



Hall of Honor

INDUCTION CEREMONY

MAY 26, 2022 | 5:00PM
AQUA TURF CLUB | PLANTSVILLE CT

Evening Program

OPENING REMARKS & HONOREE INTRODUCTIONS
DR. GLENN LUNGARINI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CAS-CIAC

INVOCATION
MRS. MARGARET WILLIAMSON, PRINCIPAL, SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL, SIMSBURY

 **DINNER** 

HALL OF HONOR INDUCTION
DR. GLENN LUNGARINI

SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER
MR. EARLE G. BIDWELL, CAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, RETIRED

CLOSING REMARKS
DR. GLENN LUNGARINI

The CAS-CIAC Hall of Honor was established to honor individuals who have made significant long-term contributions to CAS-CIAC.

Candidates for induction are considered for their efforts in one of seven categories:

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

All candidates must have made a long-term significant contribution to the organization in one of the categories listed above. Nominees exemplify the highest standards of ethical conduct, moral character and carry the endorsement of a CAS-CIAC member school representative.

2019-2020 CAS-CIAC HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE



Earle G. Bidwell

Upon earning a Bachelor's Degree in Music from the Hartt School, University of Hartford in 1964, Earle G. Bidwell began a 54-year career in education in Middlefield-Durham where he served for 28 years, first as a music teacher, then assistant principal at Coginchaug High School then principal at Frank Ward Strong Middle School. In 1992, he became principal at the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School in Coventry. His MA in Music and Professional Certificate in School Administration were granted by the University of Connecticut.

Earle became active in the work of CAS in 1984 as a member of the Middle Level Professional Studies Committee and he swiftly ascended to important leadership positions within the association. He served as chair of the Middle Level Board of Control and as treasurer of the association before becoming CAS President in 1996. In 1994, Earle was awarded a CAS Citation, the association's highest honor and, in 1995, he was named CAS Middle Level Principal of the Year. His distinguished career in education boasts a number of other honors including the James Garvin Distinguished Service Award from the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS), selection as the CT representative on the Carnegie Foundation National Curriculum Project and appointment to the Commissioner's Task Force for Administrative Certification.

In 1999, Earle retired from Coventry and joined the CAS central office staff as Assistant Executive Director of Middle Level Education, a post he held for 17 years. In 2007, at the urging of Executive Director Michael Savage, he also became a clinical supervisor and adjunct faculty member in the University of Connecticut Administrator Preparation Program (UCAPP), a position he held for 12 years.

During his tenure at CAS, a number of significant initiatives were undertaken to support administrators and school leaders. These initiatives included the middle level being recognized at the State Department of Education as a legitimate part of secondary education.

- "Impact," a quarterly middle level journal was published
- "Arts in the Middle" became an annual event to celebrate and education middle level artists and art teachers
- Rubrics for recognizing schools for exemplary teaming and climate were established

Earle, and his wife, Susan, have been married for 56 years and are blessed with four children and their spouses; David and Louisa Bidwell, Steven and Margurite Bidwell, Michael and Jennifer Bidwell, Irina and Aron Vincze, and grandchildren Jason, Sierra, J.C., Rachael, Jack, Leah and Ilian.

2019-2020 CAS-CIAC HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE



D. Harold Goldberg

D. Harold Goldberg was a trailblazer in several venues during a lengthy career. He spent 40 years as a full-time educator and 28 years as the Principal at Clark Lane Junior High School in Waterford. He served in a variety of CAS-CIAC roles including becoming the second middle school principal to be named CAS President. He was later selected CAS Principal of the Year and was also an instrumental figure in the early years of the highly-successful CIAC Unified Sports program.

Harold graduated from Clark University, and later received his teaching certificate from Columbia, and his 6th year diploma from the University of Connecticut. Harold was a World War II Veteran, serving as a Navy Medic. He began his teaching career at Bacon Academy in 1952, then worked as a biology teacher on Guam, and later at East Hartford High, where he also coached track and cross country. He then moved to Waterford High School, serving as teacher, guidance counselor, and vice principal before being named Principal of Clark Lane Junior High School. In 1979, Harold was awarded a CAS Citation, the association's highest honor.

