



Distinguished Service &
Officials of the Year
Awards History
2022 – 2024

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NJSOA Distinguished Service Awards

<i>Year</i>	<i>Honoree</i>	<i>Sport</i>
2022	Robert Abbot	Tennis
	Doris Forst	Tennis
	James Forst	Tennis
	Barbara Wallace	Gymnastics
	John Zorzi	Basketball Football & Swimming
2023	Vic Dudka	Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer & Softball
	Bob Horvath	Swimming
	Genya Pantuso	Field Hockey
	Ruth Rogers	Swimming
	Lloyd Vessels	Basketball
2024	Robert Byrnes	Cross Country / Track
	Gary Kessel	Wrestling
	Allison Munch	Softball

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Honoree	Sport	Chapter
Fausto Alarcon	Basketball	IAABO Board 168 (Northwest)
Jacqueline Becker	Cross Country	Southern Bayshore
Joseph Belger	Baseball	Bergen County Umpires
John Berckes	Swimming	Northern
David Borton*	Baseball	Unified Umpires (UUASNJ)
Nora Boyer	Field Hockey	Northeast #2
Gilbert Bragg	Football	North Jersey
Joseph Butewicz	Track	Central
Scott Campbell	Football	South Jersey
Robert Byrnes	Track	Northwest
Anthony Candelario	Basketball	Central East
Paul Chardoussin	Softball	Raritan Valley Umpires
Ryan Cunningham	Wrestling	NJWOA – Southern
Lucy DeRiggi	Gymnastics	Shore #4
Dennis DiDonato	Wrestling	NJWOA – Southern Shore
Sheryl Healy	Girls Lacrosse	Northeast #2
M. Bruce Kaufmann	Softball	NJ State Umpires (NJSBUA)
Matt Lachman	Boys Lacrosse	NJ Interscholastic (NJILOA)
Edward Looney	Soccer	Passaic-Sussex
William P. Lord	Basketball	IAABO Board 33
Frederick Moore	Cross Country	Central
Eric Munroe	Ice Hockey	NIHOA-Metro
Nick Mykulak	Soccer	Raritan Valley
William Newsome	Boys Volleyball	Northeast #2
Maureen Nosal	Girls Lacrosse	Central #3
Gary Parlatti	Softball	Hudson County Umpires
Emilio Portelli	Soccer	Shore
Richard Ranalli	Baseball	Hudson County Umpires
Louis Ravettine	Girls Volleyball	Northeast #2
Nelson Ribon	Basketball	IAABO Board 194 (Shore)
Janet Schillig	Field Hockey	West #5
Richard Siegel	Baseball	Raritan Valley
Harry Silverstein	Tennis	NJHSTOA
Tomasz Stusinski	Fencing	NJIFOA
Tony Tabbacchino	Wrestling	NJWOA-Northeast
Gary Thayer	Swimming	Central
James Tolomeo	Softball	Bergen County Umpires
Rick Warren	Track	Southern Bayshore
Paul Williams	Track	Northwest
Richard Zawacki	Soccer	Bergen County
James Zielinski	Baseball	NJ State Umpires (NJSBUA)
David Zipkin	Softball	Unified Umpires (UUASNJ)

*And congratulations to Thomas Carr
for being named the NFHS Section 1 Distinguished Active Official of the Year!*

**Posthumous Award*

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Honoree	Sport	Chapter
Mary Babich	Track & Field	Shore
Michael Beal	Baseball	Delaware Valley
John Carmignani	Soccer	Central Jersey
John Casadia	Swimming	Coastal
Brian Caterina	Baseball	Tri-State Elite - TSEHSUA
Richard Champion	Soccer	School & College
Steve Citro	Football	Central Jersey
Nancy Co-Perez	Softball	Shore
Michael Dean	Boys Lacrosse	NJ Interscholastic (NJIOA)
Judy DeFrancisci	Field Hockey	Shore #4
Charlie DiGiantomasso	Wrestling	NJWOA-Shore
Shawn Ellis	Gymnastics	West #5
Joan Gilland	Girls Lacrosse	West #5
Sandra Givas	Gymnastics	Central
Jim Hopkins	Ice Hockey	NIHOA
Kathy Hunter	Cross Country	Southern
Billy Kahlbom Jr.	Basketball	IAABO 196-South
David Kubich	Softball	Skyland
Pellegrino "Ben" La Sala	Wrestling	NJWOA-Central
Gerard O'Leary	Baseball	Shore
Brian Roche	Cross Country	Shore
Linda Rosbert	Track & Field	Southern
Ruth Rogers	Swimming	South
Tony Salerno	Boys Volleyball	Central
Charlie Saunders	Softball	Northeast #2
Bryan Scipio	Basketball	IAABO 33-North
Cedric Smith	Basketball	IAABO 34-Camden
Frank Smith	Softball	West #5
Kathy Spear	Volleyball	Central
William Surdovel	Football	Shore
Liliana Torres	Field Hockey	Skyland
Robert Varju	Baseball	Skyland

*And congratulations to Teri Connor
for being named the NFHS Section 1 Distinguished Active Official of the Year!*

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Honoree	Sport	Chapter
Ken Adams	Cross Country	Capital
Thomas Amos	Soccer	South Jersey
Ralph Bellantoni	Fencing	NJIFOA
Diane Brown	Field Hockey	Northwest #1
Jim Conover	Baseball	Atlantic County Umpires
Jim Conte	Football	North Jersey
Paul Cordero	Track	Northeast
Micky Evers	Softball	NJ Federation Umpires (NJSFU)
Joseph Fussner, Jr.	Softball	Atlantic County Umpires
Anthony Genovesi	Track	Capital
Gary Giackette	Baseball	NJ Federation Umpires
Raymond Herrmann	Swimming	Shore
Ken Hoffman	Soccer	Bergen County
Ronald Jones	Wrestling	NJWOA – Union-Essex
Jonathan Losche	Cross Country	Northeast
Edward Marion	Girls Volleyball	South Jersey
Anthony Matarazzo	Softball	NJSBUA
Matt McNulty	Ice Hockey	NIHOA-Metro
Sam Miles	Tennis	NJ HS Tennis Officials Association (NJHSTOA)
Tony Monintervino	Softball	Delaware Valley Umpires
Owen Morris	Football	South Jersey
Chris Parkhill	Baseball	NJSBUA
Tony Procopio	Soccer	Atlantic – Cape - Cumberland
Aaron Schaffel	Boys Lacrosse	NJILOA
Gary Schmitt	Baseball	South Jersey Umpires
John Scoras	Basketball	IAABO Board 194 (Shore)
William (Scott) Scragg	Boys Volleyball	South Jersey
Alveno Smith	Basketball	IAABO Board 34 (Camden)
Troy Stevenson	Basketball	IAABO Board 193 (Central)
Linda Tomkiewicz	Girls Lacrosse	Shore
Diane Tucker	Gymnastics	Northeast #2
Penny Vaccarino	Field Hockey	Central
Evan Wyatt	Wrestling	NJWOA - Northwest

And congratulations to Robert Csigi (Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball) for being named the NFHS National Active Official of the Year

and

Lynne Clemente (Gymnastics) for being named the NFHS Section One Active Official of the Year!

