

# 2014 Inductees into the East Stroudsburg Area School District Athletic Hall of Fame

## Everett Alers



Everett was born in Bronx, NY and grew up in Yonkers, NY, attending Lincoln High School until 9<sup>th</sup> grade, while participating in basketball at the freshman/junior varsity level. He moved to Bushkill during 10<sup>th</sup> grade, enrolling at East Stroudsburg-North High School. He graduated from ESHS-North in 2003, having earned 9 varsity letters, 3-each in basketball, football and track & field. Everett became the first Timberwolf football player to rush for more than 1,000 yards (1,066) and was named the football team's offensive Most Valuable Player in 2002. He was honored as the TV-13 football Player of the Week (twice in 2002), and was selected to participate in the McDonald's Lehigh Valley Football Classic all-star game in 2003. In basketball, Everett was twice named the Most Valuable Player at the Delaware Valley Rotary Club Holiday Basketball Tournament (2001 and 2002), and was selected to participate in the Art Perryman Memorial All-Star Basketball Tournament in 2003. In track and field, Everett earned a gold medal in the high jump (6'8") at the PIAA Class "AA" Track Meet in 2002, also winning two District II Championships (2002 and 2003). He was the recipient of the ES-North Best All-Around Male Athlete Award in both 2002 and 2003, and went on to attend and play basketball at Lackawanna College for 2 years, while earning his commercial drivers' license. Everett currently resides in Scranton, PA with his fiancé and beautiful 4-year old daughter.

## Richard O. Carty, Jr.

Mr. Carty retired from the East Stroudsburg Area School District in July of 2012, having served 31 years as a teacher, head baseball coach, head golf coach and assistant football coach; also including 15 years as an ESASD administrator, serving 3 years as the assistant principal at High School-South, 5 years as the first principal at High School-North and 7 years as the principal at Bushkill Elementary School. He graduated from Easton Area High School in 1974, earning 5 varsity letters during his high school athletic career, 3 in baseball and 2 in football. Rick earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from Mansfield State College (later Mansfield University) in 1978, and was a 4-year varsity letter-winner and starter as an outside linebacker on the football team (also serving one year as an assistant football coach at Mansfield), also participating 1 year on the baseball team. He earned a Masters degree from East Stroudsburg University, as well as a Masters degree in Educational Leadership and Superintendent's Letter from Marywood University in Scranton. Rick coached baseball at ESHS for 17 years, 11 years as the head coach from 1987 through 1998, winning 2 Centennial League Championships (1988 and 1989). He served as the head golf coach from 1992 through 1999, earning two Centennial League Championships (1992 and 1995), with his golf teams also winning 4 Centennial League Tournament Titles (1992, 1994, 1995 and 1996). While serving as an assistant varsity football coach on a terrific staff from 1981-1992, the Cavaliers also won 3 league and one district title. Mr. Carty credits his coaching success to the many student athletes that he had the good fortune to coach, and their commitment, sacrifices, and dedication to excellence. He currently resides in Stroudsburg with his wife of 25 years, Kim.



### **Gabrielle A. (“Gabby”) Russo, Ph.D.**



Gabby is a graduate of East Stroudsburg Area HS-South, Class of 2002, having earned 9 varsity letters in 4 different sports during her Cavalier athletic career, including 2 in cross country, 2 in field hockey, 1 in swimming and 4 in track & field (where she distinguished herself as one of the most accomplished track & field hurdlers in school history). She earned cross country medals at the Bulldog (twice), Moravian Academy, Centaur and Lackawanna Invitational Meets. In track, she earned 5 Mountain Valley Conference medals (3 gold and 2 silver), 4 District XI AAAA medals (3 gold and 1 silver) while qualifying for PIAA State Championship Meet competition three times. Gabby also earned championship gold medals in Cavalier Relays, Pottsville Crimson Tide Invitational (twice), Wallenpaupack Icebreaker Relays and Bethlehem Emrey Relays competition, while receiving the Cavalier Girls’ Track & Field Most Valuable Athlete Award during both her junior and senior years. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor’s degree from Dickinson College (2006); earned a Master’s degree from Hunter College/CUNY (2008); and earned a Ph.D. degree from the University of Texas (2013). As an undergraduate at Dickinson, Gabby earned 4 varsity letters (2-each in track and cross country), winning 2 cross country championships and 5 track & field championships, before a knee injury prematurely ended her college athletic career. She set the Dickinson College school record in the 4 X 400 relay at the Centennial League Championship Meet, also winning gold at the Little Three and Susquehanna Invitational Meets. Dr. Russo was previously a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology at Northeast Ohio Medical University, and she currently serves as an adjunct assistant professor at Hunter College, City University of New York, as well as Postdoctoral Research Fellow at New York University.

