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WELCOME Tony Genovesi

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INDUCTEE PRESENTATIONS Andre Modica & Tim Brennan

Inductees:

Gil Botvin

Steve Brown

Van Butler

Lori Dowers

Grace Dwyer Cook

Stephan Fletcher

Terrence Glover

Karen Hatchett-Pavlin

Kimberley Hatchett

Rich Henrie

Noel (Jancewicz) Challgren

Kristen Mahon Lewis

Doug Martin

Gina Nelson Holloway

Donna D. Powell

David "Poppy" Sanderson

Peter Sharpless

Dorothea Smith

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GIL BOTVIN

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL / THE PEDDIE SCHOOL

Sometimes greatness is followed by more greatness.

The legacy of former Notre Dame High and Peddie School pole vaulter Gil Botvin was inspired by one of the greatest of all-time, two-time Olympic champion Bob Richards. Hearing about Richards' feats and seeing him on the back of a Wheaties box in the 1960's, Botvin switched from high jumping to pole vaulting in his backyard in his middle-school days and the result was arguably the greatest scholastic career, not only in Mercer County history but in New Jersey in the challenging event.

Coached by another Olympic pole vault champion, Don Bragg, Botvin was at the cutting edge technologically of the sport, literally. Beginning with an old bamboo pole, Botvin progressed to what was then a new fiberglass pole, only to have Bragg use a saw to cut it. The adjustment changed Botvin's flex point and propelled him to greatness.

A multi-time record holder among New Jersey scholastic vaulters, Botvin was the first New Jersey vaulter to clear 14-feet. When he went 13-2 as a junior at Notre Dame in 1964, he not only claimed a state title but ironically broke Bragg's state record set 11 years earlier at Penns Grove. A year later at Peddie, he won the prep state title at 13-6, finally reaching the 14-foot mark at a dual meet at CBA in 1965. His prep mark was 18 inches above the previous state standard and he eventually added an Eastern States title, underlining a career that defined greatness.

STEVE BROWN

McCORRISTIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

When his school celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2013, under the names of St. Anthony's, McCorristin and Trenton Catholic Academy, it named its 50 best athletes ever. Thanks in large part to being a 1,000-point boys' basketball scorer, Steve Brown was an easy choice for that list. But his many exploits on the track, as the greatest sprinter and jumper in school history, make it just as easy to honor him with a place in the Mercer County Track and Field Hall of Fame. The dominant figure on the Parochial A track scene in the early 1980's, Brown took home seven state titles from 1981 to 1983. On the local scene, Brown battled for headlines with Princeton High's Stephan Fletcher (they graduated the same year), earning three Mercer County titles overall and earned an All-Mercer berth in the long jump.

But the sprints were where he was most exciting. Brown set a county mark (since toppled) of 21.3 seconds in the 200 meters. At 400 meters, he could be dominant, especially his senior year as he won the Eastern States title at Randalls Island, New York with his 47.6. Brown followed his three years of glory on the track and basketball court (he led McCorristin to the 1982 state title) by concluding his hoops career at Rutgers University, an appropriate bookend for one of Mercer County's best two-way athletes.

VAN BUTLER

TRENTON HIGH SCHOOL

The late 1970's was the golden era of Trenton High sprinters, one of the most storied eras of any Mercer County program. But the first spark of Tornadoes greatness in the shorter distances came at the onset of the decade from Van Butler.

The Mercer County champion in the 100-yard dash as a sophomore in 1969, Butler made his senior year in 1971 one to remember beginning in the indoor campaign when he won the Group IV state title in the 60-yard dash. When activity moved outdoors, Butler got even faster leading Trenton to a Group IV South sectional title in Cherry Hill over archrival Hamilton 29-28, gaining the pivotal individual state victories in the 100 and 220 yards. That spring, Butler swept both events at the Mercer County Championships, including a scalding 9.6 seconds in the 100, another meet record. But Butler was just warming up, saving his best for the state's biggest meets where he left his indelible mark on New Jersey and Mercer County track history. Butler became the first Mercer County athlete to win an individual event at the Meet of Champions when his 9.8 set a meet mark in the 100 as he unseated defending champion Rich Still of Haddon Heights. Butler just missed doubling, earning a second place in the 220 at the MOC.

