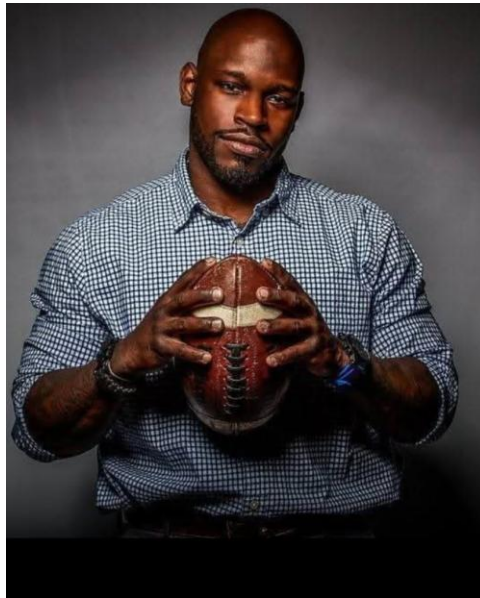


2025 Inductees into the East Stroudsburg Area School District Athletic Hall of Fame



Marc Best

A 2005 graduate of East Stroudsburg North High School, Marc was a member of the National Honor Society and an honors student for four straight years. He was a four-year letterwinner in both football and track & field and was the 2005 Senior Athletic Award recipient.

In football, he was a 1st Team All-Area and 1st Team All-League running back. In 2004, he was the Mountain Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year and rushed for more than 1,000 yards with 13 TDs while averaging 6.5 yards/carry. He was also named a McDonald's All-Star. In track & field, Marc was named the 2004 Most Valuable Athlete.

Marc received a number of scholarships, including the 2005 James Mungro Scholarship, the Bloomsburg University Board of Governors Football Full Scholarship (2005-2009), and the New York Hotel Trades Council Scholarship (2005-09).

A Dean's List student at Bloomsburg University, Marc was recognized in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities (2009). He twice received the Lamar Blass Memorial Two-Sport Athlete Scholarship (2006-07) and the John Devlin Football Scholarship (2008-09). He was a member of the 2005 PSAC Football Champions, the 2006 Division 2 Northeast Champions/National Football Semi-finalists, and the 2010 PSAC Football Champions. In 2009, he received the Bloomsburg Football Unsung Hero Award.

At Bloomsburg, Marc received a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology (2009) and a Master's Degree in Strength and Conditioning (2010). In 2011, Marc entered the NFL combine and, during the NFL lockout, was unsigned.

Currently, Marc is a fitness model, personal trainer, coach, and entrepreneur who has developed multiple businesses. He is the founder and CEO of Body By Best. A dog lover, Marc has participated in dog shows as high as the American Kennel Club (AKC) show in Westminster.



Annette Clouse

Annette Clouse is a 1982 graduate of ESHS where she competed in girls' basketball (4 years), softball (3 years), girls' track and field (2 years), and field hockey (1 year). She lettered in all four sports.

In girls' basketball, Annette was an all-league selection for three years, was an integral part of the 1982 Centennial League Championship team, and was a LARC All-Star in 1982.

In softball, Annette was a 1st team all-league selection for two years, was named All-State, and was a mainstay on the 1982 Centennial League Championship team. She was also the Cavalier Softball Team MVP in 1982.



Richard Cullin

Richard Cullin is a 1969 graduate of Penncrest High School in Lima, PA where he earned six letters in cross country and track and garnered All Delco and All District One honors in cross country in 1968. He continued to compete in both sports at Widener University, where he earned All MAC honors in cross country from 1970-72 and was the team captain in 1972.

In 1976, Coach Cullin began his career at ESASD as a ninth grade science teacher and served as head cross country coach from 1976-86. During those years, he developed two Centennial League Champions and one All District XI runner.

Coach Cullin also served as Head Girls' Track Coach from 1977-2008 and developed five state medalists during his tenure. The "Galaxy" girls' track teams of 1999 and 2000 won back-to-back overall East Penn Conference championships.

Coach Cullin also initiated the JTL Cross Country Club, which he ran from 1994-2004, and the ESS Indoor Track Club from 1993-2008. The latter produced two All-State medalists. He was also the "Voice of Cavalier Wrestling" from 1980-2006. After retirement, he volunteered as a track coach at Lehman Intermediate School in 2018.

In retirement Rich continues to serve as a PIAA and USTF/NCAA official in cross country and track. He has served in District XI from 2008-22, and District 1 from 2022-present.



