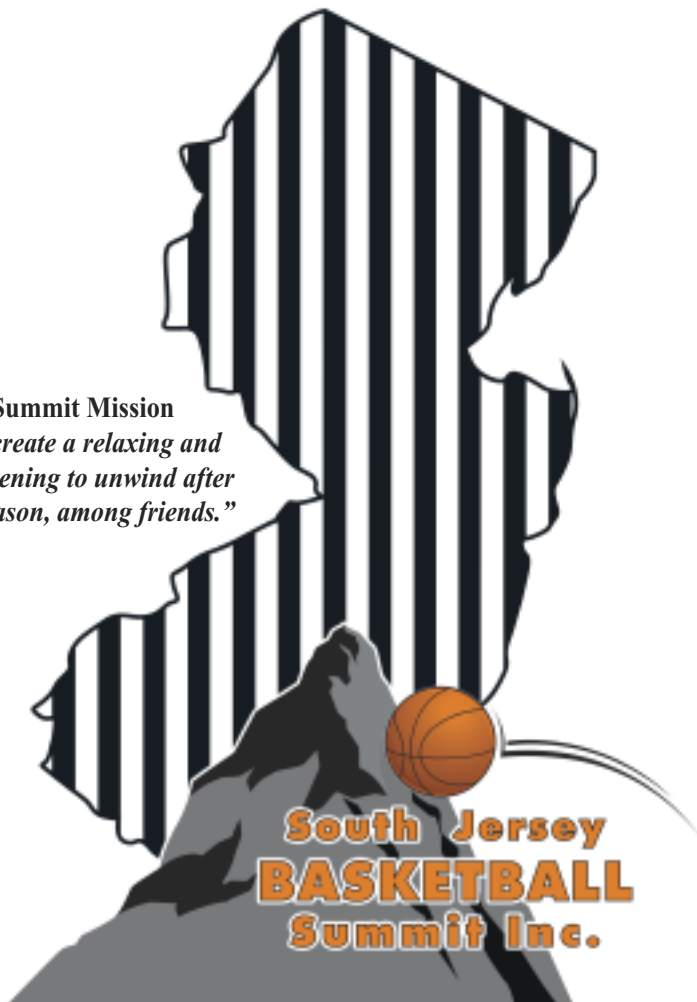


2019 Seventh Annual "CO" Basketball Summit

Summit Mission

*"To create a relaxing and
fun evening to unwind after
the season, among friends."*



Saturday, March 30, 2019
Tropicana Hotel & Casino
Atlantic City, NJ
7:00pm

Welcome

Good evening. I would like to thank everyone for participating in this event, “CO Basketball Summit” — now in our seventh year. As this event grows, I think it is important to always remember our mission, while never forgetting the individuals, both past and present, who have helped to make our sport great. Just as I know that no coach wants to blow a timeout, make the wrong sub, call the wrong play, or foul the wrong player, no official ever wants to make the wrong call! Remember, we are all in this together, and together we can continue to help our student athletes as they graduate and move on with their careers.

Thank you,
John A. Rodio, President
South Jersey Basketball Summit, Inc.

Steve Wescott, Vice President
Mark Ronchetti, Treasurer
Suzi Wescott, Secretary
Steve Selby, Director of Basketball Operations

Agenda

6:30-7:30	Cocktail Reception
7:15	Opening Remarks – John Rodio, Steve Selby
7:30	Presentation of Scholarship Recipients
8:00	Presentation of Awards

Announcement

The Third Annual Seagull Classic will be held January 3, 4 and 5, 2020 at Holy Spirit High School. The schedule and matchups will be released in the fall.

History

It was during a summer league game in 2012 that Coach Tim Gallagher (St. Joseph Boys Basketball) and I first discussed the idea of what has become the “CO Basketball Summit.” We wanted to have a get-together among coaches and officials after the season to just hang out and have fun.

Since our first banquet in 2012, with about 30-40 coaches and officials, we have continued to try to expand and improve upon our mission. In 2014, we added five awards named after individuals who have made a lasting impression on the South Jersey Basketball community. These awards will be presented annually.

