

East Haven High School

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HALL OF FAME CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Twenty-Fifth annual Hall of Fame induction will be held Sunday, November 20, 2011, at the Country House, East Haven. Athletes being inducted **are Nick DeCrescenzo '69, Mark Perrelli '72, Robert J. Purcell III '79, and James Glee '00 posthumously. Julius DelGuidice '58 and Sue Saccavino Marchese '64** will receive the Distinguished Graduate Award.

Nick DeCrescenzo was a three year letterman in baseball and was co-captain of the team in his senior year. During his sophomore and junior year he was an outfielder and was moved to first base in his senior year. He was named to the All-Housatonic League Team in his junior and senior years. In the 1968 state tournament he scored the winning run in the semi-finals vs. West Haven, 2-1 and ended the season with a .355 batting average. During his senior year Nick had a .404 batting average and 2 home-runs.

He attended the University of New Haven and helped the team to a perfect 21.0 regular season record with 36 hits, 7 home runs and he led the team in RBI's with 31 and a .428 batting average. The team qualified for the NAIA World Series in Phoenix, AZ and he was named to the All-Tournament Team in 1970.

Nick spent eighteen years with Sears and sixteen years with the West Haven Housing Authority until his retirement. He resides in West Haven with his wife DeeAnn. They are the parents of five children, Jillian, Nicky, Joe, Steve, and Darby.

Mark Perrelli lettered in football, basketball, and baseball and captained each sport in his senior year. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a B.A. in Marketing and Public Relations. During his freshman year he was a walk on player on the football team and red-shirted. After the season he was awarded a full scholarship and in his sophomore season was number two on the depth chart as an offensive tackle.

In his junior year Mark started every game at right tackle and the team ended the season at 7-4. He was moved to left tackle in his senior season and his team led the Big -8 in rushing and finished second nationally. The team finished the season with a 9-3 record, received a bid to the Tangerine Bowl where they defeated Brigham Young, 49-21. Mark was named to the second team All-Big-8 and from 1977 to 1981 played in the Canadian Football League with Ottawa, Calgary, and Hamilton.

Mark is President and Chief Executive Officer of Stratstone Securities in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and resides in Tequesta with his wife Sherrie. They are the parents of two children, Matthew and Patrick

After graduation, Julius DelGuidice served for three years in the U.S. Army and in 1965 was appointed to the East Haven PD, where he was one of the founding members of the Police Union and served on the executive board for 35 years. In 1980

he was promoted to the Detective Division of the EHPD as the Youth Officer, served on the Mayors Council for Youth and also the St. Vincent DePaul safety board. Julie has been very actively involved in the Police Union 50's shows which have raised over \$700,000 in 33 years, as well as helping various organizations in East Haven.

Julie received a degree in criminal justice from the University of New Haven in 1977. He was named Man of the Year by East Haven Youth Hockey in 1999, New Haven Centurions Man of the Year in 1990, and was St. Michael's Church Community Service Police Officer of the Year in 2001. During his 35 years as a police officer, he received nineteen commendations, two of which were for apprehending bank robbery suspects. After the tragic death of his son Mark in an auto accident Julie founded a scholarship in 1982 which has awarded almost \$50,000 to East Haven High students.

He is a member of St. Andrews Men's Club, St. Maria Maddalena Men's Club and the New Haven County Police Order of Centurions.

He and his wife Lynn Ann reside in North Branford and have two sons, Matt and Gino and five grandchildren.

Sue Marchese coached both soccer and softball in the Wallingford town league, and served on the Little League Board of Directors as Vice-President. She was the first female coach to manage and serve as Little League Commissioner. She also coached basketball for the YMCA Youth Program and was a Girl Scout leader teaching camping techniques. The state recognized her for serving as Chairmen of the Conservation Committee for the Wallingford Junior Women's Club for offering an educational environmental program in the local school system. Sue ran the first girls track and field meet in town, has won five gold medals canoeing in the annual Quinnipiac River Five Mile Race, along with gold medals in the junior Olympics program in the 1960's. In 2001 the New Haven Boys and Girls Club awarded her the Gold Ring.