Bill Hezel

Bill Hezel is a 2005 graduate of East Stroudsburg North High School. An excellent student, Bill was a four-year Honor Roll student, a National Honor Society Inductee, and graduated in the top 10% of his class.

Bill earned four varsity letters from 2002-2005 and was a four-year varsity starter at shortstop and pitcher, a three-year team captain, and a three-time team MVP. In 2005, he led the team in batting average and on the mound averaged 10 strikeouts per game, finishing with 110 strikeouts for his career. He became the first baseball player from East Stroudsburg North to be recruited to a Division 1 program, committing to Lehigh University, where he was part of the 2006 Patriot League Championship team. After transferring to East Stroudsburg University, he continued to excel in both his academic and athletic abilities, as he was named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District team in 2009 and earned the Division 2 Athletics Directors Association Academic Achievement Award in 2008-2009. On the mound, Bill posted an impressive 6-1 record in 2009, with a sub-4.0 ERA, and was tied for the most wins on the team. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2010 with a degree in Sports Management.

After finishing his playing career, Bill balanced his full-time job as a licensed Retirement Plan Consultant with coaching as he joined the Northampton Community College staff as an Assistant Baseball Coach, Pitching Coach, and Recruiting Coordinator from 2011-16. From 2016-18 he served as the Pitching Coach and Recruiting Coordinator for DeSales University.

In 2018, Bill moved on to the professional ranks joining Driveline Baseball, serving as Director of Pitching, overseeing the development of some of the best pitching talent in the world and working closely with award-winning Cy Young and major league players while helping shape the future of pitching development. He then became a Philadelphia Phillies Pitching Consultant from 2019-2021 and then joined the Los Angeles Angels as the Assistant Pitching Coach (2023) and Pitching Strategist (2024).

Currently, Bill serves as the Director of Pitching for the Miami Marlins, overseeing the entire pitching department from the major leagues down. His ability to build systems and processes that enhance athlete performance and efficiency has earned him a reputation as one of the best in his field.



Marisa Miro

Marisa Miro is a 2012 graduate of East Stroudsburg North High School where she participated in field hockey (grades 9-12), swimming (grades 9,11,12), and softball (grades 11 & 12). In field hockey, she was both MVC First Team and the team MVP two consecutive years (2010, 2011). She was a three-year USA Futures Participant and set high school records for single season and career assists.

In 2012, Marisa was the 2nd team MVC utility softball player, earned all-area recognition, and was the team MVP. She was a two-time team captain for three different sports: field hockey, softball and swimming. An excellent student, she was the scholar-athlete recipient in softball and field hockey. As a senior, Marisa was named the ES North Most Valuable Athlete.

The first athlete in East Stroudsburg North history to play Division I field hockey, went on to the University of Iowa in 2012 and later went on to play at East Stroudsburg University from 2013-2016 where she was both a PSAC and National Champion in 2015. She also earned both a B.S. and an M.S. in Exercise Physiology - Strength & Conditioning.

Marisa played field hockey for the Puerto Rico National Team from 2012-20 and was the Top Goal Scorer of the Central American Games Qualifier (2019). She also played professionally in German Bundesliga (2018) and Belgium (2019).

Marisa began umpiring field hockey in 2019 and is a NCAA Field Hockey umpire (2021-present). She has officiated in the NCAA D3 Tournament (2023), ACC Tournament Semifinal (2024), and NCAA D1 Tournament (2024). She is currently an International Field Hockey Umpire, Pan American Hockey Federation (PAHF) national umpire, and Federation of International Hockey (FIH) international umpire. She has umpired the Women's Bronze medal game in the 2024 Bermuda Pan Am Challenge, the 2025 Men's Bronze Medal, 2025 Junior Pan Am Games Qualifier, the 2025 Women's Gold Medal Central American Games Qualifier, and the Women's 2025 Junior Pan American Games semifinal.

Marisa runs a youth field hockey program that has produced an Olympian. She is a sports performance coach working with athletes on both hockey skills and strength & conditioning, helping over 100 athletes play in college or to make the USA pipeline teams, including preventing/rehabbing knee injuries. She also owns a business (Train Insane Hockey, LLC) and developed weighted field hockey balls for training which are already used in over 10 D1 universities.



Brian Mitchell

Brian Mitchell is a 1994 graduate of Pine Bush (NY) High School, where he was a multi-sport athlete in soccer, football, and track and field. He went on to attend East Stroudsburg University, serving as the kicker for the Warrior Football team and received a Bachelor's Degree.