Harold was an early pioneer in mainstreaming, which he instituted at Clark Lane at a time when it was not yet widely adopted. It was for this reason that Special Olympics always held a special place in his heart. He was honored with the Unsung Hero Award for pioneering the CAS-CIAC Unified Sports program, which has served thousands of athletes over the years, involving dozens of schools throughout the state. In 1988 Harold was honored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals with a Principal of the Year award. His commitment to young people extended beyond the classroom as Harold officiated middle and high school basketball for many years. He continued to work through his retirement years, first as a recruiter at the Regional Multicultural Magnet School, and then as interim principal at Lyme Consolidated and Preston City Memorial.

Harold passed away in 2018 at the age of 91. He was predeceased by Judy, his loving wife of 60 years. They are survived by their four children – Edward, Jeffrey, Steven and Debora – eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

2019-2020 CAS-CIAC HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE



Arthur Kohs

Known as the “Father of Xavier Athletics”, Arthur Kohs was Xavier’s first hire as the school was being constructed. He launched the athletic program at Xavier in 1963, wearing many hats through his 34 years of service including physical education teacher, basketball coach and athletic director. He amassed over 200 victories as basketball coach and reached the CIAC state semifinals in 1969 and 1975. As athletic director, Artie was instrumental in the formation of both the All-Connecticut Conference, and in 1994, the Southern Connecticut Conference of which Xavier is a member today.

Artie served on numerous committees for the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference, Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors, and the Connecticut High School Coaches Association. His service to CIAC included time on the Boys Basketball and Boys Tennis Committees, and important, long-time, enduring work on the CIAC Season Limitations Committee, which he co-founded in 1980.

Prior to Xavier, Artie was a teacher, coach and athletic director at his alma mater, Hale Ray High School in Moodus. He twice coached Hale Ray to Boys Soccer State Championships (1961 and 1962). He stayed connected to the sport of soccer, as an official for 25 years for the Central Connecticut Soccer Officials Association and the CT State Soccer Officials Association, working numerous state championship games.

Artie is a member of multiple halls of fame, and the basketball court at Xavier High School is named in his honor. Artie was known statewide as a scheduling guru and he continued to serve the Southern Connecticut Conference as its scheduling coordinator until his passing in March of 2022.

Artie was predeceased by Carolyn Kohs, his loving wife of 55 years. He is survived by his sons Todd, Michael and Tim Kohs, his daughter Paula, and nine grandchildren.

2019-2020 CAS-CIAC HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE



Tom Murray

Tom Murray is a lifelong resident of Branford, CT and graduated from Branford High School in 1959. He was a member of Branford's football, basketball and baseball teams. Tom earned a B.S. degree from Southern Connecticut State University; a M.S. degree from the University of Bridgeport and a 6th Year Certificate from Southern Connecticut. As an undergraduate at Southern, Tom was awarded three varsity letters in football.

He initiated his 47-year teaching career at North Branford Junior High School. The following year he began a three year teaching assignment at East Haven Middle School. In 1967 Tom was hired to teach and coach at Branford High School where he remained until his retirement in 2011. At Branford he taught history, biology and English and was the Social Studies Department Chairman for 18 years. He developed and directed an independent study requirement for all seniors which was a forerunner to Connecticut's Capstone requirement. Tom served Branford as an assistant coach of football, basketball, baseball and track. He was head basketball coach for 20 years where his tenure was marked with 9 Housatonic League Championships and a 320-115 career record. He was a cooperating teacher, mentor and assessor for Connecticut's BEST program. In addition, Tom worked for the Yale Teacher prep program for 10 years.

Tom has been active in the CIAC beginning in 1978 and continuing to the present. He is a 40-year member of the Boys and Girls Basketball Committees and was appointed Assistant Basketball Tournament Director in 1994 where he served until 2017. Tom is a charter member of the Cooperative Team Committee and was a member of the CIAC Sportsmanship Committee. He continues his association with the Basketball Committee as a consultant. In 2005 Tom was awarded a Letter of Commendation from CAS-CIAC.