Sue is affiliated with the Shoreline Greenway Trail, Quinnipiac River Linear Trail, Wallingford Historical Society and the Connecticut Alumni Drum & Bugle Corps.

For the last thirty years, Sue has been in the field of therapeutic recreation, and is presently employed at Masonicare of Wallingford where she has chaired the annual intra-nursing home summer games, spelling bees, golf and bowling tournaments.

James Glee was named to the All-State Football Team in his junior and senior years and set a single game rushing record of 313 yards vs Branford. He is second all-time in career rushing yards with 2359 and tied for second all-time for five touchdowns in a game. The New Haven Register named him to the All-Area Team and he was twice named Player of the Week. In his junior and senior years James was named to the All-Hammonasset and Levi Jackson team. U.S.A. Today rated him as one of the top 25 high school prospects in the Northeast in 1999.

In track he holds the school record in the 100 meters (10.99), long jump (21' 6") and was Hammonasset Champion in the 100 meters in his junior and senior years as well as triple jump champion in his senior year

After being recruited by several schools James signed a full scholarship with Hofstra University and was a three year starter. He was a first team All-Atlantic Ten

in 2003 as a strong safety. In 2004 he ranked first in the Hofstra secondary in tackles with 64 including 44 solo stops. Although James life was tragically shortened, he still ranks first in our world.

Bob Purcell was named to the All-Housatonic and All-State Football Teams in his senior year and still holds the state record for career interceptions with 24. The New Haven Football Foundation selected him as a scholar athlete and he was also named to the All Regional Connecticut High School Band. In 2010 he was inducted into the New Haven Gridiron Club Hall of Fame. He is a graduate of SCSU and is self employed as a Title Abstractor

Presently Bob is the defensive coordinator for the Hillhouse HS football team which has won three state championships the past ten years. He is also the head coach of the Amity HS Softball Team. In addition, he started and operated the summer softball travel program, "West Haven Black Widows" for over ten years, and runs various clinics for youth softball players. Bob is a Eucharistic Minister in St. Pauls Church Catholic Church and still plays music as the keyboardist for the band Shoreline Connection. He and his wife Clarice have two children, Allison, a nursing student and Laura a freshman soccer player at the University of Massachusetts/Boston.

ALBIS WINS RUNOFF

In a runoff to fill the vacant seat of State Representative Mike Lawlor, a 12 term rep, Democrat **James Albis '02** defeated Republican challenger Linda Monaco. The unofficial tally was 1,421 to 1,329. This was his first try at state office and at age 26, he is one of the youngest to hold office. Before running for the State Rep seat he was the community development coordinator for East Haven as the administrator of the town's Housing Rehabilitation Program, providing interest-free loans to low and moderate-income families to use for home renovation projects. Since his win he has been appointed to the legislative Judiciary; Banks; and Finance, Revenue, and Bonding committees Last March he was named East Haven Courier Person of the Week.

AMERICAN RED CROSS HONORS THREE

Danielle Murphy '10, Lou Pane, Jr. '10, and Marissa Colley '10 were honored by the American Red Cross at the Red Cross Heroes of Greater New Haven Breakfast Celebration early this year. This event honors area residents who have performed acts of heroism in keeping with the mission of the Red Cross to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. They won the Walter Safety award for their rescue of a swimmer and the safeguarding of other beachgoers during a severe storm at the East Haven town beach.

SCHNEER RECIEVES SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

Andrew Schneer was selected to receive the Dr. William Pite Class of 59 Scholar Athlete Scholarship. Andrew was a three letter winner in cross country, indoor track, and tennis. He also was a member of the Marching, Symphonic, Jazz, and Pit Bands. During his four years at EHHS Andrew was a member of the Math and Biodiesel Clubs and National Honor Society. In addition he was a SCC All-Academic Team Member, received the UConn ECE Award for AP Biology, the Rensselaer Medal, Harvard Book Award, the CT Council of Language Teachers (COLT) Award for excellence in Spanish, and was a College Board AP Scholar with Honors.

Andrew was ranked 1st in the graduating class, is attending Tufts University and majoring in engineering.

