



2023-2024  
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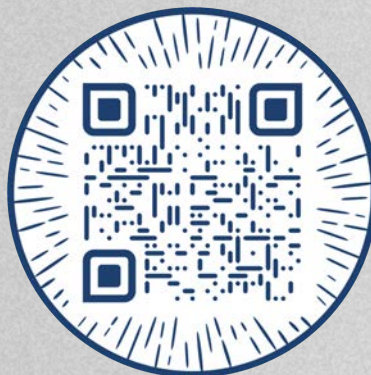


**THE CAS-CTIAC HALL OF HONOR WAS ESTABLISHED TO HONOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT LONG-TERM CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAS-CTIAC AND THE BROADER REALMS OF EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS.**

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- ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP
- FRIEND OF EDUCATION
- CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION
- CONTRIBUTION TO ATHLETICS
- SERVICE TO EDUCATION
- SERVICE TO ATHLETICS

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# Evening Program

## OPENING REMARKS & HONOREE INTRODUCTIONS

DR. GLENN LUNGARINI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CAS-CIAC

## INVOCATION

MR. HENRY RONDON  
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CAS-CIAC

## DINNER

## HALL OF HONOR INDUCTION

MR. JOHN HOLT  
MEDIA DIRECTOR, CAS-CIAC

## INDUCTEES

JOSEPH CANZANELLA  
DAVE JOHNSON  
DR. V. EVERETT LYONS, JR.  
DAVE MALONEY  
DR. ROSEANNE O'BRIEN VOJTEK  
DR. STEVEN WYSOWSKI

## CLOSING REMARKS

DR. GLENN LUNGARINI

# 2023-2024 CAS-CIAC HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE



## *Joseph Canzanella*

Joseph Canzanella's professional life was dedicated to serving young people as a coach, teacher, principal, official, and athletic director. He was an individual whose impact extended far beyond the classrooms, sports fields, and administrative offices. Joe's journey was marked by dedication, passion, and an unwavering commitment to the betterment of education and high school athletics.

A lifelong resident of New Haven, Joe grew up immersed in the world of athletics. At Southern Connecticut State University he studied education and recreation. That choice of study would lay the foundation for a career dedicated to shaping the lives of young individuals in the city he called home. As the citywide athletic director for New Haven his impact was profound. His leadership qualities and commitment

to students' holistic development were evident each and every day. During his tenure as New Haven Athletic Director Joe played a pivotal role in the creation of the Floyd Little Athletic Center. The state-of-the-art facility provided a safe haven for student-athletes in New Haven, becoming the backdrop for state championships and playoff games across multiple sports.

Through the years, Canzanella worked closely and collaboratively with the CIAC, including as Girls Basketball Tournament Director. He spent more than 30 years as a high school official in the sports of softball, basketball and football. In 2019 he assumed the role of Executive Director of the Connecticut High School Coaches Association, holding that important leadership position until his passing in September of 2023.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Canzanella embraced various activities that showcased his competitive nature. An avid golfer, fisherman, skeet shooter and racquetball enthusiast, Joe found joy and challenge in these pursuits. His love for family, including his two sons and twin grandchildren who affectionately called him PopPop, added a deeper layer to his character.

Joe's personality and enthusiasm for his profession made an impression on all who met him. His contributions to education, athletics, and leadership leave an indelible mark, reminding us that a legacy is not only measured by professional success but also by the positive impact we have on the lives of others. Joe's memory will continue to inspire and guide those who follow in his footsteps, ensuring that his legacy lives on in the hearts of those who called him a friend, mentor and colleague.

(Portions of Joe Canzanella's biography reprinted with permission from Connecticut Coach Magazine and the Connecticut High School Coaches Association)

# Joseph Canzarella



# Dave Johnson



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## *Dave Johnson*

Dave Johnson was born in Milford, Connecticut but grew up in Holden, Massachusetts. He credits his parents (dad Art pitched for the Boston Braves and mom Loretta was a three sports athlete at Winchester High School) with instilling in him a love for sports and a desire to work with young people. Dave played many different sports in his early years before competing in track and field at Springfield College. It was at Springfield College where Dave met the love of his life Mary Ellen (Mel). Dave and Mel have been married 45 years and are the proud parents of two sons, Matthew and Austin. Matthew lives in Santa Monica, CA and Austin and his wife Ashley reside in Gettysburg, PA where Dave and Mel are enjoying retirement and spending much of their time caring for their grandchildren Lily and Avery.

