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**Two Time Scholar Athlete Winners**

Cortland State's **Dan Pitcher, 2011**, was also named a high school scholar athlete in **2005** at Cortland High School. Utica College's **Travis Ladd, 2011**, was also named a high school athlete in **2007** at Mexico High School. St. Lawrence's **Joseph M. Battaglia, 2016**, was also named a high school athlete in **2012** at Central Square High School. Utica College's **Gregory E. Palmer, 2016**, was also named a high school athlete in **2012** at APW High School. Colgate's **Brett D. Field, Jr., 2016**, was also named a high school athlete in **2013** at VVS High School.

**Oh Brother** – as in keeping it in the family.

Since inception 16 years ago 36 brothers have been honored by the Chapter as Scholar-Athletes:

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savor your success.
Welcome to the Central New York Chapter’s 17th Annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Dinner. Tonight we will pay tribute to 81 high school and college scholar-athletes who epitomize everything that is right about high school and college football. In addition, we will honor several individuals for their contributions to the great sport of football and our country.

We would like to congratulate tonight’s honorees and their families. We take great pride in highlighting your accomplishments both on and off the football field. By earning a spot on our dais, your story has proven itself worthy of being told to inspire others to follow in your footsteps.

With the addition of tonight’s class the Central New York Chapter has had the privilege to honor 1001 scholar-athletes and have awarded scholarships totaling over $441,250.00 in seventeen years.

“Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that, upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory” said General Douglas MacArthur (one of the founders of the National Football Foundation). MacArthur’s perspective is today still relevant. Our youth embark into a world that will have many challenges. MacArthur’s quote highlights that the sport of football is uniquely positioned to teach teamwork, discipline, dedication, and sacrifice; all useful leadership characteristics.

The Central New York Chapter is dedicated to supporting the game, those who teach it, play, and officiate it as a development tool for our youth.

Tonight’s celebration honors more than these wonderful scholar-athletes. It also honors those that have taught them, the game itself, and most importantly it honors their parents. To you we commend you on a job well done.

Congratulations to all!

The Executive Committee
CNY Chapter National Football Foundation Facts

The National Football Foundation honors the Collegiate National Champion each year with the MacArthur Trophy – Syracuse University received the inaugural MacArthur Trophy in 1959.

Play it Smart is a nationwide educational initiative intended to improve graduation rates through a comprehensive youth development program, over 8000 youth participate in this program with a graduation rate of 94% compared to 76% of their peers and 85% college enrollment compared to 63% of their peers - locally Fowler High School has participated in this program.

The College Hall of Fame recognizes the highest level of achievement for players and coaches and serves as a shrine for all of amateur football.

Each scholar athlete honored today will be inscribed as a Chapter Scholar - Athlete in the Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame has been located in Atlanta, Georgia since 2012, previous to that it was in South Bend, Indiana.

Our Chapter schools have a combined 41 coaches and players inducted in the College Hall of Fame

- The CNY Chapter has had two Scholar-Athletes recognized as national scholar athletes for their achievements – Henninger’s Greg Rommel and Colgate’s John Frieser - they join:

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Our Chapter has proudly assisted in the induction process of Syracuse University coach Richard MacPherson and player Don McPherson.

Colgate University’s Jon Hanson served as Chairman of the Board of the National Football Foundation and received the prestigious Gold Medal Award in 2005. They are joined in this elite group among others by Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, Jackie Robinson, John F. Kennedy, George Steinbrenner, Ronald Reagan and John Glenn.

Richard Ranucci was honored with a national chapter leadership award for his dedication to the mission of the National Football Foundation in 2007.

Liverpool High School hosts a College Night, that fosters an environment where coaches, parents, and students can plan for higher education.