CLASS OF 1967, 68, & 69 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO CHESLEA BAST

Chelsea Bast, daughter of Edward & Lauren Altieri Bast '78/81 was awarded the Class of 1967, 68 & 69 Memorial Scholarship. Chelsea participated in the HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Blood Drive as well as a HOSA and EHHS Orientation Volunteer. She was Captain of the Girl's Tennis Team, received the Coaches Award, SCC All-Academic Team honors, SCC Scholar Athlete of the Month, Mount Holyoke College Book Award, and was named by the East Haven Courier as Sports Person of the Week.

Chelsea was also Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook, A SADD member, ROPES member, Interact Club, Vice-President of HOSA, and a journalist on the Comet staff.

Chelsea ranked 12th out of 258 in the graduating class and is attending the University of Connecticut and is a pre-pharmacy major.

CONCELMOS CELEBRATE 50TH

Pete and Pat Morro Concelmo '57 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year with a family cruise to the Bahamas. They were married August 6, 1960 at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Pete retired as regional manager for Tandberg Television and Pat retired from the Knights of Columbus where she was secretary to the supreme knight. They are owners with their son and daughter of The village Express, a shipping and packaging store in Branford.

CONSOLATORE AWARDED GRIECO SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Consolatore, son of Robert Consolatore '74 was awarded the Grieco Family Scholarship. He participated in Midnight Run for the Homeless, was a volunteer photographer at the Yale Peabody Museum, participated in FBLA events, and videotaped and broadcast the high school sporting events.

Robert was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, the Math League, Alternative Energy, and Robotics Club. In addition he was a varsity baseball player, received the Yale Book Award, the Geometry and Italian Awards, and was a CAPT Scholar.

Robert ranked 9th in his class and is attending the University of New Haven and is majoring in Engineering.

CRISCUOLO HONORED

Claire LaPia Criscuolo '69 was honored by the Connecticut Region of the National Organization of Italian-American Women at the Second Annual "Epiphany Celebration of Three Wise Women" last January. Claire is the owner of Claire's Corner Copia and Basta Restaurants in New Haven. She is also a cookbook author, New Haven Register Food columnist, and was inducted into the Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2002 when she received the Distinguished Graduate Award.

DILUNGO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO SALVATI AND MCFARLAND

The DiLungo Family Scholarship was awarded to **Ryan McFarland and Anthony Salvati**.

McFarland was a member of the Golf Team and also volunteered as a Yellow Jackets counselor. He is attending Gateway Community College.

Salvati is the son of Lenore Montesano '76 and was a four year player on the football team as well as a volunteer with the Little Jackets program. He is attending Gateway Community College.

ALUMNI NEWS

Don Harrison '57, the guest speaker at the Hamden Historical Society's annual meeting on May 12, spoke about Connecticut's many contributions to major league baseball and provided a Power presentation featuring his all-time team composed of Connecticut. Don is the former executive sports editor of the Waterbury Republican-American, is the author of *Connecticut Baseball: The Best of the Nutmeg State*, published by the History Press and now in its second printing.

Janet Messina Kenyon '64 joined the firm of Weichert Realtors earlier this year.

Mike DeCilla '69 has relocated to Las Vegas, NV

Claire LaPia Criscuolo '69 is delighted to announce the fall release of her latest cookbook, *Welcome to Claire's Recipes and Reflections* from New Haven's landmark Vegetarian Restaurant.

Donna D'Efemia Coleman '71 was named East Haven Courier Person of the Week last March. She has been a teacher for more than 30 years and is presently a special education teacher in Momauguin School.

Chief Doug Jackson '71, East Haven Fire Department was named East Haven Courier Person of the Week last April.

Paul Criscuolo '72 and his wife Rhonda have a new (and first) grandchild, Mary Lillian Riccardella born on February 9, 2011. His daughter Rachel and her husband Paul live in Boston and his great desire is that she becomes a Yankee fan despite the hostile environment surrounding her.

Ed Rapuano '73 was one of the umpires working the 2010 National League Division Championship series between the Philadelphia Phillies and Atlanta Braves. Ed has also been named a crew chief for the 2011 season.

Jim Falco '73 is the Vice-President of Finance for Mattingly Sports.