In 2015, in our quest to continually improve upon our organization, we began both a boys and girls scholarship program. In continuing our tradition of honoring individuals who have been instrumental to the South Jersey basketball community, we have named our boys and girls scholarship award after Paul Rodio (St. Augustine Prep) and Dave Troiano (Wildwood), respectively.

In 2016, we added another award to be presented annually. The Bruce Campbell “Cadet of the Year.” This award is named after longtime official Bruce Campbell, who retired in 2016, completing his 51st year on the court — the longest on-court service of anyone in the history of our board.

Most importantly, thanks to the generous help and support of Mark Ronchetti, in 2016 we also completed the process and became a non-profit organization. The organization is now officially “South Jersey Basketball Summit Inc.” Our officers are President John Rodio, Vice President Steve Wescott, Treasurer Mark Ronchetti and Secretary Suzi Wescott.

In 2018 thanks to the generous support of the Cape Atlantic League, we added another award to be presented annually. The “CAL-Award,” presented to the individual recognized for outstanding contribution to high school basketball.

On September 16, 2017 we held our first music festival in Hammonton to help fund our annual scholarships. While we hoped to do better for the first year, we were pleased to raise \$1,109.91. It was our intent to make this an annual event, but date conflicts prohibited us from having a concert in 2018. We will keep our options open because we believe this can be a successful annual event.

In January 2017 we began the rejuvenation of the once-esteemed Seagull Classic Basketball Tournament. In the early 1980s the Seagull was considered one of the premier high school basketball tournaments on the east coast. We brought together 28 boys’ and girls’ teams from Philadelphia, Delaware and New Jersey. Despite a weekend snowstorm, year one was a success to build on. This past year, we did just that, building the field to 30 teams. Along with that, we have partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City. Each year going forward funds generated will help to support their organization, along with an annual designated cause to support (in 2018 it was Autism and in 2019 it is Alzheimers).

Awards

These awards have been named after officials, coaches and individuals who have been instrumental in the pioneering of basketball in South Jersey. The recipients each year are selected after our selection committee discusses and evaluates all of the recommendations received from our coaches, officials and ADs. The selection committee is comprised of South Jersey Basketball Summit Organization President John Rodio, Vice President Steve Wescott, Director of Basketball Operations Steve Selby and Board 34/196 Official Rob Johnson.

DAVID TROIANO – GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP PAUL RODIO – BOYS SCHOLARSHIP

A. The player must be a graduating senior going on to further their education in college, but not necessarily continuing in athletics.

B. The player has always displayed outstanding character, commitment and sportsmanship, both on and off the court.

C. The player has been a role model and leader for their teammates, family and school.

DAVID TROIANO - GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP

2015

Claudia Melchionne, Wildwood

2016

Lajerah Wright, Atlantic City
Eileen McNulty, Wildwood Catholic
Cass Gallagher, Holy Spirit

2017

Ayanna Jones, Holy Spirit
Mackenzie McCracken, Wildwood

2018

Regina Lamcken, Holy Spirit
Gabby Boggs, Mainland

2019

Qeijajae Canty, Atlantic City
Maddie McCracken, Wildwood

PAUL RODIO - BOYS SCHOLARSHIP

2015

Nate Aldrich, St. Augustine Prep
Kevin Allen, Atlantic City

2016

Michael Gaines, Cedar Creek
Steve Ferebee, Absegami
Ahmad Grate, ACIT

2017

Kyle Rutherford, Cape May Tech
Brian Townsel, Absegami

2018

Pat Costa, Hammonton
Kyion Flanders, Wildwood

2019

Tyler Tomlin, Wildwood
Stephan Fredericks, Atlantic City
Jake McGonigle, Wildwood Catholic

BRUCE CAMPBELL – “CADET OF THE YEAR”

Presented to the second year cadet who has best met the following criteria:

1. Classroom attendance
2. Written test score
3. Improvement from year 1 to year 2
4. On court evaluation

2016: David Miller • 2017: Kelli Johnson

2018: Tim Meadows & Lance Bailey • 2019: Joe Fussner Jr.

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SUMMIT AWARD

South Jersey Basketball Summit Organization Official recognized for their furthest advancement in the NJSIAA state playoffs.

