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Gregg has coached collegiate summer baseball in the New England Collegiate Baseball League for the Torrington Twisters and Manchester Silkworms. He has also coached the Torrington Titans in both the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League and Futures Collegiate Baseball League. His teams made six appearances in the league finals over 15 years. He currently has the most career wins of any manager in NECBL history. Gregg now serves as a deputy commissioner of the NECBL. Gregg has been a member of the Western Connecticut Soccer Officials Association for 33 years, officiating at several state finals. He has two children, David, a second year law student at Boston College, and Katie, a junior at the University of South Carolina.

Jackie DiNardo - Coach

Coach Jackie DiNardo is an exceptional woman who has been able to combine her love of sports and people to experience many happy and rewarding events. She has been involved in playing and coaching basketball for most of her life. As a high school athlete she was recognized as an "All District Player" as well as the "MVP" at Azle High School (TX). After high school she continued to develop her skills and was able to accept a full scholarship to the University of Texas where she played basketball and was named as an "All-American". She then went on to compete in the Pan American Olympic Games and won several gold medals by defeating Taiwan, Korea, and Russia. Her work ethic and skills enabled her to be selected as one of the top 20 finalists for the 1980 Olympic team.

Before settling in Danbury, Coach DiNardo served as the volleyball and basketball coach at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She has been the basketball coach at Danbury High School since 1987 where she has amassed many honors and developed an outstanding girls basketball program. At the state level, Danbury High School advanced to the finals in 1989. Jackie has been recognized as the FCIAC Conference "Coach of the Year" as well as the WBCA High School Coach of the Year and was inducted into both the Texas and Connecticut Hall of Fame. She is also credited with recording the first perfect regular season (20-0) for both the Danbury boys and girls teams. Her girls won the West Division Title six years, FCIAC Tournament Title two consecutive years, and was the state runner up in 88-89. Her basketball teams also qualified for the CIAC state tournaments 25 times and the FCIAC conference tournament 23 times. Coach DiNardo has been able to record over 400 wins during her 26 year career.

As a teacher and coach at Danbury High School, Coach DiNardo has contributed to the health and physical education programs and guidance department. She was instrumental in the successful Students Against Drugs program and has run the mock crash demonstration which has been established by MADD. She was recognized as "Teacher of the Year" for the State of Connecticut. She is now the administrator for the Reach/Endeavor Program in the Danbury Public Schools.

This very busy woman who was named as Teacher of the Year, Coach of the Year and Hall of Famer has also found time to start the Danbury Athletic Hall of Fame and the Police Activities League which started a basketball program for girls grades 2-8. She also organized a very successful AAU program which, for many years, has competed in the national tournament.

We are very proud to be honoring this outstanding woman who has been a teacher, counselor, and coach at Danbury High School where she has served as an outstanding role model for hundreds of young girls and women.

Dedication Award

Paul R. Hoey

Associate Executive Director, CIAC



Paul Hoey, long-time principal of Newington High School, joined the CIAC central office staff in 2004 as associate executive director for the CIAC after a thirty-five year career as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and principal. Paul is the liaison to the CIAC eligibility committee and the CIAC Eligibility Review Board. As such, he is responsible for processing and monitoring all appeals of Eligibility Committee decisions. He also serves as a consultant and recording secretary to the CIAC Board of Control and to

general CIAC committees including the Seasons Limitations, Eligibility Revision, Rules Modification, and By-laws Revision committees. Among other responsibilities, Paul oversees the drafting and execution of game officials' contracts; administers the CIAC Cooperative Team program; is responsible for the annual Scholar-Athlete banquet; coordinates CIAC citizenship and sportsmanship activities; and designed and oversees the CIAC Athletic Program Evaluation Program. He is the CIAC liaison for the sports of soccer, football, basketball, baseball and golf.

Paul graduated from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield with a bachelor's degree in history, completed a master's degree in Special Education from Central Connecticut and a sixth year in educational leadership from the University of Connecticut. He began his career in education as a history teacher at Granby Memorial Jr.-Sr. High School. After twelve years as a teacher and assistant principal in Granby, Paul became principal of East Granby Middle and High School. He then served as principal of Rocky Hill High School for six years before assuming the principalship of Newington High School, where he worked until his first retirement in 2004. Paul was recognized as the Connecticut High School Principal of the Year in 1998.

During his years as a high school principal, Paul was an active and influential member of CAS-CIAC. He served as chair of some of the association's most important and challenging boards and committees, including the CIAC Board of Control, the Financial Development Committee, the Girls Swimming Committee, and the Cooperative Team Committee. He also served on the Gymnastics Committee, the Boys Tennis Committee, the Boys Swimming Committee, the CAS Nominating Committee, the High School Program Committee, the Student Activities Board of Control, the High School Board of Control and the CAS Board of Directors. Currently he serves as the President of the Council of New England Secondary School Principals' Association, the organization that conducts the New England Championships. As a result of his work with the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors, he was selected for their distinguished service award in 2009 and the Connecticut High School Coaches Association has chosen Paul to receive the Joseph J. Fontana Distinguished Service Award this coming May.