Brian began his coaching career as an assistant football coach at JTL, and the 1999 squad went undefeated. When the football program was begun at ES North, he joined Chuck Dailey, helping him to build the team from the ground up. As the head football coach at Lehman Intermediate, Mitchell compiled a remarkable 108-20-3 record. His teams were undefeated in 2004, 2008, 2009, 2016, and 2017, including a 27-game winning streak from 2008 to 2010. He also achieved success as the freshmen coach and served as the varsity program's kicking coach. Over the years, Brian coached a number of players who went on to success at the varsity and collegiate levels.

Brian's contributions to football have also been recognized regionally. He is a member of the Lehigh Valley All-Star Football Classic Hall of Fame and serves on its board, where he has been instrumental in modernizing and expanding the reach of this long-standing charity event.

Brian served admirably as Lehman Intermediate's Athletic Director from 2005 to 2019, helping to spearhead the creation of numerous Lehman athletic programs, including track and field, baseball, softball, boys' and girls' soccer, cross country, and volleyball.

In 2017, Brian founded 570 Sports Camps, an organization dedicated to providing athletic opportunities for boys and girls of all ages and abilities. Offering programs in flag football, basketball, field hockey, wrestling, and more, 570 Sports Camps has welcomed thousands of young athletes and become a cornerstone of youth sports in the Poconos.

Brian has been an eighth-grade social studies teacher at Lehman Intermediate since its opening in 2000. Brian and his wife, Jaime, take the greatest pride in their two wonderful sons, Jackson and Bennett.



Erin (Peterson) Nicole

Erin is a 1984 graduate of ESHS where she participated in field hockey, girls' basketball, and softball. In field hockey, she earned three letters, was a 1983 1st team all-league selection, and was the 1983 team MVP. In girls' basketball, she earned four letters, was a 1984 1st team all-league selection, and was the 1984 team MVP. She was also a Lehigh Valley All-Star in 1983 and 1984. In softball, she earned four letters and was the 1984 team MVP.

Erin was a member of the 1982 Cavalier Centennial League Girls' Basketball Championship Team and the 1982 Cavalier Centennial League Softball Championship Team. In 1984, Erin was named the ESHS Girls' Best All-Around Athlete.

Erin went on to play varsity field hockey at East Stroudsburg University.

Erin is now retired and spends as much time as possible with her children and grandchildren.



East Stroudsburg Area School District Athletic Hall of Fame



First Row: Coach Lyle Dixon, John Eilenberger, Fred Lipe, Woody Smith, Jim Whittaker, Scott Gilliland.
Second Row: Doyle Van Gorden, George Williams, Richard Slutter, Pamela Collins, Diane Primrose, Valerie Collins, Richard Hillman, Ted Nordmark, Byron Van Gorden.

The East Stroudsburg High School Rifle Team gave the school and community something to be proud of in 1970. Although only in their second season, Coach Lyle Dixon 's shooters performed like pros as they achieved a 14-2 record. The team's success story included the Northern Division Championship, the League Championship, the District Championship, the Northeastern Regional Championship, and a third place finish in the state.

East Stroudsburg High School 1970 Rifle Team

14wins, 2 Losses

Third Place in State

*Northeastern Regional
Champions*

District Champions

League Champions

*Northern Division
Champions*

Coach: Lyle Dixon



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First Row: Gary Lockard, Ed Gower, Dean Smith, Randy Smith, George Angle.

Second Row: Joe Petrucelli, Michael Gargone, Pamela Collins, Valerie Collins, Mary Michaels, Diane Primrose, John Eilenberger.

Third Row: Coach Lyle Dixon, Ed Dickison, Glenn Daily, Bonnie Chamberlain, Ray Morris, Fred Lipe, Scott Gilliland.

The East Stroudsburg High School Rifle Team overcame much adversity and came through with another successful season in 1971. Displaying great courage and composure, Coach Lyle Dixon's shooters captured the Northeastern Regional Championship and repeated a third place finish in the state.

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Top Row: Coach Lyle Dixon, Jim Powell, Robyn Lesoine, Bonnie Chamberlain, Glenn Daily, Ray Morris, Robin Young, Jim Finlayson, Bob Miller, Bob Getz.

The 1972 East Stroudsburg High School Rifle Team became the first undefeated regular season team in school history as they captured the Northern Division Championship of the Northeastern PA Interscholastic Rifle League. They also shot a perfect "500" match against Stroudsburg in the "St. Valentines Massacre." The team also had three of the league's top ten shooters.

East Stroudsburg High School 1972 Rifle Team

*Undefeated
Regular Season*

12 Wins, 0 Losses

*Northern Division
Champions*

Coach: Lyle Dixon

**Co-Captains:
Ray Morris
Fred Lipe**