The John Arcaro All Star Game features high school seniors and was hosted last year at 3 sites, Liverpool High School, Sauquoit Valley High School and Watertown High School on November 2016.
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Registration & Seating

Welcome – Master of Ceremonies . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Doug Logan
Marching in of Scholar-Athletes and Introductions . . . . . . . . . . Doug Logan
Presentation of the Flag . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . United States Army Color Guard
Introduction of the Head Table . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Doug Logan
Address from the National Football Foundation . . . . Howard Vandersea
Address from the Central New York Chapter . . . . . Edward Ferrante, President

— Dinner —

Introduction of College Coaches & Previous Honorees . . . . . Doug Logan
Presentation of Football Official of the Year Award . . . . . . . Rick Ranucci
Presentation of Coach of the Year Award . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Bob Campese
Presentation of the Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award . . . Bob Campese
Presentation of the Distinguished American Award . . . . . Barry Lippencott
Presentation of the Media Award . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Paul Sealy
Scholar-Athlete Awards Presentation . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Doug Logan
Presentation of NFF Certificates & Scholarships . . . . . . Howard Vandersea
Address from High School Scholar-Athlete . . . Richard Monroe, General Brown H.S.
Address from College Scholar-Athlete . . . . Cameron MacPherson, Syracuse Univ.
Conclude . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Doug Logan
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Since the Inaugural Scholar-Athlete Awards Dinner in 2001, the Central New York Chapter Scholarships have continued to step forward. This year alone the chapter will distribute over $41,250.00 to these deserving scholar athletes. This could not be made possible without the support of many individuals and organizations.

Scholarships for 2017

1 - $750.00 AL VEDDER SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship has been established by friends, family and members of the chapter to honor our first president. It reflects Al's passion for competition, the spirit of youth, and the lessons of life in sport. It is awarded annually to the highest ranking high school senior.

2 - $500.00 VALLEY GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS
Wayne Valley, the original owner of the Oakland Raiders, became involved with The National Football Foundation through the Northern California Chapter and its president, Bob Keropian. Eventually, Wayne's enthusiasm for the mission of the NFF led him to become a member of The Foundation's Board of Directors. When Wayne passed away in 1986, his wife, Gladys, continued the efforts of the family's foundation and strengthened her involvement with the Northern Chapter. In 1994, Gladys played a key role in forging a grant from the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation. The grant provided the NFF with $50,000 a year for five years for its chapter scholar-athletes program. Although Gladys passed away in 1998, the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation has continued to support the NFF. In 1999, under the leadership of President Stephen Chandler, the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation renewed the chapter scholar-athlete program for five more years, with increased funding for the chapter scholar-athlete awards. The Central New York Chapter was awarded two $500.00 Scholarships.

1 - $500.00 GEORGE MAROCCIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship has been established by an anonymous supporter of football. George graduated from Syracuse University in 1957. He began officiating high school football in 1962 and entered the college ranks in 1967 with ECAC. George joined the major independents in 1980. He officiated many of the major college football games played during the 1980's and culminated his career by officiating the Army-Navy game in the Rose Bowl in 1985. After George left the field, he became an observer and technical advisor for Syracuse University, the Big East and Conference USA. George owned and operated the Marcoccia-Donnelly Insurance Agency for 27 years. This scholarship will be awarded to a scholar-athlete from a member high school.

1 - $500 FRANK BORER SCHOLARSHIP (CNY Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame)
This scholarship was established by the CNY Chapter of the National Football Foundation to recognize and honor the memory of our long time supporter and sponsor, Frank Borer, founder and CEO of Express Mart. This scholarship shall be awarded annually to the scholar athlete with the highest academic average.

1 - $500 TONY'S FAMILY RESTAURANT SCHOLARSHIP
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1 - $500 IBEW 43 SCHOLARSHIP
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Take this opportunity to thank God for this achievement. You deserve such a recognition! We are so blessed and thankful to call you son. Congratulations!
Love, Mom and Dad

“Football is just a game, what matters is what you play for.” – Ernie Davis

Christopher Dylan Ryan
Jordan-Elbridge H.S.
We are so proud of you for all of your hard work on and off the field. No matter where you land, you’ll shine brightly! We love you.
Mom and Dad

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We are so proud of your accomplishments both on and off the field. Love Mom, Dad, Dan & Nick

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“We will sing thy praise through the endless days, to the Scarlet and the Brown.”