Nick Fradiani '74 is the Director of Education and Haircutting Instructor at the European Academy of Cosmetology and Hairdressing. He is also the leader of the Nick Fradiani Band which performs at local night spots.

Keith Purcell '74 is an Audit Partner at Downey Sweeney Fitzgerald & Co., P.C. in Springfield, MA.

Marianne Barbaro Johnson '74, Principal of the East Haven Academy was one of the recipients of the East Haven Chamber of Commerce Awards last May.

A.J. Carfora, son of **Albert Carfora '76** was selected to the Western New England Prep School Lacrosse Association League defensive team. He is a junior at the Salisbury School and verbally committed to play lacrosse at Penn State.

Angela Mattie '76 was named East Haven Courier Person of the Week last November. She is an associate professor of management at Quinnipiac University and was appointed to the advisory board of the Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut.

Mark Acevedo '76 is a real estate agent with Prudential Connecticut Realty.

Steven Grande '78 is the owner of Central Massachusetts Machine in Holyoke, MA., a precision machining business providing machining for the commercial, aerospace, and defense industries.

Romeo Lieto '78 was named East Haven Courier Sports Person of the Week last June. He is the head coach of the American Legion Post 89 Baseball Team.

Liz Franco Spano '79 was honored by the West Haven Italian American Club for her commitment as a teacher to the children, parents, and community of East Haven.

Steve DeSena '80 is the proprietor of Print Direct Advertising in Hobe Sound, Florida. He publishes the Hobe Sound and Tequesta Magazines and is also a commercial printing broker.

Kristin Schatzlein, daughter of **Lee Schatzlein '80** was named to the 2010-11 All-State Girls' Basketball Team. As a junior on the Tolland High School Team she averaged 19.6 points per game, 12.8 rebounds, 4.7 assists, and 3.8 steals per game.

Lou Pane '81 earned his 350th win with a 7-0 victory over New Milford last February. Lou has been East Haven's hockey coach for over 25 years.

Christopher Zane '83 is a member of the board of trustees at The Country School in Madison.

Rebekah Vineyard, daughter of **Kristen Hargraves Vineyard '83** & granddaughter of **Linda Gagliardi Hargraves '58** was named EH Courier Sports Person of the Week and was inducted into the Honor Society. Her brother Zachrey was reinducted into the Junior Honor Society at JMMS. He was also the recipient of the Shannon Award from the Momaughin Rec League.

Jim Oca '85 is the Senior Battalion Chief for the East Haven Fire Department. He also owns Oca & Associates LLC, a training company specializing in First Aid, CPR, & OSHA training.

Shawn Danielson '86 was named East Haven Courier Person of the Week last January. She has turned a hobby crocheting hats into a part time business.

Jake DelGuidice, son of **Kara Hargraves DelGuidice '86** & **Gino DelGuidice '87**, & grandson of **Julius DelGuidice '58** & **Lynn Peterson DelGuidice '60** was a freshman member of the hockey team. His sister Julia has won several dancing awards, brother Luke plays Little League Baseball and Bidy Basketball.

Marc Guidone '88 is the Director of Guidance at Crosby High School in Waterbury.

Stacy Ruocco Monico '88 received a Special Recognition Award during the 2010 Columbus Day Committee Heritage Dinner in appreciation of the tireless work done to make the parade a success.

Kim Cianelli Coppola '89 was named East Haven Courier Person of the Week last February. She is an East Haven 911 dispatcher and is also a volunteer at the East Haven Food Pantry and president of the PTO at St. Bernadette School.

Mayor April Capone '93 was one of three women to receive the Connecticut Yankee Council's Inaugural Outstanding Women in Leadership Award.

Robert G. Huelin '94 is an attorney for Otis Elevators. He lives in Farmington with his wife Sarah and their three daughters.

Michael P. Huelin '97 is a fifth grade teacher in Sudbury, MA. He lives in Maynard, MA with his wife Rachel and their daughter.

Craig Michalowski '97 married Dyuanne D'Angelo of Guilford August 12, 2010.

Jennifer Pemberton Gilchrist '97 and her husband Keith are the proud parents of their daughter Kelsey Ann, born March 29, 2011.

