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MICHAELS CUP PRESENTATION - PART III

MISSION: LUNCHTIME

JOSH TIVEN

*16-Year NBA Official
Ledyard High School Graduate*



A Lisbon, CT native and Ledyard High School graduate, Josh is about to begin his 16th season as an NBA game official. He started officiating CIAC basketball games through IAABO Eastern Board 8 in 1996-97 and was a high school and college official for 12 years. During that time, he worked multiple CIAC state championship games.

Josh made his NBA officiating debut in the 2010-2011 season. He has been a full-time NBA officiating crew chief for the last seven seasons. Josh has worked the NBA playoffs for the last 12 seasons and officiated in six NBA Finals. He has been selected to work 10 Finals games, including Game 4 and Game 7 of the 2025 NBA Finals.



ANTHONY IRELAND

*Former Professional Basketball Player
Greater Waterbury YMCA President/CEO*



Anthony Ireland is a Waterbury, CT native and CIAC basketball state champion (2008) who enjoyed a successful eight-year professional international basketball career in Europe. He traversed the continent playing for teams in France, Germany, Greece, Poland, Lithuania, Portugal, Spain, Russia and Turkey. In 2015, Ireland was on the Los Angeles Lakers' NBA Summer League roster.

Ireland's professional basketball journey followed a standout college career in Los Angeles, California at Loyola Marymount University. Scoring 2,169 career points in college, he was named All West Coast Conference three times. In 2019, he was inducted into the Loyola Marymount Athletics Hall of Fame. At the time of his induction, he held the record for most games played in school history, ranked second all-time in assists and steals, third in total scoring, and fifth in 3-pointers made. Ireland graduated from LMU in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in African American Studies and a minor in Psychology. In 2024 he was inducted into the West Coast Conference Hall of Honor.

A 2009 graduate of Crosby High School in Waterbury, Ireland is a member of the Crosby High School Athletics Hall of Fame. He was an All-State basketball player at Crosby, leading the team to a 2008 Class LL state championship as a junior, and an appearance in the Class LL state finals as a senior.

In 2015, Ireland co-founded a foundation, A13 Leadership Academy in Waterbury that works to nurture young minds to be the best that they can be as leaders, on and off the basketball court. He later founded The Leadership University, Inc. which blends mentorship, education, athletics and wellness to serve the underrepresented youth and families of Connecticut.

In 2025 Anthony was both appointed as a Board Commissioner with the Waterbury Board of Education, and was named the new President/CEO of the Greater Waterbury YMCA.



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ERIK DOBRATZ

Sports Anchor/Reporter
WTNH News 8



Erik Dobratz has been a part of Sports Team 8 for more than 20 years. He can be seen during News 8's 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

Erik joined News 8 back in 1998 as a writer for the news department. He went on to produce the noon and then the 5pm newscasts. In 2002, he was asked to produce Pilot Pen sports coverage for News 8. When the tournament was over, the Sports Department came calling.

Erik worked as a sports producer for several years, until he made the move to sports reporting in 2011, where he has been working with Sports Team 8 ever since.

Erik's years of behind-the-scenes access to Connecticut's biggest sporting events made him a natural addition to the on-air team. He has traveled to Atlanta and New Orleans to cover UConn for the Women's Final Four. Erik has also produced numerous golf and tennis specials for News 8, as well as the Emmy nominated production of Huskies All Access, Inside Huskies Football, and the MyTV9 High School Football Game of the Week. In fact, he made his on-air debut with Sports Team 8, doing color commentary for the MyTV9 High School Football Game of the Week.

Prior to joining News 8, Erik worked for WLIS/WMRD radio in Middletown and the CBS Radio Network in New York City. He has a degree in Journalism and Political Science from the University of Connecticut. Erik currently lives in Old Saybrook with his wife and two children.





FEATURE STORIES



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Have you persevered through obstacles?
Do you have an interesting hobby?
A unique talent outside sports?

Let us know and perhaps CIAC will produce
a video feature on you or your team!
You may also share the story of
a teammate or coach.



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Does your high school's student section demonstrate the best mix of spirit, creativity, and sportsmanship? CAS Student Activities and CIAC invite you to produce a TikTok video or Instagram Reel, which displays positive fan behavior, school spirit, and a "Class Act" overall approach to the value of education-based school athletic programs.

It's never too early to start collecting video footage from fall sports to pep rallies to other service related initiatives leading up to and throughout the winter athletic season.

SCAN ME



Please note: Videos need to be submitted by January 24, 2026. The winner will be recognized at the CIAC Basketball State Championships in March 2026, at Mohegan Sun Arena.

