

SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME



INDUCTION DINNER

CLASSES OF 2020 & 2021
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PROGRAM

Social Hour: Robin Uhrynowski
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Invocation: Howard Gura

Dinner: The Stone Barn Restaurant



SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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

Congratulations Terry H. Jones

on your induction into the
Shelton High School Hall of Fame
Class of 2020

We are blessed with your enduring cultivations.

With love,

*Jean, Jamie, Christiana, Gwyn, Terry E., Janet, David,
Jackson, Sam, Juliet, & Dylan*



"We are called to be architects of the future, not its victims."

Buckminster Fuller



“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*





*Congratulations from
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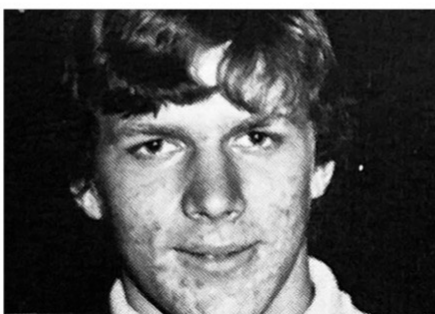
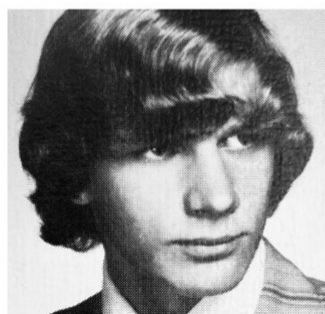


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Class of 2020



The 1962 Shelton Gaelette Basketball Team

The 1962 Shelton High School Gaelette Basketball Team ranks as the MOST OUTSTANDING in school history because IT BROKE FRESH GROUND AND MADE SCHOOL AND VALLEY HISTORY.

Not one single interscholastic girls' team or sport existed at Shelton High or in any other Valley town from the founding of the school system up to 1962—NOT ONE. NOTHING.

Boys' interscholastic teams abounded. Shelton boys could always choose a sport, year round, in which to compete. There was even a Boys' Club in the center of town, funded by taxpayer money, where Shelton boys could find activities. The concept of the Boys' and Girls' Club took decades to become a reality.

Then came 1962.

Three Shelton High School girls—Elaine Biercevicz, Barbara Churma, and Beverly Homick—determined to change the status quo. “There’s nothing for US,” they said, “and we want to play.”

The stars were in alignment--

A newly hired young English teacher named Bernice Nicolari said, “YES” to their pleas, never imagining the obstacles that would purposely be put in their way.

And so—in 1962—the VERY FIRST and ONLY girls' interscholastic sports' team at Shelton High came into existence. Members of this inaugural team were: Elaine Biercevicz, Barbara Churma, Bev Homick, Linda Pepe, Christina Biercevicz, Jerrilyn Gildea, Cindy Vick, Jozsette Gralow, Mickey Biasucci, Lorraine Hemenway, Michelle Cayer, Cathy Carey, Linda Zimmerman, Grace Petro, Carol Petro, Linda Wight, Cheryl Ballas, Karen Kruk-manager; Coach Bernice Nicolari; Assistant Celeste Beattie.

For eleven years, from 1962 to 1973, the Shelton High School Girls' Basketball Gaelettes were the ONLY interscholastic girls' sports team in existence at the largest high school in the Valley.

The 1962 Shelton High School Girls' Basketball Team was born into poverty. It had NO budget, NO supplies, NO uniforms, NO schedule of games, NO available gym, buses, or officials. What it DID have was talent, determination, the will to succeed, a sense of loyalty to their coach and to each other; a STRONG belief that obstacles exist to be overcome.

The 1962 Gaelette Basketball Team played 12 games that inaugural season and won 10. They created uniforms of black shorts, white blouses, and taped numbers; borrowed basketballs from gym classes; lobbied for use of the high school gym or the Boys' Club gym; and were blessed with an Assistant Superintendent, Ed Finn, a legend in his own right for football brilliance, who saw to it that these determined young women had a bus for away games and officials for home games.

NOT ONE SINGLE PLAYER QUIT.