Sammy Diaz
Morrisville State College
The Mustang family is proud to call you a Brother. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Matthew Glebus
Hamilton College
We are proud of you. Congrats to a great 4 years.

Congratulations Joe
It’s always a good day to be a Bomber!
“Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts.” – WINSTON CHURCHILL

**Landry W. Rogers**  
Cicero-North Syracuse H.S.  
We love you, and are very proud of you!  
Mom, Dad & all your brother and sisters

**Matthew Goetzmann**  
Skaneateles H.S.  
Congratulations Matthew we are so proud of you.  
Love Mom, Dad, Mark, Michael, Madison and Hoyt

**Dylan Harra**  
Watertown H.S. – Cyclones  
Very proud of you Dylan, Love You!  
Mom and all of your family

**Brandon Truong**  
Fowler H.S.  
Thank you to my mentor, Jeffrey Lott for giving me the confidence I needed.  
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The selected individual should represent and support the foundation’s fundamental creed of athletics in concert with scholarship and civic leadership.

THIS YEAR’S HONOREE

Dan Messina

Officiating:
1988 - 2008 High school Official with the N.Y.S.A.C.E.O. Syracuse Chapter.
Worked several high school playoff games.
1998 - 2015 College Official with the ECAC/EAIFO Empire Chapter.
2016 College Official with the NEFOC/EAIFO Empire Chapter.
2011 President of EAIFO Empire Chapter.

Memorable Games:
3 Cortica Jug Games, 2 Courage Bowls, 4 ECAC Bowl Championship Games,
3 NCAA DIII Playoffs, 1 NCAA DII Playoff.

Employment:
38 years with the Town of Geddes Highway Department. Currently Assistant to the Highway Superintendent.

Community:
Member of the Taunton Volunteer Fire Department since 1980. Currently on the Board of Directors. Past Fire Chief.
Completed numerous firefighting courses through NYS. Received several firefighting commendations.

Education:
1979 Graduate of Westhill High School. Captain of the Varsity Football team. Also was on the wrestling team.

Family:
Lives in Syracuse, NY with wife Jennifer and their two dogs, Max and Stu.
Has two sons – Joel, 29 years old, living in Arizona and Kevin, 26 years old, living in Charleston, SC.

PREVIOUS HONOREES:

2016: DON VACARIO
2015: STAN EVANS
2014: FRANK MISURELLY
2013: MARK McANANEY
2012: JIM VERRETTE
2011: GARY JANIS
2010: MICHAEL KERWIN
2009: DON KRUTTSCHNITT
2008: LARRY BYRNES
2007: FRANK DeORIO
2006: BARRY LIPPENCOTT
2005: DENNIS HENNIGAN
2004: PAUL NOJAIM
2003: JOHN SPENCER
2002: MICHAEL ALBANESE
2001: RICHARD T. RANUCCI
“Everybody wanna be famous, but nobody wanna put in the work.” – NS

Nasir Smith
Auburn H.S.
Always follow your dreams, continue to work hard and stay focused.
Love Mom, Dad, Uncle Rob and Your Entire Family!

