

South Brunswick High School

Hall of Fame Induction

Class of 2018



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<u>Class</u>	<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Sport(s)</u>
1968	Harold Schmitz	Football, Wrestling, Baseball
1980	John Duhon	Track and Field
2005	Yemi Ayeni	Track and Field
2007	Stephanie McIntyre	Track and Field
2007	Kory Kelly	Lacrosse
2008	Zachary Zenda	Soccer, Lacrosse
Coach	Mark Kraft	Golf
AD	Frank Petrillo	Athletic Director
1968	Boys' Basketball Team	Coach-Alan R. Balcomb, Sr.



## Harold Schmitz

### Football / Wrestling / Baseball - Class of 1968

Harold exemplified the kind of durable and diversely talented athlete that enabled the Vikings' teams of 1960's and 1970's to achieve athletic success in numerous sports despite their school's undeniably modest size. A powerful but agile and adaptable competitor, Harold received varsity letters in football, wrestling, and baseball over his stellar three-year varsity career.

A running back during his first two varsity seasons, Harold was converted to a guard/fullback/linebacker by the coaching staff at the start of his senior year--a stop-gap move that paid athletic dividends for him as well as for the Vikings. Among other achievements, Harold, one of the team's co-captains and its eventual M.V.P., finished the season with (87) solo tackles to average almost 10 tackles/game.

Despite playing for one of the smallest teams in Central Jersey, Harold received accolades from numerous local and regional news outlets. He was named 2nd Team - Garden State Athletic Conference, 2nd Team - All-Suburban (*The Trentonian*), 3rd Team - All-Middlesex County (*The Daily Home News*), 3rd Team - All-State Group I (*The Star-Ledger*), and Honorable Mention - All-Central Jersey (*The New York Daily News*). He was also nominated to represent S.B.H.S. at The National Foundation and Football Hall of Fame (Delaware Valley Chapter)--one of only 33 football players picked from the scholastic, prep school and collegiate divisions.

A formidable member of the wrestling team, as a junior Harold won 3rd place at 178 lbs. in the N.J.S.I.A.A. District XXII Tournament. In his senior year, as the Vikings' co-captain, he won this tournament at the same weight, an achievement for which he was named the team's "Outstanding Wrestler" and "1st Team - Garden State Athletic Conference." Harold concluded his scholastic career by lettering in baseball as a catcher and outfielder.

In recognition of his talent, durability, and leadership, Harold received the S.B.H.S. Varsity Coaches' Award for "Outstanding Senior Athlete" in a class that included numerous athletes destined for the S.B.H.S. Sports Hall of Fame. He was also a recipient of the South Brunswick Lions Club's Scholar-Athlete Award.

Although recruited to play football by a number of East Coast colleges and universities, Harold decided to attend Butler University in Indianapolis. While at Butler, Harold had the privilege of playing for the legendary Paul D. "Tony" Hinkle, the last three-sport collegiate head coach in America. Despite having to overcome a series of injuries, Harold eventually recovered sufficiently to letter for the Bulldogs.

Harold is retired and living in Georgia with Jocelyne, his wife of 36 years. Harold and Jocelyne have three grown children.



## John Duhon

### Track and Field - Class of 1980

John is one of the greatest track and field athletes to ever compete for the S.B.H.S. Vikings. His time of 53.1 in the Intermediate Hurdles (IH), which he set while winning the silver medal in the N.J.S.I.A.A. Meet of Champions in 1980, remains *the* most enduring boys' or girls' track record in school history. It was also the 2nd fastest scholastic time in the nation for the 400 IH that year.

A valuable member of the Vikings' indoor and outdoor track teams between 1978 and 1980, John competed in the 110 HH, the 400 IH, the Long Jump, the High Jump as well as in various relay events. His success paralleled--and was in no small way responsible for--that of the boys' track team, which won 51 consecutive dual meets between the late 1970's and the early 1980's.

John won numerous county and conference titles in both indoor and outdoor track and was an N.J.S.I.A.A. Group II individual state champion in the 110 HH, 400 IH and Long Jump.

In one of the most memorable moments in school sports history, John won the final 400m leg of the 1600m Relay to propel South Brunswick to a 43 - 41 victory over Princeton in the 1980 N.J.S.I.A.A. Central Jersey Group II championships.

In addition to competing for both indoors and outdoors for the track team, John was also a key member football team, playing wide receiver and cornerback in his junior and senior seasons, during which the Vikings posted a record of 12-5-1.