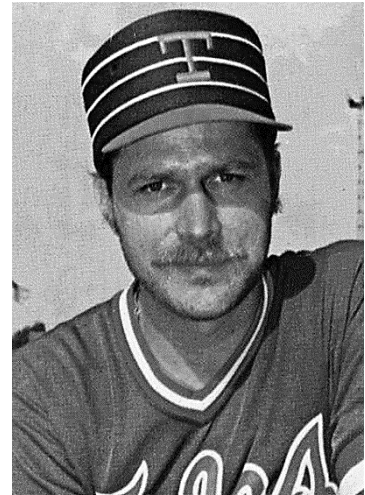
NOT ONE--

This 1962 Gaelette Basketball Team was the VERY FIRST group of Shelton female athletes EVER to LETTER in a sport. In the long history of SHS athletics, NO FEMALE ATHLETE BEFORE 1962 had competed interscholastically in ANY varsity sport OR earned their school letter in Varsity play.

The 1962 Shelton Girls' Basketball Team MADE HISTORY. Everything that followed them—all the stars, the titles, the championships—exists because of that magic year: **1962**.

Greg Biercevicz

Greg Biercevicz, Shelton High School Class of 1973, is the youngest of Walter and Florence Biercevicz's seven sons and daughters. All graduated from Shelton High School. Elaine ('64), a pioneer in women's athletics, was inducted into the Shelton Hall of Fame in 2019. Chris ('65) and Karen ('70) are retired Shelton Elementary School teachers. Walt ('66) and Joe ('68) were on Joe Benanto's first Shelton Baseball Teams; Joe was drafted by the Chicago Cubs during his senior year. Walt was drafted out of Norwalk Community College; but didn't sign until Uncle Sam drafted him into the US Army. Mark ('72) played with Greg on Shelton's first State Baseball Championship team in 1972, the team that made national news for halting Naugatuck High School's 64 game win-streak.



Greg co-captained the 1973 Housatonic League Basketball Champions and the 1973 Connecticut Class A Baseball Champions (1972 and 1973). He made the All-State Baseball team as well as the All-Housatonic and All-Valley Basketball and Baseball Teams. He was also chosen All-New England High School Shortstop. Greg went on to play shortstop for UCONN, eventually becoming a key performer on the pitching staff.

A 4-year letter winner at the University of Connecticut, Greg was a tri-captain in 1977 as the team won the Yankee Conference Championship (both 1976 and 1977) and the ECAC NE Championship. This team also qualified for the Northeast Regional Playoffs. He was the 1977 Season Record Holder for Complete games with 6 and for Strike Outs with 97. During the summers, he played in the Cape Cod League; Greg played at Yankee Stadium in the 1976 Sixth Annual All-Star Game.

In 1977, Greg was selected by the Seattle Mariners in the 15th round of the Major League Baseball Draft. He was ranked 5th best in the country while with Bellingham with 11.2 Strikeouts for 9 innings pitched and 11th best in the country with an ERA of 1.49. He set the Northwest League Record with 11-1 record and a 0.89 ERA rookie year. He was selected Player-of-the-Year for Bellingham by the Northwest League National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, receiving the TOPPS Chewing Gum George M. Trautman Award. He was also TOPPS Minor League Player of the Month of August.

In 1978, Greg played Triple-A ball in San Jose, California and Winter ball in the Mexican League. From '79 to '81 he played for Spokane, Washington, receiving the Spokane Chamber of Commerce Award with a 10-10 record. He signed on with the New York Mets AAA Tidewater team at Norfolk, Virginia, where he achieved the Second Best ERA in the International League (AAA) in 1982 and in 1983. The team became International League Champions both years, winning the Governors' Cup. In 1983, the team won the Triple A World Series Championship. His 1982 Venezuelan team won the Winter Ball League Championship. Greg ended his career with Chicago AAA in Denver and Baltimore AAA in Rochester, New York.

Greg was offered coaching positions with the Mets for years, but opted to turn his hobby of woodworking into a highly successful carpentry business before becoming semi-retired. He married Janice Marcucio, Shelton Class of 1974. They have 2 daughters, Danelen and Jessica, and a grandson Brody.

Terry Jones

Terry Jones is the 5th generation of the Jones family to farm their land in the White Hills of Shelton, Connecticut. Today, three generations are living and actively engaged in farm activities on their 450 acres. They are guided by the credo established 160 years ago by Philip James Jones: "Be Good to the Land and the Land Will Be Good to You."



Terry, 75, loves the trees, but developed a special passion for strawberries, which he considers "the queen of fruits." He graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1969 where he studied Forestry, Plant Science, and English Literature. After 60 years of harvests, he may be Connecticut's longest, continuously producing commercial strawberry grower.

Quick to point out that while seven generations of Jones boys have been farming in Shelton, Terry credits their success, in large part, to the talented and hard-working, innovative women that each generation has married and partnered. After 53 years of marriage, Jean Crum continues to inspire him and remain his best friend.