### **George Wolbers**

George is a graduate of ESHS, Class of 1970, having served as President of his senior class. He earned 7 varsity letters in football, swimming and track, including 4 in swimming where he served as team captain, receiving the team’s MVP Award. George also represented ESHS in the District 11 Tennis Tournament, prior to the establishment of a varsity program at the school. At the time, he also held the ESHS school record in springboard diving (1970). George was selected as the Lehigh Valley Chapter of National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Award recipient in 1970 and as such, was honored with inclusion on the East Stroudsburg (South) Football Wall of Fame (Fall 2003). As a freshman at Ithaca College (NY), he competed in soccer, swimming and tennis, setting Ithaca College pool and school records in both 1- and 3-meter diving, while being named to the All-Conference Team of the ICAC while earning a medal at the 1971 New York State Championships. Upon transferring to the University of Arizona, George was a member of the NCAA 10<sup>th</sup> ranked varsity tennis team in 1973. After returning to the Poconos following a brief stint in New York pursuing a career as a singer-songwriter (member, ASCAP), he turned his full attention to the tennis industry, serving as Head Professional at Lords Valley Country Club, Fernwood Resort, The Lake Naomi Club and Split Rock Resort (1974–2012). George was involved in lesson programs, USTA tournament events and contributions to organizations from the local to national levels and was part of a team that pioneered clinics for Special Olympians in 1981. Four of his students have reached the USTA’s top 10, with three named to the Prince All-America team (1985-86) and one becoming a bronze medalist in the 1988 Olympic trials. George is a founding member and past president of the Tennis Collectors of America, and was named the 2010 Eastern PA District and USTA/Middle States Tournament Director of the Year. He currently resides in Charlotte, NC, with his wife Ellen and son Charles, and has served as the head coach of both boys’ and girls’ varsity tennis teams at Covenant Day School since spring 2012, where he earned Coach of the Year honors in 2012 and 2013.





## 1957 Lehigh-Northampton League Championship Football Team

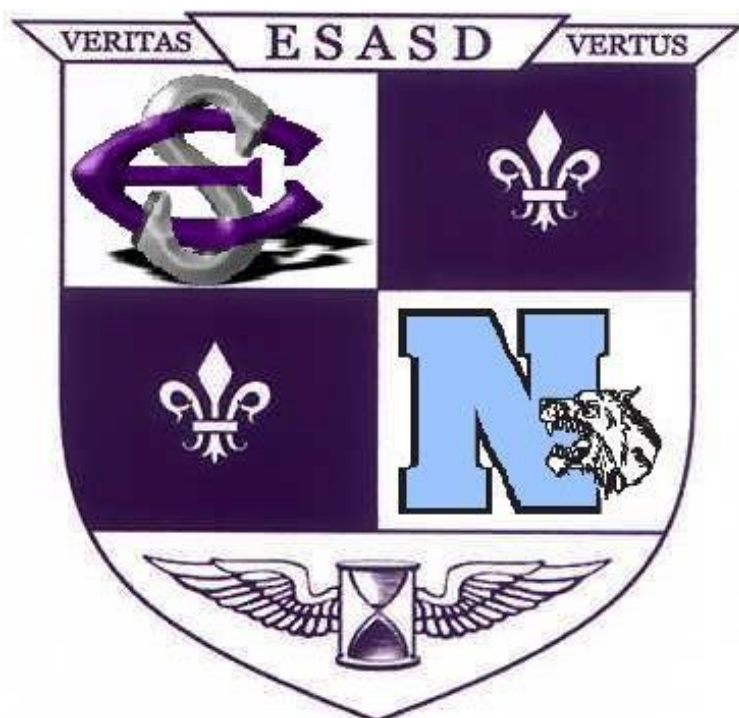
Coached by legendary East Stroudsburg Hall of Fame coach, the late Jack Kist, this was the very first football league championship in the long and successful history of the Cavalier program.



Members of the team included: (front row, left to right) Thomas Wagner, J. Miller, William Schoupe, Walter Groth, Robert Houck, Vincent Patella, Snyder, John Sanstrom, David Smith, Richard Rouzer; (middle row, left to right) Dennis Patti, James Strunk, Foster Ladlee, William Hillman, Joseph Kolcun, Wesley Werkheiser, Douglas Smith, Robert Herman, Robert Stine, Horace Cole, Thomas Long; and (back row, left to right) Raymond Uhl, Victor Ajygin, Philip Simon, Frank Gimbel, Peter Treible, Carl Smith, Donald Miller, Charles Lupin, Roger Ray, James Wescott, John Hindman, Evan Reese, Joseph Steele. Team Managers—not pictured—were David Edwards, Louis Hummel, Stanley Melvin, John Patella, Snyder.

The East Stroudsburg Area School District Athletic Hall of Fame was created in 2002, to honor those who have brought honor and prestige to our school district, and our athletic program.

Past inductees include: Lisa Allen Tirjan, Dave Beck, Erin Bonner, Mark A. Brown, Brian Campbell, Denise Cole Rogers, Angela Davis, Dan Eppley, Daryl Eppley, Carl Eschenbach,



Rosi Finlayson, Denise Foreman Clouse, Kane Furst, Cori Gallagher, Dick Gray, Karen Grivner Cassidy, Brenda Hartmann, Kathy Jordan Linscott, Kanei Keitt, Jim Kindrew, Jack Kist, Bob Kupiszewski, Mike Lieberman, Cindi Long, Susan Lambert, George Litts, Lauren Litts, Frank Lupin, Michelle Lupin Hoffman, Tim Mack, Frank P. Maguire, Frank Manhart, Dick Merring, Suzanne Mesko, Amy Miller Martinelli, Brian McDowell, “Candy” Miller, Sean Montgomery, Kristin Moyer Dinello, James Mungro, Jerry Muys, Harold Myers, Frank Nicoletti, Rose Palmer Snyder, Nick Patella, Bill Pensyl, Arthur Perryman, Felicia Perryman, Stacy Perryman, Bill Quinlan, Bill

Reese, Kim Reinhardt, Jim Reynolds, Todd Samet, Jill Schaller, Sam Segond, Joe Shea, Kevin Smiley, James E. “Bunk” Smith, Matt Smith, Ron Spinner, Ray Steele, Walt Stem, Jim Terwilliger, “Lindy” Transue, Jerry Werkheiser, Debbie Williamson Alvino, Robert Evans Wilson Jr., Larry Woolsey, Annette Yanovitch Kaiser and the 1955 District XI Championship Baseball Team.

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