“Dr. DelVecchio”

Domenic DelVecchio
Bishop Grimes H.S.
We’re so proud of all the effort you put into everything you do. You’ve always strived to do your absolute best. You are destined for greatness. Love, Your Family

“#52 – Linebacker”

Jack Eldred
Cazenovia H.S.
Your continued strong work ethic in everything you do will lead to many more achievements. We love you – Your Family and Friends

“Congratulations Jack”

Austin Holmes
Pulaski Jr. Sr. H.S.
Congratulations buddy! We are so proud of you!! Love, Mom and Dad
“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
– Phil: 4-13

Eric Todd Hubbell, Jr.
Little Falls City School District
“Champions aren’t made in the gym. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream, a vision.” – MUHAMMAD ALI
Your determination and drive will lead you to your dreams. We are proud of you congratulations.
Mom, Dad, Grandma and Papa

Dante Turo
Mexico Academy
4 X’s All League / 2 X’s All CNY / All State 2016
Over 7000 All Purpose Yards / 67 Touchdowns

“Good, Better, Best . . . Never let it rest . . .
Till your Good is Better and your Better is Best.”

Evan Strassberger
New Hartford Central H.S.
Evan, congratulations on your many awards and accomplishments, as always, we are very proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad and Family

“Congratulations Billy #30”

Billy Bullock
Hannibal H.S.
Congratulations on all of your achievements. You continue to make us so proud everyday!
Chapter Award Winner

High School Coach of the Year Award

CRITERIA

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The selected individual should represent and support the foundation’s fundamental creed of athletics in concert with scholarship and civic leadership.

THIS YEAR'S HONOREE

Tom Schoen
Whitesboro High School

Coach Schoen graduated from Whitesboro HS in 1967. While at Whitesboro he was a member of the Football, Hockey and Baseball teams. In his senior year he was captain of the Football and Hockey teams.

After graduation, Tom attended Ithaca College where he lettered in Football, Hockey and Lacrosse all four years. During his senior year he was captain of the Hockey and Lacrosse teams and was named Athlete of the Year in 1971.

After one year as an assistant coach in Football and Lacrosse at Ithaca, he was appointed Head Football and Head Lacrosse Coach at Dean Junior College in Franklin, Mass. After two successful years at Dean, he returned to Whitesboro in 1974. This past season was his 43rd as the Head Coach of the Warriors.

He has been honored as Coach of the Year in the National Conference on numerous occasions. In 2003 he was inducted into the Whitesboro Teachers Hall of Fame. In 2011 he was inducted into the Ithaca College Hall of Fame and in 2012 he was inducted into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame. In 2007 he was awarded the New York State Coaches Honor Award, and in 2013 he was awarded the Northeast/New England Regional Coaches Honor.

As Head Football Coach at Whitesboro his teams have won 10 Section III titles, 15 National Conference Championships, they have appeared in 26 consecutive Section III Playoffs, 7 New York State Quarter Finals, won 4 Regional Championships, appeared in 4 New York State Semi-finals and 1 New York State Final. His 267 wins places him third on the all time Section III list. After thirty seven years of service, Tom retired from teaching in 2009, but continues to coach the Warriors.

Tom is married to the former Sharon McNally, also a ‘67 Whitesboro grad. They have three children, Tom Jr., Kristen and Kelly and nine grandchildren, Colin, Jonathan, Sam, Luke, Connor, Hannah, Jack, Julia and Ben, all of whom reside in the Whitesboro School District.

PREVIOUS HONOREES:

2016: JAY STEINHORST
2015: CORY MARSELL
2014: DAVID KLINE
2013: JOSEPH J. SINDONI
2012: KEVIN DEPARDE
2011: TOM FREARS
2010: CARL SANFILIPPO
2009: BILL CARINCI
2008: STEVE BUSH
2007: DAVE MOSKOV
2006: PAUL SEALY
2005: JOSEPH CASSAMENTO
2005: CALVIN MOSHER
Chapter Award Winner

Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award

CRITERIA

This award is intended to provide recognition to an individual whose efforts and activities have been in support of amateur football and the goals of the local chapter.

Throughout the youth league, high school and collegiate playing fields of this country, these are remarkable individuals who work tirelessly out of a pure love of the game and a desire to help our youth play it well. This award seeks to recognize some of these noteworthy contributors.

Specific activities of the individual could range from coach to trainer to league organizer or fund raiser, and not uncommonly all of the above. The selected individual should represent and support the Foundation’s fundamental creed of athletics in concert with scholarship and civic leadership.