Between the late 1980s and 2004, Terry co-chaired the Shelton Conservation Commission. He then became chairman of Connecticut's Working Lands Alliance, a statewide coalition dedicated to preserving Connecticut's diminishing farmlands and fostering public policy to facilitate land access for new/beginning farmers.

In 2004, Governor Rell appointed Terry to serve on the Board of Control at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven, Connecticut. Terry continues to serve as Vice-President. The station is the first in the United States and since 1875 continues to "put science to work for society."

Terry is an advocate for brownfields remediation and serves on the Shelton Economic Development Commission. He believes in balanced growth and the wisdom of combining natural resource conservation and diversified economic development as a key to growing successful communities.

In 2011, Governor Malloy appointed Terry to the State Board of Education, where he served for eight years. He also serves on the Dean's Advisory Board at the UCONN College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Since 2019, he has served on the boards of the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and the Valley Community Foundation.

In September 2021, he and Jean were honored at the "Big E" as recipients of the Eastern States Exposition Agricultural Adventurer's Award.

Susan Martin

Susan Martin graduated from Shelton High in 1968. She returned to teach social studies in 1973 until 2010. During this time, she pioneered Geography courses and led the way for Advanced Placement Government. At Shelton High, she served as Commencement Director for over 20 years and as Student Council Advisor. She also started the School and Community Volunteer Service course.

Sue is one of the original (and current) volunteers for the Audrey Dreyer Food Bank. Susan's selfless and grand gesture of kindness is continuously shown by organizing and assembling the food bank, which gives to families in need who attend Shelton Public Schools. Susan certainly has a passion for helping others.

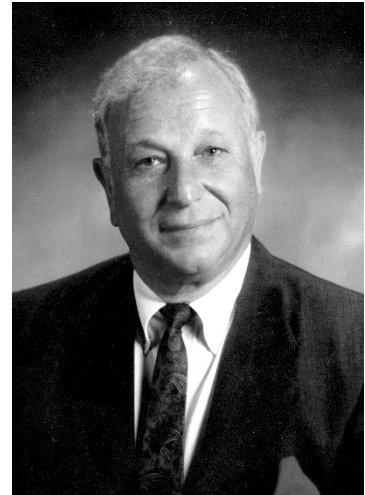


Following her retirement in 2010, Sue continued to teach in the Adult Education program. She has served on the Juvenile Review Board for more than 20 years. She is also active in the city election process as a moderator. Sue began the student voter registration process while teaching at SHS.

Susan is also an avid golfer and a big supporter of Shelton High School athletics. You can find her on local courses participating in various golf tournaments. Susan's dearest experiences of Shelton High School are running into her past students and sharing memories from her classroom. Sue would like to thank her early mentors, Leon Sylvester and Sue Karcher. She would also like to extend thanks to her family and to the Guras for considering her worthy of this honor.

Anthony F. Savignano

Anthony F. Savignano... Sonny, was born on June 13, 1935 to Ermini and Josephine Savignano of Shelton, Connecticut. Sonny attended Shelton schools and was a member of the 1953 Shelton High School (SHS) graduating class. He continued his education at Bridgeton Academy Prep School before attending Fairfield University. While at Fairfield, Sonny majored in math and earned a Bachelor of Science degree with teaching certification. He received his Master's Degree from the University of Bridgeport in 1966 and his 6th year in Administration in 1973.



After graduating Fairfield, Sonny was hired as a teacher in the Shelton school system. He taught math from 1958 until 1971. He was appointed head basketball coach in 1959, a position he held until 1971.

In 1971, Sonny left the classroom to pursue the administrative side of education. From 1971-1977, he served as Vice Principal at SHS, which was then located on Perry Hill. He then helped transition the staff and student body to the new and current Shelton High School as a Housemaster from 1977-1981. Sonny was later named Headmaster of his alma mater, Shelton High School, a role he cherished for ten years until 1991. His final two years were spent in central office as Director of Operations overseeing building projects and general building maintenance throughout the district.

The honors and recognitions Sonny earned throughout his tenure in the Shelton school system are numerous. He was recognized by the Connecticut Principals Academy as a mentor for new principals. This was a role he thoroughly enjoyed. He saw it as a way to further contribute to the development and wellbeing of students. In 1992, he was inducted into the New Haven Tap-Off Club Basketball Hall of Fame. He was named the "Unsung Hero" in the 1970 yearbook by the senior class. He was serving as a math teacher, basketball coach, and senior class advisor at this time. This was an award that made him especially proud.