2017: *George McClain, John Pankok* • 2018: *Myron Hendrick*

2019: *Dwight Davis, Ron Bokunewicz*

THE CAL AWARD

Individual recognized for their outstanding contribution to high school basketball.

2017: *Bill Hiltner* • 2018: *Frank Campo* • 2019: *Steve Fortis*

FRAN EGAN MEMORIAL – “COURAGE AWARD”

Individual who has been faced with unfortunate circumstances and has met those challenges with an unparalleled determination to prevail.

2014: *Toma Ferracco* • 2015: *Jimmy Eccles*

2016: *Xavier File* • 2017: *Dan McGinnis*

2018: *Mike Gatley* • 2019: *Gavin Gillespie*

LOU GRILLI MEMORIAL – “SPIRIT AWARD”

Individual who displays an extreme love, passion and fun for basketball while still maintaining the utmost professionalism.

2014: *Peter Thompson* • 2015: *Matt Ulmer*

2016: *Mike McGarry* • 2017: *Danielle Brady*

2018: *John Bruno* • 2019: *Erin Connelly*

JIM MOGAN/KEN LEARY – “COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD”

The coach who has best driven his/her team to excel and succeed. Instilling life lessons both on and off the court, while leading their team with class, character and sportsmanship.

2014: *Dave Deweese* • 2015: *Scott Douglas*

2016: *Paul Rodio Sr.* • 2017: *Paul Baruffi*

2018: *Scott Holden* • 2019: *Mike Jones*

JACK BOYD MEMORIAL – “HUMANITARIAN AWARD”

A dedicated individual who has sacrificed themselves for the betterment and enhancement of others.

2014: *Tom Williams* • 2015: *David Catalana*

2016: *Yogi Hiltner* • 2017: *Marty Small*

2018: *Joe Fussner* • 2019: *Matt Ulmer*

JOHN PIERANTOZZI – “LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD”

Individual who has spent the better part of their lives working, enhancing, promoting and bettering the South Jersey Basketball Community.

2014: *Dave Campo* • 2015: *Charles “Chalky” Ottinger*

2016: *Paul McLaughlin* • 2017: *Tom Feraco*

2018: *Dave Troiano* • 2019: *Tony Blum*

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FRAN EGAN MEMORIAL – “COURAGE”

Francis “Frannie” Egan was born on October 18, 1959, in Pottsville, Pa. He was the oldest of three children born to Vincent and Olivet Egan. His family moved to Brigantine, N.J., in 1965, where Frannie resided until his death on March 28, 2011. Frannie attended St. Philip the Apostle Grammar School in Brigantine and was a graduate of St. Augustine Prep and Atlantic Cape Community College. He worked in the casino industry for more than 30 years and most recently as a dealer at Bally’s. Frannie was a parishioner at St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church in Brigantine where he was also a Eucharistic Minister. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #7020. He was a member of the Cum Cape Board 196 Basketball officials, the South Jersey Soccer Association, NJ Lacrosse Officials Association, Atlantic County Baseball and Softball Umpires Association and the Philadelphia Chapter of Collegiate Umpires Association. Frannie’s nickname throughout the reffing community was “Brother Egan.”

Frannie became a member of the Cum Cape Board 196 Basketball Officials Association in 1990. After serving for two years as a cadet, he gained his board certification in 1992. He worked as a basketball official for 18 years and resigned in 2010 due to heart disease. He officiated numerous state tournament games including a girls sectional final.

Frannie was a great friend and partner in the basketball community. He was a wonderful husband to his wife, Theresa, of more than 25 years and father to his sons, Justin and John. We may have lost Frannie Egan on March 28, 2011, but we will never lose the wonderful memories he left behind to each and every one of us.

LOU GRILLI MEMORIAL – “SPIRIT”

Lou Grilli was born on August 11, 1924, and passed away on October 14, 1992. For more than 30 years, he was an employee for the city of Vineland, N.J. In the 1950s Lou, along with 11 other men, started a basketball officials organization — Board 196. Over the years, Lou not only reffed but served as board president as well as cadet supervisor, helping to train many young and future officials. Lou worked numerous playoff games as well as many state finals. Later in his career, he became a mentor to many veteran officials who would look to him for his wisdom on officiating.

