

# Student Ambassador Spotlight: Trevor Frantantoni of Bloomfield

Trevor Frantantoni has no problem staying active.

The Bloomfield High School junior and honor student is the starting quarterback for the football team in the fall and a successful 175-pound wrestler in the winter. Come spring, it's on to baseball.

"I wouldn't say being a three-sport athlete is important to me, I just enjoy playing the sports I love," he said. "Everything I do in each individual sport helps me with my life and athletic goals. What I find the most rewarding is that I am able to meet different types of athletes along the way. As for challenges, I never have a rest period longer than a week. As soon as one sport ends, the next sport starts."

This school year, he's added another role to his impressive list of activities. He was one of 19 student athletes from around the state to be selected to serve as a NJSIAA Student Ambassador. In their group meetings and discussions with NJSIAA administrators, the ambassadors serve a valuable purpose by



*Photos provided by Trevor Frantantoni*



providing a voice  
for the state's  
student-athletes.

"The biggest reason why I wanted to be a student ambassador for the NJSIAA is to give a voice to all athletes within my school," he said.

He's enjoyed the experience, and is looking forward to what the group can collectively accomplish.

"I would like to see the pressure to be taken away from athletes so that they can enjoy playing the sports they love," he said.

He's also gotten an idea so far about various topics affecting high school sports around the state.

"What's interested me the most was the number of transfers and recruited students that take place within the state," he said.

## Getting to know Student Ambassador Trevor Frantantoni:

***Favorite school subject:*** History. "I enjoy learning about our country's and the world's past."

***Favorite athlete:*** Peyton Manning. "When I was younger, the only quarterback I would watch was Peyton Manning. I idolized his athletic ability and the way he carried himself on and off the field."

It's notable that Trevor wears No. 18, which was Manning's jersey number. When Peyton joined the Denver Broncos, the team un-retired the No. 18 jersey worn by Broncos legend Frank Tripucka, with the blessing of the Tripucka family. Frank Tripucka, a 1945 Bloomfield graduate, was also the quarterback and three-sport athlete and is perhaps the school's greatest sports star ever.

***Favorite team:*** Denver Broncos. “Even though I live in New Jersey, I always knew Peyton was the better Manning brother. I made the transfer from Giants to Broncos when Peyton left Indianapolis and signed with Denver, and they have been my favorite team ever since.”

***Do you have any superstitions or pre-game rituals?*** “Before every football game, I walk across the entire field and become comfortable with the turf. I like to think I have to become one with the turf, but in reality, I am just relaxing my body and nerves as I prepare for the game.”

***How do you spend time on the bus on the way to an away game?*** “I hate bus rides for away games. It gives me time to build up my nervousness for the game, and I start to overthink the little things. I just listen to music to take my mind off the nerves and relax.”

***Favorite food:*** Pasta. “I come from a very Italian family, and you can never go wrong with pasta.”

***The best thing about my school is...?*** “The best thing about my school is the diversity. We have many students with all kinds of backgrounds in one school, which allows us to make friends with all different kinds of people.”

***What’s your favorite thing about being a high school athlete?*** “The friendships and memories that I create.”

***What’s the best quality in a teammate?*** “I think the best quality of a teammate is trust. If I can trust my teammate, and my teammate trusts me, we will be more comfortable on the field.”

***What’s been your proudest moment so far as a student?*** “Making the Honor Roll or higher every marking period in high school.”

***Do you have a favorite sports memory?*** A 33-26 football victory over Livingston last September.

“It was my first win as the starting quarterback. I ran for two touchdowns and threw for one, and it was a very memorable Friday night.”



***If you had a super power, what would it be and why?*** Super Strength. “I would be able to throw a football as far as I want, be an Olympic wrestler and hit a home run every single time I came up to the plate.

***If there were 25 hours in a day, what would you do with the extra hour?*** “I would play football. I am at my happiest when I am with my team and throwing the football.”

***What’s the best place you’ve ever traveled to?*** The Turks and Caicos Islands.

***Do you have any pets?*** “I have a beagle named Thor.”