

# **SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL**

## **HALL OF FAME**



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CLASS OF 2023

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Spring Musical - April 4, 5, and 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

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Joseph Sedlock  
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Celeste Beattie  
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Louis Dagostine, Sr.  
Raymond T. Gildea, Sr.  
Edward Marocco  
Joseph Pagliaro, Sr.  
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### **CLASS OF 2019**

William Banfe  
Elaine Biercevicz-Piazza  
Kenneth Bobowick  
Edward Finn  
Maurice Martin  
John McNamara  
Donald Ramia

### **CLASS OF 2020**

Greg Biercevicz  
Terry Jones  
Susan Martin  
Anthony Savignano  
Joan Velms  
1962 Basketball Gaelettes

### **CLASS OF 2021**

Ellen Duboff  
Vincent J. Murray  
Dan Pisacane  
George Quadretti  
Laura Scinto  
James "Doc" White

### **CLASS OF 2022**

Henry "Jay" Decho  
John Niski  
Tom Oko  
Frank Pisacane  
Bob Zuraw

### **CLASS OF 2023**

Karen Devonshuk  
Michael Gambardella  
Kim Karkut  
Dr. Jeffrey Klauser  
Thomas Minotti  
Lorraine Rossner



# **SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

## **CLASS OF 2023**

Karen Devonshuk

Michael Gambardella

Kim Karkut

Dr. Jeffrey Klauser

Thomas Minotti

Lorraine Rossner

# KAREN DEVONSHUK

Karen (Weber) Devonshuk loved spending Autumn Saturdays at Lafayette Field with the Shelton High School Marching Band in the early 1970's. After graduating from SHS in 1973 with her husband Joseph Devonshuk then graduating from SCSU in 1977, it is quite possible that Devonshuk has spent every Saturday since that time in service of Shelton High School.



Growing up in Shelton, Devonshuk attended Huntington School, Elizabeth Shelton School, Fowler School, and SHS, where she played in the marching and concert bands. With the marching band, she had the opportunity to travel to competitions at the Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in Washington, D.C.; the Festival of States Parade in St. Petersburg, FL; and the Azalea Festival in Norfolk, VA.

Devonshuk's career as a special education teacher began at Shelton Intermediate School in 1977. She soon moved to Ripton School for over 20 years where she served as committee member and chairperson for the annual Ripton Olympics. After a short stint back at SIS, Devonshuk moved to Lafayette then Shelton High, where she finished the last 11 years of her 37 year career. At multiple schools, Karen was a Teacher of the Year committee member and chairperson.

Everyone knows that Devonshuk's classroom life was only one of the many ways that she served her school, both before and after her "retirement" in 2014. She spent almost 20 years proctoring Saturday CollegeBoard SATs and eventually co-supervising the test administrations until 2022, where she literally has not been replaced yet. She proctors Advanced Placement testing since her retirement, has volunteered her time as a Capstone project mentor for SHS seniors, has worked as a long-term substitute and homebound tutor, and has worked with the SHS Athletic Department for the last 19 years selling tickets for athletic events in Finn Stadium and the Murray Gymnasium. Karen is also the co-coordinator of the Audrey Dreyer Food Bank since 2014. She takes care of graduation balloon delivery for the Marching Gaels annual fundraiser, and has chaired the SHS Hall of Fame Committee since 2017.

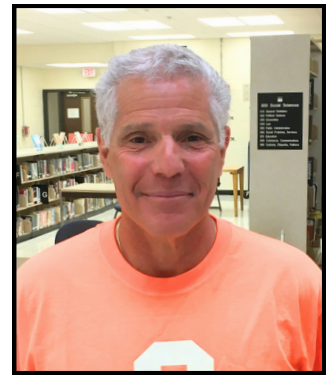
Devonshuk is also a talented oboist, playing with the Civic Orchestra of New Haven since 1977. She has served as the past president of the Orchestra, and also been involved with WMNR Fine Arts Radio since 1988 as a fundraiser and now board member.

Arguably, however, Devonshuk's most well-known hat began in 2012 when she was asked to help launch the SHS Unified sports program. With Mike Gambardella, she has been coaching both Unified Basketball and Track. During this time, the SHS Unified sports program has been recognized as a National Unified Champion School (2016), was awarded the CIAC Michael's Cup (2018), and participated in the Special Olympics USA Games at Walt Disney World (2022), as Shelton became the CIAC's first representative to this national event. Devonshuk is especially grateful to John Niski, who showed up in her classroom one morning back in 2012 with the proposition to begin this program.

