

SPOTSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**Athletic
Hall of Fame**



Class of 2007

WELCOME

A message from the Superintendent,
Dr. John Krewer

Congratulations to our Hall of Fame Inductees. Each of you has, in so many ways, proven to be worthy role models for our students to emulate. You have made significant contributions to our high school, community and volunteer organizations. You have been committed to excellence in the athletic arena as well as in your chosen career.

Reviewing your backgrounds, it is clear you have made personal excellence a life-long commitment. You have consistently “raised the bar”, not complacent by success or discouraged by pitfalls. You have modeled the belief that your pursuit of excellence is not a sprint, but rather a marathon; not a day trip, but rather a journey.

Through your induction, we honor the past and provide a vision for the future.

David Hayes

Director of Athletics, 1989-2001

Congratulations to all of tonight's inductees! As Director of Athletics for thirteen years, it was my pleasure to watch many of you in action and you certainly deserve to be honored. You all were once viewed as the future of Spotswood High School and now you have become part of the tradition of our school.

Tradition is important in an interscholastic athletics program. It is developed over time by teams and individuals who perform at high levels. The individuals we are honoring tonight have set standards for excellence to which our contemporary athletes can aspire. These individuals can hardly be described as Old-Timers (well, maybe Coach Weaver fits that description), but they are important in the history of our athletics program. As years go by, they will serve to motivate other young men and women to achieve and to be recognized as being among the very best athletes our school has produced. Congratulations again and we wish you well in the future!

Thomas Calder

Director of Athletics, 2001-2004

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the newest inductees of the Spotswood Hall of Fame. Having been in athletics all of my educational career, I know the countless hours of hard work and dedication it takes to excel in both athletics and academics. It is also extremely important that we serve as positive role models for the younger student athletes to emulate.

I have had the pleasure of watching some of you perform and/or work with you. This is a tremendous honor to be selected and recognized for all of your efforts. I am very proud that our current students can see and admire those who built the tradition of Spotswood Athletics. I hope that all of you enjoy your evening and once again, congratulations!

2005

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The Inaugural Hall of Fame Class

Athletes

- Vicky Dutka, Class of 1990
- Charlie Eibeler, Class of 1995
- Tracie Fryzowicz, Class of 1990
- Cheryl Keller, Class of 1989
- Kevin Kobylinski, Class of 1986
- Jason Konek, Class of 1991
- Drew Scopelliti, Class of 1979
- Eugene Zimmerlink, Class of 1981

Contributors

- Joseph DiMario
- Bruce Nissenbaum

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Spotswood Athletic Hall of Fame

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- Jennifer Sahli, Class of 1988
- Andrew Scott, Class of 1997

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- Michael Pavlichko
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Dan Fredricks

Class of 1997



Baseball, Basketball

A three-year letter winner in baseball, Dan Fredricks compiled a 17-5 record with a 1.86 ERA and a .402 batting average. During one two-game stretch in his senior campaign, he collected five hits (1 homerun) and 8 RBI's and was named Home News Player of the Week. During his career on the diamond, he was named to the All Blue Division team and 3rd team All GMC as a junior and All Blue Division 1st team All GMC his senior year. He also received recognition as Home News Tribune All Area 2nd team and 3rd team All State Group 2. His abilities on the field of play helped his team win the GMC Blue Division his junior year and earn a ranking of 3 in the county and a number 1 ranking in Central Jersey Group 2 his senior year. Dan still remembers his game winning double in state quarter finals to push his team to a 5-4 win over the Delaware Valley Terriers as one of the finest moments of his baseball career at Spotswood.

In basketball, Dan was also a three-year letter winner. During his career, he collected the MVP trophy of the St. Mary's Christmas Tournament, was named 1st team All Blue Division, and Home News Tribune Player of the Week in February of his senior year. A pure shooter, he averaged 18 points per game as a senior, ending with 921 total points. He also made 158 three pointers placing him 2nd in school history. He also held the county record for 3's in a game (10) for eight years and led Middlesex County in total 3's (76) in both his junior and senior years. He considers his game winning three at the buzzer to beat the 8th ranked New Brunswick Zebras and leading the team back to the NJSIAA tournament for the 1st time in over a decade as his greatest achievements on the court. For his efforts, Dan was named 1997 Spotswood High School Male Athlete of the Year.