Kriten Daley '98 married Justin Plock of Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, May 2010.

Brandon McCormick '98 was named East Haven Courier Sports Person of the Week last November. He is the assistant football coach at Hyde School and during his day job he is a dispatcher for Yale University security.

Brian Chaput '99 is a Senior Solutions Analyst at TrueAction A GSI Commerce Co. in Philadelphia. He married Kimberly Jegel in Orlando, Florida last February.

Marci Imperati '00 was named East Haven Courier Sports Person of the Week last May. He is a graduate of SCSU and teaches physical education at the John Sliney School in Branford

Tina Dennis '00 is the co-creator of the clothing line Inappropriate Fashion. Her designs are sold in more than 150 boutiques around the nation.

Daniel Mirandi '01 married Briana Benn of Madison last April. He is currently working as a counselor at Bridges in West Haven.

Michele Schatzlein '04 married Joshua Britzzaloro of Clarence, New York, July, 2010.

Maria Riolino '04 is engaged to **Fred Anastasio '05**. Maria received her BS in Elementary Education, BA in Psychology and Masters in Remedial Reading from SCSU and is employed by the New Haven Public School system.

Christina M. Umlauf '04 received a bachelor of science degree in veterinary technology from Quinnipiac University.

Dave Moon '04 was named East Haven Courier Person of the Week last March. He has embarked on a stand-up comedy career and last February won the title of New England's Funniest Comedian in the Newcomer Division at the Mohegan Sun Cabaret Theatre.

Jordan Vollono '05 earned a bachelor of arts and a bachelor of science (both magna cum laude) from Southern Connecticut State University, at which she was a special education/psychology major and received dean's list honors. She was a recipient of the Grieco Family Scholarship.

Michael J. Harkins '05 graduated with a Masters in Fine Arts from the University of Southern California Stark Producing program. He was a recipient of the Alumni Association Scholarship

Christine Gertsch '06 received a bachelor of Arts in public relations from Quinnipiac University. Christine was the recipient of the Robert and Frances Healy Warner Scholarship.

Bryan Schatzlein '06 received a bachelor of science degree in biomedical from Quinnipiac University. He was a recipient of the Alumni Association Scholarship.

Layla N. Silva '06 received a bachelor of arts in public relations from Quinnipiac University.

Kimberly Beesley '06 graduated from Emmanuel College with a degree in English – communications.

Louis Paolillo '07 was inducted into the Financial Management Association National Honor Society at Quinnipiac University.

Jessica Moriarty '07, a senior guard on the Eastern Connecticut Basketball Team reached the 1000 point plateau last January in a game against Salem State. She is a four year starter and a two time Little East Conference Defensive Player of the Year

John Fetzner '07 was named East Haven Courier Sports Person of the Week last March. He is the Head Coach of the East Haven HS Tennis Team.

Gabriella Pane '08, a student at Stonehill University is working toward a PSYD in psychology

Rianna DePalma '09 was named to the dean's list at the University of New Haven for the 2010 fall semester. She is majoring in criminal justice and was the recipient of the Grieco Family Scholarship.

Elliot Schneer '10 who is enrolled as a freshman in the UConn Honors Program, earned the AP Scholar with Distinction Award.

Zachariah Johnson '10, a freshman at Boston University was recognized as an AP Scholar.

Louis Pane, Jr. '10 signed with the University of Bridgeport on a baseball scholarship. He spent the last school year playing at The Williston School. He was named First Team All-League in Western New England Prep Baseball League. As a second baseman he batted .432 with 12 RBI's, nine doubles and one triple.

Claire O'Donoghue '10 was named East Haven Courier Sports Person of the Week last April. She is a member of the Wheelock College Men's Tennis Team.

Ryan McFarland '11 was named East Haven Courier Sports Person of the Week last April. He was the #1 golfer on the East Haven HS Golf Team.

FOUR RECEIVE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

Nicholas DeFilippo, Brittany Douglas, Nickolas Bradley, and Sara Lieto were the recipients of the Alumni Association Scholarships.