THIS YEAR’S HONOREE

Tom Neidl

In 1978, Tom Neidl began a long teaching and coaching career at Cazenovia Central Schools. He was a physical education teacher for 32 years and the varsity football coach at Cazenovia for 25 years.

Tom was a graduate of SUNY Cortland with a Bachelor’s Degree in Physical Education and he also earned his Master’s Degree from SUNY Brockport in Physical Education.

During his 36 years coaching at Cazenovia, 25 as head coach, his record was 178-54-1 which included 7 Section III Titles in Class C and B and 15 League Titles. Cazenovia was unbeaten at home from the 2001 season until he retired after the 2014 season making him the 8th winningest head football coach in Section III history.

Teaching and football were two of Tom’s great loves as he continued to substitute teach and coach football at Utica College.

Tom passed away on December 21, 2016, but his many contributions to Cazenovia and Section III football will long be remembered.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2016: MIKE WELCH
2015: DICK CERONE
2013: DOUG LOGAN
2011: PETE SALA
2010: HENRY ANDREW MORAN
2009: THOMAS R. TATHAM
2008: FRED DUNLAP
2007: GEORGE MANGICARO

2016: MIKE WELCH
2010: HENRY ANDREW MORAN
2006: DICK BADER
2002: AL VEDDER
2001: ED FERRANTE

2015: DICK CERONE
2009: THOMAS R. TATHAM
2005: PAT TESTA
2004: BILL PAWLOSKI
2003: JOHN SMITH

2013: DOUG LOGAN
2008: FRED DUNLAP
2007: GEORGE MANGICARO

2011: PETE SALA
Collin Treen
Herkimer Senior H.S.
Your accomplishments are great, hoping your Future is even better!
Love Mom, Dad & Kate

“Always play hard and lead by example.” – Derek Jeter

Raymond Craig Doane Rogers
Cortland Jr. Sr. H.S.
Dream big, aim high, it’s up to you to find the pearls
With love, from your family

“Hard work = Success”

Vincenzo Italo Alteri
Immaculate Heart Central
Bravo Vincenzo! Buona Fortuna!

“Go Cavs!”

Ryan Enos
Oriskany C.S.
Congratulations Ryan! We are very proud of you and your accomplishments.
Love Mom, Dad and Matt

“The world is your oyster!”
Michael John Cimino
Solvay H.S.
You are braver, smarter and stronger than you believe.
We are very proud of you and love you very much!
Mom, Nicole and A.J.

James Dam
Vernon-Verona-Sherrill H.S.
We are so proud of you and wish you future success and happiness.
Love you – Mom, Dad, Nate and Luke

Caleb D. Mayer
Lowville Academy
“Champions do not become champions when they win the event, but in the hours, weeks, months and years they spend preparing for it. The victorious performance itself is merely the demonstration of their championship character.”

Jeffrey Marsh
Canastota H.S.
We are all so proud of your accomplishments!
Good Luck in your future.
Love: Mom, Dad, Billy, Holly, Erick, Grandma and Grandpa, Coach Congden and Coach Baker

“Poise . . . Pride . . . Discipline”

“Go get ‘em!”
Chapter Award Winner

Distinguished American Award

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This award is presented on special occasions to an outstanding American, but not necessarily to a former football player. The recipient will be a person who has maintained a lifetime of interest in the game and who has, over a long period of time, exhibited leadership qualities and who has made a significant contribution to the betterment of amateur football in the United States and to the quality of life for all Americans.

THIS YEAR’S HONOREE

Brent Quimby

EDUCATION

Spring 2016 CORNELL UNIVERSITY Ithaca, NY

Master Certificate in Healthcare Leadership: Focus on Change Leadership.

Fall 2015 HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL Boston, MA

HBX Credential of Readiness: The Language of Business.

2005-2009 UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY Annapolis, MD

Bachelor of Science, History, studied two years of German.