Sonny always spoke very highly of two influential people in his life, his basketball coach Vincent J. Murray, and football coach Edward C. Finn. The lessons he learned from them about teamwork and personal effort, combined with an upbringing in his loving, hardworking family formed the basis of his successful work ethic and leadership approach. It is no wonder he is joining them in the hall of fame.

Throughout his career, Sonny dedicated himself to the betterment of the youth of Shelton. Whether he was coaching, teaching, developing new programs, overseeing construction projects, creating resources for students, parents, and teacher alike, everything he did was for the Shelton community. He truly had orange and black running through his veins and touched the lives of so many students, players, teachers, administrators throughout his time in Shelton.

Joan Velms

Joan Velms was born in New Haven on November 22, 1936. She married William A. Velms and they resided in Ansonia. Joan chaired the English department at Shelton High School and taught English for 37 years. Joan was a gifted classroom teacher. She was Shelton's first Teacher of the Year. She developed programs in speed reading, public speaking, and American Studies (interdisciplinary course in English/US History). One of Joan's most admired accomplishments was developing the journalism program of the award-winning Gael Winds.



Joan was a communicant of the Church of the Assumption and a member of the Charters Hose Ladies Auxiliary. She was a deeply spiritual person and loved teaching the transcendental writers, Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Self-resilience was one of Joan's most dominant characteristics and one that she instilled into many of her students. She demanded the most from her students and lived by a philosophy of respect. Her goal was to prepare her students for college and she certainly achieved that goal over the years.

Joan was a member of the Retired State Teachers Association and the Greater Bridgeport Retired Teachers Association. She was also the founder of the Valley chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and the International Society of Female Teachers. Joan served as Publicity Chairperson and secured grants for local high school students to attend Girls State.

Joan loved the arts. Prior to her retirement, she attended most, if not all of the plays at Shelton High School. She had a passion for music and dance. She enjoyed an active retirement with her husband dancing and singing. She was an inspiration to many.

Congratulations Greg!

*We have always been a Team
On and Off the Field!*

Elaine

Christina

Walter

Joseph

Karen

Mark

Greg

Mom Biercevicz

Dad Biercevicz

Congratulations

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**Congratulations to the
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Inductees**

**Many thanks to the
SHS Hall of Fame Committee
for your hard work.**

The Martin Family

CLASS OF 2017

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Audrey Dreyer
Howard Gura
Mark Lauretti
Bernice Nicolari
Dan Orlovsky
Anthony Piccolo
Jack Ribas
Gary & Fran Scarpa
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CLASS OF 2018

Celeste Beattie
James Benanto
Anthony Branca
Louis Dagostine, Sr.
Raymond T. Gildea, Sr.
Edward Marocco
Joseph Pagliaro, Sr.
Timothy J. Walsh III

CLASS OF 2019

William Banfe
Elaine Biercevicz-Piazza
Kenneth Bobowick
Edward C. Finn
Maurice "Moe" Martin
John McNamara
Donald K. Ramia

THIS IS GAEL COUNTRY!



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The Shelton High School Athletic program is one that reflects the needs and purposes of our student body and community by maintaining a strong sense of pride, tradition, excellence and overall student development. This is done through a balance of healthy competition, physical training and educational scholarship. In pursuit of this objective, we recognize the importance of academic responsibility, community service, and the ideals of good sportsmanship.

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120 Meadow Street, CT 06484

2022 Candidate Nomination Form

Due: May 30, 2022

The Shelton High School Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the Class of 2022 from the Shelton community. To nominate a candidate, please complete this packet or download information from our website: 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 11 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 06484

Application Deadline is: **May 30, 2022**. Visit the official website of the SHS Hall of Fame at 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?*

☐ Faculty/Staff/Administrator *(min 10 years experience)* ☐ Alumni *(min 6 years removed)*

☐ Activities *(clubs/sports)* ☐ Contributor *(benefactor)* ☐ 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)*:*

☐ Student ☐ Alumnus ☐ Faculty/staff ☐ Parent/relative ☐ Town resident

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

☐ Shelton High staff/student ☐ Local newspaper ☐ Internet ☐ Word of mouth

☐ Other: _____

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

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

Please list any additional comments or information about the nominee:

Nominator's signature*: _____ **Date:** _____

SHS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

Finalist: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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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, twelve deserving recipients of this honor are being inducted into the Shelton High School Hall of Fame Classes of 2020 & 2021.