Paul and his wife Nancy have been married for 41 years and have two married daughters, Alyson and Alicia, who have chosen to follow in their parents footsteps and are both public school teachers.



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Dedication

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Program

Welcome

Dr. Karissa Niehoff – CAS-CIAC Executive Director

Robert Hale, Jr., Principal, Westbrook High School
Chair, CIAC Board of Control

Sheila Riffle – Asst. Principal, E.O. Smith High School,
Storrs, Chair, CIAC Girls' Basketball Committee

Introductions

Sue Homrok-Lemke, Assistant Superintendent,
Simsbury

Walter J. Zalaski – Chair,
CIAC Boys' Basketball Committee

2013 CIAC Boys' & Girls' Basketball Merit Awards

Robert Bernier - Official

Lou Filippetti - Official

Jon Capone – Athletic Director

Gregg Hunt - Coach

Jackie DiNardo - Coach

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Robert Bernier - Official

In 2011, Bob Bernier was honored with the prestigious International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO) Life Membership for his 37 years of outstanding service to IAABO and the game of basketball. In making the presentation to Bob, the executive director of IAABO said, "During his lifetime, evidence clearly shows that Bob Bernier has been a true giver rather receiver." The CIAC Girls' Basketball Committee is proud to honor Bob with its merit award, as it recognizes these same qualities of service to CIAC basketball.

Bob graduated from Putnam High School in 1965, one of only four students in the class who played basketball, baseball and football all four years. He enrolled at Johnson & Wales Jr. College where he was a member of the golf team for two years. He was drafted and served in Vietnam as an operations and intelligence specialist.

Bob returned to Johnson & Wales upon discharge in 1970 and served as assistant golf coach, bringing the team to the NJCAA finals in Flint, MI. In 1973, Bob began coaching Jeff Jaskot, a Vietnam buddy who had aspired to become a PGA professional but had lost his eyesight in the line of duty. Bob traveled to Massachusetts two or three times a week to work with his friend, who had become a member of the National Blind Golfers Association. Bob's coaching and encouragement were part of Jeff's rapid growth as a blind golfer and his third and second place finishes, respectively, in his first two attempts to win the national championship. In 1976, he shot rounds of 93-92 to become the National Blind Golfers Champion. This snapshot of Bob's service to others epitomizes what was to come in his involvement in basketball officiating.

Bob joined IAABO and the Eastern Connecticut Board #8 in 1977. He is a former ECAC member, officiating Division II and III games for seven years. He retired from active officiating in 1993, but continued to stay active with IAABO committees. He has been Board #8 Secretary since 1995, past Board #8 President, past State Board President and currently serves as the Women's Coordinating Chair for IAABO, CT State Board of Directors, CT State Board Women's Basketball Chair, and as a CIAC Girls' Basketball Committee advisor.

When the CIAC requested that local Connecticut IAABO boards actively pursue recruiting female sports officials, Bob was one of the first to begin an initiative in pursuit of this goal. He has continued to be a strong and active supporter of girls' basketball and enhancing opportunities for women in basketball officiating. It is not a coincidence that Bob's Board #8 provided two female officials to work CIAC finals on several occasions.

Recently, Bob and Joe Gintoli, Board #9 Secretary, were instrumental in organizing the first ever IAABO Women's Basketball Officiating School at the University of New Haven in 2010 and 2011 and in Hershey, PA in 2012.

He is a retired CT DOT state inspector with 27 years of service who continues to work part-time at CT National Golf Club.

Bob continues to support his local Board #8 members and especially enjoys observing and assisting young officials so they may have the same opportunities he had. His example of service to others, particularly through his involvement in basketball officiating and in assisting CIAC, is noteworthy and has earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow officials, coaches and the CIAC, all of whom recognizes Bob Bernier as a giver rather than a receiver.

Lou Filippetti - Official

Lou Filippetti's impressive contributions to high school athletics through officiating have spanned fifty years. He began his basketball officiating career at age 15 while he was a student at Bridgewater High School in Massachusetts and worked his first varsity contest as an IAABO official during his college years at Stonehill College. An accomplished athlete, Lou participated in football, basketball, baseball and track in high school and played basketball and baseball in college. He continued playing baseball in the service and was a player-manager of another service team and also played fast pitch softball.

Lou has officiated high school basketball in four states and, for 33 years, officiated in Division I conferences, including the East Coast League, Continental League, Patriot League and the Ivy League, as well as many Division II and III colleges. For 30 years, Lou officiated for the Special Olympics and was assigned to work four International Olympic tournaments, including in Shanghai, China in 2007. He was honored by being selected to officiate a gold medal game in each of the four Olympics.

Lou began his baseball umpiring career in 1963 as a high school official. He umpired in three states and for all levels of college, including UConn, Hartford, Central Connecticut, Yale, Fairfield, UMass, Iona, Sacred heart, Columbia, Manhattan and St. John's. He worked NCAA Division I post season tournaments, two NCAA Division II regional tournaments and three NCAA Division III tournaments. Lou was assigned to umpire the Bean Pot Classic and the Division I vs Division II and III All Star game at Fenway Park. He umpired five senior Babe Ruth World Series held in four different states. His umpiring included working the Atlantic Seaboard League Men's Fast Pitch League and the Women's Professional Fast Pitch League, including the 1977 World Series.