Knowing that a calling as a pro athlete was not in the offing but wanting to pursue a career involving sports, the concept of becoming an athletic director hit him while at Springfield when he learned of a graduate program in Sports Administration at Ohio University. After earning his master's degree from Ohio, Dave completed internships with the Eastern College Athletic Conference and University of Pennsylvania and was then hired as a teacher and coach in Stratford in 1979. Two years later he was appointed the Athletic Director at Bunnell High School and held the position for thirty-four years before retiring in 2015.

Dave served in many leadership roles with CIAC, CAAD and the SWC. During his tenure as CAAD President in 1995-96, he represented the organization at CIAC Board of Control meetings. He was a CAAD consultant on the CIAC Outdoor Track and Field Committee from 1987 to 1992 and the CIAC Football Committee from 2005 to 2020. He served on the CIAC Eligibility Review Board from 2013 to 2019 and was the CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament Director from 2018 to 2020. In addition to his term as CAAD president, Dave served in many roles over thirty years on the organization's Board of Control including chairing the CAAD Awards Committee from 2000 to 2020. He also wore numerous hats for the various leagues that Bunnell belonged to, including chairing the SWC Athletic Director's Committee and serving as SWC Commissioner from 2015 to 2020.

During Dave's tenure at Bunnell, the athletics program expanded from 16 sports and 23 teams to 27 sports and 45 teams. He founded Bunnell's All-Sports Booster Club and played a role in the renovation and expansion of the school's athletic facilities in 1990 and the construction of a turf field in 2008. He is proud of the role he played in expanding opportunities for female students to participate in interscholastic athletics and increasing the scope of the school's Unified Sports program. He was a site director for many CIAC and SWC Unified Sports tournaments at Bunnell. Dave made sure that Bunnell student-athletes regularly attended CIAC and SWC Sportsmanship and Leadership Conferences.

Dave was also coaching throughout most of his years in public education including stints as Bunnell's varsity boys' outdoor track coach, varsity boys' basketball coach, varsity girls' basketball coach and varsity girls' cross country coach. He was the Bridgeport Post "Coach of the Year" in girls' basketball in 1992. The Fairfield County Basketball Officials recognized his boys' and girls' basketball teams for outstanding sportsmanship with the prestigious Harold Swaffield (boys) and George T. Nelson Sportsmanship Awards (girls).

Dave has been previously recognized for his contributions to high school athletics. CAAD awarded him its Distinguished Service Award in 2009 and the NIAAA "State Award of Merit" in 2000. He was awarded the CIAC Girls' Basketball Committee's "Merit Service Award" in 2008. He was named "Athletic Director of the Year" by the CHSCA in 2010 and "National Athletic Director of the Year" by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association in 2011. More recently, the Connecticut Sportswriters Alliance awarded him the Hal Levy Service Award which was presented at the association's Gold Key Dinner in October of 2021. In 2022 he was inducted into the CAAD Hall of Fame and in 2023, a Foundation Chair was established in his name by IAABO in recognition for Lifetime Service to the game of basketball.

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*Dr. V. Everett Lyons, Jr.*

Dr. V. Everett “Ev” Lyons, Jr. was educated in the Plainville and Bristol Public Schools and pursued his bachelor’s degree at Central Connecticut State University. He later was awarded a master’s degree from CCSU, a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study from Southern Connecticut State University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership from the University of Connecticut.

Beginning his career as a language arts teacher in the Berlin Public Schools in 1972, he later served as an assistant principal at Newington High School and was named principal of Bristol Eastern High School in 1985. Ev Lyons served twenty-five years as the school’s principal until his retirement in 2010 – one of the longest tenures for high school leaders at both the district and state levels. During his leadership, Ev was named CAS High School Principal of the Year in 2000 and that same year, Bristol Eastern was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. He is also the author of several articles appearing in various educational publications.

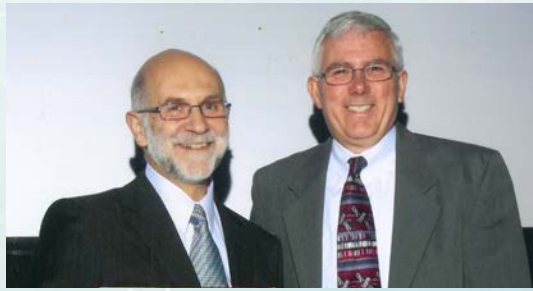
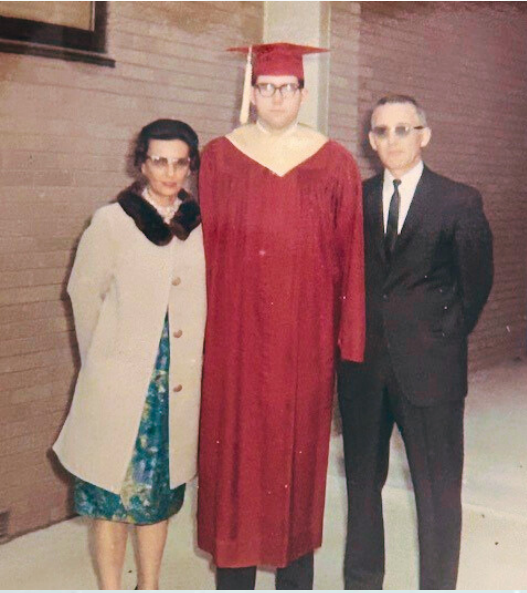
It was during his administrative service that Ev served CAS in a variety of functions, including that of Association president from 2008-2009. After his retirement from the Bristol Public Schools, Ev joined the outstanding staff of the CAS Principals’ Center, serving as a professional developer. He was later named an Associate Executive Director, retiring from CAS service in 2020.