Karen and Joe live in Beacon Falls where Karen somehow also makes time to be with her family- daughter Katherine Danielski and her husband John; son Erik and his wife Heather; and grandchildren Joey and Winnie.

# MICHAEL GAMBARDELLA

Born to Anne and Andrew Gambardella, Michael Gambardella, or “Gamby” as he is best known, has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as an educator and coach. Growing up with his twin brother, Anthony, and his younger brother, Andrew, Gambardella says that their parents provided the boys every opportunity to be successful in life. He and his wife of 38 years, Lori, live in Hamden where they raised their daughters, Lauren and Alex.



Before detailing Gambardella’s contributions to Shelton High School, his accomplishments prior to working at Shelton are well worth sharing. He was Captain of the Amity High School basketball team in 1975, and his name hangs on a banner there as one of only a handful of 1,000 point scorers in the school’s history. Gamby earned All-Housy honors and an All-State honorable mention. He went on to be a multi-year Captain of the then-Division II Springfield College men’s basketball team. After such athletic accomplishments at Amity and Springfield, Shelton High School was fortunate to land Gambardella and make him one of our own.

Gamby taught physical education and health at Shelton High School for 38 years. He led by example, showing his students what it meant to stay active and make healthy choices. And he always had an encouraging word for students and colleagues alike. Decades of students recall Gambardella demonstrating the proper pushup, leg raise, and ab crunch with ease.

Gambardella’s coaching resume is truly remarkable: 39 years as the Outdoor Track & Field Head Coach including the New Haven Register’s Coach of the Year in 2016; 23 Years as the Cross Country Head Coach including an SCC Championship and the Register’s Coach of the Year in 2008; 4 years as an assistant basketball coach; 20 years as the Unified Basketball Coach; and 10 years as the Unified Track Coach including Michael’s Cup recognition for the SHS Unified program. The success of the Unified Sports Program at Shelton High School is certainly due in part to the commitment Gambardella has shown to his Unified athletes, and attending the Special Olympics USA Games with the Unified Track team in 2022 is one of his fondest memories.

Beyond his busy coaching career, Gambardella has served as a basketball and soccer official at the high school and college levels for 40 years, continuing to this day. He has officiated multiple state finals in both sports and was recognized as the Basketball Official of the Year in 2006.

He would like to acknowledge several people who served as cherished colleagues, mentors, and friends: Jim Benanto, Tony Piccolo, Howie Gura, Anthony Savignano, Kim Karkut, Karen Devonshuk, John Niski, Joe LaPorta, Patty Quirk, and Brenda Hansen. Special thanks to Jim Benanto and John Niski for their guidance and support in his teaching and coaching career, to all of his colleagues at Shelton High School for their camaraderie and dedication to the students of Shelton High, and finally to his family for their love and support.



# KIM KARKUT

Kim Karkut enjoyed a career full of Shelton firsts. Daughter of Fred Marra and Jean Tarantino Marra, Kim is a 1973 graduate of Shelton High School, following her mother who is a member of the SHS Class of 1948. Kim attended Sunnyside School, Fowler School, and SHS. As a student at SHS, Kim was a dedicated member of the cheerleading team, and after the enactment of Title IX in 1972, Kim was a founding member of the SHS Girls Track Team, who competed for the first time in the Spring of 1973.



Kim earned her BS in physical education from Springfield College, and began teaching at SHS in 1977. Karkut was hired as an assistant to Ellen DuBoff with the Girls Track Team and remained in that position for 16 years until she took over as head coach and served 7 more years as head coach. Wanting to see more athletic opportunities for girls at SHS, Karkut was also instrumental in creating the SHS Girls Volleyball program in 1987, where she served as the head coach for 7 years. Karkut had actually already become a high school volleyball referee, which she returned to after stepping down as the Girls Volleyball coach. She continues to referee boys and girls high school volleyball. Kim is the Vice President of the Connecticut Federation of Volleyball Officials, where she is responsible for training new officials. In addition to her contributions as a teacher and coach, all of SHS will recall Kim's commitment to the Red Cross as the organizer of SHS blood drives for many years.

Outside of SHS, Karkut has been a lifelong member of the Shelton Congregational Church, teaching Sunday school while still in high school herself, and later taking on the responsibility of church manager for many years. She also was an active Girl Scout, beginning as a Brownie at Sunnyside School. During her college years, Karkut was a Shelton Recreation Camp counselor, lifeguard, and swim instructor. Since 1996, Karkut has served in one capacity or another on the Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club Board of Directors. She and her Hungarian Vizsla, Elwood, are certified pet therapy partners through the American Kennel Club where they aim to improve human health and well-being through the human-animal bond.