Inquiries to Cherese Odukwe at codukwe@casciac.org or John Holt at jholt@casciac.org.



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Student ACTIVITIES 2025-2026

CAS Student Activities is pleased to present our line-up of programs for the 2025-2026 school year.

Our activity series is grounded in the research from 21st century skills that participation in co-curricular activities increases academic achievement, improves communication skills, and helps students make better life decisions.

Please review these offerings and select some quality activities to link your work with ours!



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2025-2026 FRED BALSAMO SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

The Fred Balsamo Sportsmanship Award supports sportsmanship endeavors for CIAC member schools. The Sportsmanship Committee evaluates applicants based on their promotion of tolerance, acceptance, and respect; the impact of the program on student development; alignment with the CIAC Class Act Program principles; and the program's reach among students and athletes at the school.

We take great pride in honoring Fred Balsamo by naming the award after him. Fred, a former athletic director and executive director of the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors, played a key role in establishing the CIAC Class Act Sportsmanship Program and the CT Coaching Education courses. His commitment to education-based athletics has earned him national respect and admiration.



Bloomfield High School

- Bloomfield High School is continuing its positive involvement in Unified Sports by hosting a basketball tournament and track meet as well as a soccer tournament this year.
- Their Unified Sports teams and programs have flourished over the past 10 years, but with a change in staffing and coaching, they will receive support to continue to involve as many students as possible.
- Will host Unified events with proper staff and educational opportunities for their partner students and support staff.
- Will be hosting an informational workshop for partner students and athletes to teach about CIAC Class Act standards and the school's critical mission of tolerance, acceptance, and respect for all student-athletes, officials, and coaches. This workshop will be presented to the entire student body. Aligned with Class Act sportsmanship pillars of: • trustworthiness • respect • responsibility • fairness • caring • good citizenship, the proposed presentation and workshop will benefit all student athletes.
- Their Unified events include not only the athletic tournaments, but also a Unified prom and involvement in Unified bowling and basketball at Mohegan Sun.

CREC Schools: Aerospace, Computer Science, International & Innovation

- Will recognize and appreciate the invaluable contributions of sports officials at Aerospace, Comp Sci, Innovation and International during Officials Appreciation Week.
- This grant will enable the purchase of high-quality appreciation t-shirts, which will be personally presented to officials by student-athletes from all four participating schools.
- Officials Appreciation Week provides a structured opportunity to visibly acknowledge their hard work, long hours, and commitment to youth sports. By having student-athletes directly present these tokens of gratitude, we aim to instill a deeper understanding and respect for the officials among our young competitors, fostering a culture of sportsmanship that extends beyond the playing field.
- The requested funds will be directly allocated to the design and procurement of custom-designed t-shirts. These shirts will serve as a tangible symbol of gratitude from the entire athletic community, providing officials with a memento that recognizes their efforts.
- This initiative seeks to create a ripple effect. When officials feel valued and respected, their morale improves, potentially leading to greater retention and a higher quality of officiating. It also reinforces the message to student-athletes that everyone involved in sports, from players to coaches to officials, deserves respect and appreciation.
- Their goal is to make Officials Appreciation Week a memorable event that truly highlights the gratitude of our entire school communities.

Danbury High School

- 22 Senior Captains work with the School Superintendent to open schools with a Convocation of positive attitudes
- Students attend leadership conferences from FCIAC/CIAC
- Athletes participate in mentor program for Athletes in need of academic support
- Athletes participate in "Clean Danbury," "Read Across America", Meeting with the Mayor to discuss value of athletics
- Additional initiatives include Middle school programs, Secret Santa at Reach and Endeavor, Teacher Appreciation to connect teachers and athletes, Elementary school sports day at recess, Middle School Sports Awareness and what to expect moving up to the high school, Sportsmanship support-meet with to discuss sportsmanship and academic support, Participate in Teacher-student basketball game, Meet with all team captains to discuss a good role model and leadership

Lakeview High School, Litchfield

- Lakeview High School is seeking to reestablish participation in the Class Act Schools program. Historically, students listed under Lakeview were from the former Litchfield High School; however, the program has been inactive for a few years. With the transition to Lakeview High School, we see this as an ideal time to renew our commitment to the principles of sportsmanship and community engagement through this program.
- Establish a Class Act Council at Lakeview High School to lead and sustain program initiatives.
- Support student and staff attendance at the CIAC Sportsmanship Conference, ensuring exposure to best practices and leadership opportunities.
- Purchase and display program signage (banner) in our school gymnasium to communicate and reinforce the expectations of the Class Act Program to our entire school community.
- Our goal is to build a school culture that: - Values the positive spirit of school-based athletics - Celebrates the achievements and efforts of our student-athletes - Promotes fair play and good sportsmanship - Respects the integrity and decisions of athletic officials.
- By reintroducing the Class Act Schools program to our school community at the new Lakeview High School (formerly Litchfield and Wamogo High Schools), we will create a framework that emphasizes respect, pride, and sportsmanship across our athletic programs.
- Establish meaningful traditions that will benefit our students, coaches, and the greater school community for years to come.

