community through very trying times.

During the second semester of the 2015-2016 school year, two freshmen student-athletes at West Warwick High School were diagnosed with cancer. Phil supported and assisted the athletic department's efforts to fundraise to help the families of the two students. He also worked closely with both families to help these student-athletes transition back into both school and interscholastic athletics.

In October of 2016, Phil helped guide the school through the difficult grieving process when a junior student-athlete was tragically killed in an accident. Again Phil's support of the athletic department and grieving family helped the school community work through a very difficult time emotionally.

SISTER CHARLENE TEDESCHI DSAWARD

John Anderson, East Greenwich Youth Sports

- John Anderson has been a pillar in the EG greenwich athletic community for many years and his commitment to the youth of our community and beyond is amazing.
- John is an original board member of East Greenwich Basketball association for 5 years. With his help and leadership the league services over 500 families in the community, has become a state recognized program in the RIYBA and runs the largest annual tournament over the MLK weekend for both boys and girls.
- Recently, he has started to live stream and announce youth games and HS games for the community of East Greenwich. For no other reason than to stay connected to youth sports in our town and share with relatives that don't live in town.
- John for the past 15 years has run a fun run called "belly to belly" to raise funds for charity. One of the charities was our own Head Baseball Coach's need for a disability van for his son. donation 2,500.00
- Recently, In the Fall he organized a 3 on 3 tournament to benefit official Bobby Franklin unexpected medical costs. They raised 2k for Bobby.
- I received a phone call from John 5 years ago asking if he can run my chain gang for home football games. I have never worried about coverage from the day he called.
- He coached both his son and daughter during their time in the EGBA and even took over a team after his kids went to high school and no longer played in the league.

Nick Harber, Distance Alliance/ Providence Schools

- He runs a non profit that helps support the development of olympic athletes. In return they give back in the form of community service and coaching of MS programs
- Has helped establish a MS B/G XC and track programs with the help of his athletes
- Has helped establish a MS B/G XC program in Providence

Michael J Kirby, Chariho Boosters

- Michael Kirby has been involved in the Chariho Sports Boosters for ten years and he has been the President of the Boosters for the past 4 years. During this time, Mr. Kirby has volunteered countless hours of service to the Chariho Athletic Department, Chariho students and community in so many ways.
- He has volunteered time organizing the replacement of all the high school banners in the gymnasium. He spent two days at the high school completing this project and was the point person in the hydraulic lift installing the new banners in the gym. Many times throughout the school

year, Mr. Kirby donates his time and helps me install new banners in both the HS and MS gymnasiums as teams are celebrated for their success.

- Mr. Kirby videotaped every High School Girls Soccer and High School Girls Lacrosse games for the past 4 years along with many boys' games as well using his own video camera and equipment.
- This past summer, Mr. Kirby spent countless hours prepping the booster shack at the Washington County Fair for its use during the fair. This was the first time that the boosters club had a food shack at the fair and Mr. Kirby took much of the responsibility to help organize, clean and purchase food and drinks for that week. He volunteered the night shift hours each night at the fair as that was the busiest time. Mr. Kirby picked up and delivered the freezers and re
- Mr. Kirby helped me install two indoor batting cages in the high school and middle school gymnasiums. He was the contact person for this project and handled all the details of ordering the specific nets and cages. He also used his own equipment to help install the indoor batting cage and the indoor netting system for the new archery program that was established.
- This past fall, Mr. Kirby has been heavily involved in establishing the Maddie Potts fund thru the Chariho booster club. He has repeatedly met with the Potts family and I to review the status of the fund and discuss options going forward. Mr. Kirby also delivered and constructed a bench at the entrance to the HS track that was donated in memory of Maddie Potts. Mr. Kirby put the bench together and cemented the bench in place for the ceremony on the next day. He also purchased and planted a holiday tree at the front of Maddie's parking spot using his backhoe and landscaping equipment. The tree was decorated the next day as part of the bench ceremony.
- For the last 3 years, Mr. Kirby has helped me purchase toiletries and shampoo, soap, etc. for our HS students and families involved in the Gingerbread Express. This is a program that identifies families in need and

Mr. Kirby has donated his time over the years to help purchase the necessary items and package them up for delivery. He also helps purchase toys and gifts for students in the middle school that require them and donates other holiday gifts and food to RICAN. Two years ago, he helped me with the Chariho Athletics

- When Mr. Kirby's son, played baseball for the HS baseball team, Mr. Kirby would donate a full day of work to help prepare the HS baseball infield. His volunteer work included using his own machines to edge the infield grass, drag rake the infield, level the infield and install the pitching mound.
- Mr. Kirby supports all the HS and MS teams and attends many games throughout each week. He is a valuable resource for both the HS and Ms and the Chariho community.

MEDIA AWARD

Ken Bell, WJAR TV6 (retired 2017)

- Retired after decades of servicing HS sports in RI
- Writes regularly in the EG Magazine
- Seen working on Thanksgiving 2017 after being retired

Eric Benevides, The Valley Breeze

- Eric has brought a new look to the sports pages of the Valley Breeze. He does in depth stories of many of the local high school teams in the circulation area. He is often present at many of the games, equipped with both pen and camera.