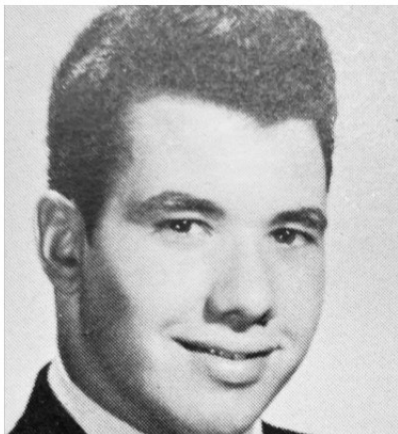
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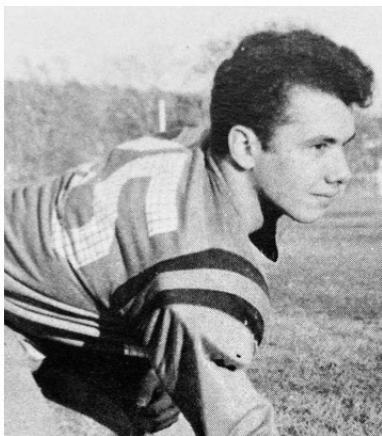
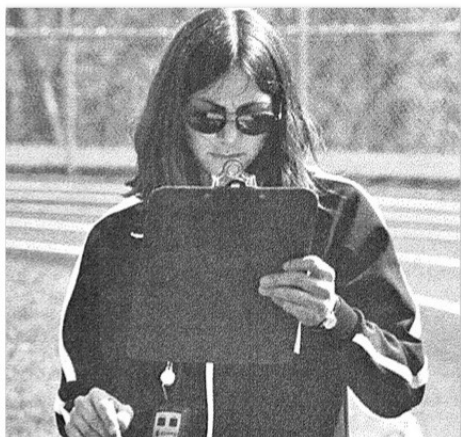
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Class of 2021



Ellen DuBoff

To put it simply, Ellen DuBoff was born to be an educator and a coach. The daughter of a teacher and a dentist, she grew up in West Hartford with family nearby, spending summers with them at the “Red Cottage” in Westbrook. Always interested in sports, she played baseball with her brother, cousins, and their friends at Stannard Beach.

After graduation from Syracuse University, she began her career in 1970 at Booth Hill School teaching English and Reading under John “Red” Larsen. She became fast friends with Linda Brothers Welch and shared an apartment with her. The first of several trips, they spent the summer of 1971 touring Europe in a yellow Volkswagen with no GPS and a variety of currency, as euros were not yet in existence. In the future, Ellen would spend every summer or spring break leading student tours to Europe. She loved art and travel and shared with her students how these related to history. When Shelton Intermediate School opened in 1974, Ellen became a faculty member in the new “cluster system” piloted by Timothy J. Walsh III, teaching language arts and later social studies.



In 1973, three Shelton High school students, Kim Marra Karkut, Monica Tucci McMahon, and Sharon Churma asked the boys track coach, James Guarrera, if they could join the team. Seeing the need, he went to the athletic director, Raymond Gildea and the Board of Education, along with the students to petition for a girls track team and coach. The board eventually granted this request, and Ellen, along with Sharon Tisi Perillo assisting, began the first girls track and later cross country teams. They joined girls sports pioneers, Bernice Nicolari, Celeste Beattie, and later, Marilyn Mueller Mintell as champions of Title Nine and equality for women sports.

Besides participating in sports, Ellen was a huge fan of Syracuse University and was known to place a friendly wager. Having a sense of humor, she once paid a losing debt with five dollars in pennies! Also, as a loyal Yankees fan, she named one dog Mickey, after Mickey Mantle, and her beloved Yogi, after Yogi Berra.

Ellen was like the big sister or aunt to many family members and the children of friends. She was extremely generous and loving to everyone, always remembering their birthdays and holidays. As an adult, her summers at the beach were spent with many of these children, and the code word “DQ” meant Ellen would treat them to ice cream. They, in turn, would treat her when they became adults.

Ellen demonstrated all the positive attributes of relative, friend, educator, and coach. She was caring, loyal, fair, encouraging, and always willing to share her knowledge. Over the years, she kept in constant contact with family, friends, and former students through Facebook. She always supported Shelton High School sports and fundraisers.

After her passing, her family established the Ellen DuBoff Memorial Scholarship Fund with the Valley Community Foundation. With this annual scholarship, Ellen’s legacy will continue to have a positive influence on the future generations of young people that meant so much to her.