Active in civic affairs, Ev Lyons has been a member of the Bristol Lions Club for 25 years, serving in a variety of leadership roles within his club. He was named a Lion of the Year, a Melvin Jones Fellow (progressive level) and an Ambassador of Sight (progressive level) and a Knight of the Blind. He served as District Governor (2019-2020) for Litchfield and Hartford Counties and Council Chair for Connecticut (2020-2021). During his years of Lions service, he has received numerous International President’s Letters of Commendation and several international president’s medals.

While a Bristol resident, Ev served on the Salvation Army Community Advisory Board and the Board of Directors for the Bristol Educational Foundation. He was named a Humanitarian of the Year by the Bristol Boys Club in 2011. Upon his move to Harwinton, he serves as a deacon at the Harwinton Congregational Church, a director for the Harwinton Historical Society, a Harwinton Public Library trustee, a member of the Torrington Elks Club and as an associate member of the Harwinton Lions Club.

In 2019, he married his lovely wife, Nancy Shanley Lyons, and is the proud father of his daughter, Dr. Kristina M. Lyons.

# Dr. V. Everett Lyons, Jr.



# Dave Maloney





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*Dave Maloney*

Dave Maloney is no stranger to CAS-CIAC! For four decades he served the organization in a variety of capacities. First, as a Girls Basketball Coach at Branford High School, Dave was a committee member until his retirement from coaching in 1989. At the final committee meeting that spring Dave was surprised to learn that he was appointed CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament Director. He held that position for twenty-seven years working closely with athletic directors, coaches, and officials with a keen eye toward promoting equity while leading the growth of the tournament to eventually hosting boys and girls finals at the Mohegan Sun Arena.

Dave was appointed Assistant Principal at Branford High School in the beginning of the 1989-1990 school year. He wasted no time in answering the call to action to continue to serve CAS-CIAC. Dave brought the same student-centered principles of teaching and coaching to the CAS Assistant Principal Committee. He was quick to share the mantra of “Improved Learning for Everyone” at Branford High; a comprehensive series of professional development initiatives featuring performance graduation requirements, community service learning, diversity awareness, cooperative learning, and senior exhibitions. Soon, attendance at CAS AP meetings and statewide conferences increased. CAS Assistant Principal workshops became showcases of emerging practices thus expanding the role of the assistant principal.

Working with the CT Office of the Anti-Defamation League, Dave established “Diversity Dream Teams” specially trained student leaders throughout the Southern CT Conference who met seven times a year culminating in the development of action plans and reflective essays to improve the appreciation and understanding of diversity throughout the school community. These teams caught the attention of CAS Elementary, Middle and High School divisions. Soon presentations were featured at regional, statewide conferences and national conferences.

Prior to the start of the 2007-08 school year Dave Maloney joined CAS-CIAC as Director of Student Activities, a position he held until retiring in 2019. Throughout the next eleven years, Dave had a hand in expanding and developing activities in K-12 leadership, reading, dance, cheer, art, music, diversity, gratitude, debate, Kidsmarathon, anti-bullying, sportsmanship, spirit, e-sports, robotics, and school climate to name a few. There were many memories to be sure – both good and not so good, but three activities were resounding favorites. The first was “Geno’s Reading Team” which paired UConn basketball players reading their favorite elementary books with videos colorfully providing key discussion points that could be downloaded directly into K-4 classrooms. The second were leadership workshops for “Young Men of Color”. Led by diverse professionals from a variety of careers, the dimensions of diversity were explored and discussed eloquently and tactfully. The third was “Look for the Good” programs that revolved around the question, “What are you grateful for?” CAS-CIAC Executive Director Michael Savage’s vision for student activities was a welcome addition to the overall goals of the association serving its members.

