



## CAS-CIAC TO INDUCT SEVEN INTO 2025 HALL OF HONOR

CHESHIRE, Conn. – In recognition of exceptional careers of service to CAS-CIAC, seven distinguished honorees will be celebrated as the eighth class in the CAS-CIAC Hall of Honor. The 2024-2025 induction ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 24 at the TPC River Highlands in Cromwell.

The CAS-CIAC Hall of Honor was established to honor individuals who have made significant long-term contributions to CAS-CIAC. Tickets to the induction dinner are available to the public and can be purchased through the link below. Please contact the CIAC for additional event information or for more bio information on the honorees.



**Bill Barney** was a longtime assistant principal, housemaster, and principal in Connecticut, including as the 20-year high school principal at The Morgan School in Clinton. In 1974, he volunteered to serve on the CIAC Golf Committee, and thus began a 35-year relationship with CAS-CIAC. He chaired the Boys Tennis Committee for several years, served on the Girls Lacrosse Committee, and on the CAS Board of Directors. Barney served on the CIAC Board of Control for over a decade, chairing the Board for four years. In 2001 he was awarded a prestigious CAS Citation.



**Jay Kelleher** began officiating high school football in 1974 with the Central Connecticut Association of Football Officials (Hartford Board). Kelleher officiated CT high school games until his retirement in 2016, including nine CIAC playoff games and two Governor's Cup games (CT vs. RI). He's been an executive board member for CCAFO since 1999 and a board member for the Connecticut Football Officials Association since 2008. Kelleher has served on the CIAC Officials Advisory Board since 2012 and has become a go-to, trusted, and knowledgeable resource for officials statewide.

**Dr. Gladys Barbosa Labas** spent 35 years as a Connecticut school administrator in urban districts while earning the moniker of Connecticut's Godmother of Bilingual Education ("La Madrina"). Dr. Labas played an important role in the 1978 passage of the Connecticut bilingual law requiring schools to take actionable steps to help multilingual learners. She served CAS on multiple committees, including being on the CAS Board of Directors from 1996-2000 and 2016-Present. In 2001, Dr. Labas was awarded a CAS Letter of Commendation.



**Tom Malin's** tireless work as Athletic Director at East Catholic High School in Manchester (his alma mater) spanned from 1980 until his retirement in 2016. He also won two state championships as the East Catholic Head Boys Soccer Coach, and 12 state championships (still active) as the school's head boys golf coach. Beyond East Catholic, Malin served in leadership roles for the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors, including as President. He served on multiple CIAC committees and as CIAC Tournament Director for Boys Golf, and Tournament Director for Boys and Girls Soccer. Malin was awarded a Letter of Commendation from CAS in 2015.

**Paul Mengold** left his mark as the 30-year athletic director at Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge. At the state level he held various position on the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors Board of Control. Mengold served as a consultant on the CIAC Board of Control from 2005 to 2014. He was also a consultant on the Boys Basketball and Boys Cross Country Committees. Following his tenure at Amity, Mengold served as the CIAC Associate Director of Unified Sports until his retirement in 2023.



**Tony Mosa** was the 18-year principal at Plainville High School before joining the central office staff at CAS-CIAC in 1994. As CIAC Assistant Executive Director Tony oversaw CIAC's 22 sports committees and helped the number of sports offered by the CIAC grow to 27. He served as member and president of the New England Athletic Council for 8 years. Long before his staff work with CAS-CIAC, he was heavily involved leading CIAC committees and serving on the CIAC Board of Control. In 1986, Mosa was awarded a CAS Citation, the Association's highest honor.

**Lev Torgerson's** involvement with ice hockey dates to his youth playing in the Greater New Haven Pee Wee Hockey Association, later extending to coaching, then officiating at the collegiate level. In 1974 he became a member of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Ice Hockey Officials Association, and he began working CIAC and prep school games throughout the state. He has served the CT Chapter of NIHOA in leadership positions as Director, President, Referee-In-Chief, State Rules Interpreter, and State Tournament Assignor. Lev officiated seven CIAC boys ice hockey state championship games. In 2004 he became the Ice Hockey representative on the CIAC Officials Advisory Board, and from 2015-2019 he was a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations' (NFHS) Ice Hockey Rules Committee.