Nicholas was a peer tutor, a freshman orientation guide, and a volunteer teacher's aide at D.H. Ferrara School. He participated in the Robotics Club, Math League, Alternative Energy Enthusiasts, and the Foxon Recreation League. Nicholas was named the Class Salutatorian, was a Rotary Club Youth of the Month, a CAPT Scholar, as well as a State of Connecticut Scholar. His awards include the Bausch & Lomb Science Award, COLT Award for Excellence in World Languages, United States Achievement Academy Science Award and awards for Achievement in AP Biology, Honors Chemistry, Honors Pre-Calculus, and Honors Algebra 2.

Nicholas ranked 2nd in the graduating class and is attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute and majoring in chemical engineering.

Brittany Douglas is the daughter of Kevin Douglas '78 is was active in the community as a Laurel Woods Recreational Assistant, a peer tutor, an assistant in Helping Hands Penguin Plunge, Helping Hands Christmas Fair, and was a freshman orientation tour guide.

She lettered in volleyball and indoor track, was Class President, and a member of the National Honor Society, ROPES, and SADD. Brittany also received the Trinity Book Award, CIAC Scholar Athlete Award, SCC Scholar Athlete Award, Honors Spanish II, III, and IV, and Honors United States History.

Brittany ranked 4th in the graduating class and is attending Fairfield University and is undecided on a major.

Nickolas Bradley is the son of Laurie Paolillo '83 and the grandson of Sal "Butch" Paolillo '60, a member of our Hall of Fame. He was a volunteer in the Pathology Department of St. Raphael's Hospital, A Rainforest Café Bible Campo Counselor, and a volunteer at Our Lady of Pompeii Church. Nickolas was a member of the National Honor Society, President of HOSA, a member of PBLA, Environmental Science and a member of the Golf Team.

Nicholas ranked 5th in the senior class and is attending the Colleg of the Holy Cross.

Sara Lieto is the daughter of Romeo and Susan Esposito Lieto '78/82 and the granddaughter of Anthony and Barbara Bennett Esposito '51/52. She was a volunteer at the CT Food Band and the East Haven Food Pantry. During her senior year she was the President of the Creative Writing Club, MVP of the Math League, and Editor of the *Comet*. Sara received a National Merit Commendation, was a CAPT Scholar, received the Wells College Leadership Award and Excellence in Honors American Literature.

Sara ranked 6th in the graduating class and is attending Clark University and is undecided on a major.

FROM K-9 UNIT TO CAPTAIN

In his second year on the EHPD **Henry Butler '82** moved into the position of head of the Canine (K-9) Unit which lasted 16 years He has received special commendation from the FBI, capture an internationally wanted criminal, apprehend a desperate drug dealer, and win awards for their team skills with canine co-workers. Henry was advanced to the rank of Captain last December and now he has a good deal more input on the workings of the force than in previous positions. In the summer, he also enjoys a job with the state Department of Environmental Protection Police as a boating officer. The East Haven Courier named Henry Person of the Week last May.

LEMBO NAMED HEAD COACH

Charlie Lembo '78 was named head coach of the Southington High School Baseball Team last January. He was the JV/assistant coach and formerly an assistant coach at Quinnipiac University. Charlie was an All-New England selection at Providence College and was named West Haven Twilight League Pitcher of the Year In 1983. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008.

HENNESSEY RECEIVES ACQURULO SCHOLARSHIP

Steven Hennessey, son of Tom and Linda Cacace Hennessey '77 and grandson of George and Betty Bradley Hennessey '45/47 was the recipient of the Acquarulo Family Foundation Scholarship. Steven was a volunteer at the East Haven Fall Festival, Midnight Run for the Homeless, and assisted his elderly neighbors mowing lawns and removing snow. He was a varsity letter winner in soccer, indoor track, and Captain of the Golf Team golf. The Golf Team were the SCC Division Champions in 2008 and 2010. As a honor student he was named to the SCC All-Academic Team.

Steven ranked 23rd out of 258 in the senior class and is attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute and is majoring in chemical engineering.