Appropriately, this architect of Trenton High greatness later worked in construction and having written so much track history enjoyed writing and teaching after his time on the track was over.

LORI DOWERS

LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

The newspapers often got her last name wrong, calling her “Powers” instead of Dowers. But to those who competed against Lori Dowers, one of the most important and dominant sprinters in Mercer County history, there wasn’t so much a problem with spelling as being left far in the dust. Dowers made her indelible mark locally when she won the 100-yard and 220-yard titles at the Mercer County Championships in back-to-back seasons, 1978 and 1979. But for one of head coach JoAnn Coughlin-Groeger’s most talented proteges, inclusion in this Hall of Fame was cemented by how she continued to elevate her game when the stakes got higher against New Jersey’s best competition.

In 1978, Dowers won the Central Group 220 title by a whopping .8 of a second. The following season, she went one better, taking the 100 and 220 Central Group II titles to spearhead the Cardinals to their first sectional team title.

But that was just the warmup.

One of the greatest meets in Lawrence girls’ track history came at the Group II state championships when Dowers won both short sprint titles, both in dominant fashion. Thanks to her key role in the team’s fourth-place finish in the 440 relay, Lawrence clinched the team championship before the opposition took the track for the mile relay.

Appropriately, Dowers (still the county 100-yard dash recold holder at 10.8 seconds) was inducted into Lawrence High’s Hall of Fame in 2008, the school’s inaugural class.

GRACE DWYER COOK

NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

To summarize the scholastic running legacy of Grace Dwyer Cook in a few paragraphs is an invitation to understatement. Put bluntly, she was the greatest distance runner Nottingham High ever produced and won so many individual county, sectional and state titles that the school may not see her like again.

The first Nottingham runner to qualify for what was then the Nike Cross Country Nationals (in 2013 in Portland, OR), Grace was among New Jersey's most consistent distance runners in the decade of her graduation: the 2015 Group III and Meet of Champions winner in the 3200 outdoors; the Group III 3200 champ indoors. In all, she won an astounding 17 sectional titles in the 800, 1600, 3200, 4x800 and cross country, as well as 12 Mercer County crowns.

Despite all that individual success, her favorite high school moment was helping the Northstars win their division in spring track her senior year. But high school was only the beginning for Grace Dwyer Cook.

She built on that phenomenal resume by excelling on the Division I collegiate level, helping Furman reach the NCAA Cross Country Nationals three times, including a seventh-place finish in 2017. Individually, she starred in two different conferences, winning the 2019 Southern Conference 10,000 while taking third in 2022 Atlantic Sun Conference final at the same distance. In all she earned 10 all-conference berths (seven All Southern Conference and three All Atlantic Sun Conference) and complemented her track achievements by reaching the academic honor roll and all-academic teams six times in her respective conferences.

STEPHAN FLETCHER

PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL

There are some names that are simply synonymous with greatness, individuals who were so dominant that it would be difficult to conceive of this Hall of Fame without their presence. Princeton High's Stephan Fletcher is such an athlete.

Following in the footsteps of fellow Little Tiger, Pete Sharpless, Fletcher was the second Mercer County boy to win two New Jersey Meet of Champions titles, capturing the 110-meter high hurdles in 1982 and 1983. That alone would have made Fletcher an easy honoree but his legacy and resume go far beyond those two glorious days as he was electric, the type of performer track fans came out to see, expecting something special every time he took the track and very rarely being disappointed.

Fletcher was a two-time hurdles All-American as a high schooler, adding to a list that included All-State and All-Mercer honors. At a time when Mercer County could boast of multiple state level performers, he consistently faced and beat the best.

He was as dominant indoors as he was outdoors, taking the Meet of Champions 55-meter hurdles title in back-to-back seasons. And by the time he was a senior, the only question left was where he ranked nationally as he earned All Big East recognition and took second at the prestigious Keebler International Prep Meet of Champs and third at the Golden West Invitational.