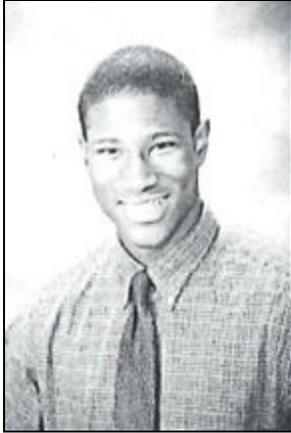
At the conclusion of his extraordinary scholastic career, John attended Louisiana State University, where he starred for the Tigers between 1980 - 1984. During his time at L.S.U., John received All-Southeastern Conference (S.E.C.) accolades and qualified for the N.C.A.A. Track & Field Championships. Among his many highlights as a Tiger was winning the 400 IH at The Texas Relays in 1983.

John works in the field of Radiation Oncology. He has worked for EPlus Oncologies for nearly 30 years, most recently as a Lead Medical Physicist, and has also served as Residency Director training young medical physicists.

John married in 1987 and has three sons and four granddaughters. He resides in Lafayette, Louisiana.

## **Yemi Ayeni**

### **Track and Field - Class of 2005**



Yemi is the greatest and most decorated field athlete in the history of the boys' track and field program. His epic discus throw of 204' 8" in 2005 not only set a new school record, it established a Middlesex County and Greater Middlesex Conference record that endured for the better part of a decade. It remains one of the greatest throws in state history. Yemi was also accomplished in the shot put, and his PR of 58' 4 3/4" still ranks among the greatest distances ever recorded by a Middlesex County athlete.

A powerful thrower with superior technique, Yemi focused most of his talent and energy on the discus event, winning Greater Middlesex Conference, Central Jersey Group IV, and N.J.S.I.A.A. Group IV titles as well as N.J.S.I.A.A. Meet of Champions (All Groups) titles in both 2004 and 2005. Yemi's victory at The Penn Relays in 2005 was impressive enough to draw the attention and personal congratulations of Al Oerter, U.S.A.'s four-time Olympic shot put gold medalist.

In recognition of his remarkable achievements, Yemi was named 1st Team - All-State in 2004 and 2005, and the "New Jersey Gatorade Boys' Track & Field Athlete of the Year" for 2005.

Following his extraordinary scholastic career, Yemi attended the University of Virginia, where he competed in the discus and shot put. A key member of the Cavaliers' field team for three seasons, he was a three-time All-American in the shot put, finishing 7th (2007), 2nd (2008) and 4th (2009) in the N.C.A.A. Division I Championships. His PRs in the discus (60.54m/200' 6") and shot put (18.23m/59' 9.75") established school records that remained for years.

Yemi is the owner of Biosweep Sacramento in Folsom, CA. He and his wife, Gabrielle, are the proud parents of a son, Jeremiah, and a daughter, Olivia.

## Stephanie McIntyre



### Track and Field - Class of 2007

Stephanie is the most accomplished track and field athlete to have ever competed for the Vikings. A specialist in the Triple Jump, she won or placed in numerous competitions at the local, state, regional and national levels, achieving her greatest success during her final two seasons. A decade after her scholastic career ended, she still holds the Greater Middlesex Conference indoor record of 40' 11," a distance that was for seven years the state *overall* indoor record as well. Stephanie also held the conference *outdoor* record for eight years, and her school and class records have never been seriously challenged.

While competing in the Triple Jump, Stephanie was a two-time Greater Middlesex Conference champion, a two-time Central Jersey Group IV champion, and a two-time N.J.S.I.A.A. Group IV champion. She won her first N.J.S.I.A.A. Meet of Champions title in the Triple Jump in her junior year and defended it the following year, jumping 38' 11.5" and 39' 9" in 2006 and 2007, respectively. As a senior, she also won third place in the Long Jump.

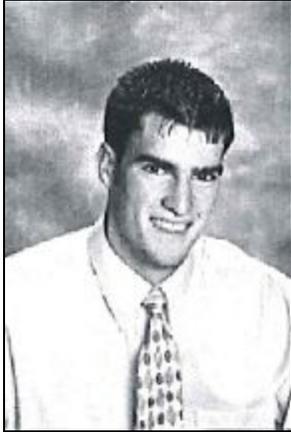
In her final year of scholastic competition, Stephanie became a three-time All-American, distinguishing herself as one of only two Viking athletes ever to attain such status more than once--and the only one to attain it *thrice*. In addition to winning a gold medal at the Eastern States Championships (40' 11"), she finished 4th at The Penn Relays (39' 0.5"), 4th at the Nike Indoor Nationals (39' 2.5"), 4th at the National Scholastic Indoor Championships (39' 2.5"), and 3rd at the Nike Outdoor Nationals (39' 6.5").