Ellen is remembered lovingly and missed deeply by family, friends, and the many lives she touched both in and out of the classroom.

Vincent J. Murray

Vincent J. Murray was born in New Haven on July 25, 1914. He was a son of the late Dennis and Gertrude (McCarthy) Murray. Family, community, and education were central to his life.

Vincent was educated in the New Haven school system and graduated from Arnold College in 1936 with a bachelor's of science degree. His accomplishments include extensive graduate work at Providence College, New York University and Bridgeport University. He received his M.S. Degree in Guidance and Administration, and obtained degrees and certifications in Physical Education and Supervision in Science.



During World War II, he volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant and served on the aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Hornet. During his service in the Southwest Pacific, he received several commendations.

Vincent Murray was very much respected by colleagues, and admired and loved by his students and players. Known as a legendary basketball coach at Shelton High School in the 1940s and 1950s, he led his teams to win several Housatonic League Championships and the Connecticut State Title in 1952. In honor of Vincent's outstanding service, the "Vincent J. Murray Gymnasium" was dedicated by Shelton High School in 1993.

Vincent served as Director of Guidance at Jonathan Law High School in Milford, CT with distinction from 1961 until his retirement in 1974. He donated his time as a member in the U.S.S. Hornet Club, the American Legion Post 127, the Knights of St. Patrick, the Connecticut State Coach's Association, the Connecticut Retired Teachers Association and the Connecticut State Football Officials Association.

He married a Shelton High graduate, Geraldine Donovan Murray, and they were married for 67 years. Together they had two daughters, Kerry Ann Hunter and Dennise Murray Boyle.

Daniel Pisacane

Daniel Pisacane graduated from Shelton High School as a standout member of the class of 1952. He served as a class officer and was a member of the Student Council. He played varsity football for Coach Ed Finn. He started as an end and later became quarterback during his senior year. However, it was as a four-year varsity player for the basketball team under Coach Vincent Murray that Dan truly excelled. He was named captain for his senior year and had a career scoring average of 22 points per game. He set the single game scoring record of 39 points, which would stand for nearly 20 years.



During his senior year, Dan and his teammates captured the 1952 Class B State Championship, held at Yale University's Payne Whitney Gymnasium. This is the first and only state basketball championship ever won by the Gaels! True to form, Dan led the way for the Gaels as the top scorer in quarter and semifinal games. In the championship game, he scored 23 points on the way to a 67-47 win over Wethersfield. The 67 points scored by the Gaels in the finals was the most in the 30-year history of the tournament.

After his tremendous senior season, Dan received numerous, well-deserved, individual honors. He was named to the All-Valley, All-Housatonic, and All-Tournament teams. The crowning achievement was being named First Team All-State. To many, Dan is considered to be one of the best players to ever wear the orange and black.

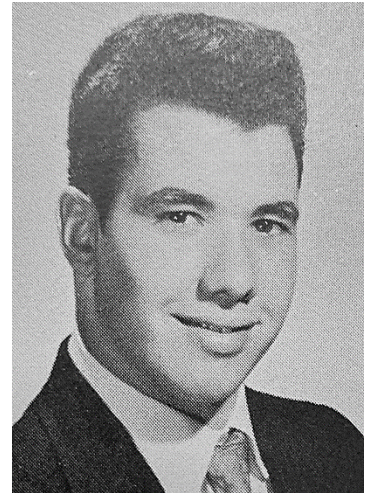
After graduating from Shelton High School, Dan attended Fairfield University on a basketball scholarship. Unfortunately, he had to give up his scholarship after two years of college. Balancing school, part-time work and relying on rides to and from campus was a challenge that eventually became too demanding. He graduated from Fairfield University in 1956 and went on to marry his high school sweetheart, Joan D. Sheehy, and served his country in the United States Army.

Upon returning to Shelton, he began a family and a career in accounting at B.F. Goodrich. For many years, Dan continued to excel as a bowler on the company's bowling team. Dan and Joan later moved to Seymour and raised two daughters, Joan Fazo and Jane Herrick, and one son, Daniel A. Pisacane. Dan retired from full time work as a comptroller in Waterbury in 1999. However, Dan remained active. He volunteered as a CYO basketball coach for St. Augustine Church in Seymour. He was able to coach the team to championships. He was a member of the Waterbury Kiwanis Club and became an avid golfer later in life.

