

NJSIAA Hall of Fame 2025 Service Awards



Award of Honor

Senator Paul Sarlo

The NJSIAA Award of Honor was presented to Senator Paul Sarlo, who is the Deputy Majority Leader of the New Jersey Senate. He represents the 36th legislative district, which includes 15 municipalities in Bergen and Passaic counties. Since 2018, he has also been a valued member of the NJSIAA Executive Committee, and his support and advocacy for the organization and state's high school student-athletes has been greatly appreciated. He was also a standout athlete himself at Wood-Ridge High School, where he played football, basketball and baseball. He was also a NCAA Division 3 All-American baseball player at NJIT.



Joseph Bollendorf

Former Superintendent- Washington Township HS, Past NJSIAA President

Joseph Bollendorf is a former coach, principal and superintendent at Washington Township. He has served on numerous NJSIAA committees, including seven years on the Executive Committee, and was President during the 2022-23 school year.



Christina Emrich MS, LAT, ATC

Athletic Trainer- Red Bank Reg. HS, NJSIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

Christina Emrich has been Athletic Trainer at Red Bank Regional since 1995 and Assistant Athletic Director there since 2006. She's served the NJSIAA and athletic training communities in numerous ways over the years, including time as President of the Athletic Trainers Society of New Jersey, and as a member of the NJSIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and Steroid Appeals Committee. She also helped implement the NJSIAA's Heat Participation Policy, Concussion Return to Play and Emergency Action Plans, all of which are now state law.



Tom Gambino

Athletic Director- Immaculata HS, NJSIAA Advisory/Controversies Committee

Tom Gambino has been at Immaculata High School since 1983, and its athletic director since 2012. The long-time successful baseball coach at the school, he has served on the NJSIAA Advisory and Controversies and Baseball Rules committees.



Robert Kellert

Senior Editor- MileSplit NJ / FloSports

Robert Kellert has been State Editor for MileSplit NJ for the past 11 years and Regional Manager of Northeast MileSplit states since 2023. He has formed a partnership with the NJSIAA across all three seasons (cross country, indoor track and outdoor track). The MileSplit database is used for registration, verifying performances for tournament entries and for providing a live results platform. Under Robert, MileSplit has recorded a history of the sport, managed a database of career stats and rankings for every competing track athlete in the state and produced an unprecedented amount of video coverage.