It should be noted that Stephanie competed and excelled at both indoor national meets during a 15-hour span that included a transition to Daylight Saving Time: at the Nike Indoor Nationals in Landover, Maryland on a Saturday evening and at the National Scholastic Indoor Championships at the Armory in New York City the following morning.

After graduating from S.B.H.S., Stephanie studied economics at both the University of Pennsylvania and the London School of Economics, after which she worked as an executive compensation and legal consultant at an investment bank in Manhattan. She is currently a law student at Cornell University, where she's a law school ambassador, a contributor to the *Journal of Law and Public Policy*, and a member of the executive boards of the Women's Law Coalition and Black Law Students Association. After completing her law degree, she will work as a corporate attorney at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. Stephanie also created and maintains a fashion and lifestyle editorial platform called *Mela Moda*.

## **Kory M. Kelly**

### **Lacrosse - Class of 2007**



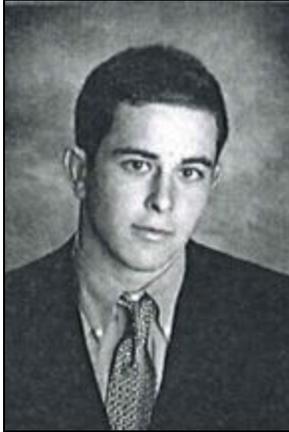
Kory is the most prolific offensive player in the history of the S.B.H.S. boys' lacrosse program. Although a devastating injury at the start of his junior year limited him to three varsity seasons, his school records for goals/career (173), goals/season (71), and points/career (216) remain unchallenged a decade after he played his final scholastic game. In addition, his total for points/season (87) remains the scored highest ever by a member of the boys' lacrosse team, and his total for assists/career (43) remains one of the highest totals in that category.

Kory was named to the Greater Middlesex Conferences' 1st Team in both his sophomore and senior seasons and was cited as the Greater Middlesex Conferences' "Player of the Year" in 2007. He was an All-State "Honorable Mention" selection in 2004, an All-State - 2nd Team selection in 2005, and an All-State - 1st Team selection in 2007. An athlete whose achievements garnered more than local recognition, Kory was the first player in school history to be named "All-American" by US Lacrosse.

Following his stellar career for the Vikings, Kory took his game to Rutgers University, where he immediately established himself as an offensive force. At the conclusion of the 2008 season, he received the Twitchell Award as Rutgers' "Freshman Player of the Year" as well as accolades as the Big East Conferences' "Freshman of the Year." Kory starred for four seasons at Rutgers (2008 - 2011), finishing with (77) career goals.

## Zachary Zenda Soccer

### Lacrosse - Class of 2008



Zach was one of the best and most diversely talented athletes to compete for the Vikings during the first decade of the new century. An offensive force in both soccer and lacrosse, Zach became one of the few Vikings to have ever received high-level recognition in two unrelated sports.

Despite suffering significant injuries, Zach scored 35 career goals and contributed 15 assists over four seasons on the varsity soccer team. He was the team's co-Offensive M.V.P. in both his junior and senior seasons, respectively, as well as co-M.V.P. in the latter.

As a junior, Zach was named 1st Team All-County by the G.M.C. Coaches Association, 1st Team All-Division and All-G.M.C. by both *The Star-Ledger* and *The Home News Tribune*, and 2nd Team All-State - Central Jersey by the N.J.S.C.A.

As a senior, he was again named 1st Team All-County by the G.M.C. Coaches Association, 1st Team All-Division and All-G.M.C. by both *The Star-Ledger* and *The Home News Tribune*, and 1st Team All-State - Central Jersey by the N.J.S.C.A. He was also named 2nd Team - All-State / All Groups, thereby receiving "Top 45 Players/New Jersey" recognition.

Although he was one of the Vikings' greatest soccer players, Zach was even more accomplished in lacrosse, scoring 61 goals and assisting in 29 others over his final two seasons, helping the Vikings to a 33-8 record.

During his senior season alone, he scored 48 goals and had 21 assists in tallying 69 points. At the conclusion of the season, Zach was named 1st Team All-Area *Home News Tribune*, 1st Team All-G.M.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association, and 1st Team - New Jersey Interscholastic Lacrosse Coaches Association.