Although the above-mentioned performances earned Dave Maloney numerous local, state and national accolades he’d be the very first to acknowledge that none of these transformational activities would ever have been possible without the tremendous support from CAS-CIAC staff, administrators, teachers and students throughout Connecticut.

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*Dr. Rose Anne O'Brien Vojtek*

From the time she can first remember, Rosie wanted to be a teacher and used to play school with her dolls and then as they got older, her brothers and sisters. Of course, being the oldest, she was always the teacher. There were only a few short deviations (e.g., a bus driver, a nurse, a camp director) from which she strayed from her goal of teaching. It was destined to happen. It was in her blood and in her genes. Teaching came naturally, and Rosie was a born teacher.

After twenty years as an elementary principal at Ivy Drive Elementary School in Bristol, Connecticut, Rosie retired (1999-2019). Her retirement, however, was short-lived, lasting only a few weeks until she was named as the Assistant Executive Director for the Connecticut Association of Schools (2019-2022). Rosie primarily worked with Early childhood, Elementary and Middle level principals and their schools. She loved getting out into the schools to put a name, and a face, and a place for CAS principals and see their schools in action. This lasted until the schools closed due to Covid. Luckily for CAS, Rosie and Karen Packtor had been tweeting and producing CASpodcasts. Prior to Covid, after Rosie came to work at CAS, they had already started investigating platforms like ZOOM as a way to create online webinars. It was a fast transition over to ZOOM and for the next couple of years, we all Zoomed, Zoomed, Zoomed! Meetings, Webinars, Conferences, and even Award Ceremonies were all held online. Rosie felt that one of her greatest accomplishments at CAS was being able to help us all stay connected and continue to grow and learn with and from each other in the ZOOM virtual environment.

Throughout her career, Rosie has emerged as a leader in many state and national professional organizations. Rosie was an active member at CAS since becoming a member of the Elementary Leadership Committee in 2002. Rosie has served as a member, co-chair and/or chair on numerous CAS committees and boards including the Elementary Board of Control and the CAS Board of Directors. Rosie represented CAS as the Connecticut Representative to the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) for six years before becoming the 37th CAS President (2016-2018). In addition to CAS, Rosie served as a member of numerous Connecticut State Committees including: an appointment on the Connecticut P-20 Council under Governor Dannel Malloy; the Connecticut State Remote Learning Commission; and, member/Chair of the Connecticut Advisory Council for School Administrator Professional Standards.

Together with her husband Bob, the Vojteks co-authored the 2009 Corwin Press Book, *Motivate! Inspire! Lead! 10 Strategies for Building Collegial Learning Communities*. They also co-authored the Technology Column for the *Journal of Staff Development* (JSD 1995-2000). Rosie worked at CAS until she retired in June 2022 at the same time Bob retired from Avon Public Schools.

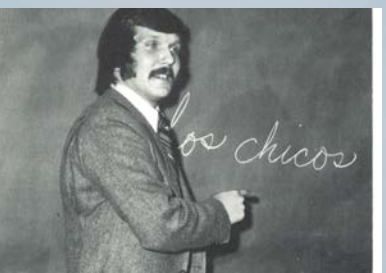
Rosie has received several CAS Distinguished Service Awards as well as a CAS Letter of Commendation (2008) and a CAS Letter of Citation (2013), the highest awards given by the Connecticut Association of Schools. In 2010 her school community of parents, teachers, staff, and students celebrated when Ivy Drive Elementary School was recognized by CAS as the Connecticut Elementary School of the year.

Rosie earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Oregon State University (1976) and her master's (1983) and doctorate (1993) in curriculum and instruction from the University of Oregon. Her doctoral dissertation, *Integrating Staff Development and Organization Development*, won the 1994 Outstanding Dissertation Award from the National Staff Development Council.

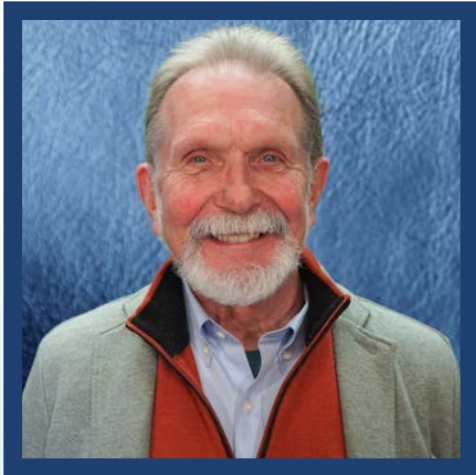
# Dr. Rose Anne O'Brien Wojtek



# Dr. Steven Wysowski



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## *Dr. Steven Wysowski*

Steve was born in Derby CT and lived in Ansonia until he was five then the family moved to Shelton CT. He attended St. Michael Elementary School and later attended St. Joseph High School and went on to Marist College. He played multiple sports while at those schools, football and track, but as a third year abroad student discovered the sports of rugby and cycling. He played rugby for a University Club in Spain and traveled the country with the sport. He also watched various cycling events and after graduation began cycling, he later became a licensed United States cycling racer moving up categories as a short distance cyclist.