• Earned recognition on the Commandant’s List and as Midshipmen of the Week.
• Plebe Summer Squad Leader, Varsity Football Team member, Varsity Lacrosse Team member.

EXPERIENCE

2013-Present MARINE CORPS SECURITY COOPERATION GROUP Virginia Beach, VA

Project Manager – Operations and Training Division

• Spearheaded the development of standard operating procedures to synchronize the efforts of 12 sections, improving planning and coordination for eight training programs and more than 200 missions per year.

• Planned eight assessments to address organizational shortfalls of six militaries in the Middle East, furthering strategic partnerships by implementing long-term engagement plans to secure funds and training from the US.

• Initiated an effort to restructure manpower and identify inefficient resource management to capture annual cost savings of $600k and reduce the scheduling conflicts for instructors, classrooms, and materials.

• Hand-selected out of 150 Marines to re-design procedures for assessments of partner nation military forces.

2010-2013 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS Camp Lejeune, NC; Afghanistan; and Japan

Assistant Operations Officer, U.S. Marine Corps Artillery (Spring 2013)

Department Manager, U.S. Marine Corps Artillery (2010-2011)

2009-2010 STUDENT OFFICER TRAINING Quantico, VA and Fort Sill, OK

PERSONAL

• Volunteer leader at Liberty Student Ministry, coaching and mentoring 10-20 teenagers in any given week.

• Proud supporter of Team Hoyt VA Beach, pushing strollers for children with special needs at running events.

• Created the initiative Objective Thirty, challenging people to run/walk/bike 30 miles on Veterans Day.

• Golfer, 10x triathlete, Adirondack Mountains enthusiast, and self-proclaimed artisan.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2016: GARY JANIS
2015: U.S. ARMY TENTH MOUNTAIN DIVISION
2011: HONORABLE JOHN McHUGH

2008: HONORABLE JOHN CHERUNDOLO
2007: E. DOUGLAS KENNA
2005: LT. BRYAN TAYLOR, U.S.N.

2002: HONORABLE NORMAN A. MORDUE
2001: PERNE BILLINGS

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Chapter Award Winner

Media Person of the Year Award

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This award is presented to an outstanding person from the media who has made significant contributions toward advancing the coverage and image of high school football in New York State. The selected individual should represent and support the National Football Foundation’s fundamental creed of athletics in concert with scholarship and civic leadership.

THIS YEAR’S HONOREE

Niko Tamurian

Niko Tamurian is the Sports Director at CNY Central. Niko leads the charge on CNY Central’s award winning sports coverage, establishing the sports department as the authority on Central New York sports.

Niko has been nominated for the prestigious Emmy Award as well as winning the “Outstanding Sportscast” by the New York State Broadcasters Association, The Edward R. Murrow Award and many Syracuse Press Club Awards including Best Sportscast, Best Sports Story, Best Sports Show, Best Human Interest Feature Story and Newcomer of the Year in 2008.

Niko joined the CNY Central team in 2007. He co-hosts “The Orange Zone” with former Syracuse running back Damien Rhodes in football season and Assistant Coach Adrian Autry during basketball season.

It has been Niko’s dream to report on the sports teams that he grew up rooting for. A true Central New Yorker, Niko has been a die-hard Syracuse University sports fan his whole life. Niko grew up in East Syracuse, graduating from East Syracuse-Minoa High School in 2003. He earned his bachelor’s degree from SUNY Buffalo State after earning his Associates Degree from Onondaga Community College.

In 2012, Niko was forever enshrined in Onondaga Community College’s “Alumni Faces” which features accomplished alumni, you can see the display in the Gordon Student Center at Onondaga Community College. Niko currently teaches “Sports Casting” in the college’s Electronic Media Communications Department as well.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:
John McGrew, 2nd
Sandy Creek C.S.
We love you John and we are very proud of you.