Zach was also invited to play in the prestigious Coach Gil Gibbs Senior All-Star Game and, in recognition of his outstanding senior season, he was named "All-American" by US Lacrosse.

Zach attended Rutgers University, where he was a key member of the men's lacrosse team, assuming its captaincy in his senior year. Zach works in the financial services industry as a managing partner of RU Financial. He and his wife Zara reside in Red Bank, NJ.



## **Mark Kraft**

### **Golf Coach**

Mark Kraft founded the S.B.H.S. Golf Club in Spring, 1984. A year later, the club officially became the S.B.H.S. Vikings Boys' Golf Team and secured the first of its numerous championships under Mark's stellar guidance. By the time he retired from coaching in 2013, Mark had led the Vikings to more victories than any coach in any sport in S.B.H.S. history, including 246 of them over the last 16 years of his 29-year career.

During his tenure, Mark led the Vikings to seven G.M.C. divisional titles (1985, 1991, 1995, 2002, 2003, 2009, 2011) and two G.M.C. championships (2003, 2009). Among his greatest accomplishments was inspiring the Vikings to qualify 27 consecutive years for the N.J.S.I.A.A. Golf Tournament (1986 - 2013).

In 2003, the Vikings had their greatest season ever, winning both divisional and conference titles on their way to a 23-0 record and a lofty state ranking. In recognition of this extraordinary achievement, Mark was named both "G.M.C. Coach of the Year" and "N.J.S.I.A.A. Golf Coach of the Year." Mark was, in fact, a three-time "G.M.C. Coach of the Year," winning such accolades in 2002 and 2009 as well as in 2003.

Of course, no one associated with S.B.H.S. over the past 35 years is unaware that Mark and his wife, Virginia, are iconic band leaders, having coached the S.B.H.S. Vikings Marching Band to numerous USBands /YEA-sanctioned local, state, regional and national championships, and placements. On February 2, 2014, the band participated in the halftime festivities at Super Bowl XLVIII at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ--a fitting capstone to Mark's career as an esteemed band director.

Mark currently teaches at Abington Friends School in Jenkintown, PA, where he's also the coach of the boys' golf team.



## **Frank Petrillo**

### **Athletic Director**

Frank was a familiar and esteemed presence in the S.B.H.S. community for well over thirty years: first as a social studies teacher, then as an athletic director, and finally as an assistant principal. Before arriving at S.B.H.S. in 1966, Frank served four years as principal at St. Michael's School in Cranford.

Prior to becoming the Director of Athletics, Frank was both an assistant coach for Vikings' football teams that compiled a record of 22-13 and an assistant coach for Vikings' boys' track and field teams that won 51 consecutive dual meets over nearly a decade. He also enjoyed stints as head coach of the freshman boys' soccer and wrestling teams.

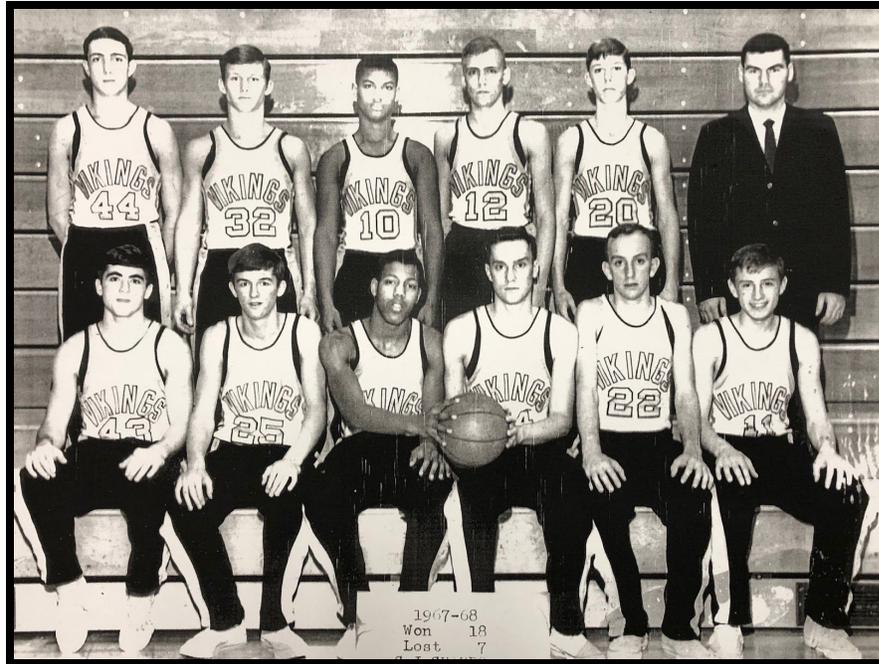
During his 15-year tenure as athletic director, Frank oversaw the Vikings' transition from Group II to Group IV competition--a challenging undertaking that he met with aplomb and success.

