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 an "MVP" at Atlee 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 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 CIAC Conference "Coach of the Year" as well as the WBNA 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 times, CIAC 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 CIAC 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 very popular and rewarding with high school students.

We are very proud of 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.

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 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 State University in 1987 and a six 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.
Robert Bernier

Dr. Karina Niehoff – CAS-ICAC Executive Director
Robert Hale, Jr., Principal, Westbrook High School
Chair, ICAC Board of Control
Sheila Riffe – Asst. Principal, E.O. Smith High School, Storrs, Chair, CIAC Girls’ Basketball Committee

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Sue Honrook-Lemke, Assistant Superintendent, Simsbury
Walter J. Zalaski – Chair, CIAC Boys’ Basketball Committee

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Welcome

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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 in 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 than receiver.” The CIAC Girls’ Basketball Committee would like to honor Bob with their merit award, as it recognizes these same qualities of service to CIAC basketball.

Bob graduated from Westminster 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 baseball at Wamogo High School in Morris and went on to become a NEA professional but had lost his luster 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 fourth 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 support and encouragement to others epitomizes what came to be 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 of Directors 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 as that sport adds 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 Officials Clinic 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 as he 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 fellow officials and the CIAC, all of whom recognize Bob Bernier as a giver rather than a receiver.

Jon Capone

Jon Capone is the K-12 Coordinator of Health, Physical Education and Athletics for the West Haven Public Schools. He is currently the Associate director of CIAC and a member of the NEA Athletic Directors and Coaches Association and the Frank Fitzgerald Athletics Complex. He is responsible for the supervision and evaluation of all physical education and health teachers大街 wide as well as the development and implementation of the CIAC project area.

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 and CIACAA 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 basketball. During his senior year of high school he pitched four complete games and nine inning games in leading the Blue Devils to the state championship. Upon graduation (enrolled in the University of Evansville where he played baseball and earned his BS in physical education, West Haven has been widely recognized.

He is the chairman of the CIAC Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball Committee and the CT National Golf Club, the chairman of the CIAC Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball Committee and the CT National Golf Club. For the past thirty-three (31) years he has been the chairman of the CT National Golf Club’s Clipper Cup, the West Haven High School Boys’ Basketball League, the West Haven High School Boys’ Basketball League, the West Haven High School Athletics Hall of Fame, WHS 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 the CIAC Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball Committee, the chairman of the CIAC Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball Committee, the chairman of the CIAC Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball Committee for 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 Basketball Hall of Fame and the West Haven High School Hall of Fame and the West Haven High School Hall of Fame. Jon has been inducted into the CIAC Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball Committee Lifetime Achievement 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.

Lou Filippetti

Lou Filippetti’s impressive contributions to high school athletics through officiating have spanned his baseball officiating career since age 15 while he was a student at Bridgewater High School in Massachusetts and worked his first interscholastic as an IAABO official during his college years at Stonehill College. An accomplished baseball, football, basketball, baseball and track in high school and played baseball and baseball in college. He continued playing baseball in the minor leagues as 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 conference games, 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 the international Olympic tournament Board President Shangard 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 State, Yale, Fairfield, UMass, UCLA, Arizona, Utah, Connecticut St., St. John’s. He worked NCAA Division I post season tournaments, two NCAA Division II regionals and tournaments and three NCAA’s to IAABO and the game of baseball.

Lou has been 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 elected BOA President 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 World game.

The CIAC Boys’ Basketball Committee is proud to join the long list of organizations that have honored Lou Filippetti for his years of exemplary service to CIAC basketball. Lou Filippetti is widely recognized as being one of the most competent and distinguished officials to have served CIAC basketball and baseball.

Greg Hunt

Greg Hunt graduated from the University of Connecticut in the spring of 1980 with a degree in Business Administration. He began teaching at The Gilbert School in Winsted shortly 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 Gamarini and baseball coach Moe Morhardt. The knowledge he gained from these two mentors laid the foundation for his love of the athletic director and the role.

Gregg began his varsity basketball coaching career at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury in 1963. He then became the varsity coach at Terryville High School in 1968 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 and for the last 20 years at Wamogo, his team earned a share or a 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 girls’ basketball team to numerous state championships and was named CIAC Coach of the Year in 1993.

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 Girls’ 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 in the semi-final.