Justin Goldschmidt
Central Square
Paul V. Moore H.S.
Congratulations Justin . . . we couldn’t be prouder.

“Your only limit is you!”

Jacob Aikman Ellsworth
Institute of Technology
Give 100% in everything you do.

Andrew Castelletti
Sauquoit Valley H.S.
Love, Dad, Mom, CJ and Caitlin

“Keep following your dreams”

“It’s not the size of the dog in the fight, it’s the size of the fight in the dog.”

“Effort over Talent”
Evan Tuthill
West Genesee H.S.
What a great accomplishment. We are very proud of you. Love Mom, Dad and Cassidy

Evan Whitehead
Waterville C.S.
Physicality, toughness, heart & a protective nature lie within all great linemen. Evan you are the epitome of all of these. We could not be more proud!
Love, Mom and Dad

Zachary Charles Barrett
Mount Markham H.S.
Through hard work, dedication to practice, and upholding a high level of integrity – excellence can and will be achieved.

Nathen Edward Smith
G. Ray Bodley (Fulton) H.S.
Love, Your Family
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Background Information

Founded in 1947 by Grantland Rice, General Douglas MacArthur and Colonel Earl (Red) Blaik, The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame is dedicated to mobilizing the constructive forces of amateur football, at all levels, for the benefit of society as a whole. As stated most clearly by former President - and Foundation Gold Medal recipient - Dwight D. Eisenhower: “In football, in business, in the trades and the professions, the normal urge to excel provides one of the most hopeful assurances that our kind of society will continue to advance and prosper. Morale… the will to win, the fighting heart… are the honored hallmarks of the football coach and player. This morale, this will, this heart… we need not only in athletic teams as individual, but collectively.” To preserve and encourage these values in our nation’s youth, The National Football Foundation helps to bring together all of the organized groups that play, coach, administer, support and report amateur football.

The members of The National Football Foundation are dedicated to:
1. Preserving the spirit of football, its character-building attributes and its vital role in the education process.
2. Fostering the use of these attributes and its vital role in the development of scholarship and leadership.
3. Recognizing and honoring accomplishments both on and off the playing field.
4. Providing permanence to the history of these accomplishments.

Today, The National Football Foundation - with more than 19,000 members in over 100 Chapters throughout the United States - conducts two major programs that make significant contributions in achieving these lofty goals.

I. THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS

The Foundation’s Scholar-Athlete Awards are divided into two categories, local and national.

Local Scholar-Athletes - High School Level

Educators, coaches and community leaders agree that education and development values must be taught at this level. The National Football Foundation’s Chapters provide the local community with positive role models by recognizing those individuals in their community who best exemplify all three qualifications:
1. Outstanding academic application and performance
2. Exemplary school leadership and citizenship
3. Superior football performance

National Scholar-Athletes - College Level

Although the basic requirements remain the same - Scholarship, Citizenship and Football Performance - the competition is clearly more intense. The National Football Foundation’s National Scholar-Athletes are truly representative of our nation’s best and brightest. To date, The National Football Foundation has awarded Scholar-Athlete scholarships totaling nearly seven million dollars.

Since its early beginnings in 1951, The College Football Hall of Fame has grown to become one of the world’s major sports shrines. Today, more than 810 players and coaches - those whose careers have exemplified the Foundation’s basic creed of Scholarship, Citizenship and Performance - are enshrined at The College
Zach France
Cooperstown H.S.
We are extremely proud of you and all your accomplishments. “Clear eyes, full heart, can’t lose.”
~ Friday Night Lights Love, Mom, Dad & Tori

TJ Cooke
Henninger H.S.
Congratulations and Best Wishes in the future from Henninger Football Family

Matthew Hull
Sherburne-Earlville H.S.
Sooo Proud - Keep doing what you do kid! Love, Mom & Dad, and your little Bro #7

Michael Heller
Camden H.S.
Congrats Mike and best of luck in your future! Coaches Jones, Hastwell & Bates
“Congratulations!!”