Frank is a former president of the Middlesex County Coaches Association (1976 - 1977) and a former treasurer of the Greater Middlesex Conference. In 1998, he was named "Athletic Director of the Year" for the Greater Middlesex Conference.

For his outstanding contributions to local sports, Frank was named an "Outstanding Educator" by the Bill Denny/Rutgers Football Letterwinners chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame for the 1998 - 1999 school year.

Frank and his wife Margaret are the parents of three sons: Frank, Dean and Matthew. Despite his official retirement, he remains an ardent supporter of the S.B.H.S. Vikings.

# S.B.H.S. Boys' Basketball Team



## 1968 State Group I Champions

Season Record: 18-7

### Team Players

John Traficonte, Eric Martin, John Bailey, Bud Rose, Bob Griggs, Larry Greenwood, Nick Boyko, Jim Benn, Frank Smith, Jim Phelps, Bob Latimer, Dave Kistler

Coached by Alan R. Balcomb, Sr.

### **SOUTH BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL WINS N.J.S.I.A.A. GROUP I TITLE"**

***BY JIM SERMONS / THE SUNDAY HOME NEWS -- 03.31.1968***

There have been many celebrations in the 50-year history of N.J.S.I.A.A. basketball tournament play, but none will match the one the South Brunswick High School followers staged here last night.

Moments after the Vikings of South Brunswick were crowned Group I state champions by whipping a heavily favored East Rutherford quintet, 50-49, the elated Viking basketball players grabbed Coach Al Balcomb and tossed him into the Atlantic Ocean as 300 people stood and watched in awe.

The thrilling victory--made possible by the brilliant all-around play of seniors Bud Rose and John Bailey--gave the Middlesex County team its 18th victory in 25 starts. Rose, who celebrated his birthday last night in front of a standing room only crowd of 12, 532 basketball buffs, spearheaded the South Brunswick attack with 22 points and 13 rebounds. Bailey, who returned to action early in the third period after being carried off the court with a sprained ankle, finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

## ***SOUTH BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL WINS N.J.S.I.A.A. GROUP I TITLE" (Continued)***

**Edged in Rebounds** -It was the decided rebounding advantage by the Vikings that gave them the victory. South Brunswick out-rebounded taller East Rutherford, 40 - 23. The Wildcats, who finished the season with a 21-5 record, were guilty of 30 turnovers, including 17 in the second half.

**Never Trailed** -South Brunswick never trailed in the hair-raising contest; however, the score was tied twice: 37-37, and then 45-45 at 5:10 of the final quarter. The Vikings went up 48-45 on a foul shot by Bob Griggs and a layup by Rose that gave the Middlesex County team the lead for good. A jumper by Bob Dermody closed the gap to 48-47 with 1:02 left.

Bailey's layup with 10 seconds to go iced the victory. Bob Kesgen, who led the Wildcats with 14 points, threw in an unmolested shot at the buzzer to close out the scoring. Leslie Cason, the Wildcat's 6' 9" freshman center, finished with 13 points. All five of his field goals came in the second half. Cason sparked a third period comeback by the Wildcats that cut the deficit to 39-37. All told, the Wildcats took 55 shots--two more than the Vikings. From the foul line, each team took 18 shots, with the Vikings edging the Wildcats, 10-9.

Balcomb, dripping wet from his unexpected dip in the Atlantic, said after the game, "It's the greatest team I've ever had--and I'm not taking anything away from the fine Viking team of a few years ago. This club had it when it had to have it, and they had it in the clutch. Bailey and Rose really did the job."

The personable and happy South Brunswick coach praised the other Viking players--including the starters Eric Martin, John Traficante and Griggs--for their part in the victory. The other Viking players who saw action were Nick Boyko, Larry Greenwood, and Bob Latimer, with Jim Benn, Frank Smith and Jim Phelps rounding out the team.

**Wildcats Jittery** - South Brunswick, which was installed as an underdog because of a distinct height disadvantage, took the early play away from the jittery East Rutherford five. Using a very effective "box-and-one" zone defense, with Bailey (6' 3") guarding Cason (6' 9"), the Vikings stormed to a 5-0 lead and limited the Wildcats to only three shots during the first 3:18 of play, and three of twelve from the floor in the first period. South Brunswick got a pair of late deuces from Rose and held on to an 11-6 margin as the period ended.