After high school, Dan received an athletic scholarship in both baseball and basketball from Caldwell College, New Jersey. At Caldwell, he was a four-year letter winner in baseball compiling a 7-5 record with 4 saves while batting .352. He was also a member of 2 conference champion basketball teams at Caldwell College in the 1997-1998 and 1998-1999 seasons.

Proud of his school community, Dan is involved with the district as an assistant coach in both our basketball and baseball programs. He continues to live in Spotswood and works in the construction industry.

Justin Legg

Class of 1996



Football, Track, Wrestling

A four year captain of the wrestling team, Justin Legg was groundbreaking wrestler for our high school. As a District 20 Champion, he was the first Spotswood Wrestler to qualify for states. Even though some of his records have since fallen to other wrestlers in the program, Justin held the record for most career wins with 74 and the most pins in one season with 21. He also received the "Outstanding Wrestler Award" for three consecutive seasons, was named to the All Blue Division team as a junior and senior, and was an All GMC recipient his senior year.

In football, Justin was a 3 year lettered winner playing linebacker and fullback. A captain of the team in his senior year, he racked up 900 yards in the fullback position earning All Blue Division and All GMC honors. He was also the Bill Denny Chapter Scholar-Athlete for New Jersey High School Football, placing second in Northeastern Regional States.

Before focusing on wrestling and football as an upperclassman, Justin also competed on our track team during his freshman and sophomore years in pole-vault and javelin where he tied the freshman pole-vault record.

Academically, he was class Salutatorian and Class President in his Junior and Senior years. He is also the only student-athlete in Spotswood history to be named the Greater Middlesex Conference Jay H. Dakelman Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Justin's distinguished high school career led to his acceptance in the United States Naval Academy where he was a three year varsity wrestler and received All League honors in sprint football his senior year. Graduating with distinction earning a BS in Systems Engineering, Justin was accepted to SEAL training where he graduated Class 234 with BUD/S (Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training). Out of the 116 to start the extremely rigorous and intense training; he was one of the 17 to graduate the class.

After SEAL training, he served two tours overseas with SEAL Team 7 that included 7 months in Iraq. Returning from tour, he became Task Unit Commander and Training Officer of Special Boat Team 22 in Stennis, Mississippi, the only Riverine Special Ops boat team in the U.S. military. On June 2, 2006, Justin was diagnosed with Acute Lymphatic Leukemia (ALL) and was told that he had only a 10-15% chance to live and that he would obviously never return to active duty again. Beating the odds, he will transfer to SEAL Team 2 in the spring and take command of his own Platoon.

Justin was married to Suzanne Bernheim of New Orleans, Louisiana in January of 2006. Living there during Hurricane Katrina, they had to rebuild their home due to the effects of the flood. Justin and Suzanne currently live in Virginia.

Scott Marhold

Class of 1990



Football, Wrestling

A three year varsity letter winner in football, Scott Marhold was a co-captain of the squad in his junior and senior years. A versatile player, he filled the position of wide receiver, cornerback, and place kicker/punter. Showing promise by receiving the 1988 Homecoming Most Valuable Player Award, in his senior year he was awarded All Blue Division, "Big 36" Blue Division Offensive Team, All Conference, All Area, and All State, Group I. He also received the Harvey Harman Scholarship Award presented by the Bill Denny National Football Foundation and was the Spotswood Booster Club Scholar-Athlete as he was ranked third in All Area scoring for touchdown receptions and points after.

Not wrestling his senior year, Scott was a three year varsity letter winner. Named Most Improved Wrestler 1987, he followed up in his junior year by receiving the program's Outstanding Wrestler Award and being named as a co-captain.

Academically, Scott was a High Honor Roll recipient during his entire high school career. As a member of National Honor Society, he was named a Bloustein Scholar and was the Valedictorian for the Class of 1990.

After high school, Scott was recruited to play football at West Point. A varsity letter winner at Army, Scott became a starter at Wide Receiver and on Special Teams.