Steve's first job after graduating Marist College was teaching at St. Paul High School in Bristol. He taught Spanish and was offered the assistant track coaching position by Dom Perno, the then athletic director at the school. Within a year he moved up to the varsity coaching position where he eventually coached 5 Class Championships in indoor track and as the varsity cross country coach he coached several state class runners up.

Steve was approached by Michael Savage, then the Executive Director of the CIAC to become a member of the track committee. Steve served in that capacity for several years until he left St Paul to teach and coach at Canton High School. Steve later became Canton's Athletic Director. While at Canton Steve was named the district's Teacher of The Year. He also became a teacher mentor and became nationally certified. He gave many workshops and presentations around the northeast.

Steve left Canton and became the assistant principal of Coginchaug Regional High School, he served in that position for two years before he was named principal replacing his principal who went on to retire. Steve left Coginchaug after 12 years to become the principal of Bristol Eastern High School, his last principalship before coming to CIAC as Associate Executive Director.

Along the way Steve earned a master's degree from Wesleyan University and a doctorate from Nova Southeastern University.

Mike Savage asked Steve to rejoin the track committee as the chair for both indoor and outdoor track. Steve served the committees and the CIAC Board of Control until his retirement, first as a chair and then as CIAC liaison when he became the Associate Executive Director of CIAC. It was Dr. Karissa Niehoff, the Executive Director after Mike Savage, who asked Steve to come on board as Associate Executive Director.

As a principal, Steve received several CIAC awards, he received the CIAC Letter of Commendation and the CIAC Citation, highest award offered in recognition for work at the CIAC owing to his membership and participation on 13 boards or committees. Steve also received awards from Central Connecticut State University for leadership.

While serving as Associate Executive Director, Steve helped organize a track officials association, establishing trained qualified officials for state meets as well as any track meet where they were necessary. Prior to that group's existence, there was no track officials organization. Steve also served on the National High School Track and Field Rules Committee. The group is responsible for maintaining rules for the sport and helps states manage track meets. Steve was a member of the New England Secondary School Principals Association and served as CT representative on that organization's board of control. He helped oversee several New England sports championships. Steve also oversaw the creation of the CAS Hall of Honor. Under his tenure, the first induction took place.

Upon retiring, Steve was able to get federally qualified as a conductor on a tourist railroad in CT. He moved to Pennsylvania in 2020 to be near his 2 children and 3 grandchildren. In PA he became a federally licensed conductor/engineer at a tourist railroad near his home. He now serves as the railroad's education director. Steve is also an avid model railroader. He is a member of the National Model Railroaders Association and has earned several awards for his model train layout. He serves as a director for the Philadelphia Division of the National Model Railroaders Association. He gives countless workshops and talks about the hobby.

Steve's wife, Anne Marie, of almost forty years passed away late last spring after a noble battle with a rare and incurable neurodegenerative disease. She was his mentor and confidante, whose advice always would guide Steve's decisions.

# PAST HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

## 2015-2016



Ann Malafronte



John Fontana



Robert Duncanson



Robert F. Carroll



Timothy S. Doyle



Rose Marie Carlucci



Suzi D'Annolfo



Don Gates



Michael H. Savage

## 2016-2017



Alvah R. Cramer



Ivan L. Wood



Katharine Bishop



Charles Sharos



Raymond Faustich



Thomas R. Monahan



Robert Cecchini

## 2017-2018



Beau Doherty



Joseph Fontana



Larry McHugh



David Leete



Michael F. Buckley

# PAST HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

## 2018-2019



Alan Bookman



J. Robert Ford



Barbara J. Startup



William H. Baron



George J. Ford



Paul R. Hoey



Jean Kenney Daly



John Daly



Pat Llodra



Jerry Auclair

## 2019-2020



Earle G. Bidwell



D. Harold Goldberg



Arthur Kohs



Tom Murray



Armand Regalbuti



George Synnott



Margaret Williamson

## 2022-2023



Armond Fabbri



Dr. Robert Lehr



Dr. Karissa Niehoff



Louis Pear



Michael Rafferty



Joseph Tonelli



# 100+ FEATURE STORIES

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