Kim has several favorite memories and inspirations through her time as a student and educator in Shelton, starting with Principal Frank Skoronski at Sunnyside School, to Fowler School where she made new friends from all over Shelton, to double sessions at SHS while the current high school was being built, and running track practice on the asphalt at Lafayette School. As a coach and official, the first SHS volleyball victory which came against East Haven in their first season was a special moment, as was being selected to officiate a CIAC Girls State Volleyball Finals match.

She would especially like to recognize Ellen DuBoff, her track coach and mentor who became a colleague and close friend. And also Patricia Belade, her own PE teacher at SHS who was then her department head as she began her teaching career. Karkut would like to acknowledge and thank her parents, Fred and Jean Marra, who supported her throughout her life, her husband Ron, who is her biggest cheerleader, and Judi and Howard Gura, who have been friends and mentors for many years.

# DR. JEFFREY KLAUSER

Dr. Jeffrey Klauser is a 1998 graduate of Shelton High School. Son of Ken and Vicky Klauser, he is married to his wife Rachel, and has two daughters, Olivia and Zoey. A model student-athlete, he was inducted into the National Honor Society, earned a varsity letter in both basketball and football, and earned multiple awards in football including the Scholar Athlete award, Defensive MVP, and All-Valley and All Conference recognition in the 1997-1998 season. Dr. Klauser is now best known as everyone's first phone call after an injury.



Dr. Klauser is a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon at Connecticut Orthopaedics, having joined the team in 2012 and opening the Shelton office. Dr. Klauser's passion for team sports began at a young age while participating in Shelton community athletics. It was during his time at SHS where he witnessed first-hand the importance of quality medical treatment for young athletes. His love of sports along with his dedication to care for and serve his community is what ultimately led him to pursue his career in the field of sports medicine.

Recognized as Griffin Hospital's Physician of the Year in 2016, Dr. Klauser received his bachelor of science in pre-med studies with a concentration in bio-psychology and cognitive science from the University of Michigan in 2002, and his medical degree from Albany Medical College in 2006. He completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at the Albany Medical Center, winning the alumni award for excellence in orthopaedics. Following the completion of his residency, Dr. Klauser was selected to become a sports medicine fellow under the tutelage of world-renowned orthopaedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews. At the Andrews Institute in Pensacola, Florida, Dr. Klauser worked side-by-side with Dr. Andrews where he learned advanced techniques in minimally-invasive arthroscopic surgery and other subspecialties to care for the highest level of professional athlete and young amateur athletes alike. Klauser has served as faculty at both the American Sports Medicine Institute and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. His team physician experience includes working with the Toronto Blue Jays, Tampa Bay Rays, Washington Nationals, Auburn University, Pensacola Blue Wahoos, University of West Florida, and multiple high school sports teams, including the Under Armour All-American Team. Dr. Klauser has also served as team physician for the Bridgeport Bluefish, Albertus Magnus College, and most impressively, the Shelton Gaels, where he has been a visible presence as the team physician for Shelton athletics for the last 10 years.

Within the Shelton community, Dr. Klauser is also the team physician for Shelton AYF. He is a sponsor of the Shelton Quarterback Club, the Pecylak Committee, the lacrosse and cheer teams, and has many fond memories of his time as a student at Shelton High School. He credits Ken Bobowick, Kathy Morales, and David Presutto with fostering his love of science, and Joe Benanto and Joe Sedlock with challenging him athletically and giving him the tools he needed to be successful. Klauser especially recalls moments during his football career such as a game against West Haven when Benanto recognized the need for and provided his support. Dr. Klauser thanks his mother and father, Ken and Vicky Klauser, who have supported him throughout his life, and his wife Rachel, his equal partner and confidant who has made his accomplishments possible. He is proud that the SHS Class of '98 produced four medical doctors and considers SHS a special place.

# THOMAS MINOTTI

Thomas Richard Minotti, Sr. was born in Bridgeport, CT on August 6, 1939 to Thomas and Marion Minotti. He was educated in the Bridgeport parochial school system and graduated from Fairfield College Preparatory School in 1956. Thomas attended the University of Connecticut and the University of Bridgeport, earning his B.S. in Secondary Education and his Master's degree in Education.