In college he was an All Big Eight performer, taking second in the 55 hurdles, and putting the icing on a cake that had few peers in Mercer County annals.

TERRENCE GLOVER

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

When initiating the debate as to the best all-around boys' scholastic thrower in Mercer County history, one must immediately consider Terrence Glover of Hamilton West High, who made the last days of the 20th Century his personal showcase, earning a boys' record five Meet of Champions titles.

The 1999 national scholastic champion in the discus, Glover was a ferocious, intimidating competitor, who won the Meet of Champions in the event his final three years, setting records in every campaign. He was a two-time All-American in the discus, three-time sectional winner and record setter and four-time Mercer County champ in the event. Quite simply he dominated as few before him did and arguably no one has since. But Glover, who took a second in the event at the Penn Relays, was much more than a one-event specialist. He was a tactician, who enjoyed the long bus rides to meets, visualizing hours ahead of time how he would dissect the competition. And these visions usually came true.

Glover was a two-time indoor state champion in the shot put, winning the Eastern States title and taking third at Nationals. By the time he had graduated, Glover had achieved the incredible feat of going both over 200 feet in the discus (204-5 best) and 60 feet in the shot (60-5 best), an almost unfathomable mark of strength and skill.

Glover could do it all, earning All Conference recognition in the Big Ten while at Penn State and even high jumped 6-2 while weighing 250 pounds. After college, he appropriately became an IT professional.

KAREN HATCHETT-PAVLIN

LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

The induction of both Hatchett sisters into the Mercer County Track and Field Hall of Fame simultaneously is no coincidence. Who can gauge who was the better of the two sisters on the track? That is a subject best left for friendly family reunions.

Karen Hatchett-Pavlin makes her resounding case for this honor by being one of the most decorated performers in Mercer County track history: 12 major track titles, including three county, four sectional, four state Group II and finally a Meet of Champions crown.

Karen was thus not a performer who had one big day or just one big season; her excellence helped define an era. But one of her greatest weekends was when she took home two state titles in Group II, in the high jump (5-6) and 110 low hurdles (14.6), helping the Cardinals roll to the first spring track girls' team title in county history.

More great days were to come. In the 1970's Hopewell Valley's Hilary Noden was the first Mercer girl to win at the Meet of Champions, taking three different distance races. Karen Hatchett became the second, kicking off the 1980's with her high jump title.

On the collegiate level, she was twice an All-American, joining her sister Kim in a national championship indoor 4x400, while also running a leg in a collegiate national championship winning distance medley relay. It was an appropriate bookend for one of Mercer's greatest champions.

KIMBERLEY HATCHETT

LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

The history of Lawrence High girls' track and field is filled with great champions on a county, sectional and state level. The beginning of that legacy can be traced to the late 1970's, in large part to the 1978 Group II State Championships when Kim Hatchett helped take the program to the next level.

After taking second the week before at the Central Group II sectionals, Hatchett leaped 5-4 in the high jump to become the first Lawrence High girl to win a state group spring track title. It didn't take long before she had company with her sprinting teammate Lori Dowers and sister Karen Hatchett joining her atop the podium.

But the legacy of Kim Hatchett wasn't a few fleeting moments of glory. She and her sister, as well as Dowers, changed the definition of not only her program but of Mercer County girls' track. She was also a 110 low-hurdles state medalist in 1978, county meet record holder and helped pave the way for one of the greatest singular meets in local history, Lawrence's domination of the Group II state championship meet.

On the collegiate level, she added to her spectacular resume with ACC titles for the University of Virginia in the 100 meters and 400-meter hurdles. There she gained All-American status on Virginia's 4x400-meter relay and the Cavaliers' 1982 indoor national title appropriately included her and her sister, cementing her place among Mercer County track legends.

RICH HENRIE

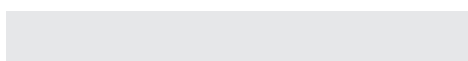
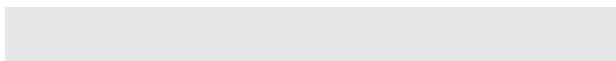
STEINERT HIGH SCHOOL

Unbeaten seasons in a track and field event throughout an entire New Jersey slate are rare. They are reserved for the best, the elite, the legends. And in the spring of 1982 in the discus, Steinert High's Rich Henrie earned that mantle.