Scott Barrett, Newport Daily News

- Managing Sports Editor. Paper covers Newport County
- Paper provides fair and consistent coverage of all local high schools in the county (3 public and 2 private)
- Instituted a weekly "Athlete of the Week" feature
- Instituted the newspaper's first social media presence with a sports exclusive Twitter account.
- A founding committee member of the *RI Scholar Athlete* awards established in 2015. Program recognizes the top underclassmen scholar-athletes from RI high schools from Washington, Newport, Bristol and Kent counties

Male Coach of the Year

Andrew Matucci, Rogers Track

- Andrew is a RHS teacher who gets student-athletes (boys and girls) to take a chance on themselves to give track a try. he will then back it up by instilling confidence in them as they are developing a new skill. To put it in perspective Rogers winter sports participants range in numbers from 180-200. The Indoor Track and Field teams account for 40-50% of those numbers because of Andrew.
- Andrew is the boys coach and does this primarily by himself. He will work with the girls track coach, but they have no other assistants, paid or volunteer.
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- Coached the program to the Class C Indoor Track Championship in 3 of the last 4 years. Team also was the Class C Outdoor Track Champions in 2016.
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- Andrew has been recognized by his peers and was awarded the RITCA Coach of the Year Award in 2015

Tom Centore, Cranston East/Football

Tom is a guidance counselor at Cranston High School East. Tom is also the head coach of one of the most respected football programs in the state.

This past year, Cranston East won the Division 1 Super bowl. Over the past 5 years, Cranston East has posted the second best public school football record in Division 1 football, and was the last public school to play for a state championship.

Tom is a tremendous mentor, role model, and father figure to the many student-athletes in his program. Tom faces tremendous challenges that other coaches do not have. The team itself does not have a field in the vicinity of the school. They are bussed day in and day out to a middle school for practice. They often return close to 6 p.m. When they return from practice, Tom and his staff will often give students rides to their homes. He does this with an extremely positive attitude and outlook. Tom and his staff will do anything for their kids, including personal tutoring and direct communication with their teachers. Tom is not afraid to come down on a student when necessary, knowing that he will pick him up the next day and do whatever he can to help him. His expectations for their behavior and conduct are clear and yet communicated in a positive manner. Tom teaches respect for adults and authority.

Tom is also the NCAA clearing representative for the school and has assisted in placing many students where they will succeed after high school.

Tom is truly a caring leader, mentor, and coach to all of the students in his program. He is and one of a kind.

Willie Edwards, Moses Brown School/Football

- 5th consecutive title game appearance.
- Multiple community service opportunities for team through the year, including summer months.
- Creates family and education first atmosphere.
- Multiple athletes earning all-academic honors.
- Encourages multi sport participation.
- Institutes Positive Coaching Alliance material with all players and captains.

Neal Harrell, Middletown/BLacrosse

- Neal Harrell is the MHS Boys Lax Coach. In the short time Neal has been with Middletown he has changed the culture of MHS boys lax. He has led the team by example, always displaying good sportsmanship, integrity and self-control. Neal gives his all on and off the field. He holds his players in the highest regard, displays fairness and a sincere interest in each of the players, in every aspect of their lives. His knowledge of lacrosse is immeasurable, yet he is humble enough to know he has not stopped learning. He has developed a strong rapport with other coaches in Rhode Island. He is eager to share his ideas on how to produce a successful team and overall program. Neal is also eager to help with other aspects of the student athletes' life. He has created a study program and strength training regimen that all male lax players participate in during the season.
- Helped steer the MHS team to the 2016 RI Lacrosse D3 State Championship game as a first-year coach. Defeated by Burrillville.
- Campaigned to have MHS moved up to Division 2 for the 2017 season. Guided the team to a 2017 RI State Championship at the D2 level.
- Established a MHS Lacrosse Community Volunteer program. Students athletes planted over 500 seagrass plants for Clean Ocean Access in 2016, and we spearheaded a MHS campus clean-up in 2017.
- Launched an after-school team study hall and strength & conditioning program.
- Oversaw the start-up of a MHS mentorship program for MHS student-athletes, whereas team members volunteered time to coach our local youth lacrosse players.
- Worked with the local YMCA to establish a winter indoor Speed Lacrosse league for area high school players.
- Advise student-athletes in the college selection and/or recruiting process.
- **Director Island Youth Lacrosse**, Middletown, RI 2017-Present
- Oversee all operations, including marketing, coaching, and administration of a youth lacrosse league comprised of roughly 500

FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR

Meaghan McGonagle, Cranston East/ volleyball

- Undefeated B/G VB teams for 3 seasons starting in Fall of 2016 and ending Fall 2017
- 2 state championships G VB D2
- State Championship B VB D2
- Coach of the Year

Julie McGuire, North Kingstown, Field Hockey

- NK D1 state Champions 2017 upset the #1 and #2 seeds
- second Championship in 3 years
- Several All state and All division players
- Athletes presently playing at the college level

Erin Newman, East Greenwich G Cross Country and G Outdoor track

- Erin has coached both XC and Outdoor track at EG and has received a national coach of the year award representing RI
- Erin has become an official and gives back to track on both sides of the track!!!
- Erin has coached her teams to division and class championships
- Erin has helped EG become a host site for both XC and track meets