While playing football at West Point, he remained on the Deans List en route to earning his BS in Environmental Engineering. His performance on the field and in the classroom also earned him the Coin of Excellence Award and the Army Commendation Medal.

After leaving the academy, Scott was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army. He served in the 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas, was a Field Artillery C.O.L.T. Platoon leader, graduated from Air Borne School and Ranger School. He also served in the 1st Ranger Battalion at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia and in the 2nd Infantry Division, Korea before resigning his commission as Captain, United States Army in September 2000.

Presently, Scott is married to Lindsay Clymore and has two children - William (4) and Caroline (2). He has just relocated to Dallas, Texas from Baltimore, Maryland. Scott is currently employed as a Project Manager for Whiting-Turner.

Jennifer Sahli

Class of 1988



Cross Country, Winter/Spring Track

Unsure of what extracurricular activities to pursue in high school, Jen Sahli joined the marching band in the fall of her freshman year. Obviously athletic, her friends and the inspiration of national icon, Carl Lewis, convinced her to join track that winter and she never looked back. A four year varsity letter winner in both Winter and Spring Track, she found her niche that next fall in Cross Country and lettered for the next three years. Over the course of those 11 seasons, Jen set and broke many records. Her proudest achievement, however, came during her senior season in Spring Track as she set the school record for the high jump at 5'2" on her way to winning that event at both the 1988 Greater Middlesex Conference and the NJSIAA Group I Finals before finishing third at the NJSIAA Meet of Champions. One can only imagine the impact she would have had in these tournaments if Spotswood could have offered the pole vault in the women's program, an event she longed to pursue. As a co-captain of both the Winter and Spring Track Teams her senior year, she was instrumental in helping the Women's Spring Track Team realize an undefeated season in GMC dual meet competition.

An excellent student, Jen was Student Council President in her junior and senior years. She was also honored as a Jay H. Dakelman Scholar Athlete for her performance in the classroom and on the track.

Receiving an academic grant from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, she continued to pursue her passion for track and field as a three year varsity letter winner for the Mules. While she excelled at the collegiate level, competing in numerous tournaments including the NCAA Championships in Chicago, Illinois, she was unable to begin her senior season due to severe back injury. As with Spotswood's record books, Jen can be found as record holder for the Muhlenberg program.

Graduating with a degree in communications, Jen currently lives in North Carolina, where she is employed as an Administrative Assistant for Hewitt Associates in Charlotte.

Andrew Scott

Class of 1997



A three year varsity starter in baseball, Andy Scott's career pitching record was 15-5 with a 2.65 ERA. An excellent fielder at his position and in the outfield, he was only charged with 1 error while being credited with four outfield assists at home plate. In the batter's box, he also possessed a .370 career batting average. During his varsity career, he helped the team to a Greater Middlesex Conference Blue Division title, was named a co-captain and a co-player of the year during his senior campaign, was honored with a selection to the All GMC All Star team and was recognized as a GMC Jay H. Dakelman Scholar-Athlete.

Academically, Andy graduated 8th in his class with a 3.96 GPA. Always a student first, he was inducted into National Honor Society.

After high school, he attended Providence College for 2 years before the baseball program was dropped due to Title IX concerns, at which time he transferred to Belmont Abbey College. His combined career record was 24-9 with 4 saves and a 3.59 ERA. At Providence, he helped the team to a Big East Championship and a Regional Final appearance in 1999. At Belmont, his success continued as won their way into the Regional Tournament in 2001. Along the way, he was named Second Team All-Conference and First Team All South Region. Coming off a stellar season, a 10-1 record in 2001, he was a Pre-season All-American and named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" in 2002. He was also the 2001-2002 Recipient of the Father Martin Hayes Award for Outstanding Overall Student-Athlete. In 2002, he graduated Cum Laude from Belmont.

Following his passion for baseball, Andy became an Assistant Baseball Coach at Keuka College in Keuka Park, New York, in 2002-2003, an Assistant Baseball Coach at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, from 2003-2005, and currently serves as an Assistant Baseball Coach at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tennessee. Graduating from Christian Brothers University in the spring of 2007 with Masters in Education, Andy currently resides in Memphis.