For more than 40 years, Lou officiated high school basketball games. His unique style and unmatched enthusiasm served as a benchmark for all officials to follow.

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JIM MOGAN/KEN LEARY – “COACH OF THE YEAR”

KEN LEARY

Ken Leary excelled as both a player and a coach. For more than 50 years, he was involved in Cape Atlantic League Basketball. Leary's local basketball connections began in 1958 as an Ocean City student. He graduated from the school in 1961 and was the first Ocean City player ever to score more than 1000 career points. He led the Red Raiders to three straight Cape Atlantic League Titles. The 5'7" Leary went on to play at Boston University. He won the Bob Cousy Award in 1965, which was then presented to the top New England player under 6 feet. Ken Leary is best known as the coach of the Pleasantville Greyhounds. He began at the school in 1967 and became the head boys basketball coach in 1970. Leary coached Pleasantville to 519 wins, 3 State Titles, 8 South Jersey Championships, 7 Cape Atlantic League Championships and was twice named South Jersey Coach of the Year. Leary coached some of the regions most talented players, including Reggie Miller, who starred at Pleasantville in the 1970s. His Greyhound squad that won back-to-back State Group II Titles in 1995 and 1996 is considered among the best ever to play in the CAL.

JIM MOGAN

Jim Mogan was born and raised in Atlantic City, N.J. He graduated from Holy Spirit High School in Atlantic City in 1961 and received a full athletic scholarship to play basketball at St. Francis of Loretto College in Pennsylvania. Mogan graduated in 1965 and was awarded a graduate assistantship in history at Villanova University. In 1966, he returned to his alma mater, Holy Spirit High School, to teach and coach basketball (under the direction of Bill Deibert). In 1970, he was selected by Msgr. Stoerlein as the athletic director, head basketball coach and teacher at Sacred Heart High School. Mogan was appointed assistant principal in 1984 and held that position until retirement in 1997.

In his 27 years at Sacred Heart, his teams won 366 games and won one Cape Atlantic League Championship, six South Jersey Parochial “C” Championships and one State Championship defeating St. Anthony's of Jersey City in 1979.

While the director of athletics at Sacred Heart, he was very active in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, serving on the Executive Committee, the Advisory Committee and the Basketball Rules Committee, as well as being the Director of the Parochial A State Golf Tournament and being the Sectional Parochial A Basketball Tournament Representative. In 1981, Mogan was recognized by the NJSIAA by being awarded the prestigious “Award of Excellence” — being one of two people in the state to receive the award.

See more on Jim Mogan on the following page ...

Awards

Jim Mogan, *continued*

Mogan was inducted into the following Hall of Fames: South Jersey Directory of Athletics, South Jersey Coaches Association, South Jersey Basketball Coaches Association, Holy Spirit High School and Sacred Heart High School.

In 1997 upon retiring from Sacred Heart High School, the gym/auditorium at Sacred Heart High School was named “Jim Mogan Auditorium.”

After retiring in 1997, he began a new career as Director of Community Education and Recreation for the City of Brigantine, N.J. He developed a comprehensive program designed to enrich the lives of the citizens of Brigantine by providing them an opportunity for continuing education in intellectual, cultural, recreational, social and vocational areas. In 2011, Mogan opened the Brigantine Beach Community Center.

He is a member of the Executive Board of the Stanley Marczyk Scholarship Committee, Chairperson of the Stanley Marczyk Selection Committee and a Member of the Executive Board of Brian Woods Scholarship Committee. He has been married to his wife, Marie, for 49 years and has three children and five grandchildren.

JACK BOYD MEMORIAL – “HUMANITARIAN”

Jack Boyd grew up in Yeadon, Pennsylvania, just outside of Philadelphia. He attended Yeadon High School and was named All Delaware County in three sports — football, basketball and baseball. After high school, Jack went on to play one year of Prep School Ball at Bordentown Military Institute and then accepted a full basketball scholarship to Duke University from 1957-59.

Once Boyd’s family was established in South Jersey, he replaced the legendary Dixie Howell — who also was a longtime member of the CAL basketball community and won two state titles with the Red Raiders — as the Ocean City boys basketball coach in 1968.