Naugatuck High School

These efforts serve as the foundation of Greyhound Nation's core values: sportsmanship, leadership, community service, and being positive role models. Together, these values guide their mission to leave a meaningful and lasting impact on Naugatuck High School's culture.

- Provide recognition pins for seniors who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to be worn at graduation.
- Purchase supplies for our newly launched "Greyhound Nation Study Hall," a space created to foster academic support and idea-sharing across grade levels.
- The program supports tolerance, acceptance, and respect through inclusive events like Greyhound Nation Fun Day and Read Across Naugatuck, where we visit elementary schools to inspire younger students.
- Rally around the community, such as organizing a walk-a-thon to raise money for local causes and showing up in full force to cheer on our Unified Sports basketball team.

Newtown High School

- Implement a Sportsmanship Leadership Program designed to promote respect, tolerance, and positive behavior among student-athletes, coaches, and fans.
- The initiative will include: Student-Athlete Leadership Workshops on sportsmanship within each team, opposing teams, and officials, conflict resolution, and inclusivity.
- Sportsmanship Captains from each team would be chosen to serve as role models and promote respect during practices, games, and school events.
- Highlight teams, athletes, and spectators who demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship.
- Invite youth programs and their families to participate in sportsmanship-themed events, extending the message beyond the high school. This initiative will create a culture of respect that extends into academics, extracurriculars, and the greater community. The program directly enhances an environment where all students feel valued by encouraging athletes to lead through example.
- Strive to build habits of acceptance and inclusivity both on and off the field. They also have students that are involved in our Unified Sports program, which again focuses on building acceptance and inclusivity.
- Student-athletes gain leadership opportunities, communication skills, and the ability to manage conflict in positive ways.
- These experiences support personal growth, maturity, and character development, preparing students for future success in college, careers, and life. The program embodies the core principles of the CIAC Class Act initiative: respect, responsibility, sportsmanship, and community engagement.

Stamford High School

- Host "The Knight of Excellence" - Based on the Oscars for Stamford High, it encompasses academics, athletics and the arts
- Celebrate over 30 categories from newcomer of the year, to best moment, to career achievement in Academics, Arts and Athletics

Wethersfield High School

- Work with leaders of sports teams and clubs to develop leadership skills
- Meet with these student leaders during our advisory block to brainstorm areas, continue to build on the programs established last season, plan and implement programs that support our class act initiatives, foster initiatives that support the community, create video clips to be shared with the school community reinforcing spectator expectations at contests, come up with additional ideas to increase student attendance at WHS events and celebrate positive contributions at our school sponsored activities.

Wilton High School

- Leadership training program tailored to equip approximately 100 high school students at Wilton High School with the essential skills and knowledge for effective leadership
- Students will engage in constructivist-approach leadership activities focused on understanding developmental characteristics, building community, empathy, communication, kindness, compassion, and leadership by example
- Participants will walk away with practical strategies, an activity/curriculum guide, and planning sheets to lead meetings and initiatives confidently



2024-2025 Michaels Jewelers Achievement Cup Recipients



Academy of Aerospace and Engineering, Windsor

Committee members collaborated with other groups in the school to implement a number of initiatives to bring their school community together. In addition to promoting good sportsmanship at their games for the players, coaches, and spectators, they also were involved in coordinating school wide events. These events included celebrating different groups in the school and in the community.

Academy of Computer Science and Engineering, Enfield

Students helped organize different ways to display sportsmanship, which included having a sportsmanship ambassador on each team who helps their teammates to be the best teammates they can be. They also organized different service opportunities which included a blood drive.

Academy of International Studies, Bloomfield

Class Act committee members emphasized volunteer work and spectator attendance at games. Students served as mentors to elementary school students. The committee also came up with fun ideas to make game days more exciting for spectators and build up attendance for games.

Academy of Science and Innovation, New Britain

Class Act students planned several events for the student body throughout the school year. These included the first ever student-led Ravens Rally and several fan section theme nights for games. These students have also decided to recognize members of their community who have influenced them the most at an Impact Night.

