

2013 Inductees into the East Stroudsburg Area School District Athletic Hall of Fame

Lisa Allen Tirjan



Lisa is a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School, Class of 1988. Academically, she was selected as a member of the ESHS Chapter of the National Honor Society and graduated in the top 5% of her class, while earning a Senator Rhoades Scholarship. Lisa earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Penn State University in 1992, and Master's degrees from Wilkes University in both Classroom Technology and Educational Administration. During her four-year ESHS athletic career, she earned 12 varsity letters, including 4-each in field hockey and basketball, and 2-each in track & field and softball. Lisa was a member of 3 Centennial League field hockey championship teams (1985, 1986 & 1987), 2 Centennial League basketball championship teams (1986 & 1988) and 3 District XI Championship competition medal-winning teams (the 1987 District XI field hockey championship team, the 1985 District XI field hockey runner-up team and the 1988 District XI basketball runner-up team). In addition, Lisa distinguished herself in track & field competition, including a 3rd place finish in the Centennial League Meet (800 meter run), a 4th place finish in the District XI meet (800 meter run) and a 5th place finish in the District XI Meet (400 meter run) in 1985, all as a freshman. She garnered First Team All-Centennial League honors in field hockey (1987) and was named Most Valuable Player in the 1987 Lehigh Valley All-Star field hockey game. Additionally, Lisa was a unanimous First-Team All-Centennial League selection in softball (1987 & 1988), and earned the ESHS Most Valuable Athlete Award in softball in 1987. Currently she teaches mathematics in the ESASD at the JT Lambert Intermediate School. Since 1998, Lisa has been married to Timothy Tirjan and they currently reside near Lake Wallenpaupack with their daughter, Rachael (12), and son, J.T. (11). Lisa and her husband have volunteered to coach more than 30 different youth sports' teams at Wallenpaupack over their children's brief athletic careers.

Mark A. Brown



Mr. Brown retired in July, having served as a teacher, department chairman, basketball coach and athletic administrator within the East Stroudsburg Area School District for 35½ years, from February, 1977 through July, 2012. He earned a B.S. degree in Health Sciences and Physical Education from East Stroudsburg State College in 1976, and took additional graduate coursework in Cooperative Vocational Education and Sports Management from Lehigh University, East Stroudsburg University and Temple University. Mark taught Cooperative Vocational Education (9 years) and Health & Physical Education (13 years) at ESHS from 1977 through 1998, and served as ESASD Director of Athletics and Activities from 1998 through July, 2012 (14 years). As ESASD athletic director, Mr. Brown served the Mountain Valley Conference as secretary, league scheduler, and as a sport/activity chairman of MVC football, cross country, wrestling, swimming and scholastic scrimmage. He was twice honored as the *Robert W. Stimmel Mountain Valley Conference Athletic Director of the Year Award* recipient, presented by the District XI Athletic Directors Association (2003 & 2011), and was elected to serve on the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA) Delegate Assembly from 2001-2012. Mark served as Head Girls' Basketball Coach at ESHS from 1977 through 1982 and 1985 through 1987 (7 years), compiling a record of 117-wins, 60-losses, earning 2 Centennial League Championships (1982 & 1986), with 6 playoff appearances, while advancing as a 1982 P.I.A.A. State Playoff Qualifier. His 1982 Centennial League Girls' Basketball Championship team was the first girls' sports team in East Stroudsburg athletic history to win a league championship. He also served as Head Boys' Basketball Coach at Panther Valley High School from 1982 through 1985 (3 years), compiling a record of 50-wins, 33-losses with three playoff appearances, advancing to the 1984 P.I.A.A. State Quarterfinals (the "Elite Eight" of PA). In addition, Mark served as Head Boys' Basketball Coach at ESHS from 1987 through 1995 (8 years), compiling a record of 123-wins, 76-losses, earning 2 Centennial League Championships (1993 & 1994) and the 1994 District XI AAAA Championship (the first AAAA championship in Monroe County history), with 6 playoff appearances, while advancing to the 1994 P.I.A.A. State Quarterfinals (the "Elite Eight" of PA for the 2nd time, with the 2nd school). He received the 1994 *Allentown Morning Call "Coach of the Year" Award*. Since leaving coaching at ESHS, he has served as a volunteer middle school and junior high basketball coach in the Stroudsburg School District for 19 years, with his teams winning 9 Greater Pocono Tournament Championships. Mr. Brown has also served as a certified P.I.A.A. baseball official from 1972 to date (41+ years), selected to officiate numerous league championship games in the Colonial League, Centennial League, East Penn Conference, Mountain Valley Conference and Lehigh Valley Conference. He has been selected to officiate 29 District XI Championship games, 6 P.I.A.A. Eastern Finals and the 2000 & 2011 P.I.A.A. State Championship games, and served as an officer (President, Secretary-Treasurer and/or Rules Interpreter) for the Northeastern Chapter of P.I.A.A. Baseball Officials from 1977 through 2005 (29 years). Mark is most proud, however, of being married for 32 years to his wife Debbie, and being the father of his two children, William (24) and Cynthia (20).