Nicholas Abraham
Utica Proctor
Proud of you, Nick! Love Mom and Dad

Ethan P. Irons
Frankfort-Schuyler H.S.
Congratulations on all your accomplishments.
Love Mom, Dad and Ava

“Whatever you are, be a good one.” – ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Ryan Cicci
Fayetteville Manlius H.S.
We are so proud of you and the young man you have become. All our Love, Mom and Dad

“Go Bulldogs!”

Mikel K. Combs, Jr.
Nottingham H.S.
Four Great Years of High School football, Now off to college.
Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, Georgia. The temple of the great college football men, honoring those who have honored the game with their contributions, is the creation and ongoing commitment of The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. In addition, The Annual Kickoff Classic at the Meadowlands in New Jersey provides a major source of revenue to support The Foundation and its scholarship programs. Other activities sponsored by The National Football Foundation include the Annual Awards Dinner, the awarding of the MacArthur Bowl and Championship trophies to all Divisions of College Football.

The National Football Foundation seeks to not only honor the great players and coaches in the history of College Football but to also inspire our nation’s youth to compete on the athletic fields and in the classroom and to assume leadership roles on the high school and college campuses today.

The National Football Foundation honors men who honor the game, men who have revealed a love of country, concern for their fellow man and the nation’s youth – men who get involved in community affairs, men who care about today’s problems and tomorrow’s leadership.

In a broad but very significant sense The National Football Foundation is a nationwide educational organization. It enlists the ex-player, educator, athletic director and coach, the football official, writer and commentator, and the football fan in the service of the American youth. It strives to promote football as an integral and wholesome part of our educational processes; to inculcate the ideals of sportsmanship into the mind of the spectator as well as that of the player; and to encourage the most beneficial direction and playing of the game at schools and colleges throughout the country.

To achieve its aims, the Foundation seeks to establish the true concept of football and to gain recognition of the significant role it plays in the preservation and advancement of our way of life. It endeavors to attain these goals by disseminating relevant information through its own publications and the other voices that reach the public, by granting awards and fellowships for postgraduate study to college seniors who have been outstanding in football ability, academic achievement and campus leadership during their undergraduate years, and by honoring in the College Football Hall of Fame those college players and coaches whose deeds and lives during and after their playing and coaching days have been exemplary and inspiring.

Throughout the country, over 19,000 members of The Foundation, working through their local chapters honor and award to high school scholar-athletes fellowships for their college undergraduate studies.

The Foundation, in accomplishing its purposes, serves not only the youth but the nation as well. High school and college football, conducted and played in the proper way, teaches lessons which, together with those taught in the classroom, help mold young Americans sound in heart, mind and body.

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Kevin Burkhart  
Bishop Ludden H.S.  
Successes are the highlights of life you will look back on with a smile; but it is the daily grind of achieving them that will define you. Kevin, we are all very proud of the wonderful man you are becoming.

Patrick Galer  
Whitesboro H.S.  
Congratulations, we are very proud of you!  
Love Mom, Dad, Becca and Ali

William Suber, III  
Westmoreland C.S.  
Always strive to be the best version of yourself. Never settle for second best.

Caleb Patrick Null  
Carthage Central H.S.  
You are Braver than you believe, Stronger than you seem, Smarter than you think, and LOVED MORE THAN YOU WILL EVER KNOW❤❤ Love you to the moon and back.
Cody David Johnson
Homer Central H.S.
We are proud of your leadership, accomplishments, dedication and most importantly, who you are.
Love Mom, Dad, Papa, Sue, Grandma & Carsen

Luke Bushey #65
Notre Dame H.S.
Congratulations on all of your achievements.
Love, Your Family

Teddy Van Galen
Utica College

Silvino Elias Argentieri
Westhill H.S.
Sil you personify Westhill Warrior Pride! You are a gifted natural leader. We know you will continue to make Westhill proud on and off the field.
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