Married to his sweetheart of 60 years, Nancy Ann, Thomas has made Shelton his home since 1978 where he and Nancy raised four children through the Shelton Public Schools System and have also watched seven of their ten grandchildren graduate from Shelton High School, with two more currently attending. Thomas was an active parent, serving as the PTA President of Huntington School, as a member of the Parent Association for the SHS Marching Band and Color Guard, and as a coach of Shelton Pony & Colt baseball leagues.

Thomas enjoyed a 40-year career as an educator in the Bridgeport Public Schools from 1962-2002 while also teaching as an adjunct professor of mathematics at UB for 35 years from 1987 to 2022, well into his "retirement." He also taught at Housatonic Community College and served as a volunteer for the Barnum Festival for 40 years.

In the Shelton community, also in "retirement," one of Thomas' greatest contributions came as a proud member of the Shelton Board of Education for 14 years, from the age of 67 to 81. As a member of the Board, Thomas served as the Chairman of the Teaching and Learning and Finance Committees, and worked to ensure that Shelton schools saw updates and upgrades in facilities, technology, and materials to improve teaching and learning. An avid supporter of Shelton teachers and students, he made it his mission to be visible at community functions, from Back to School Nights, to sporting events, drama performances, fundraisers, award and graduation ceremonies, where he had the privilege of presenting six of his grandchildren with their SHS diplomas. Minotti's contributions to the City of Shelton also include Commissioner of the Employee Grievances Committee, Commissioner of the Water Pollution Control Committee, and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day volunteer. He has been a Lector at St. Margaret Mary Church, a religious education teacher at St. Lawrence Church, and a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus.

Thomas would like to thank his wife, Nancy, his sister Mariella and brother-in-law Doug, his four children-- Thomas Minotti, Jr., Christopher Minotti, Michele Vohra, and Jennifer Mengold and their spouses, his grandchildren, special extended family members, friends in the community, and Board of Education administrators and committee members with whom he has served.

# LORRAINE ROSSNER

A Shelton resident and mother of two SHS graduates, Joshua in 2001 and Alysse in 2005, Lorraine Rossner has enjoyed an impressive 42-year career in the Shelton school system. After earning her B.S. in Art Education from CCSU, Lorraine's career began as an art teacher at Shelton Intermediate in 1977. At SIS, Rossner quickly became an active and influential member of the team as a union representative and chairman of the faculty council.



Rossner would then earn her M.S. in Art Education and 092 and 6th year in Administration & Supervision from SCSU, and her 093 from the University of Connecticut, readying her for a lifetime of service to Shelton.

From SIS, Rossner became Shelton's K-12 Art Department Chair in 1989, teaching at Booth Hill and Lafayette Schools. During that time, Rossner displayed a focus on and commitment to curriculum, evaluation, scheduling, and budgeting. She also served as Shelton's Staff Development Coordinator during this time, planning and implementing professional learning across the district, and even served as Assistant Principal at Booth Hill and Long Hill schools.

By 1997, Rossner moved to Shelton High School as Housemaster of House Two. While at SHS, Lorraine held a variety of positions, overseeing committees on curriculum, budget, the Program of Studies, transcript evaluation, and staff development, and also served as Co-Chair of a NEASC Decennial Accreditation Self-Study. Throughout her time at SHS, Rossner continuously sought new professional training, moving Shelton forward in curriculum and assessment, technology, and new state standards for teacher training and evaluation. She describes her time at SHS as the best years of her administrative career, with gratitude to her administrative team of Don Ramia, Howie Gura, and Tony Piccolo.

In 2005, Rossner moved to Central Office to become the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, where she served until 2019. As Assistant Superintendent, Rossner continued her commitment to staff development, and was instrumental in the district's attendance review team (DART), Shelton Empowers, and staff wellness initiatives.

Rossner's retirement in 2019 has not slowed down her passion for education. She continues to tirelessly support Shelton's students and educators as a member of the Shelton Board of Education.

Published multiple times in professional education, she is also the recipient of many recognitions throughout her career, including a Shelton Achievement Award, a two-time Honorary Citizen of the Year, a Teacher of the Year nominee, and the "Unsung Hero" SHS yearbook dedication of 1999. Rossner's colleagues have described her as innovative, dedicated, approachable, efficient, and a great communicator.

Shelton High School Hall of Fame  
120 Meadow Street, Shelton, CT 06484  
2024 Candidate Nomination Form  
Due: March 27, 2024

The Shelton High School Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the Class of 2024 from the Shelton community.

To nominate a candidate, please complete this packet or download information from our website:  
[www.sheltonpublicschools.org](http://www.sheltonpublicschools.org) . Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory. Candidates must meet eligibility requirements as outlined below.