Tom joined the Connecticut High School Coaches Association in 1970 and continues as a member to present. He has been a longtime member of the Boys Basketball Committee, the Scholarship Committee, the Executive Board and Chair of the Constitution Committee. Tom was President of the Coaches Association, as well.

Recognized for his coaching and teaching accomplishments, and expertise and leadership, Tom was inducted into the Branford Education Hall of Fame in 2013. He was honored by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association with the Coach of the Year Award, the CHSCA Hall of Fame induction and the Thomas J. Monahan Honor award. He was also inducted into the Branford Sports Hall of Fame and the New Haven Tap Off Club Hall of Fame.

Tom continues to serve Branford as Assistant Registrar of Voting and as a Eucharistic Minister for St. May Church. He lives with the love of his life, Linda, his wife of 55 years. They have two children, Tom and his wife, Jennifer, and their two children, Tom and Jonathan, who live in North Carolina; and Kimberly and her husband, Chris, who live in Florida.

2019-2020 CAS-CIAC HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE



Armand Regalbuti

Armand Regalbuti has an impressive legacy of work with CAS-CIAC and as an administrator at the middle school level. He was the first person to hold the position of CAS-CIAC Assistant Executive for Middle Level Education. That appointment followed a distinguished career as an educator and administrator that earned him numerous accolades from CAS including a CAS Citation (1998), the association's highest honor. Armand was a valuable member of multiple CAS committees and served as the chairperson of the Junior/Middle Level CAS Board.

Armand began a 50-year career in education in 1960 as a teacher and varsity baseball coach at Suffield High School. He later worked as an assistant principal, housemaster and principal at schools in East Windsor, Enfield and New Britain. For 11 summers he served as principal at the American Institute for Foreign Study in Rome. A dual citizen of the United States and Italy, Armand has made 68 visits to Italy. When a 6.2 magnitude earthquake ravaged the Italian town of Amatrice in 2016, Armand travel to central Italy to personally deliver school supplies and \$10,000 in donations he had raised.

During his time with CAS, as the Assistant Executive for Middle Level Education, notable accomplishments included creating the first Assistant Principal's Committee, implementing the first Scholar-Leader recognition program and banquet for middle level students and implementing the first exemplary recognition program and banquet for elementary students. Additionally, Armand was instrumental in establishing CAS-CIAC's Unified Sports program while creating leadership and environmental conferences for students. He also initiated recruitment of elementary schools as CAS members.

Armand served four years in The United States Air Force and holds degrees from American International College and Westfield State College along with a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from Springfield College. Armand was married to his late wife Patricia for 51 years. They have 3 sons - Mark, Eric and John - and a grandson, Keith.

2019-2020 CAS-CIAC HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE



George Synnott

Throughout his life, George Synnott was passionate about sports. In particular, he loved the sport of baseball and was proud to be a pitcher on his college team: The Mount Saint Mary's Mountaineers in Emmitsburg, Maryland. After receiving his degree in education, George moved back to Connecticut and got his first teaching job at St. Paul High School in Bristol. During this time he served as the school's basketball and baseball coach. As baseball coach he helped lead the team to win the state title in 1971 and 1972.

In addition to his work at St. Paul High School, George also coached the Bristol American Legion team during the summer months. George had a successful run leading his American Legion team to the state, regional, and national tournaments in 1974. George was extremely proud of his time working in Bristol where he formed lifelong friendships and mentored his students and the players he coached.

George later became a history teacher, assistant principal, and principal at Berlin High School. During his time as assistant principal, George became involved in CAS-CIAC by joining the CAS Legislation Committee. While working at Berlin High School George steadily became increasingly involved in CAS-CIAC by serving in leadership roles such as acting as chair of the CIAC Board of Control. After retiring as principal, George went on to become the assistant director and later the director of CIAC Unified Sports-Special Olympics Connecticut. He made innumerable contributions to Unified Sports in Connecticut. Under his direction the program expanded tremendously, and his enthusiasm helped to forge strong connections with countless coaches, athletic directors, and students. In 2010 George was awarded a CAS Citation, the association's highest honor.