Over the years Lou has received numerous awards and recognitions for his basketball officiating. He was awarded IAABO honorary membership for his 50 years of exemplary service to nine different IAABO boards. Lou was elected BOA President in 1998 and is an honorary member of IAABO Board 9 and CBOA. He was IAABO Board 9 rules interpreter for 27 years. Lou served as observer and evaluator of officials for the Ivy League and Northeast Conference for nine years. He was selected to officiate numerous college post season games, the Russian National Team exhibition games over four seasons and the 1976 U.S. Olympic Team – NBA All Star game.

The CIAC Boys' Basketball Committee is proud to join the long list of organizations that have honored Lou Filippetti for his outstanding career as an official and to recognize his lifetime of contributions to high school athletics and CIAC tournaments.

Lou has officiated in six CIAC basketball finals and numerous additional tournament games, as well as seven CIAC baseball championship games and countless other CIAC baseball tournament games. According to Tom Murray, assistant director of the CIAC basketball tournaments, "Lou is a consummate professional official whose skills, knowledge of the game and great wisdom have contributed significantly to CIAC athletics. Lou Filippetti is widely recognized as being one of the most competent and distinguished officials to have served CIAC basketball and baseball."

Jon Capone – Athletic Director

Jon Capone is the K-12 Coordinator of Health, Physical Education and Athletics for the West Haven Public Schools and supervisor of the Edward L. Bennett Rink and the Frank Fitzgerald Athletics Complex. He is responsible for the supervision and evaluation of all physical education and health teachers district wide as well as the development and implementation of curriculum in both subject areas.

Jon has been the athletic director for the West Haven Public Schools since 1999. He is responsible for all students participating in athletics in grades 7-12. In all, he is accountable for over 900 student-athletes in twenty-one (21) varsity sports and all interscholastic sports at the middle school level. Throughout his tenure in West Haven, Jon has hosted numerous CIAC games and championships at both the Bennett Rink and the Fitzgerald Complex. West Haven has hosted championship games in football, soccer, softball, lacrosse and ice hockey on numerous occasions. His support for high school athletics and CIAC has been outstanding.

Jon graduated from West Haven High School where he was an outstanding athlete, especially in baseball. During his senior year of high school he pitched four consecutive nine inning games in leading the West Haven Blue Devils to the state championship. Upon graduation Jon enrolled in the University of Evansville where he played baseball and earned his BS in physical education. Jon went on to earn his masters' degree in physical education and his sixth year degree in educational leadership at Southern Connecticut State University. For the past thirty-one (31) years he has worked in West Haven as a teacher, coach, athletic director and supervisor. His service to the high school and community of West Haven has been widely recognized.

He is the chairman of several activities including the West Haven High School Athletics Hall of Fame, WHHS Homecoming Festival, athletic facilities projects for new fields for baseball and softball and for new recreational facilities in the town. He has served as the chairman of soccer, baseball and Unified Sports for the Southern Connecticut Conference and as the representative to the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors for the SCC. Jon willingly serves wherever he is needed.

Jon has received numerous awards during his career and has been inducted into the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Baseball Hall of Fame and the West Haven High School Hall of Fame. He was the recipient of the CIAC Unified Sports Service Award, the New Haven Gridiron Club Service Award and the Jimmy Fund Award for Community Service.

Jon and his wife Gina and their daughter Alexa, a student at WHHS, live in West Haven.

Gregg Hunt - Coach

Gregg Hunt graduated from the University of Connecticut in the spring of 1980 with a degree in Business Administration. He began teaching business at The Gilbert School in Winsted shortly there after, and stayed there for 27 years before moving to Wamogo Regional High School in 2009. While at Gilbert he had the opportunity to work under two legendary Connecticut coaches - basketball coach Michael Gamari and baseball coach Moe Morhardt. The knowledge he gained from these two mentors laid the foundation for his success in athletics as well as the classroom.

Gregg began his varsity basketball coaching career at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury in 1983. He then became the varsity coach at Terryville High School in 1988 where he coached until he moved to Wamogo in 1994. His teams qualified for the CIAC tournament every year he was at Terryville and for the first ten years at Wamogo. While at Wamogo, his teams earned one regular season Berkshire League title and captured three Berkshire League tournament titles. He has led his collective teams to over 340 victories and has had four twenty-win seasons. Coach Hunt has guided the Wamogo boys varsity team to more victories than any other Wamogo coach. The 2004-05 Wamogo team advanced to the CIAC Division IV finals losing to Old Saybrook.

Gregg served on the CIAC basketball committee for many years. He is presently a member of the CHSCA High School All Star Game Committee and serves as a member of the All State Basketball Committee. As a baseball coach, Gregg has led both Thomaston (1985) and Terryville (1992) to state final appearances. In 2011, he led Wamogo to its first Berkshire League baseball title in 49 years, and a first ever spot in the semi-finals.

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