Bailey, who was forced to leave the jam packed Boardwalk arena in a wheelchair with 1:26 to go in the opening half, tallied six points in the second quarter as the Vikings went in front by seven points at intermission, 28-21. Bailey did not allow Cason--who carried a 23.1 points per game average--a field goal during the first half.

East Rutherford went into a three-quarter court diamond press late in the opening period. The Wildcats continued it into the second quarter. The menacing defense was a major reason East Rutherford was able to match the Vikings with 17 points during the period.

***This story by Jim Sermons appeared in The Sunday Home News on March 31, 1968.***

# All Hall of Fame Recipients

## 1999

MIKE ELKO, COACH  
DENNIS DUTTRY, COACH  
LASZLO NYITRAI, COACH  
DON STOUT '65  
MIKE TOTH '66  
BUDDY ROSE '68  
HARRY GRIGGS '73  
SANDY DOMOTOR '75  
ALAN BALCOMB, JR. '79  
SANDY HUMPHREY '83

## 2000

ALAN BALCOMB, SR. , COACH  
GEORGE HOSEA, COACH  
BRIAN YOUNG '67  
DAVID YOUNG '75  
MARK LANGONE '79  
JON STAR '75  
GEORGE FEARS '79  
SHEILA O'BRIEN '84  
PHYLLIS HARKER '76  
GEORGE BOSSOW '64/COACH

## 2001

JAN BLAZEWSKI '77  
SCOTT NORRIS '74  
OLEY ALLEN '65  
PETER WARNER, COACH  
DENNIS JOHNSTON '79  
ARBA HOLLIDAY MARTE '86  
JEANETTE DEZAN

## 2002

ALEX DAVIDSON '75  
KEN ROBERTS '81  
ELIOT RUNYON '76  
RACHEL HUDAK '91

## 2004

THOMAS MCINTYRE '74  
BILL DAVIS '80  
DAVE FEARS '80  
SUZANNE LUNA '84  
FRANK CROSSEN '85  
STEVE FATIGANTE '89  
DONNELL LUMPKIN '89  
PETER STELLING '90  
ROBIN REINHARDT '92  
JOHN LONGO ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/COACH

## 2006

BILL KLIMOWICZ '70  
MIKE REOCK '74  
DENISE DOHANIC '81  
RAY TRENT '80  
KRISTEN BAKER '90  
CARRIE RUBENSTEIN '94  
BRIAN PLOTNICK '95  
BRIAN JOST COACH

**2008**

JOHN BAILEY '68  
RICHARD HOLLAND '70  
MICHAEL DOWGIN '72  
ERIKA PERJESY CASEY '96  
RICKY ROMERO '96  
MINDY CLEMENTE '96  
KENNY ROGERS '96

**2010**

ANN DOWGIN '82  
DAVID EISENBERG '96  
JOSEPH DIGIGLIO '97  
OLIVER RISHA '98  
KATIE TRACY '98  
JULIE FLANTZER '99  
TIFFANY MILLER '99

**2012**

MAURA RYAN '72  
JEFFREY MOORE '75  
BENJAMIN GROVER '78  
EDWARD WATTS '93  
MICHAEL ELKO '95  
ADAM GROSSMAN '97  
JA'NAI O'CONNOR '00  
JILLIAN STEIN '00  
DANIEL RODRIGUEZ '02

**2014**

STEPHEN BOYKO '65  
KENNETH SKILLMAN '66  
JOHN SCHNEIDER '94  
DOUGLAS ROCKHILL '97  
TANYA EARL-HARTWYK '03  
ANTHONY CLEMENTE '03  
NICHOLAS CLEMENTE '03  
JOSEPH CLEMENTE '03  
MICHAEL VALENTINO '03  
LAUREN SOHMER '04

**2016**

ALICIA LANGONE '06  
VINCE DAVIDSON '06  
JESSICA MASTRONARDI '06  
JUSTIN DEL PIANO '06  
MARK ZIMINSKI -COACH

**2018**

HAROLD SCHMITZ '68  
JOHN DUHON '80  
YEMI AYENI '05  
STEPHANIE McINTYRE '07  
KORY KELLY '07  
ZACHARY ZENDA '08  
MARK KRAFT - COACH  
FRANK PETRILLO - ATHLETIC DIRECTOR  
BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM '68 -  
COACHED BY ALAN BALCOMB, SR.