HIGGINS WINS WARNER SCHOLARSHIP

Lauren Higgins, daughter of Brian and Rosemarie DeFelice Higgins '84 received the Robert and Frances Healy Scholarship. Lauren participated in the Food Bank and the Memorial Day Concert and Columbus Day Parade. She was the 1st chair flute in the Symphonic Band and Drum Major in the National Champion EHHS Marching Band.

In addition, she was Secretary of the National Honor Society and a member of the Drama Club and the Foxon Recreation League. Lauren ranked 27th out of 258 in the senior class and is attending the University of Massachusetts/Amherst and majoring in law/music.

IN MEMORIAM

The Alumni Association extends it's sympathy to the family of **Mike Letis '59** who passed away on December 4, 2010. Mike was an outstanding athlete and a member of the Hall of Fame Class of 1990. After graduating from Dartmouth College he joined the marketing departments of Mobil Oil and the New York Times. He became one of the country's top marketing executives, directing the marketing and television programs of the Breeders Cup, Pitch, Hit, and Run, the Super Stars, and was instrumental with marketing for several Olympic Games. In 1984 he founded SMTI, Sports Marketing & Television International.

IN RETROSPECT

1939 - *Gone With the Wind* and *The Wizard of Oz* appeared on the screen

1954 - The Easties knocked Shelton from the undefeated ranks, 24-13, as Hank Luzzi scored four touchdowns and went on to win the Housatonic League Championship

1957 - Linda Ritchie was named Register Youth of the Year.

1962 - Marty DiMezza and Kathy Leisner were named All-Around Boy & Girl respectively

1964 - Dennis Anderson was named to the All-Housatonic Football and Basketball Teams.

The bill establishing Medicare for persons over 65 was signed on July 30.

1967 – Patricia A. Anastasio was named Register Youth of the Year.

Tom Tyndall, John Gambardella, and Pat Frisketti were named to the All-Housatonic Football Team.

With temperatures 13 degrees below, Green Bay defeated the Dallas Cowboys 21-17 in the Ice Bowl.

1968 - The Easties won the Housatonic League Baseball Championship.

Bob Beamon long jumped 29'2 ½" in the Mexico City Olympics breaking the record by nearly two feet.

1969 – Nick DeCrescenzo and Joe Connelly were named to the All-Housatonic Baseball Team.

1972 - Mark Gersz and Mike Barbaro were named to the All-Housatonic Football Team

1977 - William Parker was named a scholar athlete by the New Haven Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

1981 - Kathy Cozzi, Sue Finer, Nancy Martell, and Stacey Ioveino were named to the All-Housatonic Swim Team.

1986 - Anthony DiLungo '86 (hockey) and his brother Pat '78 (hockey) joined Al Carfora '76 (basketball), Joe Carfora '80 (basketball) , and Bob Warner '64 (basketball) and Mike Warner '69 (basketball) as the only brother combinations to be named to the All-Housatonic League Teams.

1990 - Karen Ursini and Lisa DeGennaro were named to the All-State Softball Team.

Michael Camera was named valedictorian of the graduating class and received the Harvard Book Award

1992 - Keith Schlottman was named to the All-State Baseball Team

1997 - Jenn Pemberton became the sixth East Haven player to score over 1000 points (1384)

Nicholas Balisciano was named salutatorian of the graduating class and received the Yale Book Award

2001 - Joe Glenn was named to the All-State Track Team in the 110 high hurdles and decathlon and the All-State Football Team for the second consecutive year.

2005 - Michael Hennessey was named to the New Haven Gridiron Club All Levi Jackson team.

LETIS EULOGY

The following are excerpts from the eulogy given by Bill Pite at Mike Letis's memorial service:

The story of Mike Letis's lie is the stuff of a classic novel. Five decades have passed since Mike Letis walked onto the football field at East Haven High School in 1957, and no one has ever played quarterback as well since.

As a catcher, he would fire a bullet to second base without leaving his crouch. With his close friend, Bob Vetrone, they were the two best players on a state championship team in 1958.

After graduation from college, Mike worked for the Mobil Oil Company and the New York Times with great success. Despite the Times sending a limousine for his commute from Greenwich into New York City every day, Mike's independence and creativity triumphed, and he co-founded SMTI, Sports Marketing and Television International. Bob Gutkowski, a Vice-President of ESPN and president of Madison Square Garden, dubbed Letis "the god of horse racing and the Breeder's Cup" – "and the producer of the largest single day of thoroughbred horse racing in the world".