Nominees fall into one of five categories recognized by the SHS Hall of Fame:

**Faculty/Staff/Administration – Alumni - Activities – Contributor - Groups**

- **Faculty/Staff/Administration** includes any person having been employed by Shelton High School for 10 total years of employment or retired from Shelton High School with at least 5 years of employment and being one year removed from employment at Shelton High School.
- **Alumni** include graduates of Shelton High School. Alumni shall become eligible for nomination 6 years after graduation from Shelton High School.
- **Activities** shall be defined as participants/staff of co-curricular, extra-curricular, and athletic activities that have made significant contributions to Shelton High School.
- **Contributor** include others involved in the Shelton High School community that do not fit into the other categories, but have made significant contributions to Shelton High School.
- **Groups** include an organization, team, etc.

Nominees must have shown dedication and/or made significant contributions to the Shelton High School community and/or represented the Shelton High School with dignity after leaving the school. Nominees must have upheld the integrity of the Shelton High School way both at Shelton High School and afterwards. Nominees must have brought special recognition to themselves and/or the Shelton High School community.

The SHS Hall of Fame Committee, comprised of 13 members of the Shelton High School community, will consider all nomination forms if fully completed. Applications should include as much detail as possible; do not be modest. Only one nomination is required for The Committee to consider a candidate. You may nominate yourself. You may nominate multiple candidates, but a separate form must be completed for each. No anonymous nominations are allowed.

The SHS Hall of Fame Committee will vote and choose no more than 6 candidates for induction each year. The selection and announcement are scheduled for the Spring.

This packet must be returned or mailed to: **Shelton High School Hall of Fame: Main Office**  
**120 Meadow Street**  
**Shelton, CT 6484**

**Application Deadline is: March 27, 2024.**

Visit the official website of the SHS Hall of Fame at [www.sheltonpublicschools.org](http://www.sheltonpublicschools.org) for more information, by-laws, or to nominate a candidate.

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**Candidate Information**

Candidate's name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's e-mail address (if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's phone number (if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

If candidate is deceased, please provide family member contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Which category of the Hall of Fame best applies to this nominee?\*

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty/Staff/Administrator (min 10 years experience) | <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni (min 6 years removed) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities (clubs/sports))                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor (benefactor)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Group (team/organization) |

If faculty/staff/coach, approximately when was he/she employed? \_\_\_\_\_

If an alumnus, what was his/her year of graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

If a contributor, approximately when did he/she make contributions? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other important biographical information about the candidate that may be important to the SHS Hall of Fame Committee (attach additional sheet if necessary):

Please list the candidate's notable achievements, awards, and contributions to the Shelton High School community (attach additional sheet if necessary):

**Nominator Information\*** denotes required

Your name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the Shelton community (select all that apply)\*:

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How did you hear about the SHS Hall of Fame? (select all that apply)\*:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelton High staff/student | <input type="checkbox"/> Local newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____               |  |                                   |  |

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Note: Decisions on selection for induction will be based primarily on the information provided in the application form. All fields must be completed in order for the application to be considered by the committee.

**Please explain why the candidate is qualified for and deserves induction to the SHS Hall of Fame** (attach additional sheet if necessary)\*:

**Please list the candidate's notable achievements, awards, and contributions outside the Shelton High School community** (attach additional sheet if necessary):

**Please list any additional comments or information about the nominee:**

**Nominator's signature\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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SHS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

Finalist: ☐ Yes ☐ No

# Shelton High School Hall of Fame Committee

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Scott Snell  
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## Shelton High School Hall of Fame Committee History

The Shelton High School Hall of Fame was established as a way to recognize and honor in a permanent manner those who have excelled in their dedication to the community of Shelton High School and those who have made outstanding contributions both at Shelton High School and in the world which reflect positively upon Shelton High School. The Shelton High School Hall of Fame was established in 2013 with founding members Dr. Beth Smith, principal; John Niski, athletic director; Charles Fowler, teacher and coach; Howard Gura, retired SHS administrator; and Tyler Tice, SHS student. After years of defining the bylaws and procedures, twelve esteemed SHS community members were identified by the committee to be inducted into the inaugural class of 2017. This year, five deserving recipients of this honor are being inducted into the Shelton High School Hall of Fame Class of 2023.