The Mercer County champion in the event (with a career best of 184-9), Henrie dominated showcases like the Bernards Invitational and Mercer Relays. But in those, he was just warming up as he concluded his senior campaign with wins in Central Group IV, at the Group IV state championship and at the Meet of Champions. That last one was a biggie as he became not only the first Steinert boys' track and field performer to win the MOC but also the county's first thrower to take the crown at a meet that by then was over a decade old.

Voted Steinert High's Spartan of the Year (for all sports), Henrie was far from a one-event specialist and was arguably the school's best all-around field performer. In addition to his discus effort (which was the best in the Eastern U.S. that year), Henrie owned the school indoor shot put record (57-9, a mark that helped him grab second place in Group IV) and tossed the javelin 177-9.

In all, Henrie earned 10 school letters, including four in spring track, three indoors and three in football, just a sidenote for a Steinert legend.



NOEL (JANCEWICZ) CHALLGREN

ROBBINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Arguably the first great athlete to come out of Robbinsville High School, Noel Jancewicz Challgren was also one of the most intriguing as spectators never knew what to anticipate before one of her meets. They knew greatness was coming in some form, but such was Noel's incredible versatility that they never knew what event would be her strong suit that day.

The first Robbinsville High girl to win an event at New Jersey's Meet of Champions outdoors in track, when she took the high jump as a senior in 2013, Noel could do it all, taking a county or state-level medal in an astounding 10 different events including the 55 meters, 55-meter hurdles, 100, 200, 400, high jump, long jump, shot put, javelin and 4x400. This translated into 11 different Mercer County crowns and would have been an even higher total if you were to include two multi-purpose events in which she holds the Mercer County record: the heptathlon and the pentathlon. As it is, she graduated as the county high jump record holder and in 2011 was the top American finisher in the event at the Penn Relays.

Jancewicz Challgren got so comfortable at Franklin Field that she followed her Robbinsville success with four years of glory at the University of Pennsylvania, taking the 2014 Penn Relays heptathlon title. She earned Penn's MVP award and was an 11-time medalist at the Ivy League's Heptagonal Championships, the true definition of a Hall of Famer.

KRISTEN MAHON LEWIS

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

The resume of Notre Dame High's Kristen Mahon is so spectacular to almost defy belief; at a school blessed with a cornucopia of sprinting stars over the last half century, Mahon makes a compelling case as the best girl in the first quarter of the 21st Century, carving her niche for the Fighting Irish almost immediately.

A New Jersey Meet of Champions winner and record setter in both the 400 meters and 400-meter hurdles, Mahon took down one of the county's longest standing standards when she set the Mercer mark in the 400 hurdles as a junior. That year she also earned second in the 200 at the MOC, won an Eastern States title and by the time she had graduated, she owned four major school records (in the 100, 200, 400 and 400 hurdles).

This bevy of accomplishments not only earned her Athlete of the Year recognition, but Athlete of the Decade from the Trentonian. Incredibly, this was only the beginning for Mahon, who earned a full scholarship to Villanova University for track and field.

With the Wildcats, Mahon earned All Big East honors (as well as All Big East Academic recognition). At the conference championships, she was a top-three finisher in the 4x400, 400 hurdles and 500 meters. In the hurdles race, she cracked the prestigious one-minute mark and even contributed to the team's All Big East distance medley relay.

Off the track, she continued to stand out, becoming a nurse practitioner and specializing in the field of dermatology.

DOUG MARTIN

STEINERT HIGH SCHOOL

There are some head coaches we remember for their excellence. If they are fortunate, they guide their programs a long time and have the opportunities to make a lasting impact.

Former Steinert High track and cross country coach Doug Martin was the best of all of these: an educator that embodied long-term commitment and won incredibly often too. His impact on the Mercer County track community cannot be overstated.