Amity Regional High School, Woodbridge

The Class Act Council was once again a central piece of school spirit and positive influence in the community. Initiatives included organizing fall, winter and spring season Captain's workshops, hosting Officials Appreciation Weeks, selecting a Winter Fan of the Game Award recipient in collaboration with Amity's student section – "Amity Army". At the request of the district super-intendent, the Class Act Council presented to the Board of Education about the group's work and how it highlights the positive influence athletics has on their students.

Bethel High School

"Wildcats are Responsible" continues to be a strong Class Act program. They continue to promote good sportsmanship in their community in events such as seasonal parent nights, in which a student panel addressed best practices on how parents can support student athletes. They also continue to bring awareness to drug prevention with their annual Chris Herren Basketball Game.

Bloomfield High School

Class Act Council members are involved in many events and initiatives in their school on a daily basis. This includes participating in Unified Sports tournaments, field events, and pep rallies. These students also provide mentoring opportunities and other outreach opportunities in the community.

Brookfield High School

Class act initiatives are highlighted by their Class Act Pledge Night, an event held before the fall season begins. Last year, an incredible 100% of its student athletes attended the event, along with 85% of the entire student body. Brookfield's activities go beyond this, as they also created an athletic advisory playbook, taught class act principles to middle school students, and even led breakout sessions at the CAS-CIAC High School, Middle School, and Elementary School Leadership Conferences.

Bunnell High School, Stratford

Class Act committee members work with other school groups to promote sportsmanship, leadership, and community engagement. These students present sportsmanship expectations at preseason meetings, organize different fundraising opportunities, and partner with Unified Sports to host league wide events. They also have created service opportunities such as holding a food drive supporting the Stratford Food Pantry.

Cheshire High School

Class Act committee members implement the concept that sportsmanship extends beyond the playing field and into the community. Student athletes participate in their Best Buddies program in which they hosted sports clinics for and honored participants at home games. Their teams also partnered with charitable organizations, such as The Tommy Fund and Morgan's Message to immerse themselves into the community.

Danbury High School

Danbury High School was acknowledged multiple times for its sportsmanship in the 2024-25 school year. This includes recognition from the Mayor's office and Danbury Public School Board of Education, and as recipients of the Fred Balsamo Sportsmanship Award, the WCUA Tony Gorman Sportsmanship Award, and the Michaels Cup. Their Class Act Committee is very active, including working with social workers to raise awareness of suicide prevention, a mentor program for athletes in need of academic and/or emotional support, meetings with the mayor to discuss school issues, and so much more.

Daniel Hand High School, Madison

The Tiger Class Act Council works closely with student section leaders to develop clear expectations and guidelines for player and fan behavior. This includes ensuring the respect of teammates, opponents, officials, and other spectators is modeled. Student led pregame announcements are customized for each sport and serve as reminders for the school community.

East Catholic High School

East Catholic's Eagles Take Action (ETA) group meets throughout the year to discuss better ways to implement the concepts of sportsmanship in their school and community. ETA and many athletic teams increased their involvement by making holiday cards for Connecticut Children's Medical Center patients, volunteering at clinics with the Miracle League, holding events that raised awareness for important causes, and their annual shelter meal program.

East Lyme High School

The Class Act Leadership Council works to enhance the athletic experience for all members of the school community with an emphasis on sportsmanship. They develop game themes for fan sections, official appreciation recognition, and community service opportunities, such as the Viking Pay It Forward initiative. This initiative collected athletic equipment which was then donated to young athletes.

Ellis Technical High School

Harvard H Ellis Technical High School has a sportsmanship action plan that is reviewed by the Class Act committee. There are a variety of activities that take place throughout the year to promote sportsmanship. These include a public service announcement on the digital scorers table that serves as a visual reminder to promote good sportsmanship. They send reminders to their parents with spectators' expectations.

Joel Barlow High School, Redding

Joel Barlow High School was recognized numerous times in the 2024-25 school year for its commitment to sportsmanship. Their football, boys lacrosse, and boys and girls basketball teams were given the SWC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Their Class Act Committee has been focused on bringing more attention and recognition to some of their smaller sports that also have competitions off campus. They promote these competitions all over social media, throughout their school, and even organized group trips to help support their fellow classmates.