Cori Gallagher



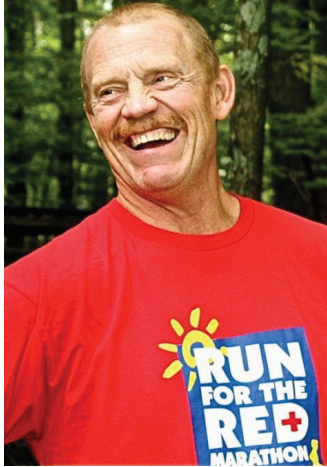
As a graduate of East Stroudsburg-South High School, Class of 2005, Cori was a member of the ESHS National Honor Society as well as being an Honor Roll student during all four years of high school. During her ESHS athletic career, she participated in three sports, earning 10 varsity letters—2 in football, and 4-each in girls' basketball and girls' soccer. During her junior and senior years, Cori was the starting place kicker for the varsity football team, kicking the game winning field goal against East Stroudsburg-North, with the Cavs earning a share of the 2004 MVC title. As the first female in Monroe County sports history to score points in a varsity football game, she also received Honorable Mention/All-Mountain Valley Conference football recognition. She was a 4-year starter in girls' basketball, with the Cavaliers advancing to District playoff competition during her sophomore, junior and senior years. As a member of the girls' basketball team, Cori was elected team captain, was a 1st Team All-Area and 1st Team All-MVC selection, and was chosen girls' basketball team Most Valuable Athlete Award winner during both her junior and senior seasons. She was also a 4-year starter in girls' soccer, with the Cavs qualifying for District playoff competition all 4 years—advancing to the District XI semi-finals in 2003. As a 4-time selection to both the All-Area and All-Conference teams, Cori was chosen the Cavs' Most Valuable Athlete Award winner 3 times (grades 9, 10 and 12), and received a full athletic scholarship to play Division I intercollegiate soccer at Temple University, where she was a 4-year starter and a team captain during her sophomore, junior and senior seasons. She was an honorable mention All-Conference selection her sophomore season, leading the Owls in scoring during her freshmen season, while finishing her intercollegiate career ranked among Temple's leaders all-time in games played (74). Currently, Cori serves as the coach of both junior varsity girls' soccer and freshman girls' basketball at her alma mater, East Stroudsburg-South High School.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School, Class of 1942. While at ESHS, he played three years of basketball and two years of both soccer and baseball (football was not created at ESHS until 1944). He entered the U.S. Army in 1943, serving in Europe (including at the "Battle of the Bulge") during World War II, until his discharge at the end of 1945. Mr. Smith entered East Stroudsburg State Teachers' College (the predecessor of E.S.U.) in January of 1946, and worked his way through college, attending classes from 8 AM to 3 PM, while working 4 PM to midnight at a local factory (the former Ronson Corporation in Delaware Water Gap) to support his young family. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education in June, 1949, but with teaching positions difficult to come by in the late 1940s/early 1950s, Mr. Smith worked as an East Stroudsburg Borough police officer from 1951 through August, 1957, when he was hired as a teacher of health and physical education at North Hunterdon (NJ) Regional High School in September, 1957, serving the children there as a teacher and an athletic coach until his retirement in 1985. At North Hunterdon, Mr. Smith coached three sports, including assistant football (15 years), head basketball (4 years, 1961-65), freshman girls' basketball (17-wins, 3-losses in 1985) and golf (from its creation in 1967 through 1985). His golf teams compiled an 18-year record of 180-wins, 118-losses, 6-ties, while winning four Delaware River Conference championships and capturing third place in the State of New Jersey in 1978. Mr. Smith's 1976 team finished undefeated (18-0), and from 1976 through 1979 the Lions amassed a record of 74-wins, 4-losses, 1-tie, while winning four consecutive county championships and under his leadership, the #1 golfer on those teams (Marty Vybihal) won four consecutive county individual titles, and captured the New Jersey State (individual) Championship in both 1978 and 1979. During summer vacations, "Bunk" volunteered to coach a team in the East Stroudsburg Little League, and while working summers at the East Stroudsburg Borough playground, he also organized a new instructional "minor league" baseball program for 8, 9 and 10 year-olds (the program that would grow to be referred to as the "Day League"), to prepare them for the regular little league baseball program—the "Night League." Upon his retirement in 1985, the North Hunterdon Regional High School's senior class dedicated that year's edition of their yearbook in Mr. Smith's honor, while he was later honored with induction into the North Hunterdon Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