Boyd won 227 games in 16 seasons as Ocean City’s coach. He led the Red Raiders to the 1972 South Jersey Group II Title and the 1973 CAL Championship. Before coming to Ocean City, he won 28 games at Millville over three seasons. His 255 total career victories rank 13th all-time among CAL coaches.

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JOHN PIERANTOZZI – “LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT”

There is no way to accurately measure the contribution John Pierantozzi has made to the South Jersey scholastic sports scene. John was a recipient of the Albert Carino Basketball Club of South Jersey “Distinguished Service Award” and has been active in many area activities since 1962 as a teacher, coach and official.

He has been one of the top basketball officials in the state over the past 49 years as a member of the Board 196 of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials. He has worked 11 state championship games along the way and in 2000 was named the Boys’ Basketball Official of the Year by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association/National Federation Officials Association.

He has held several positions for Board 196 including president, secretary-treasurer, cadet supervisor and assignor.

The 1962 Rutgers University graduate started his teaching career at Sacred Heart where he was a physical education instructor, athletic director and basketball coach. In 1966, he moved to the Vineland Memorial Junior High School as a teacher and the head coach in both football and boys’ basketball.

In 1967, he became an assistant football coach at Vineland High School. He remained in that position until 1980 when he was promoted to head coach. From 1981 to 1989, he produced a 46-23-2 record, won two Cape Atlantic League titles and his teams qualified for the state playoffs six straight seasons.

He also coached the Vineland track team for three years, winning two state championships. He coached golf at St. Augustine Prep School for 10 years, where he compiled a 110-6 record. He retired from teaching in 2005.

BRUCE CAMPBELL – “CADET OF THE YEAR”

- 1963 – BS (Bob Jones Univ.)
- 1968 – MS (Murray State Univ.)
- 1963-65 – Absecon Public Schools
- 1965-94 – Oakcrest/Absegami High School
- 1965-2016 – (IAABO 50 Year Award)
(51 years officiated)
- NJSIAA State Finals (1973-74) (1975-76)
- 3 NJSIAA State Semi-Finals
- 2 CAL Championships (1 Boys, 1 Girls)
- Worked NJSIAA State Tournament 43 consecutive years since 1973
- Former Men’s College Official – CBOA
- Former Women’s College Official – NAGWS
- Cum-Cape Committees: Evaluation (1996-2006)
Fines (1995-1996)
Constitution (1999-2000)

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DAVE TROIANO – GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP

Dave Troiano began his teaching career at Wildwood High School in 1971 and taught social studies for 36 years. For 22 of those years, he was Social Studies Chairperson. He began his coaching career in 1971 and served as an assistant to the legendary Bernie McCracken. He was named head coach of the girl's basketball team in 1977 and just completed his 39th year as coach of the "Lady Warriors" and has surpassed 700 career victories. This includes four Group 1 State Championships, nine South Jersey Championships and 14 League Championships — 11 in the Cape Atlantic League and three in the Tri-County Conference. Troiano was inducted into the New Jersey Coaches Scholastic Hall of Fame in 2002 and the South Jersey Coaches Hall of Fame in 2014. Fourteen of his former players are currently coaching high school basketball. He has been married for 46 years to his wife, Carol, and they reside in North Wildwood.

PAUL A. RODIO – BOYS SCHOLARSHIP

- 1970 Graduate of Prep
- 1974 Graduate of Villanova University
- Teacher/Administrator/Coach at the Prep – Fall of 1975 to present (43 years)
- Head Basketball Coach – 1977 to present (42 years)
- Career Record – 909-238
- League Championships – 17
- South Jersey Championships – 15
- State Championships - 5
- 21 Division 1 players from Princeton to Naval Academy to Villanova
- 9 players who played or are currently playing professionally in Europe
- 1 player in NBA for 7 years – Pop Mensah-Bonsu
- Won 20+ games in a year for 32 out of 39 years
- Leader in South Jersey for coaching wins – more than 900 career wins

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the Tropicana for their continued hospitality and support for this event. Thank you to all of our coaches and officials for taking the time with suggestions on input for our award winners. Thank you to all of our sponsors who help make this a special night for all of us.

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