Jonathan Law High School, Milford

Jonathan Law's Class Act program helped set positive tones focused on sportsmanship and healthy competition by greeting opposing teams and officials as they arrived on campus. Their program also took part in leadership training where student athletes learned to advocate for teammates who may be struggling with sports, academics, or personal challenges. They emphasize that Jonathan Law is more than just a school. It is a true community where everyone is embraced and encouraged to be part of the team.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School

Lyme-Old Lyme High School is actively involved in several key initiatives, including activities like mental health awareness, community service, officials, coaches, and athletic trainer appreciation, parent engagement, and much more. Their Class Act Student Committee meets every Tuesday to provide a consistent forum for student leadership and planning. The committee brings sportsmanship to broader service and wellness initiatives that extend to their community. They do this through events like Dig Pink and Lax2Live, where they raise awareness and promote support for breast cancer and mental health in their own town. At Lyme-Old Lyme, they believe sportsmanship is about using your platform for the betterment of the school and community.

New Fairfield High School

The Class Act Council is committed to making a difference in both their school and community. The council joined the Walk to End Alzheimer's, along with leading the charge on two important mental health initiatives: the Alex Archie Foundation Mental Health Awareness game and the Morgan's Message Mental Health Awareness Game. They have also hosted a toy drive for Connecticut Children's Medical Center, took part in the RebelsCare fall cleanup, and proudly support Special Olympics programs.

New Milford High School

The Class Act Sportsmanship Committee has given back to its school and community in a multitude of ways. This committee is part of their Athletic Council Group that consists of student athlete leaders. Their initiatives include a hat and mitten drive, Operation Thanksgiving, a unified soccer tournament, and much more. They also partake in leadership training throughout the year and are adding a Sportsmanship and Spectator Code of Conduct to the 2025-26 school year.

Newtown High School

Newtown High School won the SWC Achievement Cup in 2024, and their volleyball and tennis teams were honored last year with the SWC Sportsmanship Award. Over the course of the 2024-25 school year, Newtown's Class Act Council implemented and executed 25 community service events and worked with the Unified Sports team to host three tournaments. They also held a Veteran's Day football game, where they honored all Newtown first responders, EMT, and veterans, and with the help of the cheerleading team, ran "Nighthawk Week of Giving," a long-standing event where all teams were assigned one week in the spring to donate food to a local food pantry.

Norwalk High School

The Class Act Council developed strategies for their school spirit to remain at a high level for those sports that were forced to play off campus because of construction. During preseason meetings, behavioral expectations are set for members of the school community, which includes students, coaches, and parents. Norwalk High School is a Michaels Cup recipient because they strive to have high expectations for their community and work to meet them.

Parish Hill High School

The Student Committee has taken the initiative to increase participation within their sports programs. Along with increasing participation, they are focused on improving sportsmanship at their events. They've started this at their home soccer games, by having both teams recite a pledge about sportsmanship, with the purpose of getting both teams in the right mindset for a fair, competitive game. In the 2024-25 school year, Parish Hill was also awarded the CRAL Sportsmanship School Award.

Simsbury High School

Simsbury High School won the coveted CIAC Battle of the Fans contest for the 2024-25 school year. This award recognizes a school for its commitment to sportsmanship, along with displaying positive school spirit, having an active fanbase, and supporting their community. Simsbury High takes part in numerous initiatives that impact their school and community, including raising money for the Chick Mission, a non-profit organization focused on critical issues unique to cancer patients, assisting with the Friends of the Simsbury Public Library book sale, and hosting a Unified Sports Basketball Tournament. Congratulations to the reigning Battle of the Fans champions on receiving the Michaels Cup.

Westbrook High School

Westbrook High School's student athlete leaders take part in a number activities in their school and community to promote positive sportsmanship and fan behavior. They also take part in a number of service projects, which include hosting awareness games to raise money for local charities. These student athletes continue to serve as role models for the local community and have made Westbrook High School a Michaels Cup recipient.

Weston High School

Weston High School is an ambassador for the SWC Achievement Cup, which is a new initiative started by the conference geared towards improving sportsmanship throughout the SWC. Its Class Act committee works with the student body to educate the student fan section on the behavioral and sportsmanship expectations for those who attend competitions. Members of this committee then attend games to assist the game personnel with oversight and the handling of any behavioral issues.

Wethersfield High School

Class Act members were involved in a wide range of initiatives and developed plans to implement these initiatives. This included producing a sportsmanship video that modeled Eagle Pride and was shared with all members of the school community. Members of their football team participated in a tackle literacy program in which they went to elementary schools and read to students.

Wolcott Technical High School

Oliver Wolcott Technical High School has piloted a program called Coaching Boys Into Men and Coaching Girls Into Women, with the goal of teaching leadership and decision-making skills, along with the importance of sportsmanship. They have taken on other initiatives, such as working to resolve the nationwide shortage of officials, honoring the opposing team that demonstrates the most sportsmanship, and creating an athletic leadership team for all sports that includes two representatives from each team.

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