An employee of Hamilton Township for 39 years, Martin was a Steinert head coach for 34 (from 1972 to 2006). A coach for all seasons, Martin guided the Steinert boys through cross country, indoor track and spring track. By the time his coaching career was over, this meant nearly 1,000 career dual-meet wins and some of Mercer County's most memorable championship teams.

In 1987, Martin and Coach Jerry Bleistein led the Spartans to their best cross country season ever after going undefeated in the regular season and winning every invitational they went on to win both the Central Group III Sectional Cross Country title and Group III State Group title. Soon thereafter Steinert was bumped up to Group IV but Martin kept on leading the Spartans to glory, taking back-to-back Central Group IV titles in 1993 and 1994.

Martin's 1987 team went one step better, earning the school's first group state cross country title, but the legacy of Martin goes way beyond winning on the scoreboard or countless county champions and medalists.

One of the most respected and respectful gentlemen in the sport, Martin spawned several of Mercer County's most successful coaches. Under Martin, Steinert hosted several Mercer County championships at the school and Veterans Park and was a vital cog in Mercer County track over four decades.

GINA NELSON HOLLOWAY

TRENTON HIGH SCHOOL

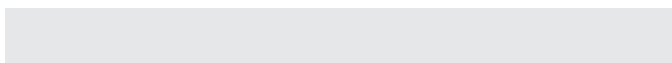
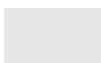
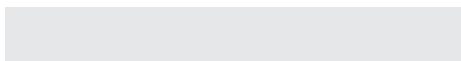
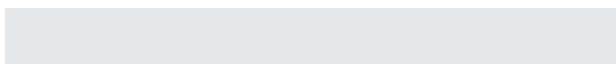
The late 1970's were the Golden Era of Trenton High track with the 1978 boys' team garnering most of the attention. But in terms of historic significance, one cannot understate the role of Gina Nelson Holloway, one of Mercer County's greatest of all sprinters.

Matching teammate Dorothea Smith, Nelson Holloway became the first Trenton High girl to capture a Group state title. Around the same time Smith was winning the 220, Nelson Holloway was taking the Group IV 100-yard dash in 11.1 seconds, before the state made the conversion to meters and before the days of fully automatic timing.

Nelson Holloway almost repeated her magic the following week, settling for second at the Meet of Champions behind the same competitor who also denied Smith the All-Group title, Woodbury's Lori Lewis. But Nelson's legacy didn't end with these two meets, though Group IV at this time was filled with some of the most famous names in New Jersey track history including Joetta Clark, Michelle Glover and Carol Lewis.

Nelson Holloway was a member of four county and sectional-winning relays in that year and 1978. At the same time, Nelson Holloway was finding fun in a second activity, being a member of the TCHS varsity cheerleading squad.

But for the ages, all the cheers belong to her and Smith, truly pioneers in the history of Trenton High girls' track annals.



DONNA D. POWELL

TRENTON HIGH SCHOOL

The story of Donna Powell is not just one of track and field success, but one of love, family and what ifs. One of the greatest sprinters and hurdlers ever to wear the Tornado uniform, she almost didn't go to Trenton High, asking her mother to send her to another school. But her mother's refusal in the name of consistency ("No, you will go where your brothers went and you will be fine.") proved more than prophetic; it was perhaps the turning point in a four-year journey that Powell filled with glory.

The first Mercer County girl to win a hurdles race at the Meet of Champions (in 1986, when she set a meet record of 1:00.3), she built on the legacy of Wendy Vereen becoming just the second Trenton High girl to win at the state's most prestigious event. But consistency, not one shining moment, was Powell's legacy, at the county, sectional and state levels.

Part of Trenton's 4x400-meter relay that earned All-American status when she was a freshman, Powell took her running to another level as a sophomore in 1984 when she set a Mercer County Championship meet record in the 400 meters (in 56.3 seconds), the same day she helped Trenton set a 4x400 meet mark and take back the team title from archrival Notre Dame. Fueled in large part by Powell's successes, Trenton won its first Group sectional title and Group IV state title soon thereafter. Powell culminated her glorious run at Trenton by being named Mercer County Athlete of the Year in 1986, not bad for a girl who almost ran elsewhere.