George was again honored in June of 2019 when CAS-CIAC named its annual Unified Coach of the Year award in his name. George always said that the last nine years of his career were the best. Working at CIAC Unified Sports allowed him to merge his passions of education, sports, and serving his community all in one role. In July of 2019, George sadly passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Last June, George was posthumously honored for his contributions to CIAC baseball when the 2021 Connecticut State Baseball Tournament was dedicated in his memory. George's role model Robert Kennedy once said, "the purpose of life is to contribute in some ways to making things better". George took these words to heart. He embodied these words and touched the lives of everyone he met, teaching them to care deeply for others. He leaves behind a lasting legacy of positive contributions to the students he taught, the players he coached, and to the CIAC organization.

George is survived by his wife Carol, his five children - Kaitlyn, Timothy, Joyce, Kim and Jill - and six grandchildren.

2019-2020 CAS-CIAC HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE



Margaret Williamson

Over the past 44 years, Margie has worked in various teaching and administrative capacities at Notre Dame Academy of Waterbury, Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford and currently St. Mary's School in Simsbury.

Margie earned her BA and MA in French from the College of New Rochelle and The Catholic University of America respectively, and her Sixth Year Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Connecticut. Margie has been active in the CIAC since the early 2000s. She currently chairs the Girls' Lacrosse Committee and the Girls' Basketball Committee. She has previously served on the Eligibility Committee, the Eligibility Review Committee and the Board of Control. Since 2019, Margie has been a member of the Commission on Independent Schools, a division of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

During her 29 years at Northwest Catholic, Margie served on building and renovation committees that celebrated the 40th and 50th anniversaries of the school's founding. These improvements included the addition of the Breen Center for the Arts, the Stosuy Gymnasium and the Fr. Colton Atrium as well as renovations of all classrooms, the Gelormino Library, the Johnson Gymnasium and the Rice Auditorium. In addition, the school added athletic field space, improved existing athletic facilities and replaced the bleachers at Neil J. Brewer Field. Upon arriving at St. Mary's School, she participated on the planning and building committee for a \$4 million construction project known as the Parish Connection or Magowan Center.

Margie is the recipient of numerous awards, including an Honorary Doctorate from the University of St. Joseph, the NCEA Catholic Secondary Education Award and Archdiocesan Distinguished Catholic School Administrator Award. Margie received a CAS citation in 2018, a letter of commendation in 2013 and she was honored to have the 2009 CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament dedicated to her. Margie is also an honorary member of the Northwest Catholic Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame. An endowed scholarship to assist students with the cost of tuition was established in 2016 in recognition of Margie's dedication to Northwest Catholic. Under her leadership, St. Mary's School received the Blue-Ribbon Award for Excellence in Education from the US Department of Education in 2018.

A devoted Catholic, Margie participated for 10 years in the music ministry at St. Helena parish and she has continued serving as a lector at St. Mary's parish. Married to Brian for 44 years, Margie is the mother of three Northwest Catholic graduates, Patrick, Meghan and Kate; the mother-in-law of Irene Williamson and Nicholas Lawson; and the loving grandmother of Lucia, Thomas, Connor and Mariella.

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

PAST HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

2017-2018



Beau Doherty



Joseph Fontana



Larry McHugh



David Leete



Michael F. Buckley

2018-2019



Alan Bookman



J. Robert Ford



Barbara J. Startup



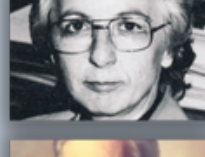
William H. Baron



George J. Ford



Paul R. Hoey



Jean Kenney Daly



John Daly



Pat Llodra



Jerry Auclair



THANK YOU CORPORATE PARTNERS