Don't ever forget Michael, he lived an extremely rich and rewarding life, and he would not have wanted people to grieve for him. He was a colossus. His values were strong and they were timeless. They will endure.

Rest in Peace, Mike.

MACDONALD-CAPRIO CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Jean Macdonald-Caprio '79, owner of The Dancer's Botique in East Haven celebrated 25 years in business. The store specializes in dance wear, yoga wear, active wear and can also accommodate ice skaters, prom-goers, pageant and ballroom contestants, those participating in theater and recitals, and anyone looking for a sassy accessory. She has built a consistent clientele and is pleased that third generations of families are supporting her.

1966 UPSET

In the spring of 1966, senior John Vitale showed up at Bowen Field in a plain white T-shirt, red track shoes and dark socks. He didn't have a uniform to wear for a very good reason – East Haven did not have a track team since 1943. John entered the mile run along with all the area high schools in the Junior Olympic Development meet. The field was so large that John was placed in what was expected to be the slower of the two. John's time of 4:44.6 was the best time of the day. The winner of the second heat finished at 4:46.3 and John went home with the first place medal in the first race of his life. John went on to break all UConn distance records and later became a world class marathon runner. Forty years after John won the mile at Bowen Field he was inducted into the Hall of Fame and after his induction speech, former coach, Steve Narracci presented John with a varsity letter.

Thanks to John Vitale the track program was resurrected in 1967.

THANK YOU ALUMNI

The Alumni Association express special appreciation to the following alumni for their contribution:

Class of 1939 – John Messina

Class of 1941 – Joseph, Paolillo, Joseph Carbone

Class of 1947 – Paul Albano, Leo Hibson, Frank Igo, Frank Dooley

Class of 1948 – Augie Perrotti

Class of 1949 – Steve Narracci, Fred DeFelice, Joe D’Onofrio

Class of 1950 – Dalton Brenan, Albert Vitale, Lou Paolillo

Class of 1951 – Orlando Orefice, Don Vaiuso

Class of 1952 – Ron Rossetti, Pete Russell

Class of 1953 – Vin Gagliardi, Carl Orefice

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Class of 2009 – Taylor Scalia

MADISON HOOP DREAMS

For the last 17 years **Bill Barker '59** has run a basketball camp in Madison that was called Slamma Jamma. Four years ago he started a non-profit program called Madison Hoop Dreams. It is the most popular basketball day camp in Connecticut. In the first four years MHD has awarded 25 college scholarships totaling \$21,000. In addition, another \$12,000 was given to charities such as Jacob's Team Foundation for autism. You can check out his web site: www.madisonhoopdreams.com.

MEMBERSHIP APPEAL

The annual membership appeal for 2011-12 is underway and we are requesting that you consider supporting your Association. A self-determined donation will help us continue assisting East Haven High graduates further their education. Thanks to those who have assisted us and our scholarship sponsors we have awarded \$119,039.00 to date. Any amount will be appreciated. Mail your donation to: The EHHS Alumni Association, 247 Bayard Ave, North Haven, CT 06473

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MORIARTY REACHES 1000

Jessica Moriarty '07, a senior at Eastern Connecticut State University, became the 14th player in the women's basketball history to score 1000 points. She reached that plateau last season in a game against Salem State. She is known mostly for her defense and is a two time Little East Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year. Jessica was an All-State player in her senior year at East Haven HS.

ROTARY CLUB HONORS THREE

Last June the East Haven Rotary Club held the annual Public Safety Awards at Anthony' Ocean View. The honorees were Captain Henry Butler '82, EHPD, Chief Doug Jackson '77, EHFD, and Michael D'Amato '79, EHPD.

STEVENS PASSES AWAY

Gordon Stevens '37, a member of the first graduating class passed away last March at the age of 91. He was credited with naming the school newspaper the "Comet" a name it still bears today. Gordon enlisted in the Army during World War II and his distinguished service earned him three Battle Stars, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

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