DAVID “POPPY” SANDERSON

TRENTON HIGH SCHOOL

Some greatness is not defined by furthest throw, fastest time, highest vault or longest jump. The greatness of the Mercer County track and field community transcends talent and is built on commitment, effort and humility and for the last half century has no better embodiment than Trenton High’s David “Poppy” Sanderson.

Officially, he has been the athletic trainer at Trenton Central High School, a product of North Carolina A&T and The University of Pennsylvania’s Sports Fellowship Program. But these are just lines on a page, titles that give little definition to the character of a man, the tireless effort, the omnipresence that has made him one of the backbones of the Mercer County track community since the 1970’s.

His colleague and longtime friend Al Jennings labeled him “Mr TCHS” for what has done for the high school’s sports teams from responsibility for uniforms, caring and preventing injuries and even delving into the psychology of sports, assisting coaches within a large scope of athlete’s issues on and off the field. This has included athletes all over the Mercer County region with one single common theme: tireless kindness.

It is Sanderson’s determination to get the most out of our community both on and off the track that has made him an irreplaceable cog in our schools; a teacher, a trainer, a psychiatrist, an advocate, a sage and always a friend to our athletes.

PETER SHARPLESS

PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL

Some track and field success seems inevitable, but in the case of Princeton High's Pete Sharpless, timing and some encouragement by his head coach were significant in changing the narrative and putting him on the path to greatness.

An AAU standout before high school, Sharpless quit the Princeton High team as a freshman because of a lack of interest. Sharpless gave the sport a second try after a conversation with Tigers head coach Marc Anderson a year later and that moment of reflection and reconsideration changed everything. What followed was one of the most amazing runs in Princeton High track history as Sharpless didn't lose a dual meet in three years in the high jump, earning All-State recognition all three seasons.

A four-year varsity basketball starter for the Little Tigers, Sharpless often seemed impervious to pressure and only got stronger in the big meets.

The kicker came at the Meet of Champions when Sharpless became the first Mercer County high school competitor to win an individual event twice, taking the boys' high jump in 1980 and 1981. Sharpless still owned the Princeton High school record as of his induction with a best of 6-10.25.

In college, Sharpless stayed sharp, earning Division III All-American recognition at Glassboro State in three consecutive seasons. Sharpless led Glassboro State to three national titles and was the college's high-jump record holder.

These accomplishments led Sharpless to be voted to Princeton High's Mount Rushmore of greatest athletes in an online vote on nj.com, a remarkable turn of events for a career that almost didn't happen.

DOROTHEA SMITH

TRENTON HIGH SCHOOL

Some things in athletics we take for granted.

Over the last several decades, Trenton High has had so much track and field success on the state level that one can easily believe that it has gone on forever, despite the fact that the first girls' state group meet wasn't held until 1973. Trenton High boys' track success goes back over a century but this time period was the turning point for the ladies, the overdue moment when Trenton High girls finally got their chance on the track.

In Year 5, Trenton got its first two Group IV champions, including Dorothea Smith. Smith's victory in the 220-yard dash was so close (back before fully automatic times were used) that her winning time was only a tenth of a second faster than here two closest competitors: second-place finisher Paulette Hackett of Bridgeton and third-place finisher Donna Auletti of Middletown South. This minute margin of victory thus stood as the beginning of a decade of Trenton High girls' excellence.

Smith followed up this performance with a second-place finish at the Meet of Champions the following week, putting a bookend on a magical season. A two-time Mercer County champion in the event (she won county titles in 1975 and 1977), Smith can appropriately be dubbed one of the pioneers of Trenton High girls' track and she held the school record in the 220 until 1982 when the mark was broken by the greatest of all Trenton High girls sprinters, Wenda Vereen.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

GEORGE WAH SCHOLARSHIP

LAURA SALLADE

THE WILBERFORCE SCHOOL

Laura has been a standout athlete for the Wilberforce School in track and cross country ever since her freshman year. In 2022, she was a top competitor for the school's Mercer County Cross Country Championship Team, Non-Public B State Cross Country Championship team and the 2023 NPB Track Championship team. She also won the Meet of Champions with her 4 x 800 M team in 2023. She has competed in the Meet of Champions every year since, earning multiple school records, All-County and All- Non -Public State honors in cross country and track as an 800 M/1600 M specialist. In addition to her success on the track, Laura has competed in 4 years of basketball as an outstanding guard, serving as team captain in all 3 of her sports and earning her the school's Sportswoman of the Year Award for 2025.

