

NJSCA Hall of Fame Class of 2026 / NFHS 2024-2025 NJ COY Recipients / Inaugural Bill Bruno Coaching Award

Congratulations to the following individuals who will be honored at the NJSCA awards brunch at the Pines Manor on Sunday, January 11. If you are interested in attending, you can purchase tickets until December 29th from this link: [Tickets | NJSIAA](#)

NJSCA Hall of Fame Inductees - Class of 2026

- John Bauer* - Randolph HS
- Christopher Beagan - Monroe Township HS / Sayreville War Memorial HS
- Tosca Blandford Bynoe - Willingboro HS
- James Boyle III - Hillside HS
- Todd Briggs - Freehold Twp HS
- Tracy Burkhart - Washington Twp HS
- Shelly Dearden - Ewing HS
- Stephen Fenton - Madison HS, Bloomfield HS, Jonathan Dayton HS, North Plainfield HS
- Richard Horan - Audubon HS / Gloucester Catholic HS
- David Leshnower - Mountain Lakes HS
- Bill Manzo - Ramapo HS
- Glenn Merkle - Woodstown HS
- Dave Patterson - Freehold Twp HS
- Clint "Cap" Pazdera - New Providence HS
- Caryn Schanstine - Northern Highlands HS
- Vinny Smith - Irvington HS
- Chris Tafelski - Westfield HS
- John Thompson - Delbarton School

NFHS 2024-2025 NJ COY Recipients

- Baseball - Frank Clark, Midland Park HS
- Boys Basketball - Steven Jannarone, Colts Neck HS
- Boys Bowling - Shamir Bearfield, Saint Peter's Prep HS
- Boys Cross Country - Jim Schlentz, Colts Neck HS
- Boys Golf - Kevin Rooney, St. Joseph Regional HS
- Boys Ice Hockey - Matthew Juneau, St. Joseph Regional HS
- Boys Lacrosse - Boomer Wertheimer, Westfield HS
- Boys Soccer - Peter Marlys, Sterling HS
- Boys Spring Track - Schwann Grimes II, North Brunswick HS

- Boys Swimming - Melanie Dupuis, Ridge HS
- Boys Tennis - Brian Erhardt, Haddon Township HS
- Boys Volleyball - Natasha Batista, West Caldwell Tech HS
- Boys Winter Track - Curtis Custis, Winslow Township HS
- Boys Wrestling - Daniel Roy, Southern Regional HS
- Fencing - Glen Pernia, Ridge HS
- Field Hockey - Mary Pat Mercuro, Montclair HS
- Football - Jeremy Schulte, Rumson-Fair Haven HS
- Girls Basketball - Daniel Butler, Cherry Hill West HS
- Girls Bowling - Kirsten Pendleton, New Egypt HS
- Girls Cross Country - James Smirk, Princeton HS
- Girls Golf - Charlotte Heenan, Moorestown HS
- Girls Gymnastics - Becky Neidhardt, Mount Olive HS
- Girls Ice Hockey - Jamie Davis and Jade Meier, Princeton Day School
- Girls Lacrosse - Carter Abbott, Pingry School
- Girls Soccer - Drew Wagner, Shawnee HS
- Girls Spring Track - Michael Placko, Clayton HS
- Girls Swimming - Edward Koenigsfest III, Montclair HS
- Girls Tennis - Alene Hartman, Egg Harbor Township HS
- Girls Volleyball - Melissa Landeck, Northern Valley Regional Old Tappan HS
- Girls Winter Track - Chris Messina, Dumont HS
- Girls Wrestling - Eric Bollette, Newton HS / Kittatinny HS
- Softball - Nikki Velardi, Cedar Grove HS

And congratulations to Coach Michael Smith from Abraham Clark HS for being the first recipient of the inaugural Bill Bruno Coaching Award!

Any questions about tickets or the event, feel free to reach out to Liz Nodeland (enodeland@njsiaa.org).