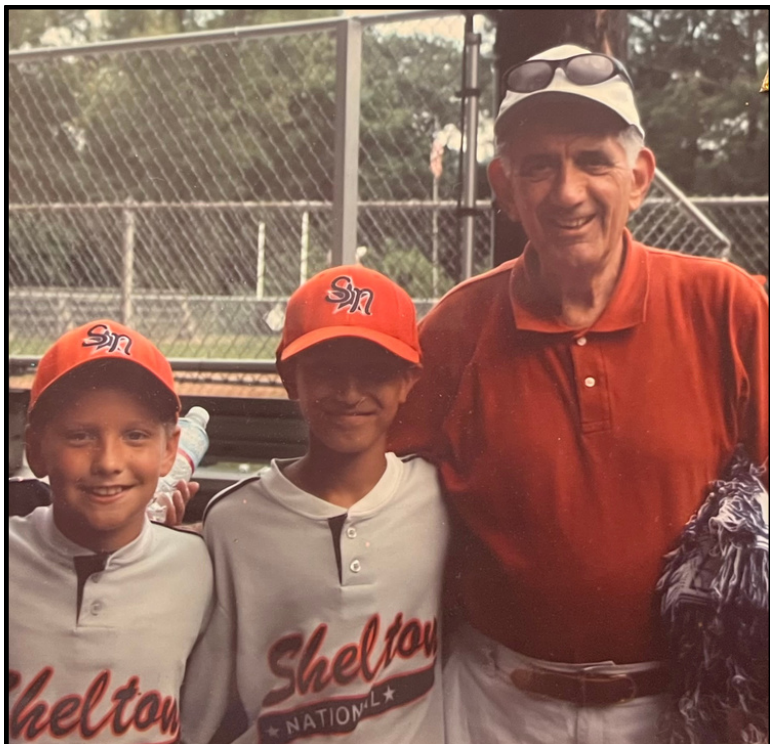
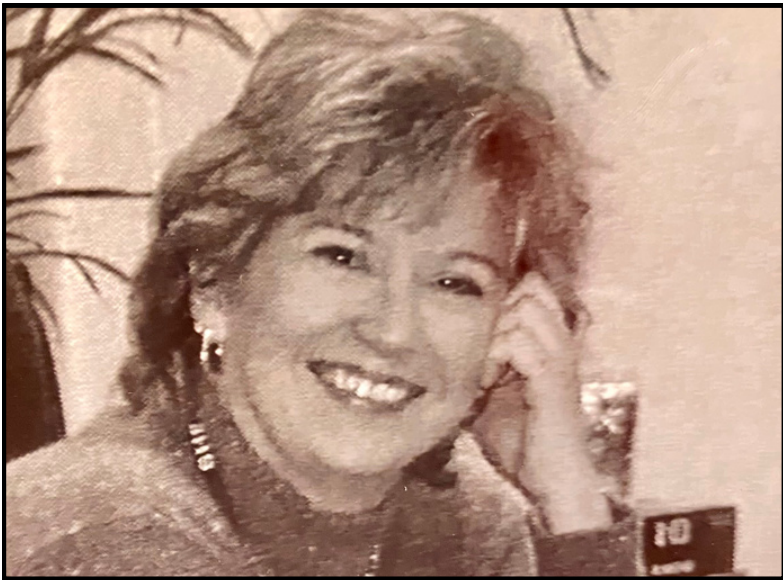
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## **Congratulations, Dr. Klauser**

Dr Klauser deserves the world for all he does for not only the community in Shelton but also the surrounding towns. Dr Klauser has given athletes and patients second chances that they thought they would never have and it is all thanks to his kind and loving personality. He is the standard in orthopedics and is the standard for Shelton success. His touch continues to impact the Shelton fields everyday in every sport, helping keep Shelton on top within the state.

Congratulations Dr. Klauser and thank you for all you do!

Thanks for keeping the Casinelli family moving in the right direction too!

Sincerely,  
Dan, Sheila, Victoria, Stephen, Michael, and Elizabeth Casinelli



You inspire us all with your leadership & character, and by your love & dedication to this sport and the Shelton High School community.

- SHS Track & Field

🌟 Congratulations Michael Gambardella on being inducted into the Shelton High School Hall of Fame! 🌟



🌟 Thank you, Coach! 🌟



# CONGRATULATIONS KAREN DEVONSHUK

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***We are so proud of you and your many years of dedication  
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***All our love...  
Ron, Lily and Muffin***







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“Learn well to do several worthwhile things.  
Then work at the one you are happiest in.”

*Advice from Philip H. Jones, Jr.  
SHS Class of 1936*

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who represent the honorees who are no longer with us  
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November 12, 2023