Dan's character and life are a testament to his upbringing in Shelton. He had a very humble upbringing as one of seven children living in a small apartment in downtown Shelton. He and two of his brothers shared one bed. When Dan was only 7 years old, his father suffered an injury which left him an invalid for the rest of his life, leaving him and his siblings to help their mother support the family. To do his part, Dan took on jobs delivering papers, shining shoes, and setting bowling pins. The academic and athletic accomplishments he attained, in spite of the challenges and hardships he faced in his youth, serve as inspiration to Shelton High School students. He is a fitting role model for what can be accomplished with hard work, perseverance and belief in oneself.

George Quadretti

George Quadretti attended Shelton schools and graduated from Shelton High School as a member of the class of 1959. He played varsity football for legendary Coach Ed Finn. As a member of the 1958 team, George played offensive guard for the Gaels. His senior season included many hard fought battles for Shelton, culminating with a 22-8 victory over cross town rival Derby on Thanksgiving Day at a frosty Lafayette Field. George was named to the All-Valley Team and the Nutmeg Bowl East-West All Star Game for his efforts on the football field.



During his senior year, George was involved with other extracurricular activities at Shelton High School. He served as the senior class treasurer and was on the committees that planned the Senior Dance and Banquet. He was also a member of the French and key clubs at school and was involved with theater.

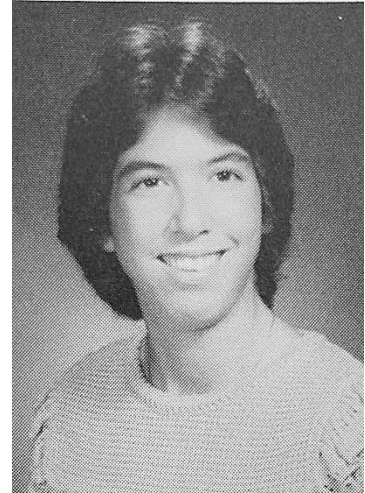
After Shelton High School, George attended Fairfield University and graduated in 1963. After graduating, George went on to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army. He was a sports editor/columnist for the Suburban News (now the Shelton Herald). George currently works as a senior custodian for the City of Shelton. George has continued to show his dedication to Shelton by writing a book called The Legends of Lafayette Field. He is also secretary and a charter member of the Shelton Football Alumni Association. His book chronicles the Ed Finn Era of Shelton Football from 1946-1961. The alumni group brings together players of all generations in an effort to keep the brotherhood of Shelton Football alive. Additionally, the group has raised thousands of dollars in support of the current teams, mainly in the form of annual scholarships given to senior members of the football team.

Published in 2007, The Legends of Lafayette breaks down year by year each team that played for legendary coach Ed Finn. In the book, George shows the rise of the Shelton Football Program through game by game analysis. In each chapter/year, he not only tells the story of the team, but of individual players that had a huge impact. Many of these men not only had tremendous careers on the gridiron, but would later go on to serve the city of Shelton in one capacity or another. Many of them are hall of famers themselves!

Throughout his life, George recognized many people that had a big influence on him. At Shelton High School, Coach Ed Finn, Vincent Murray, Henry Domurad, Walt Zeilinski and others helped in many ways to guide and shape him. He currently resides in Beacon Falls with his wife Cheryl. They have raised two daughters, Dawn and Debbie. George would like to thank and acknowledge all the head football coaches in Shelton that have allowed him to stay connected to Shelton Football. Whether it is by supporting the team or getting Hudl access to watch film, George truly bleeds orange and black.

Laura Scinto

Laura showed a commitment to basketball in Shelton and graduated from SHS in 1985. She assisted under Howard Gura, the girl's basketball coach from 1989 to 1996. Coaches Howard Gura and Ken Bobowick served as mentors and positive influences for Laura. Laura supervised and directed the Shelton Parks & Recreation Girls Basketball League from 1990 to 1993.



This year, Laura Scinto assisted Joe Frager in Division I Fairfield University women's basketball. The team earned its first NCAA berth in 21 years, by winning the MAAC title. In 2007, Laura Scinto assisted Joe Frager in coaching the Southern CT State University Owls to a Division II National Title, which highlighted their fourth NCAA Tournament appearance. At Seymour High School, Scinto and Frager led the Wildcats to back-to-back state titles, which was part of a 52-game winning streak.

Scinto got into the coaching ranks after a successful four-year playing career at Bryant College. She eclipsed 1,000 career points and led the Bulldogs to three NCAA Tournament appearances. Scinto graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration from Bryant College and went on to earn A.S. and R.N. degrees from St. Vincent's College of Nursing.