Beyond athletics, Laura has starred in the school's spring musical every year, most recently as Miss Hannigan in *Annie*. She also serves as a House Leader and Student Ambassador. A dedicated student, Laura has earned multiple academic honors, including the Princeton University Book Award for 2025. Outside of school, Laura has served communities in the Dominican Republic, Peru, and Appalachia. When time permits, she enjoys baking, playing the guitar, and training her beloved dog in agility. Laura is most deserving of The George Wah Memorial Scholarship. Laura will continue her athletic and academic career at Washington and Lee in Lexington, Virginia.

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JULIUS KINSLER

WEST WINDSOR PLAINSBORO HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH

Julius is an exceptional student athlete whose accomplishments on the track and in the classroom set him apart from others. Most recently, at the Nationals in Virginia Beach, Julius broke the school record in the 400 meters, setting a new mark of 48.36, a testament to his relentless work ethic and competitive spirit. In addition to this milestone, he runs s 22.8 in the 200m, is a two-time sectional champion, an All-Colonial Valley Conference performer, and has earned All-American honors. As team captain for both the winter and spring seasons, Julius leads by example, consistently motivating his teammates through his discipline, humility, and commitment to excellence.

Julius's achievements extend well beyond athletics. He maintains an outstanding 4.2 GPA while taking a rigorous schedule filled with Advanced Placement courses, demonstrating remarkable intellectual curiosity and dedication to his education. His academic talents have been recognized through his membership in MENSA and his qualification in the Mathematical Association of America, reflecting both his analytical ability and love of learning. Equally impressive is his commitment to service, as he is an active participant in the school's Red Cross program, volunteering his time to support others in need. Julius embodies the qualities of leadership, perseverance, and community involvement that the Larry Ivan Memorial Scholarship seeks to honor.



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Doug Martin and Andre Modica

We also extend our best wishes and congratulations to all the 2026 inductees.

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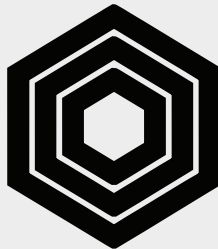
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You check every box when I think of what a Hall of Fame Coach should be. No one is more deserving of the recognition your peers have bestowed on you, including those who preceded you. More important than all the success you achieved and the respect, you have earned and received, is the countless number of young men and women whose lives you have touched, influenced, and affected over decades of dedicated service.

I cherish our friendship and the memories we have made together during our coaching days and so much more.



Andre Modica



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Congratulations
Kim and Karen!

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Love,
Lauren & Tracy,
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Thank you for being a pillar of Trenton athletics and a lasting example of what it means to serve with purpose.

With respect and admiration,
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MR. DOUG MARTIN

**Congratulations and
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for all of your hard
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**You have inspired so many individuals
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**Thank You for representing Steinert
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FROM HER CO-WORKERS:

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SHAREE JAMISON, YARITZA VASQUEZ,
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Congratulations

*to all of the inductees into the
2026 class of the Mercer County
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Special recognition to

RICH HENRIE

and

DOUG MARTIN

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TOTAL COMMITMENT AND
TIME TO MERCER COUNTY TRACK AND FIELD
YOU HAVE INSPIRED SO MANY STEINERT ATHLETES BY
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*From Doug Martin and
the Entire Track and Field/
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**I want to thank the following men
who inspired me to do something
with my life after Vietnam.**

My twin Brother Dave who wrote CRAZY ASIAN
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My USMC bootcamp brother Bill Nabinger
who was wounded in Vietnam 4 times.

My Cousin Bob Parr who was wounded in Vietnam.

My oldest and wisest brother Dan
who was in the Korean War.

It was without question that the above men set
an example for me to become a teacher and coach.



**Thanks,
Doug**

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Thank You

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