James E. "Bunk" Smith



Robert Evans Wilson, Jr.



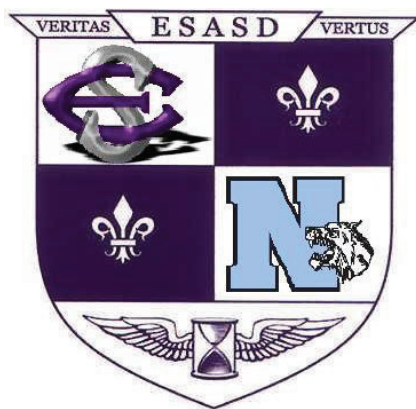
Bob retired in 2012 after 38 years as a teacher of elementary school health and physical education within the East Stroudsburg Area School District, all at Smithfield Elementary School. He graduated from Owen J. Roberts High School, located in Chester County, PA in 1970, earning 12 varsity letters during his high school athletic career—4 each in football, wrestling and track & field. Bob earned a Bachelor of Science degree from East Stroudsburg State College (later East Stroudsburg University) in Health and Physical Education in 1974, while participating in one year of both football and track & field at ESSC. During each of his years as a teacher at Smithfield Elementary School, Mr. Wilson coordinated a variety of intramural activities, as well as intramural skiing at Shawnee Ski Area. He served as Assistant Boys' Track & Field Coach at East Stroudsburg High School (later ES-South) for 22 years, and as the Head Boys' Track & Field Coach for 16 years, with a record of 88-wins, 50 losses, 1-tie, while winning 4 league championships, including 1988 (Centennial League), 2005, 2006 and 2008 (Mountain Valley Conference). During his years as Head Coach, Bob's track & field athletes earned 2 P.I.A.A. State Championships, 2 P.I.A.A. State Silver Medals, 1 P.I.A.A. State Bronze Medal, as well as Bob having coached more than 40 P.I.A.A. State Qualifiers and numerous league and District XI champions and medalists.

In addition, his teams achieved 3 "Freshman Frolic" meet championships, 2 Cavalier Relay championships, 3 Emery Relay championships and 2 Wallenpaupack "Icebreaker Relay" championships. While Bob has always been perceived as "marching to the beat of a different drummer," he has been admired and highly respected for his philosophy of being mindful of "the big picture," while making a never-ending commitment to doing what is best for the complete development—personal, academic and athletic—of his students and athletes. Bob has been married to Susan Wilson for 39 years, and is father to his two daughters, Dr. Meghan Wilson Brenneman and Tatum R. Wilson, Esq.

Larry Woolsey



Mr. Woolsey taught within the East Stroudsburg Area School District for 35 years, retiring in 2009, having taught at both the J.S. Bunnell Junior High and J.T. Lambert Intermediate Schools. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Penn State University in May, 1974 and began his ESASD teaching career that fall. Larry served as the Head Rifle Coach at ESHS from 1977 through 1980 and from 1982 through 1988 (9 years), compiling a record of 91-wins, 40-losses, with a winning percentage of .695, while earning 4 Northeast Pennsylvania Rifle League Championships (1979, 1985, 1987 & 1988). He also served as a coach of Cavalier Boys' Track and Field for 37 years—22 as an assistant (1976 through 1989 and 2005 to date)—and 15 as the head coach, compiling a record of 92-wins, 38-losses, with a winning percentage of .708, while earning 3 league championships (1994—in the Centennial League and 1995 and 2003—in the Mountain Valley Conference). Larry's 1994 and 1995 track teams finished their dual meet season undefeated, with records of 11 & 0 and 10 & 0, respectively. Larry has said that, "My years of coaching were rewarded by the relationship that I have had with the athletes that it was my pleasure to coach. All of my success was due to their dedication and excellence. As grateful as I am to receive this wonderful honor, I owe it all to our student-athletes."



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