Laura played high school basketball at Shelton High School, where she scored a total of 1,338 points, the second most in the Gaelettes' history. As a player, she led the team to the 1985 State Class LL and Housatonic League Championships. She became the most decorated Shelton athlete with multiple All-League, All-Valley, and All-State selections. She was the first to graduate with 12 varsity letters while playing basketball, soccer, and softball. Laura was also inducted into the New Haven Tap Off Club Hall of Fame in 2008.

James “Doc” White

James White, known to many as “Doc,” attended Shelton schools and graduated from Shelton High School as a member of the class of 1969. He played varsity football for coaches John Sherin and John Dougherty. Sporting number 00, he played middle linebacker for the Gaels on defense. As a freshman, Jim was called up to practice and play with the Junior Varsity squad. This served him well in his development on the field. Jim was named captain his senior year, capping off a great four years for the Gaels. In his Senior year, the Gaels beat rivals Ansonia and East Haven. Jim was named to the All Housatonic Team and Second Team All State.



After graduating from Shelton High School, Jim attended Southern Connecticut State University in pursuit of a teaching degree in science. He graduated from Southern in 1973 and began teaching that same fall at his alma mater, Shelton High School. While teaching, he completed his master's degree at the University of Bridgeport. Doc devoted himself to teaching the students of Shelton many concepts and ideas that were very foreign to them for 35 years. For many students, things like the periodic table, balancing equations, atomic numbers, and solutions seemed impossible to learn. However, Doc truly had a knack for making complex ideas seem simple. With Doc's processes and methods, these concepts all became clear.

Starting in 1984, Doc took on the role that would earn him his nickname. He became Shelton's first ever athletic trainer. While he was available to help for all sports, the one that was closest to his heart was football. His tenure began under Head Coach Bob Riggio. He then worked with Head Coach Tony Branca. This segment of his career was highlighted by a Class L State Championship in 1988. This was a first for the Gaels. In the 1990's, Joe Benanto was the head football coach. The Gaels won three more state titles, Class LL in 1995 and 2000 and Class L in 2003. Doc is the only person associated with Shelton Football who has been involved with all four State Championship teams. Doc continues to be a part-time trainer, and will hopefully bring good luck for another state title.

Throughout his teaching career at SHS, Jim has made many lifelong friends and has copious fond memories. Many people have helped and mentored him along the way, such as Leon Sylvester, Joan Velms, Ken Bobowick, Bernice Nicolari, Howie Gura, Tony Piccolo, Don Ramia, and John Niski. Outside of school, Doc has three amazing children. His son Jamie is a graduate of Shelton High School's class of 1994. His daughter Amanda graduated with the class of 1996, and his daughter Sara was a graduate of the class of 1998. Although orange and black runs through Doc's veins, these days you can find him sporting the blue and yellow of Seymour while cheering on his grandkids, and possibly tending to a bump or bruise along the way.

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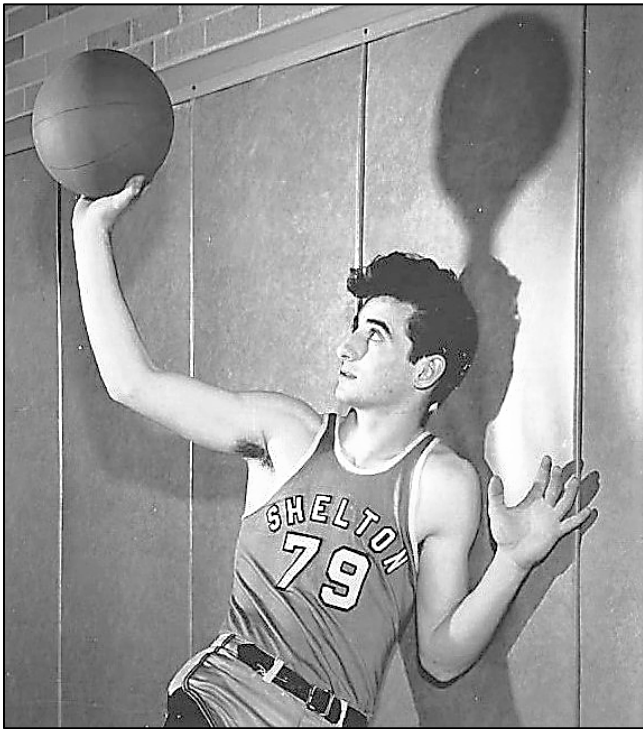
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