Mike Pavlichko

Contributor



Mike Pavlichko's "PA" career began in the 8th grade at Memorial School, when he volunteered to read morning announcements. The previous year, he had heard students do occasional sports reports, and asked if he could do a daily report, which he did for the rest of the year. High School Athletic Director Dave Hayes heard him there one morning, and asked him if he'd like to fill-in on a football game when he came to the high school the next year, and the rest, as they say, is history.

That next year, he did one football game but quickly assumed the responsibility of announcing the boy's basketball games for the 1992-93 season. Coerced by Melissa Dyckman to also announce the girl's games that following year, he became a permanent fixture behind the mic during his high school career. In this role, Mike was a trendsetter as he played music during timeouts on a special cassette that had visual cues on the actual tape, so he could quickly cue up music between time-outs, he mixed pre-game warm-up music for the girls' basketball team, and hosted the "Charger Halftime Shootout," which allowed two contestants at each basketball game to compete by shooting a lay-up, free throw, and 3-pointer in an attempt to win a prize. It was this energy that gave the Spotswood gym an exciting atmosphere unmatched anywhere in the GMC ... to the delight of Spotswood fans and the chagrin of the other team's fans. He gave the Chargers a definite home court advantage, a fact opposing coaches and visiting fans reminded him of to this day.

Off the court, Mike also was instrumental in bringing athletic updates to *The Scribbler*, the student newspaper. In those days, the newspaper was published four times a year, and many sports stories were outdated by the time each issue came out. He created "The Lightning Bolt," a current insert for the paper that included a recap of the past weeks athletic events as well as an upcoming schedule of events.

All this prepared Mike immensely for his work at Rutgers University, where he did play-by-play on student radio (WRSU) for basketball, football, baseball, soccer and lacrosse. He also hosted call-in talk shows and did weekly sports reports. Ultimately, it landed him at 1450 WCTC and Magic 98.3 in New Brunswick, where he's currently the morning news anchor for both stations, as well as a reporter and Assistant Sports Director. His sport duties include Rutgers football pre and post-game shows, co-host and executive producer of the award-winning Football USA show, high school football and basketball play-by-play, and play-by-play of the defending NCAA runner-up Rutgers women's basketball team. He also spent the past summer reprising his role of the summer of '99 as an on-field host with the Somerset Patriots.

Thomas Weaver

Contributor



Hired in September 1977 as a Social Studies Teacher, Tom Weaver quickly became involved in activities outside the classroom. As an assistant football coach from 1977-1983, 1985-86, and 1988-1989, he had the opportunity to work with the team during its early years. Coaching with Joe DiMario, Gary Zakovic, Bill Beegle, Bill Marshall, Nick Eremita, Ken Pace, Tony Toto, Mike Polifka, and Brian Brogno, Tom was witness to Spotswood's 1st varsity football win coming on a rain soaked field in Monroe on October 15, 1977. The score that day had the Chargers over the Falcons by a score of 18-14. From that day, the staff continued to develop and mold a squad that in three short years would capture a Mountain Valley Conference title in 1980 en route to an appearance in the NJSIAA Group I Finals.

Enjoying the coaching relationship developed with his colleagues and student-athletes, Tom took to the Track in both the winter and spring seasons as a Head coach from 1980-1981 and 1989-1990 and then as an assistant from 1990-1991 and 1993-1994.

Coaching with Bruce Nissenbaum, Jack Wilson, Jean Puff, Cindy Walzack, and Alan Cummings, Tom was able to help guide the 1990 Girl's Spring Track team to a Central Jersey Group I championship. Despite all the success and accolades, Tom is most proud of the lasting relationships established with both coaches and student-athletes.

Always educating on the football field and track, Tom also was very influential within the wall of the school. He taught social studies from 1977-1984, was Honor Society Advisor from 1979-1984, worked as a behind the wheel driving instructor during 1978-1980, became the High School assistant principal from 1984-1994, and finally Memorial Middle School principal in 1994, a position he currently holds.

He married Francine Petrella on July 24, 1976 and has two children, Benjamin, who is married to Christina Eberhart, and Kathleen, who is engaged to Daniel Des Plaines.

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